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Mathieu Schneider: Royal Dept. Of Defense



Ex-Mountie Eyes Spot With Habs

by David DeBlois

In the annals of sport, only a few teams obtain a larger-than-life status. In baseball, it's the Yankees; in basketball, it's the Celtics. In the National Hockey League, it's the Montreal Canadiens.

Mathieu Schneider, son of Sam Schneider of Woonsocket, has his sights set on becoming a member of the elite. After being named the third-round draft choice of the Canadiens, the star defenseman made the difficult decision to skip his senior year at Mount St. Charles and play for the Junior A Cornwall (Ontario) Royals.

Sam Schneider took a lot of flak for that decision. The critics claimed that Schneider was denying his son the opportunity to enjoy his senior year of high school and obtain a college education on a hockey scholarship at virtually any school in the nation.

The critics, however, were wrong. To begin with, one must realize that Mat is not your typical teenager. Along with his outstanding athletic talent, he possesses an intellect and maturity beyond his years. Weighing these factors, the deal offered by Cornwall makes a lot more sense.

"Playing for Cornwall," says Sam Schneider, "will provide Mathieu a much better opportunity to develop the skills

he'll need to play in the NHL. It was a tough decision to make, and we didn't enter into it lightly. All three of us (Sam, Mat, and Mat's younger brother, Jean-Allan) were involved in that decision."

While Mat admits that it was difficult to sacrifice his senior year at Mount, he saw it as the best route to take him to his ultimate goal — to play in the NHL: "There were many ups and downs to it. For myself, at that time, I never thought it was a bad move."

As for the charges that Mat was forgoing a college education, the critics were again misinformed. The contract negotiated with Cornwall for Mat *guaranteed* that they would foot the bill for the continuation of his education, even if, for any reason, his hockey career were cut short.

"Doing it this way is not for everyone," says Sam Schneider. "While [Cornwall] will pay for Mathieu's education, it's really left up to him to pursue it. It takes a kid with a lot of self-discipline to be able to do it this way. Luckily, Mathieu's always been excellent academically as well. For a more marginal student, he may need that university atmosphere."

Oh, Canada . . .

Mat's move north of the border to join the Cornwall Royals went much smoother than some would have expected. The stories of the native Canadians ostracizing American players turned out to be more fairy tale than fact.

"I haven't really experienced much of that," says Mat. "I think as long as you prove yourself on the ice as a good player, then they just accept you as somebody who can help the team. I also lived with the captain of our team . . . He was very well-respected by the team, and so when he and I became pretty good friends, it really helped. I had heard of all of those stories, too, about how I'd be treated. . . I think a lot of it's myth."

Mat has continued with his education while playing for Cornwall, and is now in the process of making yet another decision: what his college major will be.

"I was always pretty advanced at math, so I had considered engineering, but I've become interested in a lot of things. Right now, I'm really into physical development — exercise, foods — so I've considered physical therapy. I just haven't decided yet."

Impressing The Habs

When this past season rolled around, Mathieu Schneider got his shot: he reported in early September to the Montreal Canadiens rookie camp.

"I went into it thinking there was no way I could make the team," recalls Mat. "I just wanted to do as well as I could."

His performance exceeded everyone's expectations. He ended up spending the entire pre-season

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Larry Sadwin:

Giving With All His Heart

by Sandra Silva

"I've always believed the best way to get someone to do something is to find a person who has been affected. The Heart Association was looking for someone to get the Northern Rhode Island Division of the Association off the ground. They were looking for a victim. Once you have been there you feel a need to do something, to give the help and support you received from others back."

It was for living his philosophy of giving that Larry Sadwin of Woonsocket, RI was chosen to be honored by the National Heart Association. Larry was chosen to receive the 1988 Heart of the Year Award.

"The Association holds a dinner where four members (victims) tell their personal victory stories. I had been asked to speak. I had no idea about the award. I didn't even know there was an award at this time, and that's what even made it more pleasant," reminisced the 44 year old Robert Goulet look alike.

"Actually," Larry continued, "somebody let it out of the bag. That afternoon I got a call from a television station wanting to do an interview on my award. That was the message — I was out of the office at the time. When one of my girls handed me this note, I thought they must want to do the interview because I was giving the speech," he smiled, shaking his head.

"That was my first Heart Association dinner and I was the most

surprised guy in the place."

Three years ago Larry had bypass surgery. He is now chairman of the Northern Rhode Island Division of the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate.

"It's a very small and active group with some incredibly dedicated people who have done good things in a short period of time," Larry explained.

"It was desperately needed," he says, "because Northern Rhode Island philosophy dictates we're two hours away from the rest of the world. People weren't making it to the Heart Association programs in Providence, and there had been no programs available in our area."

The attempt of the association was to bring the programs to northern Rhode Islanders on a local level. There is one particular program of which Larry proudly speaks.

"It's a weekly 'sharing and caring' support group for people who have heart disease. This six week program helps them get through what can be a frightening and extremely difficult time. If you need surgery you must come to either Miriam or Rhode Island Hospital, but if you've had a heart attack you need the same kind of support — information on nutrition and exercise.

"The one thing about heart disease is you can't get ready for it. There's no practicing, and once you have it, it can be an extremely difficult thing to deal with," he frowned.

"The thought of moving around can be scary, the worry that it will happen again. There's a lot of educating to be done—even with the patient's family. You take a healthy person and make them a very unhealthy person. It's not visible, but you still have to deal with it."

Exercise is not out of the question for heart patients; however, the exercise must be strictly moderated.

"After being diagnosed as having heart disease I went to Dr. Richard Carleton at Pawtucket Memorial. He runs a cardiac rehabilitation program, which is very similar to the 'sharing and caring' program. He has a team that shows up three mornings a week at the Pawtucket YMCA. They walk through the door at 6:30 am for an exercise program," Larry took on a determined look before continuing. "It saved me."

"I had been a very active person before I was diagnosed as having heart disease, and suddenly I had to take it easy. It's scary because no one can tell you how far you are able to go. We come to this class literally on eggs."

"They take your blood pressure, apply a monitor, and walk you around the gym floor. I did this for two years," he explained.

"I felt that if I could exercise, I could deal with the daily frustrations of life. As I exercised, my medications would increase. I would continue to deteriorate. I have angina which causes chest

pain with activity, but we treated it with medication and mild exercise.

"I had all the reasons for heart disease. My father died young (42) of a heart attack, I was in a stressful work environment, my cholesterol level was sky high, and I was a three pack a day smoker. Since the day I discovered I had heart disease, I have not smoked," he emphasized, "and I warn others about the dangers of smoking. I have no doubt that habit contributed greatly to my present condition."

Larry's medication kept increasing, and his exercise was decreased because the pains were becoming more frequent and intense. Larry said the quality of his life was decreasing as well. He could no longer ski or play tennis, couldn't walk up stairs or carry a sample bag. Larry is owner/president of Sadwin Curtain Manufacturing in Woonsocket, a business he took control of upon the death of his father. Eventually, the only resort was to undergo bypass surgery which he did. Four weeks later, he was back in Dr. Carleton's class.

"I walk and I now run three miles a week there. And they just gave me my thousand mile shirt," Larry proudly stated.

"The program begins with walking. Then, you graduate to a group that exercises for a half an hour in the gym and some people run before or after. Someone who has just had a heart attack doesn't know if he'll ever be able to do anything physical again. This program al-

lows that person to see people (heart patients) running and exercising."

Larry exercises in the mornings, runs his company during the day and is active in the Heart Association nights. He spends time with his family and friends.

When asked who is his model of courage, he replied it was his daughter. She had broken her back skiing three years ago and undergone an operation, fighting and beating the odds that she would never walk again. She now not only walks again, but she skis as well. She has made a complete recovery.

Although Larry, like all other heart patients, will never make a complete recovery, he is living testimony that life does not have to stop after heart disease. It may never be the same, but it could become even more meaningful.

Every minute becomes a gift, precious and appreciated like never before. The truly important things in life that often tend to go unnoticed, such as those who love us, suddenly take on a new dimension. In contrast, the values of lesser importance, such as material accumulation, are put firmly in their place. Curtailing physical activity outside the home may lead to fuller and more meaningful relationships with family and friends, greater appreciation of wonders often overlooked in the world around us, and clearer understanding of the real reason G-d put man on Earth.

Local News

Congregation Ohave Sholam

Services this Friday evening are 8:10 p.m. Shabbat morning services are 9 a.m. with a Kiddish to follow. Mincha Saturday afternoon is at 8 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath meal. Ma'ariv is 9 p.m. Havdalah is 9:10 p.m.

On Sunday July 24, Tisha B'av day, Barbara Gold, the director of the North American Conference for Ethiopian Jewry, will deliver a presentation on the plight of Jewry in that country. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. and will feature slides that Mrs. Gordon took in her many visits to Ethiopia. The whole community is invited to attend.

Services this week are as follows: Morning - Sunday, 8 a.m.; Monday and Thursday, 6:40 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:50 a.m. Evening - 8:10 p.m. daily.

Samaritans Benefit Drawing

A trip for two to the Bahamas is the grand prize in a benefit drawing scheduled to take place during the official opening of The Samaritans' new center, 2 Magee St., Providence, on Sunday, September 18, 1988, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the benefit will help fund the center's statewide 24 hour suicide crisis line and

Sons Of Jacob

Friday, July 8, light Sabbath candles, 8:03 p.m. The Minchah service, 8:10 p.m. The Maariv service, 8:25 p.m.

Saturday, July 9, P'Pinchas. The morning services begin at 8:30 a.m. Kiddush immediately after Scharches. The Minchah service, 8:00 p.m. 3rd meal following Minchah. The Maariv service, 9:00 p.m. The Sabbath is over at 9:05 p.m. Havdalah at 9:10 p.m.

Sunday, July 10, morning services at 7:30 a.m.

The following Saturday is the Blessing of the new moon "AB." Friday, July 15 is Rosh Chodesh — one day — services at 6:30 a.m. promptly. Beginning Sunday, July 3, the three weeks of observance, please consult Rabbi Drazin for the special customs, etc. This three-week observance concludes after the Fast of AV, July 24.

The Eternal Light — July

The Eternal Light, award-winning radio program produced by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in cooperation with the NBC radio network, announces the following programs for July. Please check your NBC station for local time.

Summer Series

The summer series on Eternal Light, running on 13 consecutive Sundays, will feature interviews with leading American novelists, essayists, and poets who have contributed to the volume *Congregation*, edited by David Rosenberg, and published by Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich. Each contributor has written on a book of the Hebrew Bible, approaching it in terms of his or her own experience and educational and religious background. Coordinator and host for the series is Rabbi Benjamin E. Scolnic, leader of Congregation Beth Sholom in Hamden, CT and visiting assistant professor of Bible at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Interviews scheduled for the month of July are: July 10, Daniel Shapiro, Proverbs; July 17, Phillip Lopate, Judges; July 24, Leslie Fiedler, Job; July 31, Geoffrey Hartman, Numbers.

Miriam Women Keep On Giving



Pictured left to right: Sylvia Brown, financial secretary and cotreasurer of the 1988 Annual Equipment Events, presents check to Mr. Edwin Jaffe, chairman, Board of Trustees, the Miriam Hospital.

Patricia G. Cohen and Claudia Deutsch, co-presidents of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association, revealed in a recent announcement that due to the overwhelming financial success of its 1988 Annual Equipment Event, additional medical equipment will be purchased.

Since 1926, The Women's Association has been reaching out to its members for monetary support so vital medical equipment may be purchased. This year has been no exception. Over \$20,000.00 was raised to purchase a Kidney Dialysis Machine, a

life-saving piece of equipment for The Miriam Hospital. Due to the overwhelming response of its members, The Women's Association will also be able to purchase several Reverse Osmosis Filters for existing machines on the dialysis unit. These filters remove mineral impurities from the water.

The Women's Association is proud that their efforts and the overwhelming support of its members, make possible the purchase of vital medical equipment for The Miriam Hospital.

From A Teacher's Notebook Solomon Schechter



Musical program at the Solomon Schechter Day School's Creative Arts Festival: Pictured (L to R) — Sari Peiser, Danny Mer, Jonathan Snow, Jaime Singer, Aliza Ostroff, Michael Mangiantine, Marissa Perel.

This week the Solomon Schechter Day School Teacher's Notebook continues with an update from Eleanor Lewis, Music specialist.

It was a pleasure to present the Creative Arts Assembly to such a full and enthusiastic audience. The

assembly, which is the culmination of the year's work, has come and gone, but the music lingers on. It lingers because in each group's presentation there was not only the finished product of the evening's performance, but also there was some lasting musical

growth. Let me run through the program and highlight the musical skills and concepts that should remain.

• **Kindergarten:** Singing on pitch and keeping a steady beat are basics in early music education. Both kindergarten songs and their accompanying movements focused on keeping the beat as well as on dividing songs into phrases.

• **Grade 1:** "Now We are Six" went beyond keeping the beat. The class had to say the words of the poem in rhythm while playing an instrumental pattern based on the beat. Two different musical activities at the same time can be quite a challenge.

