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Chanukah — Chabad Style



Rabbi Yeshoshua Laufer, of the Chabad House in Providence, and Leonid Stukalov, a new Soviet immigrant, light the Menorah. Laufer played the happy Chanukah host for dozens of Soviet immigrants this year.

East Side Crime Watch Wants You

by John Chadwick
Herald Editor

Concerned over what they feel is a rise in neighborhood crime, a group of residents on the East Side of Providence has organized a watchdog group devoted to preventing further incidents through education and observation.

The East Side Neighborhood Crime Watch Inc. was formed by Robert Meyer, 41, a private investigator who works closely with the Providence Police Department on public education projects.

Housebreaks, car thefts and random attacks are occurring with greater frequency, Meyer says, and as a consequence, the East Side, including many affluent sections around Blackstone Boulevard are no longer safe from the type of incidents that plague other areas of the city.

"Many of the people are not aware of this, they're too busy with their personal lives and their business world to understand the dynamics," he said last week.

Meyer has organized a number of neighborhood volunteers to serve as "block captains." These individuals are charged with observation of their respective streets. Last Halloween he supervised patrols which cruised the streets while communicating on walkie-talkies.

But Meyer stresses the main purpose of the crime watch is education, something he fears people do not put much stock in. A recent meeting he held to discuss teenage drug use in the schools was poorly attended. "People have a tendency to become alarmed after the fact, after it's too late," he says.

He has organized another meeting which is scheduled for January 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Raymond's Church on North Main Street. Guest speakers will include members of the Providence Police Department as well as education officials from the Providence School District.

Meyer's activism in crime and drug prevention go back several years when he apprehended a youth burglarizing a store along Hope Street. He feels much of the criminal activity can be traced to youth at local schools. Providence Police Lt. Gerald Aubin encourages others to participate in the crime watch but stresses that the East Side is in no



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Pass The Word: Jewish Community In New Zealand Needs Newcomers

By Naomi Godfrey
The New York Jewish Week
NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish community of Christchurch, New Zealand, wants you.

Specifically, this community in the land of sheep and kiwi is hoping Jews will move there to help boost its declining numbers.

A brochure produced by the Canterbury Hebrew Congregation in Christchurch expresses the hope that readers will consider "immigrating to our pleasant, peaceful land with its relaxed and rewarding lifestyle. We are keen for Jewish families to join our congregation."

Christchurch, a city of 300,000 on the east coast of New Zealand's South Island, is known as the "Garden City" for the beauty of its gardens. It is a busy manufacturing, agricultural and horticultural center, with a port and bustling business district.

The 125-year-old Jewish community, established five years after the city, has fewer than 100 members and is aging. It is affiliated with United Synagogue of Great Britain, an Orthodox umbrella group.

"Our enthusiastic religious leader is keen and able to instruct youth on all aspects of Judaism," says the brochure. "Recently, we built a beautiful new synagogue and social hall. We are in a sound financial position and able to undertake further diversification and development."

The brochure notes that "outstanding sporting facilities" are available, as are music and the arts, and college-level education is practically free.

The flyer goes on to provide information on employment and residence requirements in this South Pacific nation.

However, the brochure was produced before the current uncertain economy, which has led to high unemployment in Christchurch. Young people, including Jews, leave the South Island to travel and to find mates and jobs.

But Sam Cook, 76, a lifetime resident of New Zealand and a trustee and board member of the Synagogue, said in a telephone interview from Christchurch that people with certain skills can find work in the city.

Services are held at the syna-

agogue every Shabbat and holiday. A minyan is difficult to make up at other times, but "we are fortunate the American Jewish Congress has tourists coming to New Zealand, and if they are in Christchurch on a Shabbos, we make them very welcome," Cook said.

It is some years since there was a wedding, but a bar mitzvah will be held this year. There is a lay reader, but no rabbi.

Organizations active in the community include the New Zealand Jewish Council, Zionist Society, Council of Jewish Women, the Jewish National Fund, a chevra kadisha and social groups that hold Jewish educational events.

"In all sincerity, we . . . put out a hand of friendship," reads the brochure. "We need Jewish people to share in our bounty, and you may need a new direction and start."

Adventurous sorts may contact Canterbury Hebrew Congregation, 406 Durham St., c/o P.O. Box 13141, Christchurch, New Zealand. Tel: 011-64-3-657-412.

Southern New England Bagel Review

by Kathy Cohen
Assistant Editor

If you're a bagel lover, finding bakery fresh bagels in Rhode Island can be difficult. Also, you probably feel that the best bagel comes from New York, although making the trip to N.Y.C. for solely this purpose is probably taking things too far. Indeed, many consider buying a bagel from a street vendor to be an absolute must during a stop over in N.Y.C.

The bagel, the name of which is taken from the Yiddish "beygel" (ring), is a relative newcomer to American culture and was long considered an ethnocentric treat. In the last decade, the bagel has caught on all over the country and a more sophisticated bagel buyer spurns mass produced bagels such as those found in supermarket freezers. In Southern New England, however, quality bagels may soon be in abundance with bagel bakeries rising left and right.

The New York Bagel Co., located at 1706 President Avenue, Fall River, is co-owned by Steve Ginsberg and David Cohen. The owners opened their bagel shop last February selling 32 different varieties including a 6-foot long party bagel, bagel dogs and pizza bagels as well as challah bread and deli sandwiches. Their

bagels are all certified Kosher.

The company came together at the initiation of David Cohen, who called his old college pal Steve Ginsberg and proposed a partnership. Ginsberg, who was at that time a Manhattan accountant, was initially cold to the idea of hot bagels. However, through gentle kneading, Ginsberg even-

tually warmed up to the idea. After being passed up for promotion, Ginsberg decided for certain to go into the bagel business with Cohen.

Although Cohen and Ginsberg's bagel recipes are a closely guarded secret, they say that one special difference between their

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Mrs. Joan Millich of Barrington is enjoying a bagel sandwich with lots of cream cheese and lox. Photo by Kathy Cohen

World and National News

Kemp Holds Line, Reich Delivers Pot



Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp (left) receives a 3,200-year-old piece of Israeli pottery from Seymour D. Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Secretary Kemp told the Jewish leaders: "There must be no 'land for peace.' There must be 'peace for peace.' Israel should not give up one inch of territory until there is peace with all 21 Arab countries." Photo by David Karp

New Federation Boss Stares Down Challenges

by Mark Joffe

NEW YORK (JTA) — When Martin Kraar, the new executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations, is asked to describe himself, he coyly declines and suggests that the question be put to his colleagues.

When his associates in the Jewish federation world are asked the question, their responses vary. Many point immediately to his laid-back style and the beguiling southern charm that he exudes. Others note his facility with Hebrew, his insider's knowledge of Israel and his 22 years of experience in Jewish communal work.

Not everyone is a fan of Martin Kraar. But just about every one agrees that he is very sharp — both perceptive in analyzing problems and shrewd about implementing the corresponding

solutions.

If they are right, that is an attribute that is likely to serve CJF and the Jewish federation movement well at a time when, many say, federations are facing some of the biggest challenges of the century.

CJF is the association of 200 Jewish community federations in the United States and Canada. Its primary purpose is to provide guidance to the federations, which generally serve as the central fund-raising, planning and funding agencies in their communities.

As Kraar put it in a recent interview, "Our primary raison d'être is to help strengthen Jewish federations in North America. Everything else is commentary."

"We have to help federations

fringe responses to issues of concern to them," he says.

One of the biggest issues of concern right now to many federations is a decline in the rate of growth of their fund-raising campaigns. Some communities are actually reporting negative growth, while others say their annual campaigns are either flat or growing slowly.

But Kraar disputes the notion that American Jews are contributing less to the federations and to their largest single beneficiary, the United Jewish Appeal.

"I don't think Jewish philanthropy is on the decline. I think more and more people are giving to Jewish causes," he says.

"The reason we seem a little taxed," he says, is that "the needs keep growing."

One of the newest growing needs is the resettlement of Soviet Jews. Whether the emigres wind up in Israel or in local communities across North America, they are costing the federation movement millions and millions of dollars above and beyond what anyone might have forecast even two years ago.

Kraar admits that "the universe is becoming very complex and very challenging."

But he adds, "I don't think it's fair to characterize this problem only in its economic terms."

"We have a singular opportunity to enhance the scope and quality of Jewish life for two or three generations down the road," he says.

He is also confident that this challenge, like others that have come before it, can be met successfully.

"I have every confidence in the world that we're going to find a solution or a series of solutions to make this thing work," he says.

"Is it going to be difficult? Absolutely," he says. But then he adds, "There has never been a challenge that has not been solved" by the federation movement.

"I feel real optimistic about our future," he says with an air of certainty.

But if he seems uncannily optimistic, Kraar is also something of a realist. "There are a number of issues we will never resolve in an amicable way," he says.

For one, the federations are beginning to come to the realization that the sky is not the limit — that they do not have enough money to fund every legitimate need.

"We've only got one pocket, and sometimes that pocket is deep and sometimes that pocket is shallow. But we've got to optimize that pocket," he says.

"CJF has to help the system develop concrete priorities," says Kraar. "We have to look at our menu and not keep adding."

He adds, "We are going to have to say 'no,' through our lay process, to some things people want placed on our agenda."

In Kraar's view, that process should entail extensive and wide-ranging discussion. He sees himself first and foremost as a consensus builder: one who likes to solicit all points of view, get the options out on the table, toss them around and come to some sort of decision.

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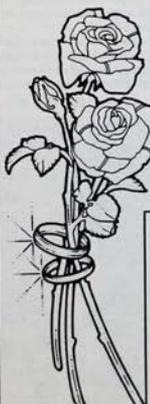
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In This Corner —

Lerner, Reich Face Off, Judges Declare Draw

by Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — One of the most prominent figures in the American Jewish institutional world sat elbow-to-elbow with organized Jewry's harshest critic recently for a panel discussion entitled, "Who Speaks for American Jews?"

It was the first time that Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, had shared a podium with Michael Lerner, editor of *Tikkun* magazine, who has frequently condemned the structure and operation of the organized American Jewish community.

"... We are not a
monolithic community..."
—Seymour Reich

The visual contrast between the two could not have been more striking as the tall, impeccably groomed Reich rose to make his opening statement and Lerner, wearing his yarmulke and scruffy post-'60s beard, listened intently.

In his speech, Reich said that neither he nor the Conference of Presidents claims to speak for all American Jews.

"We are not a monolithic community," Reich said, and the Conference of Presidents does not "seek to muzzle expressions of viewpoint different from ours."

"But if we do not represent all American Jews, we do speak in the name of the broadest coalition of the world's largest Jewish community," he added.

He said that the large and diverse number of organizations under the conference's umbrella is the reason "why the media are interested in what we have to say," and "why the makers of public policy come to our platform."

But Lerner charged in his presentation that the Conference of Presidents, like the present leadership of many Jewish organizations, does not use its prominent positions to accurately represent the full spectrum of views of American Jewry when it comes to Israeli policies.

"What is correctly reported as support of all of us for the State of Israel is incorrectly reported to be support for the policies of the contemporary government of the State of Israel," Lerner said.

He cited a recent study by sociologist Steven Cohen, which showed that nearly half of American Jews are deeply troubled by Israeli policies.

Yet, when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir returned in November from a visit to the United States, he stated publicly that American Jews fully support his actions, despite efforts by his Israeli opposition on the left to undermine that support.

Lerner said there are only two possible explanations for the misrepresentation of the views of American Jewry.

"One possibility to consider is that he is straightforwardly lying to the people of Israel," Lerner said.

The alternative theory, he said, is that Shamir "has been lied to, or fudged to, that the facts have been misrepresented to him by those who speak, or claim to speak, for American Jews."

Overall, Lerner said, a climate exists in the organized Jewish world in which Jews do not feel they can tell Shamir in "loud and clear voices" that his policies are "destructive politically or morally abhorrent."

The danger in these voices not being heard, he said, is that Israelis do not realize that their continued administration of the West Bank and Gaza Strip is costing Israel support among American Jews.

The cost in the United States, he said, is that many Jews have become disaffected with the organized American Jewish world because there is no forum for their views.

On that point, Reich said the Conference of Presidents "respect(s) the idea of pluralism."

But he warned that since American Jewish support is vital to the continuation of the massive aid that Israel receives from

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Washington, "any perception of American Jewish disaffection with Israel would be extremely serious."

"The stakes are extremely high," Reich said. "We cannot allow ourselves to be oblivious of the consequences when attempts are made to exploit the difference among us and persuade the administration or the Congress or *The New York Times* that Israel no longer has the support of American Jews."

Rabbi David Saperstein, co-director of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center, was another panelist at the event at Manhattan's 92nd Street Y, and although he sits on *Tikkun's* board and has taken many left-leaning positions, he took issue with some of Lerner's points.

Saperstein said he "truly believes" that voices of dissent "have been heard in the mainstream Jewish community," and that many of those who are openly critical of Israeli policies are also active in Jewish organizations.

"The majority of people who are not part of American Jewish life," Saperstein says, have dropped out "for other reasons."

Carmi Schwartz, another panelist who just retired as executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations, said the unaffiliated "were never involved to begin with" and had not dropped out because of political disaffection.



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Introductions are dangerous. The particular pitfall of presentation lies in the almost inevitable misreading of the presence.

For our world, it seems, has been overtaken by labels and catchwords. While they are conveniences which clearly aid us in processing information, they also tend to insulate themselves into our judgment, where they bias us magnificently.

An example: In American politics the label "liberal" freezes one into a veritable swarm of positions, not all of which are necessarily demanded by — or even consistent with — tolerance and respect for the individual. One may well reject what one perceives to be a wholly *unliberal* approach to a particular issue, yet if he is identified as "A Liberal," others will assume him to have swallowed whole every bit of baggage that label carries in their own minds.

All labels similarly pigeonhole people. A feminist, for another example, who — as is perfectly within the word's allowance — believes in clearly defined and different roles for men and women even while championing equal rights for women, finds it impossible to exist in the "labelous" world we have grown for ourselves. One either subscribes to an almost mathematical equality of the sexes or forfeits the right to identify with the cause of equal opportunities for women. And so, "feminism" too joins the excess baggage club.

People these days listen primarily to not other people, but to their labels. And those labels

come with luggage, deserved or not.

Speak of due process and you're assumed to cuddle criminals, of fetal rights and you're assumed to hate women. Our labels and catchwords deafen us and, in the place of thoughtful conversation we find ourselves playing "pin the label on the speaker."

We Jews — as usual — have larger problems. Reform Jews, by sheer evidence of their affiliation, are assumed by many others to be agnostics, or worse. By the same token, Orthodox Jews are immediately assumed to be close-minded, if not spiteful. The catchwords and phrases plague us no less. Speak of the "historical evolution" of Jewish Law and — to some listeners — you may as well have denied its validity altogether. Talk, on the other hand, of the Law's primacy and some hear you rejecting the very Jewishness of all who disagree with you.

One hesitates, therefore, to speak, and one pauses before an introduction, for fear of being hastily labeled and unceremoniously discarded, like so much toxic waste.

Yet speak we must, and introduce I must. I have procrastinated in the name of preface long enough.

Still, I have warned you. My own label is, to many Jews, an outrageous one, unpopular, even shocking to some. I ask you though to hear me out, to allow me, at very least, to introduce myself.

I'm what the press perjurious-ly likes to call an "Ultra-Ortho-

dox" Jew ("zealot" is often what follows the phrase, but I draw the line there). I am a member of Agudath Israel of America and am yeshiva educated. I am an ordained rabbi and study, as well as teach, Talmud. While I have no formal secular education beyond high school, I feel thereby no handicap and no betudead.

Are you still there? Good, there's hope. I'm also a Jew who is strongly concerned with all Jews, wherever they may be, one who puts little real stock in their declared affiliations. I'm a Jew who has dear friends whose lives are quite different from mine, rabbis of their movements among them, and I am as comfortable with a non-Observant fellow Jew as with a practicing Orthodox one.

That, however, makes me no less committed to what I believe to be right — no less vocal in declaring my beliefs. I do not divorce from my concern any of the diverse spectrum of today's Jewish world, nor does that diversity cause me despair. I do, though, view it with an Observant, and hopefully observant, eye.

This column's *raison d'être* is the conviction that all types of Jews might benefit from — if not always agree with — the observations of a Jew like myself, one whose commitments lie as firmly in the Jewish past as his life and interactions do in its present.

In coming weeks, with the help of Hashem, I will share some thoughts with you, if you'll care to have them. Some will concern issues on which most Jews stand united. Others will address the differences we have, the subtle and the raw as well. All will have in common only their source, one Orthodox Jew and his personal perspective.

You will not likely agree with all I will write; I harbor no such ridiculous illusions. Sometimes I may even anger you. Though such is certainly not my purpose or my pleasure, it comes, of course, with the turf. My goal is to stimulate thought and facilitate discussion; my conviction, that open discussion and even disagreement — if divorced from labels and personalities — are healthy, and the prime means for approaching truth.

So, whether what will follow in this space will strike you as great or as grating, I invite your response (care of this periodical) no less than your attention.

My column will appear under the rubric "An Observant Eye," and I purports to be no more. My hope is that you will find it worth reading.

It's been a pleasure. Do come again.

Avi Shafran is a Providence-based Rabbi and author. His column will appear occasionally in the Herald.

Torah Today

The Spirit of Jacob

In the Torah portion of *Miketz* we read that Jacob reluctantly allowed his sons to return to Egypt together with their youngest brother, Benjamin. The victor, whom they did not recognize as their brother, Josef, had ordered them not to return to Egypt unless they brought Benjamin. Jacob's reply to his sons was: "May G-d grant that the man have pity on you and release your other brother and Benjamin."

Jacob's fear and trepidation was greater than that of his children. Although they, too, were aware that this whole event had unfortunate undertones, as they themselves said, "We deserve to be punished because of what we did to our brother..." that is why this great misfortune has come upon us," nevertheless, they looked upon it as a personal misfortune.

Jacob, however, viewed all events that were related to him as a "sign" and forerunner of events that would occur to later Jewish generations.

Since Jacob was on a far superior spiritual level than the tribes, he was able to see these events as they transcended the boundaries of nature.

This closely relates to the festival of Chanukah. Although the

events surrounding Chanukah actually came about through miraculous means, superficially one may think that these miracles were bounded by nature. One may be led to think so, because the salvation of the Jewish people and their deliverance from the hands of the Syrian-Greeks involved actual physical warfare.

In truth, the victory involved nothing less than miracles that completely went beyond the realm of nature. The reason for this is that the victorious Jews overcame vastly superior odds — "the mighty into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few..." (from the Chanukah *Al HaNisim* prayer). Whenever a Jew engages in something, even if it seems to be completely within the realm of nature, he should not think that his only response is the natural. His actions must always be preceded by prayer to G-d that he should succeed in his actions.

When a Jew acts in this manner he merits to see the miracles that are clothed in the garments of nature, the miracles that totally transcend nature, and ultimately, the miracles that will be revealed with the coming of our Righteous Moshiach.

What's Happening

to Individual Choice?

By Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks

community without asking a single thing in return.

Over the past several months, increased attention has been focused on advertising by tobacco companies in minority publications and on billboards in minority neighborhoods. Charges have been made that these companies are specifically targeting minority communities because they offer a tempting target, and are more likely to be persuaded by the advertiser's message than the majority community.

Implicit in this is the premise that blacks are so naive they will be persuaded to smoke by a billboard or an ad. Buried in this line of thinking, and never really mentioned by these critics, is the rationale that blacks are not capable of making their own free choices and need some guardian angels to protect their best interests.