• **Grade 2:** In preparing for "Down by the Bay," grade 2 spent a lot of time singing antiphonally and holding out the last note of the phrase while another group sang the phrase. While this class continues to work on pitch accuracy, it also is, beginning harmony.

• **Grade 3:** Learning to play the recorder with a pleasing tone is not an easy task. Even more difficult was learning two short pieces by heart rather than depending on written music.

• **Grade 4:** In "Music Makes Pictures" the class had the task of playing and singing simultaneously. This involves contrasting rhythms and melodic patterns.

• **Grades 3-5:** "Es Soom Bo Kawaya" was an advanced experience in keeping the beat because the tempo kept speeding up. Not only did the vocalists have to observe the *accelerando*, but the instrumentalists had to stay together with each other and with the singers.

• **Grades 4-6:** It is part of a liberal education to have some competence in reading the language of music. This can be learned both through instrumental and vocal experiences. This group concentrated on learning to read a musical score. The choral pieces themselves went beyond melody to harmony, again experiencing two different rhythms and melodies at the same time.

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Providence Public Library

New summer hours will take effect in the Providence Public Library system beginning July 2 through September 5, 1988.

The summer hours at the Central Library will be: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Fri., 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The larger branches (Mt. Pleasant, Rochambeau, Knight Memorial) will be opened on the following: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Fri., 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sat. Closed.

The smaller branches (Fox Point, Wanskuck, Smith Hill, So. Prov., Washington Park) will have the following hours: Mon.-Fri., 10:00 a.m.-noon; (Closed noon-1:00 p.m. for lunch), 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, closed.

Three summer holidays will be observed by the Central Library and all the branches ... July 4, August 8 and September 5.

Israel Bond Dinner At Ledgemont



Left to right: Alan Jacober, Co-Chairman; Professor David Schnall, guest speaker; Daniel S. Kaplan, R.I. State Chairman, Israel Bonds; and Samuel Suls, Co-Chairman. Funds raised through the sale of Israel securities are utilized to strengthen every facet of Israel's economic infrastructure.

Temple Habonim Update Refusnik Families
by Sandra Silva

If you recall, the last update contained the information that permission had been granted for the Lakhman family to leave Russia but Martina Lakhman's mother had been denied.

On June 2, Mrs. Brikline (Martina's mother) received her visa. The entire family will leave Russia on July 31. They have tickets to Vienna.

The Temple's Social Action Committee will be looking into adopting another family.

The group from Toronto who was to visit the families in early June has returned.

The Luries have been denied permission to leave for another ten years. They have been refused, and no further applications will be considered for another ten years. They continue to hope but have become depressed.

The Mendelevs have been told that the earliest permission may be granted to them is 1992.

No reason was given for either of the above decisions.

Maxine Richman, chairperson of the Temple Habonim Social Action Committee, stressed that "...the effort to help these people must continue. The Summit was the biggest thrust of our campaign, but now that it (Summit) is over we must not give up."

RIPTA I.D. Cards

Identification cards for senior and handicapped citizens will be processed in July at the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, 776 Elmwood Ave., Providence from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, Rhode Island Mall in Warwick will process senior citizen cards only, every Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Identification cards will also be processed at the following locations and dates:

July 8 — Pawtucket City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket,

R.I. 1-3 p.m.
July 13 — Woonsocket Senior Center, 84 Social St., Woonsocket, R.I. 1-3 p.m.

July 18 — Trudeau Memorial Center, 3445 Post Road, Warwick, R.I. 9-11 a.m.

July 21 — William J. Donovan Manor, 19 Chapel St., Newport, R.I. 1:30-3 p.m.

For information regarding the locations of the RIPTA I.D. mobile unit sites, please contact the RIPTA I.D. office at 461-9400. Please do not contact the locations listed above.

R.I. Tennis Championships

The 24th annual R.I. Metropolitan Tennis Championships, the State's largest and most popular tournament, will be held July 27 through August 1 at Roger Williams Park.

The entry deadlines for singles is 6 p.m. on July 26. The entry deadline for doubles is 8 p.m. on Friday, July 29. To enter, call tournament director Dick Ernst at 785-0532.

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Small Business Export Assistance

SMITHFIELD, RI — Beginning Friday, July 1, small businesses in Rhode Island will have a place to turn to for personalized help in entering the world marketplace.

The Small Business Export Assistance Center opens Friday as a significant extension of services offered by the Rhode Island Small Business Development Center (RISBDC) at Bryant College.

"We view the Export Center as the new major player in the state in helping small businesses to develop and explore international trading opportunities," said Ray Fogarty, RISBDC associate director, and James Hague, district director of the Providence U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) office and chairman of the SBA International Trade Task Force.

The proposal was developed by the SBA's Task Force, comprised of business leaders, public officials, and representatives of SBA's Providence office, the U.S. Department of Commerce, state Department of Economic Development and the RISBDC. The task force, which has been meeting since last September under Hague's chairmanship, grew out of RISBDC's international planning group.

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Opinion

Demjanjuk Did Not Get A Fair Trial

As a lawyer, a Jew, and a human rights activist who has a deep and abiding love for Israel, I no longer can remain silent about the John Demjanjuk trial. Is it possible that reason and justice have given way to blind prejudice and lust for revenge, in the one nation where such actions should be unthinkable? Is it possible that the nightmare of every civilized society — the execution of an innocent man — will become reality in Israel?

The courtroom chants of "death, death, death" at the Demjanjuk sentencing — so alien to the Jewish spirit and tradition — symbolized the problem. Where there should have been scrupulous observation of due process, the decade-long U.S. and Israeli proceedings against Demjanjuk were shockingly deficient.

Although the proceedings to deport a suspected war criminal from the United States are the equivalent of a criminal judgment of guilt as a Nazi (and a sentence of death, if deportation is to the Soviet Union), none of the standard criminal procedural safeguards are afforded a defendant such as Demjanjuk. There is no jury trial. There is no absolute right against self-incrimination; no presumption of innocence; no requirement of proof "beyond a reasonable doubt"; and no right to appointed counsel.

In addition, the U.S. Justice Department withheld from the defense the exonerating evidence that over 50 Treblinka survivors who knew "Ivan the Terrible of Treblinka" failed to identify John Demjanjuk as Ivan. One such Treblinka survivor spent 11 months in the camp, and reported knowing Ivan the Terrible "very well" and seeing him "every day."

This and other evidence of Demjanjuk's innocence were withheld by the U.S. Justice Department from Demjanjuk and the Israeli authorities, virtually ruling out the possibility of an adequate defense. The evidence

was disclosed on February 3, 1988, after a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the Demjanjuk family. Tragically, the forced disclosure of the exculpatory evidence came too late, after the trial in Israel had concluded.

The sole tangible evidence introduced by the prosecution at trial was the Trawniki I.D. card. Incredibly, full access to this critical piece of evidence was denied the Demjanjuk defense. The defense document examiners, suspecting Soviet writing on the back of the photograph because Soviet archival ink appeared in two staple holes through the photograph, were not permitted to remove the photograph from the card to examine the reverse side. Such writing would have exposed the document as a forgery rather than one captured intact from the Germans. The Soviet authorities had instructed the Israelis not to allow the photograph to be removed from the card for such an examination and the Israeli Court complied.

There are more discrepancies: The Card states that the person identified thereon is four inches shorter than John Demjanjuk; the alleged signature of John Demjanjuk was an obvious forgery, not authenticated even by the prosecution; and the outlines of an ink seal, partly on the photo and partly on the card, do not match. Can anybody who knows these facts really believe that John Demjanjuk, who at this moment faces a death sentence, was afforded due process?

But why would the Soviets want to frame John Demjanjuk, an obscure Ukrainian-born American citizen leading a nondescript life in blue-collar America? Because he and other refugees who fled the Soviet Union after World War II are the last survivors of the crucible of Soviet terror. Their children and grandchildren are vicarious witnesses to Soviet crimes against humanity. The Soviets know that if the large and vocal Ukrainian communities in the U.S. can be stigmatized, discredited and drained of their financial resources through

continuous litigation, their voice in revealing the past and cautioning future generations can be diminished.

Undeniably, Israel has the duty to constantly renew the world's consciousness of the Holocaust, in which innocent people perished simply because of their religion, race or nationality. Nevertheless, the ultimate desecration of the memories of millions of innocent Holocaust victims, Jews and non-Jews, would be to take the life of an innocent man.

The acquittal of John Demjanjuk, amply justified by the evidence, would have brought world admiration upon the Israeli justice system. Instead, the Israeli justice system is the subject of worldwide controversy and criticism. If any person is to be executed, in Israel or anywhere else, his guilt must have been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through procedures which afforded him an adequate defense. Tragically, if John Demjanjuk is executed, this will not have occurred, and Israeli justice will be the last victim of "Ivan the Terrible."

(William Wolf is a Phoenix attorney, former fellow with the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation of Washington, D.C., member of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix, Chairman of the Lawyers' Committee of the Arizona Action for Soviet Jewry, and a board member of Hillel at Arizona State University.)

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Who Wrote The 5 Books Of Moses?

by Isaac Klausner

Tradition says that Moses wrote the five books, namely Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. It is called 'Torat Moshe' (Law of Moses). Moses was divinely inspired by God, who dictated it word by word and letter by letter, on top of Mount Sinai, during 40 days and 40 nights.

The authorship of these books is really immaterial. The books are sacred. They give a final, everlasting and irreversible code of human behavior and life. Orthodox Jews (and fundamentalist Christians) believe in tradition. This went unchallenged until the Middle Ages. People, scientists and philosophers, started to question the authorship. Discrepancies in language and text indicated that no person, including Moses, could have done it by himself. Was it done by prophets? or by Ezra the scribe? The philosopher Spinoza thought of a group of men who wrote it 800 years after the death of Moses. The German bible critic Wellhausen reinforced the idea of group authorship.

Professor Gottwald, of the Jewish Theological Seminary, believes that the transcriptions were made around the sixth century. A recent book by R.E. Friedman, of the University of California, confirms the group theory. He claims four authors have put together the Five Books of Moses.

Friedman calls it: "J," "E," "P," and "D." This is the same as formulated in Germany in 1866 and is known as the "Graf-Wellhausen Hypothesis." Modern science of archaeology proves that what the Torah describes is factual. Archaeology is a source of proof for the Torah.

The Eye Of The Beholder

by Eric Rozenman

Unified American Jewish support for an alliance between the United States and Israel has helped influence U.S. foreign policy, according to S. Robert Lichter, a communications analyst and fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). "The most troubling element of the (recent) public opinion polls may not be the wavering of the general public's feelings on certain elements of support for the Israelis (such as a majority favoring direct negotiations between Israel and the PLO) but the split now emerging in the American Jewish community..."

If that split widened it could have a political result, said Samuel Lewis, U.S. Ambassador to Israel from 1977 to 1985 and now president of the U.S. Institute of Peace. Lewis, Lichter, and Jeanne Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the U.N. and an AEI senior fellow, were among the participants in a recent AEI panel on Israel and America.

News coverage of the Palestinian Arab uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip hits American Jews and non-Jews differently, said Lewis. "My hunch is that most Americans who either are not Jewish or intimately involved with Israel as we are hardly notice the difference" between the uprising and riots in the Philippines, South Korea or elsewhere.

"It's a big world out there with a lot of nasty people doing nasty things to each other and it doesn't have much effect on your basic view of Israel. Israel is an ally, it's a democracy — we don't know much about it but as long as Reagan thinks it's a good thing it probably is. So I think there's a little bit too much anguish in the Jewish community about the impact on America as a whole of these events."

But that does not contradict Lichter's view, Lewis added, because "in the long run if the American Jewish world becomes divided and sharply weakened in its support over Israel's behavior, then the American political world will begin to follow suit."

Kirkpatrick worried that "the question of whether Israel has a legitimate claim to the land on which it exists has entered the

public discussion quietly... in a way it had not five years ago."

Not only at the U.N. and in the Arab world is there an explicit denial of Israel's right to exist but, beyond that, "we see the denial of Israel's existence," Kirkpatrick maintained. "And the question of the existence of Israel... has slowly become attached to the rights and wrongs of the Israeli-Palestinian fight."

"When we hear reports of PLO meetings... or of Palestinian demands for 'Palestine,' accompanied by questions from some outsider about what is Palestine — is it the West Bank and Gaza or where are the boundaries — there is never an answer to the question..."

Slowly, almost indiscriminately, as that question enters the discussion, so does the nearly subliminal question, "what is Israel?" said Kirkpatrick.

This helps explain why reports out of the U.N. and elsewhere give cross-border attacks on Israel little attention, but treat Israeli retaliation as if it were a matter of international consequence, she said. If Israel's legitimacy is at issue, so is its right to defend itself.

Two other factors, the "militarily curious" doctrine of proportionate response and the tendency of Americans, particularly in liberal political culture, to assume that attacks by anyone on the status quo have a kind of moral standing... (are) dangerous to Israel's well-being and survival," Kirkpatrick said.