This is an insidious form of paternalism. Blacks, like the rest of the populace, can make the choice of whether to smoke or not.

Many of the critics of the billboards are also critical of tobacco companies for sponsoring positive activities in the black community.

A number of the major tobacco companies, as well as many other firms producing different products, have been long-time supporters of worthwhile activities in the black

community. For example, one company annually sponsors an achievers award to honor five black men and women who have made major contributions to their communities. Each is awarded \$10,000 to present to the community-based organization of his or her choice.

Should these contributions cease, and if other companies stopped supporting scholarships, skills training programs, single parent programs, and a whole host of good initiatives, would these same critics step forward to fill the gap? I doubt that very much.

There is a great deal of cynicism involved in outside forces criticizing black groups for accepting help from tobacco companies, while offering no alternatives. Ironically, these critics don't apply the same degree of heat to white groups that accept funds from these companies. You figure that one out.

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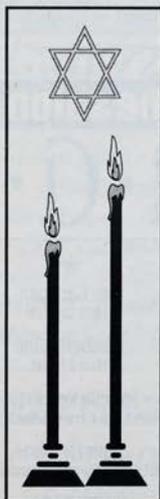
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College Chat:

by Tj Feldman

By the time you read this column, 1989 will be a memory. But before we get too far into the 90s, 1989 is still worth reflecting on. Around the world and in America, many significant events occurred in 1989.

The year began as the families and friends of those killed in the crash of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland searched for answers to their questions and awaited the return of the bodies of those they had lost. Once again, terrorists had shown their strength and versatility by wiping out innocent people. Today, their families and friends continue to wonder if the tragedy could have been prevented had airport security been tighter and had the government made public the information they had about the possibility of an aircraft bombing. Those answers may never be known, but hopefully such a tragedy won't be repeated.

Alaska was the sight of an environmental disaster, the consequences of which will be lasting. In March, the Exxon Valdez ran aground spilling thousands of gallons of oil. Birds and fish were killed as a result, and the clean-up effort is ongoing.

Mother Nature showed how fierce she can be on two occasions in 1989. In September, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico were devastated by Hurricane Hugo. St. Croix in the Virgin Islands suffered the most extensive damage. Ninety percent of the homes there were lost, and the economy which depends heavily on tourism, is crippled because the extensive damage has kept tourists away. However, through the efforts of the Red Cross, U.S. troops and civilians, the rebuilding is progressing rapidly, and it won't be long before St. Croix is returned to its

Goodbye 80s, Hello 90s



status as a tropical paradise.

In October, the Loma Prieta Earthquake devastated San Francisco. Like Hurricane Hugo it caused much damage, not the least of which was the collapse of a portion of Interstate 880. The 62,000 people in Candlestick Park who were awaiting the beginning of World Series game 3 thought it was their own excitement causing the shaking, but it wasn't long before they discovered otherwise.

San Francisco is rebounding quickly from the shocker though and its citizens don't want to see another earthquake any time soon.

Change and freedom are the two key words necessary for understanding the events that occurred in Eastern Europe in 1989. Communism lost its iron grip on Eastern Europe, and after Hungary successfully ousted its Communist leaders the other

Eastern European countries rapidly followed. Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Romania all are eager to find answers to the questions of what should replace Communism. For each country the answer will be different, but one thing is certain, the oppressive lives that the citizens of these countries once lived are a memory. The Berlin Wall has come down, and as thoughts of German unification occupy the minds of many, the memories of a divided Germany occupy their hearts.

The people of Eastern Europe were able to dismantle their Communist regimes, but elsewhere in the world those who tried to bring down Communism could not, and in the end they paid for their attempts with their lives.

The key word in two of 1989's elections was equality. In New York City, David Dinkins became the first Black Mayor. We'll soon see if New Yorkers made the right choice in electing Dinkins, but no matter what happens, it is nice to see that acceptance of Blacks in public office is easier for people to accept.

In Virginia which closed its public schools for five years to avoid integration, a Black governor was elected. Douglas Wilder and Marshall Coleman fought a battle that was often filled with negative advertising, and with each candidate trying to undercut the other, but in the end, Wilder emerged victorious by sticking to his views on abortion and other issues while Coleman wavered. These and other victories for Blacks were signs that they are and will continue to be important leaders as we head toward the 21st century.

In an effort that started at the tail end of 1989, but that remains unresolved, U.S. Troops con-

verged on Panama in an effort to apprehend Manuel Noriega, and to firmly establish democracy's roots by installing Panama's President.

In 1989, the Japanese once again dominated the big business scene. Among the memorable ventures they conducted were Sony's acquisition of Columbia Pictures, and Mitsubishi's purchasing the controlling interest in Rockefeller Center. The Japanese are a dominant power on the business front, and will likely continue to be in the 90s and beyond.

Sports and Culture were not without their historic developments in 1989. Two rock legends, the Rolling Stones and The Who, toured. Though each

band's members have aged, the music of each remains timeless.

Drugs and gambling caused the fall of two major sports figures in 1989. Pete Rose and Dexter Manley were suspended permanently from baseball and football respectively. Their fall from grace reminded both present athletes, aspiring athletes and even nonathletes that drugs and gambling are addictions that can befall anyone.

A less important event that occurred was this columnist going off to college in the Nation's capital. My first semester was filled with triumphs and tragedies.

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Remembering Glory Days In The Catskills

Hotel Was A Haven Of Summer Dreams

by Stefan Kanfer

Before World War I, European emigres Selig and Malke Grossinger bought a farm in the Catskill Mountains in upstate New York with a downpayment of \$450. The year they became innkeepers, the annual gross was \$81. But business boomed between world wars. With the help of their daughter, Jennie, Grossinger's became the most successful of the kosher resorts in the Catskills, the only establishment to become a brand name, even during the worst years of the thirties.

Its expansion was due to an infallible sense of timing, and a personal hospitality that bordered on self-destruction. When an employee was observed pocketing a handful of bills from an open cash register, Malke told the informer, "Don't get excited. So he's stealing. Maybe he needs the money. A bisser fur ihm and a bisser for uns — a little for him and a little for us."

Luck touched every phase of their work. Eddie Cantor once urged the family to buy into the stock market. "I have everything I could raise in it," he told them. "So does Al Jolson, George Jessel... a year from now we'll all be millionaires." Selig resisted. "All I want," he said, "is a golf course."

Malke took her husband's part after Cantor left. "If it makes Eddie and Al Jolson and George Jessel happy to buy stocks, then let them buy stocks. What will make Pop happy is to build a golf course. I want Pop to be happy." In the end the Grossinger family



decided to honor Selig and forget about the 1929 market. Black Tuesday came and went on Wall Street, and while others were ruined, Grossinger's had cash on hand. The dream of golf had saved the family fortune.

Selig's last public address was the dedication of the golf course. He died that December, breathing his last words to the hotel's maitre d': "Abie, make sure that everybody 'cats.' If the family possessed a coat of arms, that line would have been its motto."

By 1932, however, money was growing scarce and visitors shortened the length of their stays. Like many hotels, Grossinger's adjusted its rates downward. It was now barely breaking even. Around the Catskills, hotel bankruptcies and foreclosures became commonplace. In February 1933, a petition signed by 600 owners was presented to New York State Governor Herbert Lehman. They sought to "remove penalties for non-payment of taxes and provide for tax payments in installments."

During the period when so many hotels were in the process of collapse, Jennie received a disturbing letter from a restaurant equipment dealer with whom the

family had done business for years. "Dear Mrs. Grossinger," it began. "We have had numerous letters asking us what we know about the Grossinger family having gone into bankruptcy. We are replying with the following note: 'The Grossingers have always paid their bills on time. But this year they have paid their bills ahead of time.' May we continue to be of service?"

The note was meant to be reassuring. The owners were not soothed. Even a whisper of insolvency could be ruinous. At the end of the summer the rumors were traced to their source. A neighboring owner was the one in financial distress. The rival hotelier had hoped to stampede the Grossinger crowd to his place. Once Jennie discovered the scheme, she arranged to buy the man's property. It was the last feud anyone had with the family.

When Jennie decided to hire professionals in the early thirties, the luck held. Grossinger's first full-time social director was Moss Hart's great rival, Don Hartman, soon to be head of production at Paramount Pictures.

After Hartman left the resort to try his luck in Hollywood, Jennie personally supervised the hiring of talent. It was not a success. She preferred scrupulously clean material, and if the comedian seemed to be, in her terms, "a nice boy," she signed him on regardless of talent, and was puzzled when his act failed onstage.

On one occasion, a young comedian was hired on the recommendation of a theater man-

ager in Newark. The comic used risqué material, and on Jennie's word, Jackie Gleason never again played Grossinger's. A few misadventures, coupled with the pressures of managing a resort in the trough of the Depression, put an end to Jennie's career in show business. She turned the job over to Milton Blackstone, a hyperthyroid public-relations man.

Blackstone hired social directors, collared prospective guests in New York City, and served as Jennie's personal trouble-shooter. One Saturday night, she telephoned him at his city apartment. A headliner was too drunk to go on. It was 7 p.m. Blackstone told her to inform the guests the resort was going to give them a surprise this evening, a midnight show with a mystery headliner. Off he went to ransack the nightclubs. At the Para-

the weeks of workouts, "the best known sports writers of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and the wire services were all there. With a nudge from Milton Blackstone, instead of datelining their daily stories 'Liberty (home of the nearest Western Union office), they datelined them 'Grossinger, N.Y.' When rain canceled Barney's workouts they would write feature stories on the hotel, about Jennie, about how it all began back in 1914 and about the invigorating air." The Big G — as Grossinger's was called — remained the place to go until rumors of insolvency surfaced in the fifties, when they were downed, and in the eighties, when it was impossible to deny them.

In November 1972, after a long series of illnesses, Jennie Grossinger died of a stroke at age



mount Hotel Grill he found a fire-eater and sword-swallower. Dangling a large fee, he persuaded the man to pack his gear and get in a taxi. He handed the driver a \$20 bill by way of introduction and promised to double the fare if he made it to Grossinger's by midnight. In a time of ill-lit highways and unimproved roads, he beat the deadline by 15 minutes.

There always had been money in sport, but it was Blackstone who sensed that a hotelier willing to stoop could pick up a lot of small change in the off-season. Among the first Jewish athletes to appear at Grossinger's was a scrappy lightweight champion named Barney Ross (ne Rasofsky). Blackstone had little trouble persuading him to train at the fully equipped Grossinger's gym; the difficulty came with Malke. When she was told a prizefighter would be staying at her place, the old lady inquired, "What is he, a drinker, that he must do such a thing? He can't hold a steady job?" She refused to meet him until one afternoon when the boxer was given a tour of the kitchen. She suddenly recognized Ross: "This is the box-fighter? He was Friday night in the synagogue." After that, all doors were open to Barney.

Joel Pomerantz, who charted Jennie's rise, says that, during

80. She was recalled as a fundraiser for scores of charities, as the classic Jewish mother figure, was a nonpareil hostess and a lodestar of the resorts. In an unusually warm obituary, *The New York Times* said she had brought a little farm "to the rank of flagship of the fleet of landlocked luxury liners anchored in the Catskills... She ruled, with regal dignity, a domain larger than Princess Grace's Monaco..."

At a town meeting, a rival owner asked, "What's going to happen to the G now that the J is gone?" Not a thing, he was told. People die. A legend endures. One of her friends unfolded a statement she had made a few years before. No public-relations adviser could have provided her phrasing: "You know, when die, wherever I go, I hope there's a hotel there. And I hope they'll let me run it. I know I'll find a lot of my former guests and I'll remember what they liked to eat. And my mother will be there to do the cooking... and Papa..."

The news that everyone had been dreading was confirmed in 1985. Grossinger's was to be sold to developers. The centerpiece of the Jewish resorts had been losing money: some \$1.8 million in 1985.

Employees were overjoyed with sentiment. The entertainment

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Keeping The Island Hospice Alive

by John Chadwick
Herald Editor

Despite the recent merger of Newport's Island Hospice with the larger Hospice Care of Rhode Island, a core group of volunteers and professionals want to continue to work for the community they set out to serve — Aquidneck Island.

Now known as Island Hospice Associates, the group is led by Barbara Jagoliner, 36, an enthusiastic and energetic woman who has been involved in the organization since 1981. She has recently been elected president.

"We're still trying to find our way through this (the merger)," she said recently from her office in Newport. "My job is to bring us through the transition period."



Barbara Jagoliner

Using trained medical personnel as well as volunteers, the hospice functions to provide care and support to terminally ill patients and their families. The services range from counseling and therapy to coordinating medical services with the patient's doctor.

The merger was born out of necessity, Jagoliner says. The group was competing for funds with other organizations and eventually they found their resources thinning. "There is no way we could provide the type of services that we can now, (with the merger)" she says.

While the group is now part of the Hospice Care of Rhode Island, they have been allowed to



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form Island Hospice Associates and are charged with developing their own budget and program.

Why is the separate identity so important to an essentially volunteer organization?

"The residents of Aquidneck Island knew us and knew what we were doing," Jagoliner said. "It's important that we're not gobbled up by the larger organization and it's important that our potential clients know that we are still out there — and providing better services than before."

But the merger aside, she says that it's good to continue on with the hospice. "I look around me and I see a me, me, me society; everyone is solely concerned with their own agenda and it makes me feel good that we're doing this."

The wife of Rabbi Marc Jagoliner of Middletown's Temple Shalom, Barbara Jagoliner is a New York native and a former registered nurse. She attended the Bellevue School of Nursing at Hunter College. She first became interested in hospice work through her husband who served as president several years ago.

"My claim to fame before this was being the rabbi's wife," she said. "He's always been the community leader, now I feel like I've come of age."

The Jagoliners have three children Charles, 11, Sarah 9, and Jonathan, 6. Barbara Jagoliner is also a real estate agent on Aquidneck Island.

By Joe Zorc
PM Editorial Services

Q: I would like to install floor and wall ceramic tile in my bathroom. How complicated would this project be?

A: The process of installing floor and wall ceramic tile — cutting, applying and grouting — is relatively easy if you have a few important tools. The preparation of the substrate upon which the tile will be set can be more difficult and is the most important aspect of the job.

The area you want to tile will determine what substrate you will need. In wet or high moisture areas, the best backing is concrete. It was the norm in most old homes to pour concrete or terrazzo in bathrooms, which would provide an excellent base for floor ceramic tile.

If concrete is not feasible, a cementitious board similar to Durock or Wonderboard is the next best backing. This material can be screwed to existing wood flooring or interior walls or applied directly to wall framing. Exterior-grade plywood is the third choice for a substrate in wet areas.

In dry areas, a water-resistant drywall or even standard drywall is acceptable. To ensure equal jointing when installing tile, make sure all substrate is plumb and level. Also, outside corners should not have corner-bead applied, but should be left unfinished. The joints between the substrate should be taped and blocked with a cementitious compound available where you purchase the tile.

The material used to bond the tile to the substrate once again is available for wet and dry areas.

A thin set (up to 3/8-inch layer) cementitious product is recommended for all areas but definitely needed in wet areas, and a "double duty" mastic is available for other areas.

The thickness of the setting bed will depend on the thickness and size of your tiles. The floor and walls must be smooth and free of foreign materials before any setting bed is applied. Also, when starting out, do

small sections at a time so the adhesives do not dry out.

The few tools necessary for installing ceramic tile usually can be rented from tile stores. The main tools are one or two notched trowels for applying the setting bed, a cutter, hand-held "nippers" and a rubber trowel for grouting. Have the store personnel demonstrate how to use the cutter, as it is very easy if used properly.

Joints between the tile are determined by backing glued to small tiles, which come in sections. Larger tiles can be set close together (1/16 inch apart) to reduce the amount of grout where mildew can grow) or farther apart, which makes grouting easier and bonding better. If you choose to use different colored grouts to create a pattern between the tiles, you may want your joints to be 1/8 inch to 3/16 inch or more.

After the grouting is finished as per product recommendations, a sealer is available to cure the pores, reducing the ability of dirt and mildew to penetrate the grout. **ll**

Joe Zorc has been involved in home renovation and repair for more than a decade and has taught carpentry for the Home Builders Institute.

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by Jerrold Lundgren

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The Big Bear; the historic snuffler of Jewish light Is throwing open its Refusnik's prison We have much to reverence; enough for every Holy night Miraculously the grizzly's growl is silenced; as the power of the Peace in the European people has arisen

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Making Pluralism A Reality

Jewish Agency Learning New Tricks

JERUSALEM — Back when the country was young, Israel's Jewish Agency was helping make the desert bloom and helping newcomers settle into the Jewish State. Now, thanks to UJA-Federation Campaign funds, the Jewish Agency is also nurturing democratic and pluralistic values through programs bringing religious and non-religious Israelis, Israeli and Diaspora Jews, and Israeli Jews and Arabs closer together.

Aleabw Solomon is one of the thousands of young Israelis learning firsthand that Jewish values include tolerance and understanding. The way he sees it: "The opportunity I'm getting at Ramot Shapira (a campus just outside Jerusalem) has widened my horizons and motivated me in a way I never experienced before."

With help from a Jewish Agency grant, the Ramot Shapira Educational Center is bringing groups of religious and secular students together for a deeper understanding of democracy.

At a very different kind of project in Safad, "Livnot U'Lehibano" ("To Build and Be Built"), American Jews in their twenties live, work and study together for three months. Jackie Keer of Chicago, says, "I'm learning a lot about Israel, Jewish history, politics and religion, and about the people themselves. It's

an inspirational experience." The Safad project takes assimilated American Jews and throws them into "the Israel experience," in the words of Project Director Aharon Botzer.

He means it literally, for in between the hours in a homey, laid-back classroom the participants dig out the ruins of a synagogue in the ancient city of the kabbalists or paint the rundown apartment of an elderly Safad resident. The Jewish Agency's \$40,000 grant helps provide for an expanding living-learning experience.

The projects at Ramot Shapir and in Safad are part of the wide range of programs now being financed by the Jewish Agency, thanks to the UJA-Federation Campaign. This year, a total of more than \$5 million is being allocated to programs encouraging pluralism and democratic values. These include projects of the Women's Legal Center in Jerusalem, Hanaton — the Conservative movement's lone kibbutz, the watchdog Association for Civil Rights in Israel, 15 different Reform movement projects and various educational centers with special programs that reflect the concerns of many North American Jews and progressive Israelis across the political spectrum.

The programs offer everything from rabbinical training to pro-

tection of the legal rights of children. The main criteria are relevance to the social and educational needs of Israeli society, while fostering tolerance, justice and civil rights. The Jewish Agency has even funded an organization that took its gift-horse to court in a landmark retirement-age case.

The Agency's new funding program is in keeping with a decision by UJA supporters three years ago to help finance creative Israeli programs in a flexible manner, free of partisan political or religious considerations. The only prerequisite is that the organizations be non-profit charitable or service groups with tax-exempt status.

"The doors are open to anyone who applies, secular or religious, from whatever branch of Judaism. There's no favoritism here," says Projects Grants Coordinator Nachman Rosenberg.

Like every other Jewish Agency operation, the grants program is overseen by a body of professional experts and volunteers. Washington lawyer and UJA National Vice Chairman Paul Berger heads the panel on program grants, a sub-committee of the Agency's Budget and Finance Committee.

As word spreads, the grants program for innovative projects is growing, influencing many Israeli institutions to follow the lead of the organizations already working to promote pluralism and democracy.