She does not see a solution to the conflict, and fears that a continuation of the uprising — and Israel's response — could erode that country's standing, especially because of Americans' difficulty in accepting a problem without a solution.

Lichter suggested that news coverage of the uprising would not prove to be the Arab-Israeli equivalent of the 1968 Tet offensive in Vietnam. Then a concentrated period of intense and negative news media coverage did produce a massive opinion change. Instead — barring a major disaster — reportage on the uprising could leave basic support of Israel little changed while contributing simultaneously to increased but "compartmentalized" sympathy for the Palestinian Arabs.

Thanksgiving Comes Early

by David Jaffe

If July 4th is Independence Day, then July 5th must be Thanksgiving, for each July 5th I give thanks that the relative onslaught of relatives at the Annual July 4th Family Picnic has come and gone with nary a casualty but my patience and sobriety. Somewhere along the freeway of my apparently hapless existence, some fiend has constructed an off-ramp, open but one day a year, along which the in-laws of my in-laws (and perhaps their in-laws, too) feel compelled to make pilgrimage. All for an occasion to rub shoulders with those normally paid no more heed than sewer rats. All for an occasion to eat my food, drink my beer, flirt with my wife, and touse my son's hair until he looks like a chemotherapy patient. Well, in the vernacular of my Appalachian kin's kin, "Dern tootin', it's shonuf a mighty fine shindig you folks throw." It sho is. For some.

Regrettably, a vast chasm separates the humble host (sweating for hours over the barbecue pit, enduring endless reminiscences of how Vernon lost his earlobe with his wits in the Big War and how Agatha, now and forever approaching 60 years of age, has had a whole mess of gentleman callers but none worth a pig's tail as far as tying the knot

goes) and that mass of ignoble humanity known as the guests (downing beer after beer and burger after burger, belching in delight at the sight of distant kin who made the trip this year despite the personal misfortune of losing the family guinea pig to diarrhea or the year's catnip crop to locusts). Ah, to be a guest at my own gathering, to enjoy the fruits of my own travails, to pass this annual burr-in-the-backside off on another sucker. Would that it were so.

Truth be told (a rarity among the sportfishing kinfolk), a measure of pleasure does pass my way at the family picnic. It's not often you can entertain such a flamboyant and playfully obnoxious (or is that obnoxiously playful) crowd with such success. It's not often you want to. Still, despite the sweat and toil, despite the annual resurrection of the time I accidentally torched my trousers and then proceeded to perch on the punchbowl, despite all the pressure and aggravation, I must admit that July 5th makes it all worthwhile. On that day of thanksgiving, I gratefully return to work with a smile enscoured among the lines on my face, knowing that July 4th is 364 days hence and that the ennui of my existence, once a curse, has blessedly returned.



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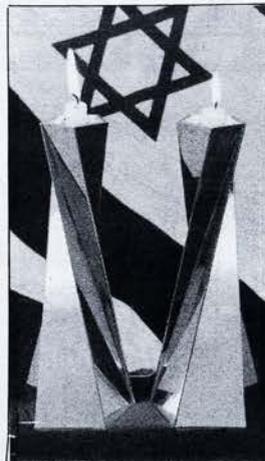
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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Your readers might be interested in knowing that it is possible for people over fifty to spend three winter months in Israel doing volunteer work, studying, travelling, etc. It is a wonderful way to support Israel and absorb its culture. It is an exciting experience and unforgettable for those who share it.

This nonprofit program under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund has two departure dates: December 8, 1988, and January 8, 1989, both concluding on March 7, 1989 (two- and three-month stays). Participants spend time in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and visit the Dead Sea, Eilat, Tiberias, and other places. It helps Israel, but it helps those who go even more.

For more information, those who are interested may call 1-(212)-570-1673 in New York State or 1-800-223-7787 nationwide, or write to the Jewish National Fund, 42 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021, Attention Missions Department.

This winter in Israel!
Shalom.

Seymour Greenstein
Volunteer

Dear Editor:

In his agitated zeal to berate Jerry Snell in any possible (and less than possible) way, Arthur Eisenstein (Letters, June 30) throws a few babies out with his bathwater.

Furthermore, Mr. Snell, while he does speak for a segment of the Orthodox community, does not however speak for most of it, so Mr. Eisenstein's apologetic accusations against "Orthodox rabbis" and his rejection of what he labels "the dinosaur" of Jewish tradition are perfectly fitting counterpoints to the rejectionism and extremism he perceives in Jerry.

Firstly, the refusal to use the word "rabbi" before the name of a person who has rejected the concept of Jewish law (halacha) might seem extreme, but if the world's definition remains that of

the millennia before our own century, then the term could only be applied to one well-versed in and committed to halacha (not merely to some nebulous entity like "Jewish values"). While I choose to use the word rabbi in its modern common usage (a Jewish religious leader, regardless of his belief-system), Jerry should not be bound to redefine an ancient word simply because I do, or Mr. Eisenstein does.

That, though, is the minor point. To the major ones.

The "bases" of Judaism do indeed exist, and Orthodox champions them all. At their head are belief in a personal G-d, acceptance of the fact and message of the revelation at Sinai, and the meaningfulness of human actions. Unfortunately (at least to Mr. Eisenstein), the Torah (i.e. Judaism) does not ask of us only what we would anyway give; it asks things G-d, not society, wills, which does not always sit well with us mortals. I am bothered by certain demands of halacha, just as Mr. Eisenstein is. But I choose not to reject it as a result of my discomfort but to accept it in spite of it. Our common ancestors did just that when they said "we will do" before they said "we will hear."

On the characterization of Orthodoxy as a "sect," I will just point out that until very, very recently in the scale of history, that "sect" was identical with the "sect" called Judaism. Perhaps Mr. Eisenstein would prefer the word "religion."

There have always been what Mr. Eisenstein calls a "super-chosen people" within the chosen one. Throughout the development of Judaism, the scholars of its beliefs and texts have always set the agenda for the masses. Respect for those more knowledgeable and more strongly committed is not a fault; it is a saving grace. I don't think Jerry has any contempt for non-Orthodox Jews, only for "Judaisms" which reject the Jewish heritage.

If Mr. Eisenstein is honestly interested in the excesses of

Israel's early leadership, he might be directed to contact the archives of Agudath Israel in N.Y. or read books like *Perfidy* (Ben Hecht), *The Unheeded Cry* (Fuchs), or *Heroine of Rescue* (Friedenson). He might also simply talk to any elderly Yemenite in Israel, to hear stories all of us Jews are understandably not anxious to publicize.

Accusing Orthodox rabbis of "bending" the law when "it suits their purposes" is not less ludicrous than accusing scientists of "bending" the laws of nature when, say, they develop technologies which seem to change the normal way of life. Gravity exists, but so do airplanes. The latter do not negate the existence of the former; they merely avoid its effects to some degree. Likewise, there are situations in which Torah laws can be creatively applied to yield what, to an uneducated layman, might seem to be an illegal result. There are, however, limits to such, and those limits are "hard-wired" into the system of Judaism, which is not, I'm afraid, silly-putty to mold to one's own preconceptions and agendas.

I wish I knew what Mr. Eisenstein means by rabbis "tying strings" around parts of a community "to shrink it within the bounds of Sabbath acceptability," so I could explain the same to him. I hope he doesn't mean the idea of "eruv," which is, of course, nothing of the sort.

Finally, stone-throwing is abhorrent to 99.99% of Orthodox Jews, including I suspect Jerry Snell, so to bring the actions of a group of children in Meah Shearim into a discussion of Jewish pluralism is itself not unlike a form of vandalism.

It is sad that we Jews find it so hard to argue like "menschen" about things we are all concerned with. Let us try to make an effort to not overreact to each other's stance, and thereby give truth some hope.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Avi Shafran

The Rise And Fall Of An Extremist

by Susan Satmary

As I arrived at the Federal Courthouse in Las Vegas, my police contacts told me to seek out the U.S. Marshal to ensure my safety. Though I knew the potential for violence of the men who were on trial, I was not prepared for what I would hear during the proceedings: the testimony that vividly brought to life one extremist's 40-year avocation of hate.

On trial were Colonel William Potter Gale and four of his ideological followers. All members of the paramilitary anti-tax group known as the Committee of the States, they were charged with threatening the lives of Internal Revenue Service agents and a Nevada state judge.

When I entered the courtroom that first Monday morning, I was struck by the fact that so few observers were present. There were members of Gale's family and only two or three reporters regularly assigned to the Federal Courthouse. I couldn't help feeling self-conscious.

Gale, seated in a wheelchair, appeared ill and frail. He is said to suffer from emphysema. Court proceedings were periodically stopped because of his coughing spells. Seated at the same table were his codefendants, each with his own attorney.

William Potter Gale, now 70, is a self-proclaimed minister and retired U.S. Army colonel. He came to the attention of the Anti-Defamation League through his leading role in Identity, a pseudo-religious movement which preached the racist theory of white superiority. Identity doctrine calls "Aryans" the "true" Israelites,

terms Jews the "seeds of Satan" and considers non-whites to be subhuman.

While in the Army, Gale claimed he served on General Douglas MacArthur's staff, directing guerilla operations in the Philippines during World War II. After retiring from the Army in 1950, he worked in the aircraft manufacturing industry in California.

In the years leading up to his indictment, Gale wrote five books on tactical guerilla warfare and became involved in the paramilitary activities of a number of racist groups including the Idaho-based Aryan Nations, led by the Rev. Richard Butler.

He has also been deeply involved in the Posse Comitatus, loosely affiliated bands of vigilantes and survivalists located in the mid and far west, known for their violence and anti-Semitism. As Posse leader, Gale broadcast vitriolic anti-Semitic sermons on local radio stations, including KTTL in rural Kansas, which aired such warnings as:

"If the Jews ever fool around with us or try to harm us in any way, every rabbi in Los Angeles will die within 24 hours... let 'em start."

ADL and community leaders asked the Federal Communications Commission to deny renewal of KTTL's license (*ADL Bulletin*: "The Station That Broadcast Hate," February 1985).

On July 4, 1984 in Mariposa, Calif., Gale and his followers formed the Committee of the States, which takes its name from the Articles of Confederation, the

predecessor to the U.S. Constitution which called for a "committee of the states" to govern the nation.

The founding documents (one of the signers was the Aryan Nations' Richard Butler), were officially filed with the recorder of Mariposa County. They include an "indictment" against the U.S. Congress for the alleged crimes of "malfeasance and misfeasance in office," and go on to declare that "we, the People, the 'body politic' bringing this indictment, are the Lords and Masters of this self-governing Republic known as the United States of America." It further states that members of Congress are subject to dismissal and removal from office to be replaced by the Committee of the States.

Following the theories of Gale's Posse Comitatus, the Committee subscribes to the "rule" that the highest legal authority should lie within the counties and county sheriffs and in citizen grand juries (i.e. no Federal or state governments). It opposes government regulation of any kind including federal income tax.

As part of the Committee's plan to ultimately overthrow the Federal government, Gale and his codefendants, Richard Van Hazel, Patrick McCray, his brother, George "Mike" McCray, and Fortunato "Slim" Perrino sent what they called "constructive notices" to IRS agents warning that the agents would receive "a maximum sentence"... death... if they did not cease tax collecting efforts. They also sent threatening

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Social Events

Frerichs And Neusner To Lecture In Brazil

Brown University Judaic Studies Professors Ernest S. Frerichs and Jacob Neusner will lecture in August at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, by invitation of the Rector of the University, Prof. Jose Goldenberg, and Dean of Faculty, Prof. Joao Baptista Borges Pereira. Both the Sao Paulo Jewish Community as well as the Association for Jewish Culture and the University's Center for Judaic Studies have invited them to lecture as well.

Professor Frerichs will conduct discussions concerning a draft of accord between Brown and Sao Paulo Universities on joint projects in Judaic Studies and other subjects. Professor Neusner's lecture, "Interiorities of Jewish Existence," will be presented by him in Portuguese and will be published in Brazil in that language.

The Brown professors will also visit Jewish communities in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador do Bahia.

Children's Museum

"Jest" In Time For Summertime Fun!

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island will present "Jester Sceptres" on Friday, July 8 from 10 am-noon and again, Sunday, July 10 from 1-3 p.m. Children will create a jingling, jolly sceptre using styrofoam, ribbons and bells. Visitors will then parade through the Museum with their handmade sceptres!

On Tuesday, July 12 from 1-2 p.m., children will meet R.I.'s popular juggling artists, To Gyr and Gimble. The artists will teach children about juggling and clowning.

There is no charge for these activities beyond the regular price of admission, \$2.50 for nonmembers, Museum members free. The Children's Museum, located at 58 Walcott St. in Pawtucket, is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. (summer hours). For more information, please call 726-2590.

Susan Leach DeBlasio Is President-Elect Of R.I. Bar



Attorney Susan Leach DeBlasio was recently named president-elect of the Rhode Island Bar Association. The swearing-in ceremony took place during the Bar's annual meeting held at the Omni Biltmore Hotel on June 17.