The Jewish Agency's funding of innovative programs is made possible by the UJA-Federation Campaign, the primary instrument for the support of humanitarian programs and social services for Jews in Israel, the U.S. and 34 other countries worldwide.

Uniting the generations, the UJA helps link you, the giver, with members of the global Jewish family of all ages and places — from elderly Jews in Budapest to youngsters in Casablanca and pioneering families in Israel's Negev.

In Israel, Campaign funds help all the generations — newcomers to Israel, including Jews from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia, Project Renewal families; kibbutzniks in agriculture and high tech, and Israelis of all ages involved in programs building democratic and pluralistic values throughout the land.

Louis Rapoport is a Jerusalem-based author whose books include Confrontations, Redemption Song, and the forthcoming Stalin and the Jews. His work appears regularly in the American-Jewish media.



FACE TO FACE — Israeli Arab and Jewish students from the Galilee meet one another under the auspices of Givat Haviva, an educational center dedicated to closing the gap between Israeli Arabs and Jews. "Face to Face" programs like this one are made possible by a grant from the Jewish Agency. The Hebrew and Arabic messages on the top of the blackboard, at rear, extend the traditional blessing of welcome. UJA Press Service Photo by Richard Lobell

FDA Allows Use of Treatment For Gaucher's Disease

BOSTON, Mass. — Genzyme Corporation and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) today announced that a Treatment Protocol has been approved by the FDA for the investigational new drug Cerezyme® glucocerebrosidase (Cerezyme) for the treatment of Type I Gaucher's disease.

The Treatment Protocol program, under which Cerezyme is now available, was established by the FDA to allow severely ill patients to receive promising new therapies for serious or life-threatening conditions prior to full marketing approval. Cerezyme is currently in the final stages of clinical testing and Genzyme expects to file by year end initial data in support of a New Drug Application (NDA) for approval to market Cerezyme. During the clinical trial program, the supply of Cerezyme has been limited. However, the Company is currently scaling up production to increase the availability of Cerezyme for patient therapy.

The clinical studies, scheduled for completion in early 1990, are being conducted at the NINDS under the direction of Roscoe Brady, M.D. and Norman Barton, M.D. Additional studies are underway at Massachusetts General Hospital by Henry Mankin, M.D. and Samuel Doppelt, M.D.

Gaucher's disease is a seriously debilitating inherited disorder that affects an estimated 20,000-40,000 people worldwide. The disease is caused by insufficient quantities of active glucocerebrosidase (GCR), an important enzyme in the body. Cerezyme, which is being developed by scientists at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and Genzyme Corpora-

tion, is a modified form of GCR that serves as a replacement for the natural enzyme.

Normally, GCR breaks down a particular fatty substance known as glucocerebroside that is produced by the disintegration of aging blood cells. However, in Gaucher's patients, the glucocerebroside collects in scavenger cells called macrophages in liver, bone marrow and spleen cells. The resulting disorder is progressive and debilitating and can be fatal.

The incidence of the disease in the U.S. is similar to hemophilia and dwarfism, two other genetic disorders. Gaucher's disease is the most common of 10 genetically linked, lipid storage disorders which includes Tay-Sachs disease.

An individual must inherit a copy of the defective gene from both parents in order to develop the disease. A child receiving a defective gene from only one parent becomes a carrier, but will not develop clinical symptoms. The disease may afflict either males or females. This pattern of transmission is called autosomal (non-sex related) recessive.

The symptoms of the most common form of Gaucher's disease are a severely enlarged spleen or liver, blood disorders such as anemia, easy bruising and bleeding problems, fatigue and various orthopedic complications such as bone erosion, repeated fractures and pain. The disorder often becomes apparent in childhood or early adulthood.

The traditional therapies for Gaucher's disease have been palliative, aimed at relieving symptoms without altering the disease progression. Such treatments include removal of the spleen when it becomes dangerously enlarged.

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Bagel Review

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bagels and others is that they're steamed as opposed to boiled. The idea, ironically came out of Italy. The result is that it makes them fluffier, lighter and gives the bagels a longer shelf life. Another difference, Ginsberg said, is that they leave out the eggs and oil. There are also no preservatives.

Although neither owner had baking experience when they began the business, Ginsberg said that his father was in the frozen food business and he developed a desire to also be in the food business. In business only since last February, the N.Y. Bagel Co. is turning out a bagel that is by leaps and bounds superior to anything in the supermarket although, in the future, you may see their product there. "It's worth the schlep," as their menu states.

Barney's, located at East Avenue in Pawtucket, has served bagels since its inception, in October of 1987. The owners, Danny and Lois Kaplan, have been in the baking business for 28 years. But before there was a Barney's the Kaplans owned a bakery with Danny's brother, Murray. By mutual agreement Danny bought his brother out and opened Barney's (their father's name).

Kaplan explained how, before he opened his bakery, he spent a lot of time traveling up and down the East and West coasts to find his type of bagel "that was chewy and at the same time wouldn't break your teeth." The result is the New York/California style bagel. "I do all of the baking and



Photo by Kathy Cohen

Doesn't it look good? Here's a big sesame seed bagel smothered with cream cheese and lox.

supervise everything," says Kaplan of his bagel success. "You have to have pride in what you do."

Danny and his brother were born in the baking business, getting hands-on experience working with their parents, Barney and Leah Kaplan at the Rainbow Bakery. Eventually the brothers took over Rainbow Bakery and in 1987 Kaplan went on his own.

Barney's does a brisk business with the bagels as the backbone of the operation and muffins selling a close second.

Kaplan, who uses the boil/bake method of bagel production, begins his day at 2:30 a.m. and bakes until late afternoon. He sells only freshly baked bagels and donates the leftovers to a Providence soup kitchen.

The newest contender, Bagels Etc., which opened in October, is located at 259 County Road in Barrington, and is owned by Tim

and Eileen Gorman.

The couple and their three children, Tim 16, Kelly 11, and Kaithin 6, moved from New Jersey to open a bagel store in Barrington because, according to Tim, "I got tired of corporate America." Gorman says he had done a bit of homework, looking for the right business to get into and the perfect location. Finally, he found Barrington and realized, "There's no retail store like this in Barrington," and decided to invest in an oven, mixer, bagel former, wall refrigerator and freezer, a cream cheese mixer and, of course, the secret ingredients from New Jersey and started a bagel shop.

Gorman believes that his success stems from the ingredients and the family service they offer. Other than that, he has "no idea why these (bagels) are special. As long as they (the customers) are happy they'll come back for

more and hopefully spread the word." Bagels Etc. specializes in freshly steamed bagels, gourmet coffee and Booreshead cold cuts.

Bagels were the key to Zeppy's success when Morris ("Munnie") Zeprun first opened his bakery on Blossom Street in Boston's West End sixty-seven years ago. Today the firm's sixty-five employees help to produce about 300,000 bagels per day, and a full line of decorated cakes, cookies, breads, rolls, etc. from their present location, 937 North Main Street, Randolph, Massachusetts.

Doris Zeprun, the wife of "Munnie's" son, Jack, said that some time during his youth, "Munnie" Zeprun moved to America with his son, Louis, from Kiev, a major city in Russia and went to work for a large baker in Boston, and eventually managed to go out on his own and open his first store on Blossom Street. He learned the art of bagel-making during his stay in Romania. After several years on Blossom Street they moved the business to Roxbury where business continued to grow during the post World War II years. Because the Roxbury neighborhood was dwindling, they relocated to their present address in Randolph.

Although, "Munnie" Zeprun, 94, and his two sons, Jack and Louis, are retired, "Munnie" Zeprun still checks up on Jack's wife Doris, and Louis' wife Milie at the bakery.

"We still boil our bagels the old way," says Doris Zeprun. "We feel the devotion we give to the details of our operation make us better."

And finally, the last bagel store

we could find, Bagels East, has three locations: 135 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence; 367 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston and Hartford, Connecticut.

About nine years ago Ralph Racca, who's originally from Providence, and his silent partner decided they were tired of working as Hospital Administrators at St. Joseph's Hospital, became entrepreneurs and opened a bagel shop.

They knew they wanted to open a specialty store and researched several business options and on July of 1981 the two guys elected "to open a specialty store that provided a real bagel. You couldn't find a real New York bagel," says Racca, "because of the difference in water (N.Y. has a better tasting water than R.I.), not in the ingredients."

Racca uses the old fashioned boiling method to create the traditional chewy bagel with a crunchy shell. He says the steamed method creates a bagel more like a roll or bun - it's too airy. You can choose from 13 varieties as well as fresh coffee, soft drinks, muffins and a few specialty bagel items.

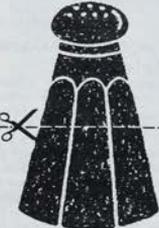
Racca's advice is: "Find your market and concentrate on it so that people will know what to expect from you." There could be a fifth store in the future so obviously he enjoys his work as he'll tell you.

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Contact: Artistic Director: Big Nazo Puppet Studio, P.O. Box 5742, Weybosset Hill Station, Providence, R.I. 02903. Telephone (401) 831-9652. (photo by Beirge Ara Zohian)

Your Community

Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

• Friday, January 5 - Eight days in the month of Tevet. Candlelighting is at 4:10 p.m. Minchah service is at 4:15 p.m.

• Saturday, January 6 - Nine days in Tevet - Torah reading today is P'yayigash. Shacharis - morning services 8:30 a.m. Kiddush follows immediately at approximately 11:00 a.m. Minchah service is at 4:15 p.m. followed by the 3rd Meal with Z'mirah. Maariv is at 5:10 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:19 p.m.

• Sunday, January 7 - The Fast of the Siege of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. followed by the monthly meeting. No breakfast as this is a Fast Day. Minchah for the entire week is at 4:18 p.m. Morning services for Monday and Thursday, January 8 and January 11 are at 6:30 a.m., and for Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, January 9, 10, and 12 are at 6:45 a.m.