A partner in the law firm Licht & Semonoff, DeBlasio was graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1979. She earned a B.A. from Wheaton College in 1970 and a M.B.A. from Providence College in 1986.

DeBlasio is the former

editor-in-chief of the Rhode Island Bar Journal. She has been a member of the executive committee and the House of Delegates of the Bar Association since 1983, and is a member of the board of directors of the R.I. Law Institute.

DeBlasio is also a member of the board of directors at Miriam Hospital and is the chairperson of its Professional and Academic Affairs Committee.

DeBlasio and her husband, Peter F. DeBlasio, Jr., M.D., and daughter, Amy, live in Providence.

Hundreds Of Students Enroute To Israel

WASHINGTON — Enthusiasm for summer programs in Israel remains high as hundreds of high school and college students are taking off for summer experiences in the Jewish state, under the auspices of B'nai B'rith.

Despite publicized safety concerns about travel in Israel — termed highly exaggerated by recent visitors to the area — the many teenagers and young adults signed up for summer B'nai B'rith tours to Israel are eagerly looking forward to the programs, according to the trip's organizers.

This summer, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is sending nearly 150 North American Jewish

youth to Israel. B'BYO in England is sending 50 members and France is sending 200 of their youth on similar programs.

In addition, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations are sending some 100 university students, as well as campus ministers, on specialized tours of Israel. The Hillel Foundations are sponsoring seven separate trips, ranging from nature and socio-political tours to a National Jewish Law Students Network seminar.

Although the Hillel trips have different focuses, they share the ability to go beyond the normal tourist experience.

The ISI program runs from June

26 to August 4. The various Hillel programs generally last about three weeks.

The B'BYO participants will meet their Israeli peers in activities with B'nai B'rith Noar LeNoar (B'BYO in Israel) members, including home hospitality with the Israeli teenagers and their families.

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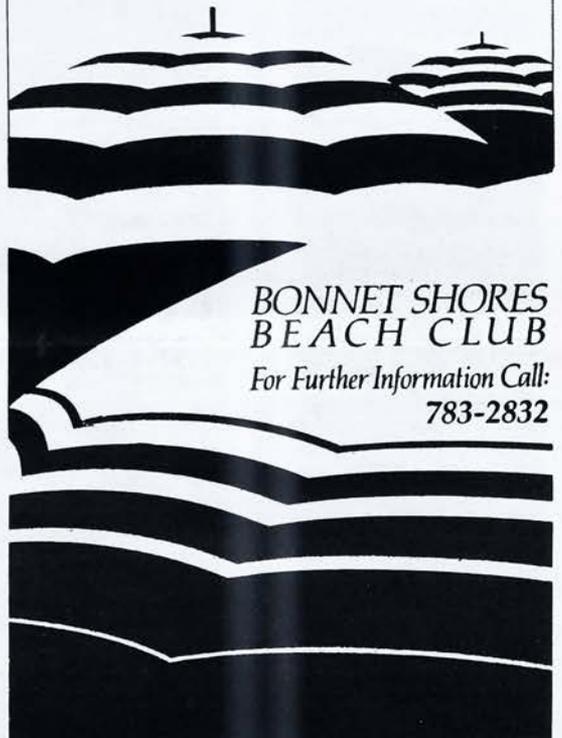
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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

I missed the boat . . . not once, but twice.

The first was by one fleeting minute at Galilee. There at 11:30 a.m., I stood much to my chagrin, feeling like a cast-off, when the ropes were lifted off the moorings. The sympathetic attendant, drifting away on the Block Island Ferry, said, "Sorry, but once those ropes are off, I can't let you on. The next boat is at one."

I returned with ample time to spare, and at two, we docked at the seven-square mile Island. I hopped a cab to Champlin's Marina where I had visions of hopping onto a press boat that would carry me out to a stretch of sea to watch the Audi Yachting Race Week in progress.

I imagined billowing sails, sailors synchronized in teamwork and skillmanship, their eyes squinting from the haze of brilliant sunshine.

This prophetic sensation served me

well. I never got farther than the dock at Champlin's. Those tiny little minute hands outpaced me.

Woe, I missed the boat again.

So into the Duty Office I went and met three unsung heroines of the Race Week. Garbed in official red and white striped Audi wear, Jane Mansfield was speaking into the mike, her words echoing around the marina; the others, Sue Hall and Doris Nichols, were updating paper work.

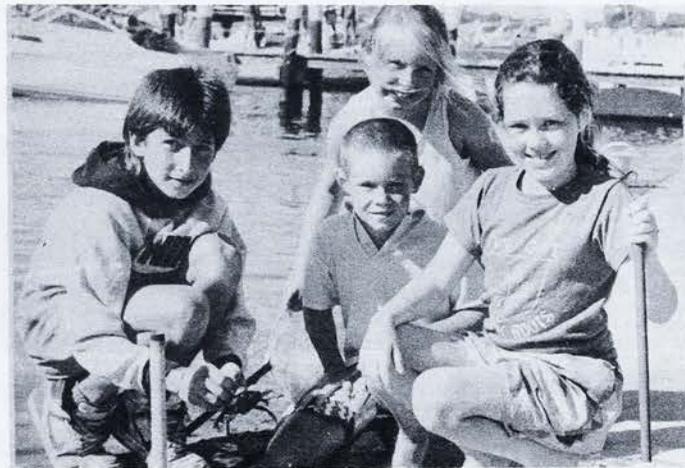
The "voice of the Audi Yachting Race Week," Jane's job was Duty Office head. "This is central communications, Excedrin headquarters," she said good-humoredly.

"Oh, her voice never gives out!" Sue quips.

The three women in charge of the Duty Office are up from Florida. Their husbands are on the race committee.



Filling the Yachting blimp with helium, Cathy Horton, assistant promotion coordinator for *Yachting Magazine*, is assisted by a crew. Her boss, Cindy Harhen, promotion coordinator, is at center.

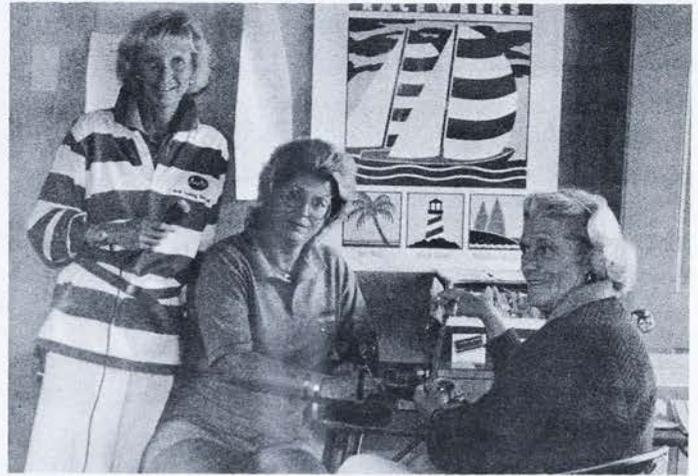


Kids adding flavor to the day. They had been fish-netting for minnows and caught a crab. The boy at left was the bravest. He's holding it!



The pleasure of not missing the boat. Here are latecomers to the Block Island Ferry.

They're All Winners



The Duty Office Trio: Jane Mansfield, the "Voice of the Audi Yachting Race Week," Sue Hall, and Doris Nichols, from left.

Doris's husband is chief judge for the racing event. She serves as protest secretary. "We hear protests after the races are over," she said. "Yesterday, we had eight.

"If there has been an infringement of the rules, such as not being given enough room at the mark or being in each other's way at the start, someone will fill out a protest form. There are two panels of judges, three men and women on a panel who adjudicate."

High on a mound of green grass, a young woman is battling a bulge of partially inflated blimp emblazoned with "Yachting." Assistant promotion coordinator, Catherine Horton, said, "I meet so many people here. My problem is I never get to go out there," eyes glancing seaward, arms wrestling with the blimp. "Lots of detail go into a race like this. So much has to be done here."

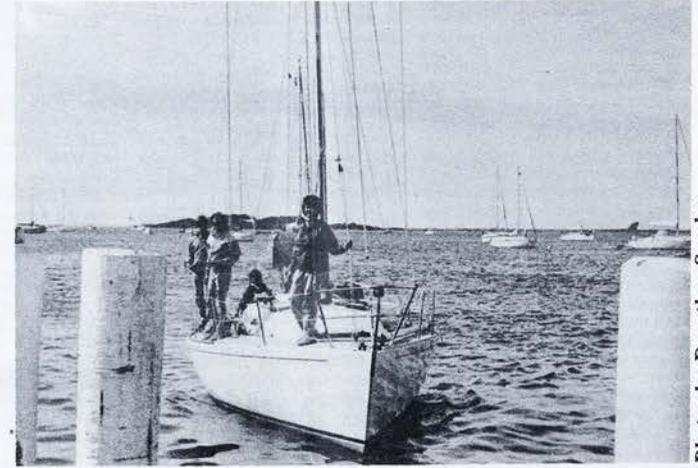
Cathy has worked behind the scenes at *Yachting Magazine* in Cos Cob in preparation for the week's races and other racing events in the country.

"Seeing it all come together is so exciting. Overall winners for the eight divisions have taken place every night this week, but tonight the overall winner for the series will be announced and receive a beautiful Chelsea clock.

"Look out there," she observed. "You can see the first of the boats are returning."

Leaving Cathy, I head to the dock's end. I didn't snap the billowing sails out at sea, but rather boats motoring their way back in. I couldn't tell the winners from the losers; they all looked like winners.

The return ferry to Galilee? Right on time I was . . . but how unfair to be on time. The ferry left ten minutes late.



The first of the boats to come in.



Sailing away from the Block Island harbor with the ferry's stars and stripes waving farewell.

Photos by Dorothea Snyder

Health and Fitness

Sperm Analysis Aiding Infertile Couples

Throughout the world, men who were thought to be infertile are finally becoming fathers because a new method of studying their sperm cells is helping their doctors treat them.

The pioneering analysis of sperm cells is taking place at Israel's Bar-Ilan University. The process uses an electron microscope, which enlarges the cells up to 50,000 times, and a computerized analysis of the cells' shapes, which identifies the best options for treatment.

A New York-based graduate of the research program, Dr. Jocheved Fischbein, opened a satellite center here at the Manhattan Fertility Center (2 East 86th Street, New York, NY 10028, telephone number 212-831-1583).

For years, fertility problems have been blamed primarily on women, says Dr. Benjamin Bartoov, who heads the study. He estimates that 40 percent of problems are due to the man, 40 percent to the woman and 20 percent due to both partners.

The project has enormous significance because it is estimated that 15 percent of couples in the West are unable to have children and an additional 10 percent have trouble having more children.

Dr. Bartoov, who began his study in 1971, examines the density, activity and shape of patients' sperm cells. He is focusing on the shape of the cells. The shape of each man's sperm cells is as individualistic as his fingerprints, Dr. Bartoov comments.

Studying the shape of the sperm heads provides information on sperm cells' ability to penetrate the egg. The shape of the tail affects how well the cell moves to reach the egg.

Though sperm cells are among the minutest in the body, Dr. Bartoov's studies with the electron microscope, using both whole sperm cells and cross-sections, have identified over 100 shape characteristics. Computer analysis of these factors involves the use of artificial intelligence.

Dr. Bartoov finds that infection is a more common cause of male infertility than is generally believed. Treatment with antibiotics is usually effective, but knowing the type of infection is important because some treatments can decrease sperm mobility and penetration.

Hormonal imbalance, on the other hand, causes fewer infertility problems than is commonly believed.

Dr. Fischbein reports that environmental and occupational factors play a role in male infertility as well. Among these factors are medications (e.g., anti-anxiety and anti-depressant drugs, salicylates), industrial chemicals, pesticides (e.g., DBCP), lead, food additives, heat and stress.

In her laboratory, Dr. Fischbein receives fresh semen specimens, each of which is divided into two portions. A thorough semen analysis is performed on one part of the sample. The semen analysis includes measurements of semen volume, sperm density, total sperm count, percent motility, intensity of motility, morphology and contamination of the specimen by other cells, which may indicate infection. The second part of the specimen is prepared for electron microscopy analysis and shipped to Bar-Ilan University where the actual electron microscopy analysis is performed.

Dr. Fischbein is collaborating with Dr. Andrew Silverman at the

Manhattan Fertility Center where infertile couples are evaluated and treated. The Center is equipped for artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization (IVF), gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT), and in the near future gender selection as well.

It takes three weeks for Bar-Ilan's researchers to diagnose a sperm sample and give the patient's doctor the results. The data is transmitted via computer system. Cost to the doctor in the U.S. is about \$300.

Dr. Bartoov has analyzed the sperm of over 2,400 patients. Most doctors use a series of tests to determine how their treatment is affecting the patient's sperm.

Dr. Bartoov is developing the use of video technology to automate the collection of information that the electron microscope provides. This would further speed the analysis and refine the information.

Scientists at Bar-Ilan University, in Ramat Gan, are engaged in a wide range of applied science projects, in addition to male infertility. Other researchers at the university have developed a drug to treat AIDS, which is now being tested by a leading U.S. drug firm; created an anti-aging compound now being used by Revlon; and developed an antioxidant that has a broad range of uses as a food preservative.

Other researchers, meantime, are working on a new drug for Alzheimer's disease, an anti-allergen that goes to work early in the allergy reaction process, and the genetic engineering of a fish that can be an important protein source.

Bar-Ilan University is Israel's third-largest university. In addition to its science program, it is widely known for making Judaic studies a required minor.

Attempts To Retard Aging On The Horizon

HAIFA, Israel — Attempts to slow the aging process in humans are likely to begin within ten years, according to scientists at the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology. They have already succeeded in retarding aging in simple roundworms by introducing the chemical substance, Vitamin E.

Moreover, research at the Technion has indicated that Vitamin E is most effective in retarding aging when introduced during the early stages of the worm's growth and development.

"The results suggest that something critical in relation to the aging process happens very early in life," said Professor David Gershon, Chairman of the Technion's Biology Department. "If we are going to intervene in the human aging process, we will probably have to do so early on."

Prof. Gershon is a specialist in the molecular and cellular aspects of aging. "Our research is helping us pinpoint oxidation as one of the major underlying mechanisms of aging in both animals and humans," he said.

By introducing the antioxidant, Vitamin E, Prof. Gershon and his colleagues succeeded in reducing cell damage and increasing the life span of nematode worms. Nematode is a species of worm often studied by scientists in the laboratory because of their simple structure.

He and his team at the Technion determined when the antioxidant is most effective by introducing and withdrawing Vitamin E at different stages in the worm's life cycle. "Surprisingly, the

antioxidant proved most effective when it was introduced at early stages in the worms' growth and development," Prof. Gershon said. "The effects of the antioxidant were only marginal when introduced at a later stage."

Prof. Gershon's research on oxidation ties in with his previous innovative work on proteins. In the 1970s, it was thought that errors in protein synthesis were partially responsible for aging. Proteins, the building blocks of the body, are chains of amino acids in a fixed sequence. If an amino acid is inserted in the wrong place as the protein molecule is being formed, the protein changes and a perpetual error is introduced.

While some altered or faulty protein molecules appear in the cells of young people, considerably more accumulate in the cells of the older person, Prof. Gershon said. His research, along with Prof. Harriet Gershon, Chief of the Immunology section at the Technion's Faculty of Medicine, and their colleagues, indicates that damage to the protein coating of some cells, sustained in the ordinary course of living, is to a great extent due to oxygen damage.

"The disposal system for faulty proteins is more rapid and efficient in the young person, than in someone older," Prof. Gershon said. "It is becoming clear to us that the damage body cells sustain is due to oxidation, an underlying mechanism of aging, which also damages the disposal system. Paradoxically, the oxygen we depend on for life is a source of our age-associated decline in function."

Benefit For A Wish Come True

The Astors' Beechwood Theatre Company will be presenting a lively revue entitled *Brother Can You Spare A Dime?* with proceeds benefitting A Wish Come True, Inc. The show runs July 12 through August 18 with performances every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. The show highlights the music of the 1930's. Prohibition was out! — The New Deal was in. Millions of people were listening to Amos n' Andy over the radio; women's evening

gowns actually touched the floor again; and the nation's music echoed the hope of the era. Great songs like *Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries*, *On the Sunny Side of the Street*, and *Ridin' High* had us all feeling that *Prosperity is Just Around the Corner*.

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World and National News

Pope Refers To Jewish Suffering As A Gift To The World

Pope John Paul II has been criticized by the chairman and director of Reform Judaism's interfaith activities for applying the Christian theology of suffering to Jews who died in Nazi concentration camps.

Rabbi Jerome Davidson, chairman of the Interreligious Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Annette Daum, director, issued this comment on a statement by the Pontiff following his visit with President Kurt Waldheim of Austria:

"It is deeply troubling that Pope John Paul II, at a prayer meeting during his visit to Austria, should have described the suffering of the victims of Nazism as 'a gift to the world.'

"Jews reject the notion that

there is any nobility in suffering as a communal sacrifice for the sins of Christian anti-Semitism. The Pope's remarks, however well-intentioned, underscore the need for the Vatican to examine fully the role of the Catholic Church in the development of attitudes that made the Holocaust possible.

"While we are gratified that the Pope kept his meetings with Kurt Waldheim to the minimum required by protocol, we regret that he did not seize the opportunity of a visit to Austria to use his moral authority in sending a forthright and unambiguous message condemning anti-Semitism at a time when it is surfacing once again in a predominantly Catholic country."

Three Arrested For Suspected Arson

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two residents of the West Bank and one from the Gaza Strip have been arrested on suspicion of arson in Israel.

Two of the suspects, from Azoun village, near Kalkilya, are accused of setting a brush fire north of the Ra'anana industrial zone and may have been involved in a series of fires in the Sharon region.

The third suspect, from the Gaza Strip, was apprehended after a fire at Moshav Porat was determined to have been arson. He was found in the area.

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon said recently that parents are to blame for their children's involvement in arson.

He said he did not favor punishing parents, but would demand that they discipline their offspring. He said he was pleased that the heads of Arab municipalities in Israel have condemned arson.

Koch Warns Against Jackson Becoming U.N. Ambassador

by Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK (JTA) — Mayor Edward Koch of New York warned against the possibility of the Rev. Jesse Jackson becoming the next American ambassador to the United Nations.

"Let's say Jackson wants to be U.N. ambassador," Koch said. "That's a possibility. You can't take him lightly, millions voted for him."

Koch warned that naming Jackson as America's chief representative to the United Nations might cause Israel a great deal of harm.

The mayor recalled what Jackson said in 1980, that "Zionism is a poisonous weed, choking Judaism," and that the black presidential candidate has never repudiated this statement.

Koch said, however, that he thinks Jackson will do "a good job" as secretary of education in a Dukakis administration, if indeed Michael Dukakis, the Democratic front-runner, is elected president.

Koch was addressing the annual

meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York at the Grand Hyatt Hotel here.

The 63-year-old Koch, in response to a question, said he does not think Jackson is an anti-Semite.

"But his positions are certainly hostile to the State of Israel," the mayor claimed, noting that Jackson opposes Zionism, "the nationhood movement of the Jews," and supports the PLO and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

When a woman in the audience compared Jackson to Hitler, Koch said, "I think it is unfair to compare him to Hitler. It is unfair to refer to him as an anti-Semite."

Koch said that what Jews have to worry about is that in seven states, the Democratic platforms called for the establishment of a Palestinian homeland, a move that was led by Jackson, the mayor said.

The national Democratic Party, however, eliminated that statement from its platform.

Rabbinical Council Attacks UJA/Federation

A statement strongly condemning the action of the United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federations for mounting a campaign regarding the "Who Is a Jew" bill in the Knesset was issued Tuesday, June 28, by the Rabbinical Council of America.

Rabbi Max N. Schreier, president of the Rabbinical Council of America which has over 1,000 members in the U.S., said "the UJA and Federation should not become involved in religious questions; nor should it use public money to mount a campaign concerning the problem of religion in Israel."

"UJA and Federation represent all groups including Orthodox groups who participate in the fund-raising of these

organizations. The UJA-Federation should cease and desist from what is essentially an internal Israeli problem," said the President of the RCA.

He cited the repeated representations that UJA-Federation leadership has made concerning religion in Israel and said that the fund raising groups "had no right to pressure the Prime Minister of Israel to refrain from introducing the amendment to the Law of Return."

Rabbi Schreier said the officers of the RCA would be making representations to UJA-Federation on this matter and he called on local RCA members to do the same.

The Rabbinical Council of America is the largest Orthodox rabbinic group in the world.

Israeli Yacht Competes In TransAtlantic Race

NEWPORT — The *Maccabi*, the first Israeli yacht to compete in 28 years of the "Singlehanded Transatlantic Race," is scheduled to arrive here in early July at the completion of the race.

The yacht, sailed by Clive Shelter, an officer in the Israeli Merchant Navy, joined 120 solo yachtsmen from 17 countries who set sail from Plymouth, England to Newport — a total of 3,300 miles — to compete in this prestigious international event.

Two British benefactors jointly donated £50,000 to help finance the purchase of the yacht, which will also figure in celebrations of the 40th anniversary of Israel.

The *Maccabi* is a Class V, 32 foot Contessa, which is, to date, the first and only production yacht to have successfully navigated round Cape Horn. She is fitted out specifically for long distance, singlehanded sailing and is equipped with a navigational microprocessor, radar, communication equipment and satellite

navigator. Clive Shelter was born in England and emigrated to Israel in 1971. He joined the Israeli Merchant Navy and immediately began training as an officer. His present position is Chief Officer.

Shelter recently completed a solo 1,800 mile qualifying sail and also met the very stringent criteria set for the Singlehanded Transatlantic Race by its organizers, the Royal Western Yacht Club. His acceptance is considered a major achievement for Israeli sport.

Originally backed by *The Observer*, the Singlehanded Transatlantic Race is now sponsored by Carlsberg and takes place every four years, attracting participants from all over the world.

The race was first won by Sir Francis Chichester in 1960 and the present race record, 16 days and 6 hours, was set by Frenchman Yvon Fauconnier in 1984.

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Jews For Jesus Charge Blackmail Against New York's JCRC

by Stewart Ains
The Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jews for Jesus missionary group has accused the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York of having blackmailed a Catskills hotel into breaking its contract for the group to hold a retreat there last November.

The allegation, which is supported by an affidavit submitted by an owner of the Stevensville Country Club in Swan Lake, N.Y., is the basis of a lawsuit filed recently by Jews for Jesus in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. In the federal suit, Jews for Jesus said it entered into a contract with the Stevensville Country Club on April 2, 1987, and reserved 100 rooms and meeting space for its annual "East Coast Ingathering" planned for Nov. 19 to 22, 1987.

The suit claims that Robert Kaplan, an outreach worker for the JCRC's Task Force on Missionaries and Cults, learned of the planned convention and called Kenneth Dinnerstein, an owner of the club, in May to urge that he cancel the reservation because Jews for Jesus was "a bad group."

When no action was taken, Dinnerstein was called again on July 28. This time, according to the suit, Kaplan was joined on the telephone by JCRC executive director, Michael Miller.

In an affidavit from Dinnerstein that is attached to the lawsuit, Dinnerstein said that, during the conversation, Miller "told me to cancel the reservations made by Jews for Jesus or there would be a total boycott of the Stevensville Country Club by the Jewish community."

Dinnerstein also alleges that Miller threatened a "180-degree turnaround in Jewish support" for

the club, and informed the owner that "the only thing that made economic sense" was to cancel the Jews for Jesus reservations.

Based on the telephone call, according to the affidavit, Dinnerstein sent back the group's \$300 deposit and cancelled their contract. On May 12, attorneys for the JCRC acknowledged that Miller called Dinnerstein, but denied he made any of the threatening statements attributed to him.

As in a languishing suit the group filed in state Supreme Court in July of 1985, the suit filed in federal court alleges that, by its actions, the JCRC violated state and federal laws by inciting discrimination against Jews for Jesus.

In filing the suit, Jews for Jesus asked U.S. District Court Judge Richard Owens to issue a preliminary injunction barring the council from "interfering with or discriminating against" the group and its right to use public places. The judge declined, saying there was no proof that an incident like that concerning Stevensville would recur. The case remains open.

Yet the new suit seems to have pumped blood into the group's state lawsuit, in which Jews for Jesus claimed a memorandum sent by the JCRC's missionary task force, warning Long Island rabbis about the group's plans to rent space for a "seeder," violated state civil rights laws.

Suggesting that the Stevensville incident was relevant to the previous lawsuit, State Supreme Court Judge David Edwards, Jr. denied motions by both sides to issue a summary judgment, and has ordered a judicial hearing officer to look into the three-year-old case.

The Big Givers Are Still Jewish But Their Big Gifts May Not Be

by Andrew Silow Carroll
NEW YORK (JTA) — In the early 1970s, when Jews contributed more than \$1 billion per year to philanthropy, two-thirds of the total went to Jewish causes.

Today, annual Jewish contributions to all charities have risen to \$3.5 billion. But as older givers are supplanted by their younger, more secularly oriented counterparts, the share of contributions going to Jewish causes has dropped to around 50 percent of the total, according to Dr. Barry Kosmin, a New York sociologist.

"The Jewish philanthropic dollar seems to be increasingly secularized," Kosmin said last week. Or, as a fellow sociologist put it, Jews who once gave with their "kishkes" (guts) and hearts are now giving with their heads.

Social scientists, community leaders and professional fund-raisers donated two days last week to discussing the changing nature of Jewish philanthropy.

The conference, "Jewish Philanthropy in Contemporary America," was cosponsored by the City University of New York, the Institute for the Study of Modern Jewish Life at City College and the North American Jewish Data Bank, a joint project of the CUNY Graduate School and the Council of Jewish Federations.