The Synagogue

The temple was the place of worship where sacrifices were offered daily, but in this sanctuary the priests or Kohanim were in charge. Most plain people felt that they should also participate. It was therefore arranged that the Israelites (nonpriests) in each town be divided into twenty-four divisions, called Ma'amadot. Each Ma'amadot went to Jerusalem to take part in the temple ceremonies for about two weeks of every year. However, those who remained at home gathered in a place in their town set aside especially for worship. Originally, services may have been limited to the Sabbath,

when work ceased. Next, they may have taken place on Mondays and Thursdays, the market days. Finally services were held every day.

Philo, a Jewish philosopher of the first century writes: "On the seventh day the Jews stop all work and proceed to sacred places which they call synagogues. There, arranged in rows according to their ages, the younger before the elder, they sit quietly as befits the occasion, with attentiveness. Then one of them takes the book and reads aloud to others —"

The Talmud often calls the synagogue "bet am," "the house of people." The rabbi declared: "Let a man but enter a synagogue, even stand behind a pillar in any corner and pray in a whisper, and the Holy One, blessed be He, harkens to his prayer — when ten men assemble in prayer, the Shekhinah, the Divine presence, is there."

In the town of Betar there were 400 synagogues, with elementary teachers and schools. The Holiness of the House of Worship was emphasized in Jewish Law, which said that even if a synagogue were in ruins, one was not permitted to destroy it. The remains of such synagogues as the Dura-Europos synagogue in Syria in the 3rd century, which contains beautiful frescoes and inscriptions, is an example of this devotion.

When a Jewish traveler entered a city, the first place he sought was the synagogue. The synagogue was thereafter called a Mikdash Ma'at — the "miniature temple."

One of the largest synagogues of ancient times was in Alexandria. It had two rows of massive columns on either side of

the great hall, and in the middle was a huge wooden platform — the Bimah. The building was so big that the Chazan had to give a signal by waving a cloth in order to have the congregation answer Amen to his prayers. In this same synagogue the congregants were seated according to their trades: blacksmiths, goldsmiths, weavers, etc., in their own section.

When the second temple at Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 C.E., numerous synagogues of Jerusalem went up in flames. By this time, hundreds of other synagogues existed wherever Jews lived, in Asia, Africa, and Europe. And, as Jewish merchants opened more roads of commerce, the construction of synagogues increased. They were built in countries as far east as China and as far west as Italy, Spain, France, and Germany. Refugees from the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal came to Holland, and built houses of worship where they prayed in the Sephardic or Spanish tradition.

The freedom of religion is so sacred, but, unfortunately, too easily taken for granted.

Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah will hold a General Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

We will celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our Chapter. A social hour will follow. A very enjoyable evening is being planned.

Providence Hadassah

The Providence Chapter Hadassah will celebrate Shabbat at Temple Emanu-El on Saturday morning, January 6, 1990 at 10 a.m. Chapter members will take part in the service, and all members are invited to attend.

The Kiddush following the service will be sponsored by the Providence Chapter of Hadassah.

A floral centerpiece will be arranged by Madeline Gurwitz.

Congregation Ohave Sholam

The Young Israel affiliated congregation will have services this Friday evening at 4:15 p.m. Saturday morning a Kiddush will follow services which begin at 9:00 a.m. The rabbi will give his Mishnah class at 3:30 p.m. At 4:10 p.m. Mincha will begin followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Maariv will be at 5:10 p.m. Havdalah will be at 5:15 p.m.

This Sunday, January 7, is the Fast Day of Tenth of Teves. The past begins at 6:01 a.m. and ends at 5:16 p.m. Services, Sunday morning, with Silchot, will be 7:45 a.m. Mincha will be at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

There will be a regular schedule the rest of the week. Mornings - Monday and Thursdays 6:40 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:50 a.m. Evening - 7:30 p.m. when possible.

Chanukah At The Bank



Penina Z. Strajcher, 11, of Providence lights the first candle of Hanukkah at the Hospital Trust branch at Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. Her sisters Tamar, 6, and Malka, 4, watch. The children are students at the Providence Hebrew Day School. The celebration was coordinated by Hospital Trust Elm Grove branch manager Eunice G. Hittner-Matano.

Touro Honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Touro Synagogue of Newport, the oldest synagogue in North America, will celebrate another milestone in its long history. The next monthly Late Friday Evening service — Oneg Shabbat, scheduled for Friday evening, January 12, 1990, will honor the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., announced Rabbi Shapiro, spiritual leader of the congregation. This marks the third year that the congregation will have a special program in his memory.

Representatives from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center of Newport and Community Baptist Church will be guests at this event. This year the local chapters of the Hadassah and the B'nai B'rith will join in this event, showing the support of the Jewish community in this project. The service, open to the public, will start at 8:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary, 82 Touro Street in Newport. A collation will be served in the Jewish Community Center Social Hall following the service.

A special committee has been appointed by Mr. Bernard Kusinitz, President of the congregation, for this event. The committee includes: Mr. Mitchell Mallett (President, B'nai B'rith Chapter); Mrs. Ruth Meierowitz (B'nai B'rith representative); Seymour Davis, Seymour Schechter, Emily Kusinitz, Rebbein Sheila Shapiro, Marcia Cohen, Eleanor Davis, and Mrs. Bella Werner.

For further information on this event, contact the synagogue office at 847-4794.

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Interfaith Youth Conference

The Sixth Annual Interfaith Youth Conference, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will be held on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Monday, January 15. The conference, open to teens in grades 9 through 12, will be held at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fee for the day, which includes lunch, is \$5 per student.

The Conference, "Building the Road to Religious Understanding... Free at Last," is designed to help students learn about their own religion and unlearn religious stereotypes. The clergy panel will address the issue of interfaith dating and marriage. There will be small group discussions and opportunities to ask questions.

The panelists consist of Rabbi Alan Flam, Brown/RISD Hillel Foundation; Reverend Cory Lassen-Willems, Calvary Church; Reverend Florence Li, Beneficent Congregational Church; Father Jude McGeough, Saint Ann's Church; and Reverend Reginald A. Turner, Chaplain Intern; Brown University. Coordinators of the event are Michele Bram, Youth Services Coordinator; JCCRI and Charlotte I. Penn, Executive Director; NCCJ. The conference is planned by high school students from across the state.

Registration for the conference is required by Friday, January 5. For information call Michele Bram at 861-8800.

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Audience Invited For Murder Mystery

On January 20, 1990, at 8:00 p.m., in Temple Torat Yisrael social hall, Top Hat Productions will present *Murder from Beyond*. This is an audience participation Murder Mystery Evening directed by Bruce Kalver. The advance tickets are \$18 per person or \$20 at the door. Advance tickets can be obtained by sending a check made out to Temple Torat Yisrael, and mailed to Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. 02905.

When our guests arrive, they will receive "Top Secret" dossiers which contain background information, clues and a magnifying glass. This will help the audience get into the spirit of participation. During the evening, the story unfolds and a murder takes place! A narrator/host guides us through the mystery. The show characters mingle with us, drawing us into the action. We are involved with the mys-

tery and witness the murder; they figure out the clues and question the suspects, and find the murderer!

Murder from Beyond is the exciting program being offered January 20, at 8 p.m. In this magical engaging murder mystery we will experience not only a murder but a seance as well! William Drake is a world famous debunker of fraudulent psychics. He is currently trying to debunk Rosa Rhys by attending her seances. Tonight he will make a major announcement that will shake the psychic community. You are invited to attend. Who is the victim? Who is the murderer? You will see it, and solve it!

Come and enjoy a unique and challenging evening. Join us for wine, cheese, and murder on January 20, 8 p.m., at Temple Torat Yisrael.

Mental Health Forum

The first in a series of Mental Health Issues Forums, co-sponsored by the Mental Health Association of R.I. and the R.I. Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals, will be held on Monday, January 8, 1990, 3:30 p.m.

The speaker will be John Strauss, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Strauss will discuss the importance of considering the person, as well as the disorder, in the treatment of mental illness. His presentation will also describe a framework for the ways in which the person with the disorder, is central to recovery and implications for treatment.

The forum will be held at Aldrich House, 110 Benevolent Street, Providence. There is no charge, and the public is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited. For reservations, call the Mental Health Association of R.I., 431-1240.

The Mental Health Issues Forums are offered as a public service to increase knowledge and understanding of mental illness.

NCCJ To Pilot Prejudice-Reduction Program

The services of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) have been engaged by the Smith Hill Youth Center in Providence to pave "The Road to Understanding," a 9-week model program created to ease racial tensions and promote intergroup understanding among teenagers at the Center and in the surrounding community, beginning on January 8.

NCCJ's executive director Charlotte I. Penn and youth program specialist Nancy Kaufman will work closely with Smith Hill Center youth workers to conduct the 3-phase intergroup training for Southeast Asian, Black and Hispanic high school students who frequent the Center.

Each 3-week phase will have a unique focus stressing a particular set of skills. Sessions are planned to strengthen intergroup communication skills, and shatter stereotypical misconceptions which tend to reinforce prejudices.

Sessions will include exploratory communication and self-knowledge exercises and discussion, a film series on stereotyping followed by intergroup analysis and sharing, and a series of dinners featuring ethnic foods. Students will also meet with community leaders who, serving as role models, will discuss how to overcome racial barriers on the road to career, family and life success.

The program will conclude with a graduation ceremony at which participants will be presented certificates to honor their efforts. There will be no charge for students to attend the program. For further information, contact NCCJ executive director Charlotte I. Penn at 351-5120.

Senior Programs For January

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm-grove Ave. in Providence offers seniors activities at 11 a.m. daily Sunday through Friday followed by a hot kosher meal at noon. The meal is sponsored by Project Hope.