Presenters outlined a number of challenges to Jewish fund-raisers, including the increasing role women are playing in raising and donating funds, changes in the tax laws and reappraisals of Israel's influence on Jewish communal identity.

Accultural Trend Cited

There was also discussion of philanthropies representing new, sophisticated constituencies,

including the New Israel Fund and the Jewish Fund for Justice. Both bypass such centralized philanthropic channels as the United Jewish Appeal to fund specific projects or organizations in Israel and other countries.

Kosmin, who is director of the Jewish Data Bank, and Dr. Paul Ritterband, director of the Center for Jewish Studies at CUNY, cochaired the conference. Both agreed in presentations and interviews that all of these changes, however, the most significant remains the growing secularization and acculturation of the American Jewish community.

Kosmin described the traditional Jewishly oriented philanthropist as someone born in the 1920s who remembers the Depression, World War II, the old Jewish neighborhood and the sound of Yiddish.

But with each succeeding generation, said Ritterband, the probability of giving to a Jewish cause and the relative size of the contribution both shrink.

A Jew born in the 1940s, for instance, may be as likely to belong to the board of a major American ballet company or orchestra as he or she would that of a Jewish community center or national defense organization.

"If fund-raisers continue to play the same old game, they're going to get straight down the tubes," said Ritterband.

Still, Ritterband insisted that the conference was not about raising money, but understanding a people.

Said the sociologist, whose department has more social scientists dealing with Jewish life than any university outside of Israel, "What you put your money into is a telling indicator of where you stand."

Jordan Helping To Stop Terrorism

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jordan is helping to keep the peace along Israel's eastern border, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Jewish Agency Assembly meeting here Wednesday, June 29. He said Jordan has been playing a positive role in preventing terrorist activity against Israel.

More Soviet Jews Visiting Israel

by Hugh Orgel
TEL AVIV (JTA) — The number of Soviet Jews visiting Israel is growing rapidly.

The Soviet policy of allowing Jewish citizens to visit relatives in Israel has brought more than 1,700 Jewish tourists from the USSR to Israel in the first five months of 1988, Maariv reported recently.

That compares to 183 Soviet Jewish tourists in all of 1987.

Yad Theft Points To Hasidic Man

BALTIMORE (JTA) — A hasid, claiming to be a fund-raiser for a charity in Safed, Israel, stole two silver Torah-reading pointers, or yads, from the (Reform) Baltimore Hebrew Congregation recently, according to the *Baltimore Jewish Times*.

The yads were returned to the synagogue by Rabbi Benjamin Dinowitz of (Orthodox) Congregation Ohel Yakov, who had possession of the missing silver pointers and other silver items of unknown origin. Dinowitz, who said the hasid thought he was performing a mitzvah by taking silver from a Reform temple, refused to comment on the man's identity. There have been no other complaints of theft from synagogues in the area.

Dismantling Of The Security Zone Urged

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Gen. Gustav Hagglund of Finland suggested that Israel dismantle the southern Lebanon security zone and let United Nations peacekeeping forces protect Israel's northern border against infiltrators.

Hagglund, the outgoing commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, contended that Israel could safely make the move because of the strengthened position of the mainstream Shiite militia, Amal, in southwestern Lebanon.

Amal has an interest in keeping the area quiet, Hagglund said in interviews with the news media. The best guarantee that it would maintain order is its knowledge that the Israel Defense Force could reestablish the security zone at any time, he said.

The departing UNIFIL commander will be replaced by Maj. Gen. Lars Erik Wahlgren of Sweden.

Translations Into Yiddish Offered

AMHERST, Mass. (JTA) — A 24-page catalog, which is being distributed to major university and research libraries by the National Yiddish Book Center, features over 300 out-of-print Yiddish translations of world literature.

The items, most of which were translated during the first half of the twentieth century, represent 14 original languages.

Some major Yiddish writers translated many of the titles, including Isaac Bashevis Singer, who supported himself in Warsaw in the early 1930's by translating into Yiddish novels like Thomas Mann's *The Magic Mountain* and Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front*.

The Center, which published the catalog with help from a grant from the Albert A. List Foundation of New York City and from the Center's 13,000 members, has collected some 750,000 Yiddish books since 1980.

Foreskins Become Living Bandages

EAST ORANGE, N.J. (JTA) — Traditionally discarded by mohelim after a brit milah — ritual circumcision — infant foreskins may be put to use as "living bandages," according to *The Jewish News*.

Dr. Tania Phillips, a fellow in dermatology at Boston University School of Medicine, has been researching a technique whereby cells from infant foreskins are cultured in a process that allows the cells to reproduce, creating a skin patch used to stimulate the healing of wounds. The translucent, jelly-like "bandages" are stapled to a gauze pad and placed on the wound.

Phillips told *The Jewish News* that she is not completely certain how the bandage works. "We think it stimulates a patient's older cells to start growing again," she said.

The procedure is acceptable under halacha, or Jewish law, according to Rabbi Moses Tendler, a professor of biology, Talmudic law and medical ethics at New York's Yeshiva University. He said he sees no reason why mohelim could not provide hospitals with the otherwise discarded foreskins, adding, "If there's any real utility for mankind, it would be a mitzvah to cooperate."

Phillips said she can't predict when the living bandages will be available for widespread use. Presently the research is just at the Boston University hospital level, and the technique will eventually have to gain the approval of the Food and Drug Administration.

Woman Is No Bar To Rabbi's Candidacy

by Hugh Orgel
TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Chief Rabbinate has given Rabbi Yisrael Lau permission to stand for election as Ashkenazic chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, where the electoral

body now includes a woman.

Lau, who is chief rabbi of Netanya, is considered the leading candidate for the prestigious post. But although a liberal within the context of Orthodox Judaism, he was reluctant to enter his name, because of the possibility the Chief Rabbinate would raise objections to a woman elector.

The Jerusalem rabbinate was indeed unhappy. But it agreed to let Lau run, because a less suitable rabbi might be appointed if he does not.

In an unrelated development, the Jerusalem rabbinate has canceled the kashrut license of the Conservative movement's youth hostel on Agron Street.

No explanation was given. The hostel has had a kashrut license since it started operating 14 years ago.

Reagan Signs Hate Crimes Bill Into Law

by David Friedman
WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Reagan has signed into law a bill that imposes federal criminal penalties for damage to religious property.

The bill, originally proposed by Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), imposes fines up to \$250,000 and/or 10 years imprisonment for anyone convicted of causing more than \$10,000 in damage to a religious institution or cemetery, or causing serious bodily injury to anyone trying to exercise his or her religious beliefs.

"We've sent a clear message to organizations of hate that racist and racial religious violence will not be tolerated," Glickman said after both houses of Congress approved the bill.

Still pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee is another "hate crimes" bill, which would require the Justice Department to gather statistics and report annually on crimes against

persons or property because of race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

That bill, sponsored by Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), was adopted by the House in May by a 383-29 vote.

Testifying in support of the legislation recently at a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Alan Schwartz, director of research and evaluation for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that keeping such statistics "would be a major step forward in accurately gauging the dimensions of the hate crimes problems."

He added that it would also "promote public awareness of, and professional sensitivity toward, hate crimes and encourage victims and communities to feel that they can respond effectively to counter such activity."

The ADL's most recent study revealed that hate crimes increased by 17 percent in 1987 over 1986.

Demjanjuk Sentence Appealed

by David Landau
JERUSALEM (JTA) — John Demjanjuk appealed to the Supreme Court Thursday, June 30, against his war crimes conviction and death sentence by a Jerusalem district court in April.

The Ukrainian-born, former naturalized American was found guilty of crimes against the Jewish people, war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against a persecuted people.

He was found by the three-judge panel, on the basis of evidence and identification by Holocaust survivors, to have been the Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible," who helped operate the gas chambers where nearly a million Jews perished during World War II.

Demjanjuk's attorney, Yoram Sheftel, based his appeal on the same defense arguments that failed during the yearlong trial — that his client was a victim of mistaken identity.

A five-justice panel of the high court will hear the appeal next December.

Sheftel asked that the conviction be overturned on grounds of insufficient evidence or reasonable doubt.

He charged in his petition that a lynch-mob atmosphere surrounded the trial because of media bias against the defendant, and that provocative remarks by public officials adversely influenced the court.

Hadassah To Replace Trees

JERUSALEM — Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has announced that it will plant 100,000 trees to replace those destroyed by arsonists widely believed to be carrying out a directive from Palestinian leadership in the West Bank.

The announcement was made by Hadassah National President, Ruth W. Popkin, at a meeting of the Zionist General Council here. "For every tree that is destroyed by arson, we will plant two," Mrs. Popkin said.

More than 60,000 acres of forest have been lost to fires which began inside Israel shortly after the leadership of the Palestinian unrest in the occupied territories issued a leaflet last month calling on Arab residents "to destroy and burn the enemy's agricultural and industrial resources."

Mrs. Popkin said Hadassah will pay the cost of the plantings which will be carried out by the Jewish National Fund. Hadassah and JNF have worked closely together for more than 60 years on a range of projects to reclaim and develop the land of Israel.

Youth Hi Lights

Reform Jewish Youth Rally



Some 200 Jewish high school students associated with the youth movement of Reform Judaism were praised by Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins for continuing "the long tradition of Jewish concern for justice and human rights" at a rally against South Africa's apartheid system.

"The struggle against apartheid, like the struggle to free Soviet Jewry, must never become an issue championed solely by one community," Mr. Dinkins told the rally.

The demonstration on June 17 at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza was sponsored by CRAFTY — City Region Federation of Temple Youth, the Reform Jewish youth arm of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the metropolitan area.

"We recognize that the scourge of apartheid is a source of concern to all humanity, regardless of race or religion," said Nura Osman, 16, a student at Stuyvesant High School and CRAFTY social action vice president.

"Our Jewish experience has sensitized us to the evils of racism," she told the rally.

Mr. Dinkins, noting that both Jews and blacks have suffered from prejudice and discrimination, told the Reform Jewish youth group, "You have recognized that apartheid is an issue of importance, not only to the minority community, but to all those who cherish freedom."

A Summer Romance

Fiction
by Tj Feldman

Rachel Silverman stood by the lake watching her eight-year-old campers splash each other. Jake Stern watched her from his lifeguard stand on the dock and all he could think of was how much he wanted her as his summer romance.

He got up out of his seat and he walked toward Rachel, but when he reached her he couldn't speak.

"Hello, I'm Rachel, who are you?"

"I'm J-Jake," he replied trying to stand up straight.

"What year are you?" asked Rachel becoming attracted to the blonde, blue-eyed hunk in front of her.

"I'll be a s-sophomore at B-B-Brown," answered Jake.

"I'll be a freshman at UC Berkeley."

"Wow!" exclaimed Jake beginning to relax.

"Where are you from?" asked

Rachel. "I'm from Manchester, New Hampshire," Jake answered.

"I'm from Providence," added Rachel.

"Were you in NEFTY?" asked Jake.

"Yes, I was a NFTY competition finalist in 1988," she answered.

"Yeah and didn't you win?" he asked.

Rachel ignored the question and Jake didn't press her for an answer. Instead the two of them just stood by the lake looking into each other's eyes. They stayed in that spot until sunset when Sy Rosen, the Camp Yisrael director, came looking for them. When he found them he sighed loudly and retreated back to his cabin.

Rachel and Jake were inseparable the rest of the summer and as the summer days grew shorter, Rachel and Jake's love grew stronger.

ARZA Bar-Bat Mitzvah Essay Contest

Halle Landis of South Euclid, Ohio, has been designated as first prize-winner of the bar-bat mitzvah essay contest sponsored jointly by ARZA (the Association of Reform Zionists of America), the Moriah Jerusalem Hotel and El Al Airlines in celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary.

For her prize-winning composition, Halle, who attends Temple Emanu-El religious school in Cleveland, was awarded a week's stay for herself and two adults at the Moriah Jerusalem Hotel and three round-trip plane tickets from New York on El Al. Her essay follows.

My Dream Week In Israel So Near And Yet So Far

My dream began two years ago. I was given the choice of celebrating my Bat Mitzvah in Israel, or having a service and party just as my sister had done three years ago. I chose Israel. I talked about it, planned for it and dreamed about it for two years. Finally, it was time to go. I had spent six months learning to chant my Torah portion, and soon I looked forward to being on top of Massada. Our family was to spend two weeks in Israel with others from Temple Emanu-El and Rabbi Daniel Roberts. We spent three exciting days in Tel Aviv and the area, and had just arrived in Haifa when we received the awful news that my grandfather had died. My dream had come to a tragic halt. Sadly, I not only had to go home, but I also had to attend the funeral of someone I loved.

I wouldn't trade my 3½ days in Israel for anything. I do admit that I was a little scared to go. After all, Israel was in the news almost every night. But after I got there it was a wonderful learning experience as well as a fun, safe trip. My family had never been so close. We laughed, joked and shared our travel experiences.