For the month of January, the following special activities are planned:

- Tuesday, January 16, Ann Clark, guest speaker, will discuss "Medicare Benefits," 11 a.m. to noon.

- Thursday, January 18, Bill Volpe, Department of Elderly Affairs entertainer, will perform on the synthesizer, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

- Tuesday, January 23, Sandy Evans, vocalist and guitar, 11 a.m. to noon.

The following activities are regularly scheduled:

- Mondays, Green Thumb Club — (for seniors interested in working with plants)

- Fridays, Shabbat traditions — Friend to Friend, senior exercise, arts and crafts, Israeli VCR programs, film series, health checks.

For further information on programming for seniors or transportation, call Sandy Bass at 861-8800.

All Childrens Theatre Ensemble Tours ADDICT

The All Childrens Theatre Ensemble will begin touring a revival of *ADDICT*, by Jerome McDonough, a play about teenage drug and alcohol abuse that garnered wide attention and acclaim when it was performed last spring as part of the ACT-Directed One-Acts. *ADDICT* will be ready for touring the first week of March through the end of June, 1990.

All Childrens Theatre Ensemble member Tracey Young, a fifteen-year-old teenager from Cranston and veteran ACTor, is re-staging her production for touring. It is a hard-hitting play dealing with the trauma of teenage alcohol and drug abuse.

Artistic Director Wrenn Goodrum says, "I wish every young person in trouble as a substance abuser could see this production and think more seriously about the dangerous consequences of drug and alcohol abuse. Last spring a friend of one of the ACT Ensemble members died from an overdose of drugs. The young ACTor said, 'If only my friend had seen this play, it might have saved his life.'"

ADDICT will tour to schools, churches, temples, substance abuse groups, and other interested organizations from the beginning of March through the end of June 1990. For more information and tour reservations for *ADDICT*, call The All Childrens Theatre Ensemble at 331-7174.

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Opening "A Season of Jewish Music" at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, on Sunday, January 7 will be Zubin and the IPO, a cultural arts film featuring the highly acclaimed music of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra along with Zubin Mehta, Leonard Bernstein, Itzhak Perlman and Isaac Stern. The film will begin at 2 p.m., refreshments will be served.

A highlight of the season is a concert with Diana Smirnov, concert pianist, and Joanne Mouradjian, soprano, doing a selection of Gershwin, Yiddish tunes, Armenian music and Broadway tunes, on Sunday, January 7 at 2 p.m. Diana Smirnov grew up in Leningrad, USSR until 1978 when she moved to the United States. She has a master's degree in piano performance and pedagogy from both the Leningrad Conservatory and the New England Conservatory. Diana currently teaches piano at Providence College and privately.



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The concert is free and open to the community; refreshments will be served. Jewish Music Season is sponsored by the Anna and Peter Woolf Fund. For information or to be a contributor to the Jewish Music Season, please call Lisa Goodman at 861-8800.

Health and Physical Education

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, has a commitment to help its members improve their level of well being through the programs and facilities of its Health and Physical Education Department. Emphasis is on wellness, a concept which looks beyond the idea that good health is just the absence of illness. Optimum health, or wellness, means looking and feeling better, eating right, eating less, exercising more and developing greater physical reserve. More reserve allows one to work all day with less fatigue and more energy to enjoy free time. Wellness also means reduced risk for the development of significant diseases like heart disease, high

blood pressure, diabetes and certain forms of cancer. Making better use of one's most important assets — body, mind, spirit and fun — is a matter of lifestyle and personal responsibility.

A few of the latest classes being offered at the Center are **Karate for Women and Teen Girls, Kids Karate, Fitness/Aerobics and Water Workout.**

• **Karate** class was so popular with the "Women Only" group that a class for children was requested. — Children ages 5-10 years, Sundays, January 7 through February 25, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the gym. \$40 for members, \$80 for non-members, \$70 for non-members.

• For those who want to start their day with an invigorating workout and still get to work by 9, there is **Fitness/Aerobics** from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. Adults — Monday, Wednesday and Friday, January 8 through March 9, 7:45 to 8:30 a.m., in the gym. \$50 for members, \$90 for non-members and \$30 for Health Club members.*

• **Water Workout** incorporates all three phases of toning, aerobics and stretching for a well-rounded class. Resistive equipment, deep-water running and shallow water exercises are all used to allow the participant to achieve the level of fitness desired. Adults and Teens — Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 9 through February 27, 6 to 6:45 p.m., in the pool. \$45 for members, \$90 for non-members.

*Health Club members have upgraded their membership to include special benefits such as whirlpool tubs, saunas, personalizing fitness programs, dressing rooms and more.

For further information about the H&PE department and the first three classes listed, contact Janice Fifer at 861-8800. For information about **Water Workout** please call Karen O'Neill, also at 861-8800.

JCCRI Singles

Thursday, January 11 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone to gather at the Cantina in Casa Lupita Restaurant. Free all-you-can-eat Mexican buffet when you buy a drink. Enjoy music, conversation and good company.

Thursday, January 18 - 7:00-9:00 p.m. Gathering at Gregg's Restaurant (Post Road Warwick) for dessert and coffee. Enjoy warm company on a chilly night.

Tuesday, January 23 - Everyone invited to meet at Cahoots Lounge in the Providence Marriott. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Buffet (all you can eat) Free! 7:30 p.m. until closing. Enjoy dancing, music, drinks and good company.

Sunday, January 21 - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sunday Brunch - All Welcome. Guest speaker Dr. Bob Wurafik, Psychologist. Topic TBA. Enjoy delicious buffet style food and an enjoyable fun-filled lecture. Cost is only \$5.00. Please RSVP by January 17.

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Jewish Family Service Offers Identified Adoption

Identified Adoption will be the focus of an informational meeting to be held January 8, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Family Service offices, 229 Waterman Street in Providence.

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To learn more about Identified Adoption, attend the workshop or call 331-1244 and ask for Camille Gregorian, Adoption Coordinator at Jewish Family Service.

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Touro's "Project Of Kindness"

Touro Synagogue of Newport successfully completed a special "Project of Kindness," announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the synagogue's spiritual leader. This project involved serving as substitute volunteers at the Newport Hospital during the recent Christian holiday period. This project was directed and coordinated by Mrs. Sheila Duncan, as a message of fellowship to the Christian community and as a sign of the close cooperation within the community. The following synagogue members served on this humanitarian project: Audrey Cohen, Marcia Cohen, Sarah Josephson, Bernard Kusnitz, Enid Levinson, Ruth Meierowitz, Sheila Shapiro, Shirley Waterman, Bella Werner, and Jeffrey Anolik.

Newport Hospital's Director of Volunteers, Judy Warner, expressed her appreciation for the synagogue's assistance at this crucial time of the year. The volunteers participated in the Emergency Ward, Gift Shop, Reception Area, transporting of patients, and discharging of patients.

Touro Synagogue hopes to expand its community assistance program with other similar activities in the future.

Scholar-in-Residence at Sinai

CRANSTON — A committee, headed by Susan Rodrigues of Cranston, is planning the fifth annual Scholar-in-Residence weekend at Temple Sinai, Cranston, January 12 and 13.

The Sabbath weekend program will be led by Rabbi Rifat Sonsino of Temple Beth Shalom, Needham, Mass., and as its theme, "Discovering God." Rabbi Sonsino, a classmate of Rabbi Gregg J. Astrachan of Temple Sinai while they were at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak at the 8:15 p.m. Friday service.

Group discussions Saturday morning after the 9-4:5 a.m. Sabbath service will be based on the book, *Finding God: Ten Jewish Responses*, which was co-authored by Rabbi Sonsino and Daniel G. Syme. After lunch, the study groups will report on their discussions. The entire program is open to the community.

Others on the committee are: Cathy and Fred Berkowitz, Phyllis Solod and Pam Steinberg of Warwick, Ruth and Sidney Jaffa, Selma Nasberg and Livia Weinman of West Warwick, Ellen Kaplan and Bruce LeBlanc of East Greenwich, and Jamie Leach, Judith Oroslan and Joseph Postar of Cranston.

Trips Forum Set For January 9



These high school students participated in study/travel programs in Israel in 1989. L-R, front row: Ilana Subar (Let's Go Israel), Tamar Gutman (Nesivah Arts Institute), Leslie Rosen (BBYO), Debra Franklin (Ramah), Allison Cowett (High School in Israel), Allison Cohen (High School in Israel), Sari Ryvicker (High School in Israel), Bock row: David Jasper (NFTY Archeological Dig), Nanette Loebenberg (High School in Israel), Ken Zisserson (High School in Israel), Ashley Porath (High School in Israel), and Joram Borenstein (Ramah). The following students will speak at the Israel Trips Forum on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the JCC about their programs: Student speakers include: Ilana Subar, Tamar Gutman, Leslie Rosen, Debra Franklin, Nanette Loebenberg, and Joram Borenstein. The Forum, sponsored by the BJE/RI, will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to students and their parents.

An Israel Trips forum for high school students, sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island's Israel Committee, will be held on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Adult Lounge of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Past participants in Israel study/travel programs will be on hand to give first-hand accounts of their experiences. Trips represented will include High

School in Israel, Let's go Israel, NFTY Archeological Dig, Ramah, BBYO in Israel, Nesivah Arts Institute.

Rabbi Lawrence Silverman, Co-chair of the Israel Committee, will introduce the forum. Also, an explanation of the grants available to all Rhode Island high schoolers traveling to Israel will be given. All Rhode Island students can receive incentive grants from the Leonard I. Salmanson Endowment Fund of JFRI. Those students who apply for the Salmanson grants are required to take an Israel test, scheduled for Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the BJE. In addition students may apply for the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island's Ross Scholarship, a need-based grant. A community service project which is required of all grant recipients upon their return from Israel will also be discussed. Students who receive grants must participate in two orientation sessions, Sunday, May 6 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. and Monday, May 14 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All interested students and parents are invited to attend this informative evening where details about all of these programs will be given. Coffee and... will be served. Please call the BJE at 331-0956 if you plan to attend, or call Ruth Page at the BJE for further information or to register for the Israel test on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

History Professor Guest at Beth-El



Howard P. Chudacoff, Professor of History at Brown University, will speak at Temple Beth-El on Friday evening, January 12 at 8:15 p.m. in the Bennett Chapel. Chudacoff, a popular, engaging teacher who is also a member of Temple Beth-El, will speak on "Today I Am a Fountain Pen: Age Consciousness in American Jewish Culture."