El Al Airlines was an experience all by itself. My father was impressed by the security. My sister thought the flight was so smooth and relaxing that she fell asleep right away. My mother loved the lox and bagels, and I loved the way the attendants spoke Hebrew first and then English. The only thing we didn't like were the baby twins yelling, "Abba, Abba!" all night, but even that reminded us of our Jewishness.

Two and a half days of our visit were spent in Tel Aviv where we saw many things: Deisengoff Street, Old Jaffa, Ashkelon with its ancient Roman pillars and statues, Ashdod, the harbor city that was part of Palestine, and Yad Mordechai named after Mordechai Andelewitz, hero of the Warsaw Ghetto. There we saw a model reenactment of the Egyptian army attack, and a Holocaust Memorial

Museum. And we saw the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

Our only Shabbat in Israel began in a small Reform synagogue in Tel Aviv. We ate dinner, laughed and relaxed at our hotel for the rest of the evening. On Saturday we learned the true meaning of the word "Shabbat" as we slept until noon and then walked through the deserted shopping area. Even most of the restaurants were closed.

Israel is a beautiful country. As you drive down the highway, you see desert on one side of the road and orchards and vegetables on the other side. I kept wondering what it must have been like forty years ago. Besides beautiful, it gave one a safe and comforting feeling, for everywhere you looked you saw signs of protection. It is strange seeing people with guns everywhere but I realized that every adult citizen that served in the army was capable of protecting himself/herself, his/her family, and me.

Because of my grandfather's death, there were many things we didn't get to see. I missed the nights we were going to spend on a kibbutz, walking in the Old City, being present at Yad Vashem, and the rest of the things we were going to do in Jerusalem. I feel cheated that I didn't get a chance to see The Wall and I especially regret not having my Bat Mitzvah on Massada. I still dream of this, especially when I see the videotape of the others who were on the trip. My Rabbi, knowing how disappointed I was, did make me read my Torah portion at the Dan Carmel Hotel before we left, with the lights of Haifa and the Mediterranean below us. It was special, even though my grandfather had just died, I was leaving Israel too soon, and I was wearing a "Hard Rock Cafe" sweatshirt. My one dream never came true and that was to chant my Torah portion on top of Massada. I'll keep dreaming until it happens. That is why I want a "Dream Week in Israel."

Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships Awarded

Twenty-five teenagers from the United States and Canada have been named 1988 Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellows under a unique program designed to develop Jewish community leaders committed to Jewish unity.

The young people — 13 girls and 12 boys — will spend five weeks of intensive study, travel and dialogue in Israel this summer to gain a close understanding of the land, culture and customs of the country.

As part of the program, now in its second year, the Youth Fellows will participate in seminars with some of Israel's most prominent political and literary figures, representing a broad spectrum of viewpoints, to develop firsthand familiarity with key political, social and religious issues facing the Jewish state and world Jewry generally.

The 25 Fellows were chosen from 400 applicants on the basis of character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities. Merit, not financial need, was the standard of selection, according to program officials.

Among the 1988 Bronfman Fellows are Chicagoan Juliet Headrick, 16, a student of Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic and the Talmud, who lived in the Congo for a time and once attended a Catholic girls' school in France; 16-year-old Ella Nadelson, who came to the U.S. from the Soviet Union only seven years ago and today maintains an "A" average at Brooklyn's Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School; and Jonathan Tepperman, 16, of Windsor, Ontario, who commutes to the United States each day to attend Detroit Country Day School in Birmingham, Michigan.

NCJW Scholarships

Rhode Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women will award five \$750 scholarships in a ceremony to take place on Tuesday, July 12, at 7:15 p.m. at Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., Providence.

The recipients are Scott Moskol of Cranston, David Cohen of Wakefield, Daniel Glucksman of Warwick, Joseph Feirouz of Barrington and Michael Enos of Providence.

Priority for the scholarships is based not only on financial need but also academic achievement and involvement in service to others, exemplifying what NCJW stands for.

These students have volunteered in a variety of civic, cultural and religious areas such as the Martin Luther King Tutorial Program, South County Museum, Fox Point Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, a nuclear awareness coalition, the Jewish Community Center and in one case the sole provider of care and sustenance to his own family.

Funding for the scholarships comes from the proceeds of NCJW's annual fund-raiser, the Community Service Award Luncheon held in May. Several family foundations also contribute toward this as well as camperships to Camp Jori and Camp Ruggles, the only state camp for emotionally disturbed children serving R.I.

NCJW is the oldest national Jewish women's organization with more than 100,000 members who are dedicated to community service and social action to improve life for all.

NCJW Goes To Camp

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Summer camp conjures up images of duffel bags, name tags, bug spray and care packages. Now campers can add something else to that list — the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). This summer, NCJW's program, "Reflections on the Constitution," will be implemented as a pilot project at Joseph Eisner Camp Institute for Living Judaism in Great Barrington, MA.

Developed by the National Council of Jewish Women, "Reflections" enables young people to participate in a simulation of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. "Reflections" teaches them the actual development of the U.S. Constitution by having participants act out the discussions and processes which occurred prior to the drafting of this historic document.

The program highlights the influence of Jewish values on the formulation of the document — despite the fact that none of the delegates to the convention was Jewish. In addition, "Reflections" emphasizes the important role the Constitution has played in American Jewish history by extending equal rights to all, regardless of religion.

Already, the program has attracted a great deal of interest from private and public schools throughout the country. From Oregon to Florida, the program is being reviewed by educators for possible use in their schools. In Dade County, FL, approximately twenty teachers have been trained to implement the simulation package in their classrooms.

During the summer, "Reflections" will be presented at the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE) conference held in Milwaukee, WI.

Books in Review

Jewish Children's Books Awards

The Association of Jewish Libraries has announced the winners of the Sydney Taylor Book Awards for the best Jewish children's books of 1987. *The Number on My Grandfather's Arm*, written by David A. Adler, with photographs by Rose Eichenbaum (Union of American Hebrew Congregations), has been honored as the best picture book. *The Return*, by Sonia Levitin (Atheneum), has been recognized as the outstanding book for older children.

The Number on My Grandfather's Arm sensitively introduces the subject of the Holocaust to young children

through the story the Grandpa relates to explain the tattoo on his arm, and through photographs portraying the loving relationship between grandfather and granddaughter. In *The Return*, Levitin captures the terrifying but heartwarming experience of the modern day exodus of the Ethiopian Jews, as told by a young girl.

For a free list of the books considered for the award — Jewish Children's Books Too Good To Miss — 1987, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ralph R. Simon, AJL Publications Coordinator, 220 South Green Road, University Heights, OH

44121.

The third annual Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition award for an unpublished author has been presented to Frances Weissenberg of Tucson, AZ for her story, *The Streets Are Paved with Gold*. Shimeon Brisman's *History and Guide to Judaica Encyclopedias and Lexicons v. 2 (Ktav)* has been selected as the winner of the 1987 Harold J. Mason Judaica Reference Award.

The AJL awards were presented to the authors at the annual conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries on June 21 in Kansas City.

Spy For Freedom

by Toby Rossner

A Spy for Freedom: The Story of Sarah Aaronsohn, by Ida Cowen and Irene Gunther. E.P. Dutton, \$11.95. Part of the Jewish Biography Series, Lodestar Books division. Toby Rossner is Media Coordinator of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Sarah Aaronsohn, an early twentieth century sabra, was consumed with a desire to prove herself equal to men. Her obsession lead her to perform heroic acts as a spy for the British during World War I, but it also led her to make costly mistakes in her personal life.

Sarah grew up in the village of Zikhron Yaacov in Palestine, which was under Turkish rule. By the time that World War I broke out, Turkish rule of the Jews had become harsh and oppressive and

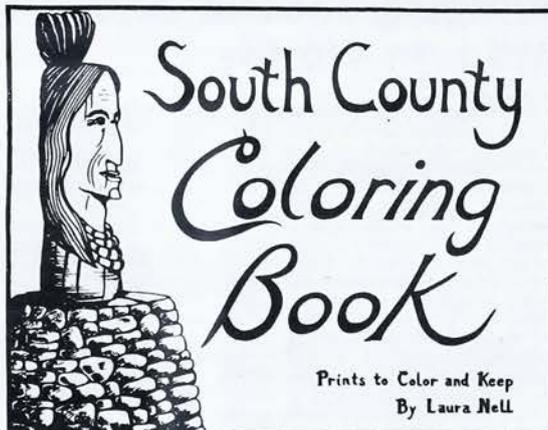
the Jewish settlers feared that their fate would be the same as the Armenians who were massacred by the Turks in 1915. Led by Sarah's brother Aaron, who was running an agricultural station that could be used as a front, a group of young Jewish settlers formed Nili (Netzach Israel Lo Ishaker), an espionage group dedicated to supplying information to help the British win the war against the Turks. Circumstances caused Sarah's life-long dream to be a leader to at last become a reality. While heading Nili she was reunited with her love Absalom and for a short time was truly happy. In 1917, Sarah's Nili activities were discovered by the Turks; she was captured, tortured and killed herself so that she would not break down and confess.

A quick comparison might be

made between Sarah Aaronsohn and Golda Meir. Both were heroic women devoting their lives to their country. This comparison is not totally valid, however, since Golda's principal motivation was her love of Israel while Sarah was initially more concerned with her own family and with proving herself equal to the strong men who surrounded her.

A Spy for Freedom is a well researched, well written fictionalized biography of an Israeli heroine little known outside of Israel. It is valuable in part because it introduces a period of Israeli history that is foreign to most American youngsters, but it is recommended because it allows us to know and to care for a heroine who was truly ahead of her time. I would suggest this book for ages 12 to adult.

New South County Coloring Book



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This coloring book has a different look than most others. Each drawing was designed to help the child produce a more realistic finished picture. Shading was added to the water and boats in the picture of Jerusalem to brighten and intensify the colors the child applies. In the picture of a roadside flower market in Hopkinton, the use of perspective adds a sense of depth and space. In traditional coloring books each detail is drawn distinctly, but a more natural look is aimed for in the South County Coloring Book. For instance, the picture of Burlingame State Park shows the forest floor as a mass of leaf litter, small flowers, twigs, rocks, ferns and earth.

Pictures such as the horse farm in West Greenwich and the children playing on the beach at Point Judith will be fun and easy for a child of three or four years old. More challenging pictures like

the sail boats off Block Island or the shops at Wickford should hold the interest of an eight or nine year old. There are pictures of Charlestown Beach, the Towers at Narragansett, Usquepaug, the Kingston railroad station, the Peace Dale Library, the rocky shoreline of Westerly and other peaceful scenes of South County.

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Conservative Movement Bridging Secular And Modern Worlds

by Andrew Silow Carroll
NEW YORK (JTA) — The oil painting adorning the wall of Dr. Ismar Schorsch's office serves as an apt metaphor for the mission of Conservative Judaism, which the Jewish Theological Seminary chancellor plays a major role in shaping.

Painted in 1910 by the Polish artist Maurycy Minkofsky, the painting depicts a grouping of rabbis and "yeshiva bochers" deep in study. At the center of the painting, however, is a pale adolescent who stares out at the viewer. Schorsch is captivated by the student's interest in the world beyond the painting's frame and the yeshiva's walls.

"I think Minkofsky understood that we are able to live in both worlds simultaneously," said Schorsch, who defines Conservative Judaism as "a repudiation that Judaism's meeting with the secular world is an either/or proposition."

In the last few months, Schorsch has seen that definition variously, almost simultaneously, affirmed and challenged. On the one hand, he was gratified by the movement's ratification of "Emet ve-Emunah," a statement of principles he believes "clearly and succinctly states the Conservative movement's positions on Israel, halacha and what is expected of the Jewish laity."

On the other hand, he witnessed members of the Cantors Assembly, the professional body of Conservative cantors, voting to bar trained women cantors from its ranks. The vote rejected Schorsch's 1987 decision allowing women trained at JTS to be conferred the title of cantor.

In an interview conducted at his request earlier this month, the JTS chancellor took stock of a movement that today is divided between the mainstream ideological camp he heads and a "traditionalist" camp, represented by the Cantors Assembly and members of the offshoot Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism. The union wants to slow the pace of Conservative Judaism's accommodations to the modern world.

According to Schorsch, the Cantors Assembly vote was "a repudiation of the decision that I

made, but a temporary repudiation. They will in time come to accept the policy."

He differs with the traditionalists and even the Orthodox not over principles, but "details."

"Where we differ from the other denominations is not in the quality of our Judaism, but the manner in which the traditional texts are studied. We have an equal commitment to the preservation and sanctity of halacha," he said.

Judaism never stood for a rigid approach to the law, said Schorsch, who, when asked to suggest an alternate name for Conservative Judaism, replied "historical."

"The term articulates a conviction that we are in the historical mainstream — that Israel has historically evolved," Schorsch explained. Conservative Judaism, he said, is "the most authentic expression of Judaism in the contemporary world."

And yet, as the chancellor acknowledged, there remains a gap between Conservative Judaism as taught in the seminary and as practiced by the laity.

"There is great anguish that the level of observance is not what we expect it to be," he said. "But I don't think that we have failed on this score. The challenge is immense in an open society like this one."

Schorsch indicated with pride the educational role played by the movement's Ramah summer camps and its system of 70 Solomon Schechter day schools in the United States and Canada.

The movement also is encouraging outreach efforts similar to those undertaken successfully by Orthodox groups in Israel and the United States, although he doubts those efforts can match the Orthodox initiatives in intensity.

"To capture the unaffiliated, you need a lot of people willing to live a minimal standard of living, fairly rootless," he explained. "We do not have monks. Orthodoxy has. To missionize, you have to have monastic orders."

In addition, the "Emet ve-Emunah" document calls for increased practice and study on the part of the laity, and sets the parameters of the Conservative (continued on page 15)

Obituaries

SYLVIA NADELBERG
CONOGA PARK, Calif. — Sylvia Nadelberg, 66, of 21838 Eccles St. died June 20, 1988, at Kaiser-Permente Hospital, Los Angeles. She was the wife of David Nadelberg.

Born in Pawtucket, she was a daughter of the late Leon and Mary (Sherman) Cokin. Mrs. Nadelberg moved to Conoga Park 30 years ago.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Jon Nadelberg of Conoga Park; a daughter, Andrea Allison of Omark, Wash.; a sister, Ruth Hodosh of Cranston; and two grandchildren.

Burial was at Mt. Sinai Memorial Park, Los Angeles.

HERBERT REUTER
PROVIDENCE — Herbert Reuter, 85, of 1 Jackson Walkway, baker for 15 years for the Rainbow Bakery, Cranston, before retiring died June 29, 1988, at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Medical Center, Plattsburgh, N.Y. He was the husband of Tillie (Brody) Reuter.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Rubin and Anna Reuter, he lived in Providence for 76 years.

Mr. Reuter previously worked for the former Ben's Bakery, and at the Big Bear Market, both in Providence. He had owned the former Reuter's Market.

He was a member of Shaare Zedek Synagogue, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and the Cranston Seniors Guild.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Gerald Reuter of Plattsburgh and Dr. Richard Reuter of Barrington; a daughter, Selma Weiss of North Hills, N.Y.; two brothers, Sidney Reuter of Cranston and William Reuter of Providence; a sister, Sylvia Jacobs of Providence; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild, great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ELLIOT REVKIN
PAWTUCKET — Elliot Revkin, 73, of 50 Dartmouth St., cofounder with his late father of

the former Bond Furniture Co., operating stores in Johnston and Warwick for more than 35 years before retiring in 1985, died June 30, 1988, in Miriam Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of the late Blanche (Schwartz) Revkin.

Born in New York City, he was a son of the late Barney and Sarah (Meyerowitz) Revkin. He had lived in Pawtucket over 45 years.

Mr. Revkin was a graduate of Northeastern University, Boston. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Brotherhood, the Touro Fraternal Association and the New England Photographic Historical Society.

He leaves two daughters, Elaine R. Rakatansky of Pawtucket and Barbara J. Revkin of Cambridge, Mass.; a sister, Edith Bernstein of Providence; two brothers, William Revkin of East Greenwich and Maurice Revkin of Cranston; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ANNA M. TORGAN
PROVIDENCE — Anna M. Torgan, 77, of Summit Medical Center, formerly of State Street, a sales clerk at the former Boston Store for several years, died July 1, 1988, at Roger Williams General Hospital. She was the widow of Seymour I. Torgan.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Ackel and Mary (Cohen) Vilardofsky.

Mrs. Torgan was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, Congregation Sons of Jacob and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Assn.

She leaves two sons, Merrill I. Torgan of Warwick, a retired Cranston firefighter, and Alvin N. Torgan of Turnersville, N.J.; a daughter, Barbara Southerland of Pensacola, Fla.; a sister, Ida Greene of Denver, Colo.; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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with Montreal, including a game against the Bruins in Providence. With Montreal defenseman Larry Robinson and Mike Labor sidelined, Schneider was kept with the Habs through the first few regular season games, making him one of only a handful of Jews to ever play in the NHL. The Montreal press was impressed and surprised.

"(Schneider) was drafted in the third round. You don't expect the guy to make your club from the third round, or else you would have drafted him in the first round," said Serge Savard, the Canadiens' general manager. "He played very well. We're very happy with his progress."

Jacques Lemaire, Montreal's director of hockey personnel, added, "He's a good offensive defenseman. He's not a big guy, but he plays the game tough. And he's very good with the puck."

The coaches of the Ontario Hockey League (the league the Cornwall Royals play in) agree with Lemaire. They voted Mat the outstanding offensive defenseman in the OHL.

In addition, Mat has become a reluctant celebrity among the hockey-crazed Canadians, with his name in headlines in both English

and French language newspapers. **Back In The USSR**

After returning to Cornwall from Montreal, Schneider went on a tear, playing some of the best hockey of his life.

Then, in the midst of the season, the U.S. national junior team asked Mat to join them for a series of games in the Soviet Union.

"At first," Mat says, "I didn't want to go. We (Cornwall) were fighting for first place, and we were on an 11-game winning streak. My junior coach didn't want me to go, either. But Montreal wanted me to go, and, well, they're my bosses, so I couldn't really say no."

The trip was not a very pleasant one. First of all, many of the players who were asked declined to join the team. As a result, they showed poorly, winning only one game the entire trip. There were other problems as well:

"I didn't really like the food at all," says Mat. "A lot of the time I was there I was having only bread and water."

Mat began dropping weight, a factor which would affect his play even after he returned to Cornwall.

In addition, Mat was not terribly impressed with the Soviet way of life.

"It seemed to me like a very cold

country — the people seemed cold and depressed. They all live in these complexes that in America would be like living in, well, poverty. The people just don't seem happy."

Returning to Canada, Mat found it difficult to pick up where he left off. "The trip kind of threw me off my game. I just wasn't playing well. Finally, when I started putting on weight, I started playing well again."

Home, Sweet Home

Back in Rhode Island for the off-season, Mat is not content to rest up while waiting for his next shot with the Canadiens. He is involved in a specialized weight-training program under the watchful eye of Dr. Ira Singer, a friend of the Schneider family.

"This year is going to be a real test. They're expecting me to make the team this year, and that's why I'm training hard to improve my condition. I feel I'm in much better shape now than I ever have been."

In addition Mat has continued to work in the family business in order to learn and gain business experience. Spare time is a rare commodity. "Sometimes it's hard — I thought I'd be spending a lot more time at the beach than I have, but I'm doing what I want," he says.

As for the Schneider family, they may have another budding star on their hands: Jean-Allan appears to be following in his brother's footsteps.

"I'm very proud of both of my sons, Mathieu and Jean-Allan, more so because of the kind of people they are than their athletic achievements," says Sam Schneider. "It's nice to see these kinds of things happen to good kids."

The Challenge

"I have to go into camp believing that I can make the team," says Mat. "I have to believe that I can play well and make the team." We believe, Mat. We believe.

Conservative (Continued from page 14)

Jews' relationship with Israel. It is a "two-dimensional" one that affirms the worth of both Israel and the Diaspora, said Schorsch.

Assessing the current challenges to the Israel-Diaspora relationship, Schorsch spoke in favor of American Jewish participation in Israel's internal debate over the future of the administered territories.

He supports Americans speaking out. "There is no chasm between Israel and the Diaspora in terms of their fate. Their fate is inextricably linked," he said.

"American Jewry has every right to speak its mind on these issues, publicly and privately," he said. "That does not deny the final choice to Israel — only it increases the quantity of wisdom in making that choice."

Among the choices Schorsch would like to see made in Israel is a rejection of Orthodoxy's nearly complete domination of Israel's religious life, or what he calls the religious parties' attempt to "turn the Zionist achievement into an Orthodox ghetto."

He grows passionate on the topic, his voice rising as he decries the lack of funding afforded Conservative and Reform institutions in Israel. "When we fight for more funding, we are fighting for the character of Israel, not a principle."

"As major donors, we have every right to express our vision of what Israel ought to be and use our funding in a creative way," he said. The vision he supports is "the creation of a post-emancipation

society that recognizes the validity of pluralism."

Asked if the vision might be more easily realized if more Conservative Jews made aliyah, Schorsch replied, "Aliyah is too comfortable an argument for sustaining the status quo."

Still, he said, Conservative Judaism does encourage aliyah and has been taking steps toward developing an indigenous, Israeli Conservative leadership. Next month, the first three Israeli rabbis will be ordained by the movement's "beit midrash" in Jerusalem.

The chancellor is encouraged by the participation of as many as 40 young Israelis in the Jerusalem program. "A good number are coming from Orthodox sectors, disillusioned by a lack of responsiveness to modernity," he said, smiling under the curious gaze of the Minkofsky.

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letters to a Nevada district judge who is Black.

Although Gale was not charged specifically with mailing the death threats, the prosecution would prove that he had incited his followers to act, thereby laying the philosophical groundwork for the Committee of the States.

In his opening statement, Prosecutor Richard Pocker likened the Committee of the States' activities to a bad B-grade movie. The group, he said, "went beyond the bounds of protected speech and religion" when it formed a private army called "unorganized militia" which was prepared to assassinate Federal officials.

Government witnesses provided a revealing picture of the inside operations of Gale's Ministry of Christ Church in Mariposa.

They described the cloak and dagger atmosphere at Mariposa where all visitors had to affirm their belief in the Bible and pledge that they were neither informants nor agents.

The witnesses told of hand-to-hand combat and war games that followed Sunday worship services complete with Gale's fiery sermons. There were day and night ambush exercises, knife training and a course in the use of garrote and decapitation devices.

The jury heard details of Gale's sermons which held that drivers' licenses were unlawful, taxes immoral and that races other than white were not pure. Gale said sheriffs were in conspiracy with

bankers and "lawyer judges" and were to blame for society's ills. Americans, he told his followers, were "brainwashed" by Jew-controlled television.

Defense attorneys argued that the defendants' political activities were protected by the First Amendment. Said Gale's attorney: "Rev. Gale believes and teaches the United States is a Christian country, a white Christian country, and that offends some people. That is his accepted religious belief."

The attorney even brought the 200th anniversary of the Constitution into his defense. Overlooking the fact that the Committee of the States does not recognize its authority, he said that on this anniversary "we should not have to be in the courtroom relitigating [Rev. Gale's beliefs]."

Gale's attorney also objected to testimony about his client's extremist political and paramilitary activities and unsuccessfully called for a mistrial.

The trial took only three weeks and late on a Friday afternoon the verdict came in. All the defendants were found guilty. Interestingly, my feelings of unease were not without cause. Following the trial, Lee Lutrell, Gale's nephew and national secretary pro tem of the Committee of the States, who had sat just feet away from me throughout the proceedings, told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*:

"We have always contended from the beginning that ADL has been behind the whole thing."

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Nebraska Court KO's Student Religious Club; AJC Agrees

Must all public schools open their doors to student religious clubs? According to the American Jewish Congress, the answer is no.

In an *amicus* (friend of the court) brief in the case of *Mergens v. Board of Education Westside Community Schools*, the Jewish organization agreed with the decision of the U.S. District Court of Nebraska which ruled that Westside High School of Omaha was within its rights to deny Bridget Mergens, a student, permission to establish a student-run Christian Bible Fellowship as part of the school's club and activities program. The brief was submitted to the U.S.

Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Ms. Mergens contended that the clubs at Westside were an "open forum" and as such, under the Equal Access Act, the school could not deny the establishment of the Fellowship. The EAA holds that a "limited open forum" exists when "a school grants an offering or opportunity for one or more noncurriculum related student groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional hours." Permission to form such a club cannot be denied on the basis of the religious, philosophical, political or other content of the group's speech.

Westside, however, meets criteria set up by Congress and the Supreme Court as a "nonpublic forum" because it is not open for "indiscriminate use by the general public or . . . by some segment of the public such as a student organization." All clubs at Westside are considered part of the school's curriculum. They are supported by tax dollars, are curriculum-related, and have sponsors who are assigned and paid by the high school with tax dollars. In the case of a "nonpublic forum" the EAA does not interfere with the discretion of the school administration to determine curriculum and leaves to that

administration the task of determining which clubs and activities are acceptable as part of its curriculum. In order for a club to be included in Westside's curriculum, it must promote the school's missions and goals; be sponsored by a faculty member; and have sufficient funds for the sponsor's remuneration and other essential costs.

Under the EAA, Westside High School is not obliged to create a "limited open forum," says the AJCongress brief, nor is it obliged to alter its club system by allowing the Christian Bible Fellowship to be established. Such a group would be avowedly sectarian, involving

the worship and Bible study of only one religious viewpoint, and, without a faculty sponsor, would be operating under the terms and conditions different from existing clubs.

Ms. Mergens was told by Westside that her group was free to meet informally; the high school simply declined the students' request to approve and endorse the Christian Bible Fellowship as an official part of the Westside clubs and activities program.

The AJCongress brief was submitted by staff attorney Jeremy S. Garber on behalf of itself and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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