On Friday, January 5, Nancy Gewirtz, Ph.D., professor and chairperson of the MSW program of Rhode Island College, will speak at the Temple on "My Dreams for the Future." On the first shabbat of the calendar year, Rabbi Gutterman has asked a member of the congregation to speak on the topic: "My Dreams for the Future." Nancy Gewirtz is an articulate and enthusiastic activist on behalf of many social causes and is currently the co-chairperson of the Temple's Social Action Committee.

For more information on Shabbat Services at Temple Beth-El, call 331-6070.

Brown Bag Club and Yiddish Vinkel Events For January

On Tuesday, January 9, at 10 a.m., the Brown Bag Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, will be touring the Temple Beth-El library and museum with archivist, George Goodwin. Participants are asked to meet at the Temple at 10 a.m.; if transportation is needed, meet at the Center at 9:30 a.m. Following the tour, bring a brown bag lunch to the Center. Dessert and beverage will be provided, donation, \$1. The Yiddish Vinkel will meet at 2 p.m.; all are invited to attend.

Florence Markoff, a prominent radio broadcaster, will present a program at 12:30 p.m. in the Adult Senior Lounge of the Center on Tuesday, January 23. Bring a brown bag lunch at noon. Dessert and beverage will be provided. A donation is \$1. At 2 p.m. all are invited to the Yiddish Vinkel.

Note: The book for the February 27 Book Review by Peppy Feurst has been changed to *West to Eden* by Gloria Goldreich.

For more information on any of these events call Lisa Goodman at 861-8800.

Goodman-Yanku

Lisa B. Goodman of North Providence, daughter of the late Louis and Barbara (Miller) Goodman, announces her engagement to Steven A. Yanku of Cranston.

A Classical High School graduate, Goodman earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and is a candidate for a Master's degree in Social Work from Rhode Island College.

The son of Beatrice (Ziman) Yanku and the late Victor Yanku of Cranston, Steven Yanku graduated from Cranston High School East and the Community College of Rhode Island.

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Finks Announce Birth

Heleenc and David Fink of Cranston proudly announce the birth of their second son, Bryan Jeremy, born on October 29, 1989.

Paternal grandparents are Mr.

and Mrs. Jack Fink of Cranston, R.I.

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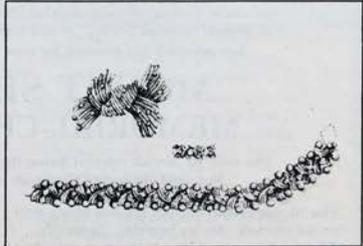
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Obituaries

EVA BARBARITA
PROVIDENCE — Eva Bar-
barita, 89, a resident of the Jew-
ish Home for Aged, who worked
for the former Coro's Jewelry
Manufacturing Co. for more
than 20 years, retiring in 1959,
died December 23, 1989.

She was the widow of Thomas
Barbarita.
Born in Lowell, Mass., a
daughter of the late Karl and

Libby (Kaplan) Dworkin. Mrs.
Barbarita lived in Providence
for more than 70 years.

She was a member of the What
Cheer Lodge of the Independent
Order of Brith Sholom.

She is survived by one brother,
Myles Dworkin of Providence;
four grandchildren and four
great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services
were held December 27 at the

Lincoln Park Cemetery on Post
Road in Warwick. Arrangements
by Mount Sinai Memorial
Chapel, 825 Hope St., Provi-
dence.

HARRIET B. COHEN

NEWPORT — Harriet B.
Cohen, 62, of 270 Gibbs Ave.,
died December 30, 1989, at Mir-
iam Hospital. She was the widow
of Lawrence J. Cohen.

Born in Providence, a daugh-
ter of Regina (Felder) Brouth of
Newport and the late Abraham
Brouth, she lived in Newport for
50 years.

Mrs. Cohen was a member of
Touro Synagogue and its Ladies
Auxiliary, Hadassah, Sigma
Delta Tau Alpha Chapter, and
the Newport Hospital Women's
Auxiliary. She was a graduate of
the University of Rhode Island
in 1949, with a bachelor's degree
in English.

Besides her mother she leaves
three daughters, Marjorie Rob-
bins of Washington, D.C., Bar-
bara Cohen of Boston, and Janet
McCall of Barrington, a sister,
Miriam Sacks of Silver Spring,
Md., and two granddaughters.

A funeral service was held
December 31 at Hoffman
Chapel, Fowler Street. Burial
was in Beth Olam Cemetery,
Middletown. Arrangements by
the Max Sugarman Memorial
Chapel, 458 Hope St., Provi-
dence.

ANNA GREEN

PROVIDENCE — Anna
Green, 89, of the Jewish Home
for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave.,
died December 27, 1989, at the
home. She was the widow of Max
A. Green.

Born in Russia, she was a
daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs.
Hyman Rudin. A Pawtucket resi-
dent many years, she had lived in
Providence since 1979.

Mrs. Greene was a member of
Congregation Ohave Sholom in
Pawtucket, the Women's Associa-
tion of the Jewish Home for the
Aged and Hadassah.

She leaves two sons, Harvey
Green of Pawtucket and Dr. Al-
fred Green of Bala Cynyd, Pa.; a
daughter, Marcia White of Man-
chester, N.H.; eight grand-
children and two great-grand-
children.

The funeral was held Decem-
ber 29 from Mount Sinai Mem-
orial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial
was in the Mohliver Cemetery,
West Roxbury, Mass.

BELLE F. HYMAN

CRANSTON — Belle F.
Hyman, 57, of 106 Paine Ave.,
died December 28, 1989, at Mir-
iam Hospital.

She was born in Providence, a
daughter of the late Louis and
Bessie (Gregerman) Price and
had lived in Cranston 15 years.

She was a member of Temple
Torat Yisrael.

She leaves two daughters,
Ellen Hyman of Cranston and
Lisa Grasso of Warwick; a sister,
Rosalie Penn of Pawtucket, and
two grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Decem-
ber 31 at Mount Sinai Memorial
Chapel, 825 Hope St., Provi-
dence. Burial was in Lincoln
Park Cemetery, Warwick.

FANN LEIBO

FANN LEIBO, 78, died Decem-
ber 26, 1989. She was a former
resident of San Antonio.

She was a life member of
Hadassah and was very active in
the Jewish community both in
San Antonio and in Oakridge,
Tenn.

She leaves a son, Stanley
Leibo, and a daughter, Bette
Leibo; also two sisters, Sarah
Kominisky and Ruth Sandler,
both of Providence; and two
grandchildren, Jonathan C.
Leibo and Beth S. Leibo.

Graveside services were held
December 28 at Emanu El
Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet.

ELSIE M. MILLER

PROVIDENCE — Elsie M.
Miller, 72, of 182 Laurel Ave.,
died at her home December 24,
1989. She was the wife of the late
Alan J. Miller.

Born in Brookline, Mass., a
daughter of the late Joseph and
Sadie (Hermann) Herwitz, she
had been a resident of Providence
since 1943, previously resi-
ding in Pawtucket.

She was a graduate of the New
England Conservatory of Music
in Boston in 1938 and taught
piano for 10 years subsequently.
She was a member of Temple
Beth-El, Hadassah and Hamil-
ton House.

She leaves a daughter, Carol
Miller of Brookline, Mass.; a son,
David Miller of Rockville, Md.;
and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held
December 26 at Mount Sinai
Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.
Burial was in Sharon Memorial
Park, Sharon, Mass.

In The Catskills

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ment director, Jerry Weiss, had
started as a night clerk in 1943.
"I feel I'm losing part of my
family," he said.

Only Bill Goldwasser, who
had risen from busboy in 1943 to
head of the dining room in the
80s, refused to look back.
"People want everything to re-
main the status quo, exactly as it
was," he commented.

In October, 1986, a 76-year-old
woman, up for the day to pay her
last respects to Jennie, picked
over the wreckage of the resort's
cherished old playhouse. She
shook her head. "Well, nothing
lasts forever. Pretty soon, we'll
all be gone, one by one, the peo-
ple and the places."

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Crime Watch

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way a dangerous place and that
the rate of reported crime has not
increased. "If something hap-
pens in, say, Lincoln, the media
tends to amplify that incident al-
though the same thing may occur
all the time in a more urban area."
"But it's a fact, and it's been
proven again and again, one sin-
gle step of prevention is a very
effective deterrent," he said.

Individual Choice?

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ness in recent years. Many
were the only organs that
objectively reported positive
news from the black commu-
nity. Some did not accept
tobacco or alcohol ads. Where
were the critics when these
publications could have used
their support?

Interestingly, the critics
don't zero in on majority
media—such as Time, News-
week, Playboy, etc.—and de-
mand that they yank their
tobacco advertising, or impugn
their motives in accepting such
ads.

Let me make it clear that I
am not advocating that anyone
smoke. However, I believe that
African-Americans have the
right, just as everybody else, to
make that choice on their own.

Dr. Hooks is executive director of
the National Association for the Ad-
vancement of Colored People.

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College Chat:

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over. Maybe in the 90s apartheid
will fall, and any oppressive gov-
ernments that remain will fall as
well. In addition, maybe the 90s
will bring a cure for AIDS, an
end to problems of drugs and
homelessness and a generally
better world by the time we reach
the 21st century. On the whole,
1989 and the 80s were full of
remarkable achievements, but
there is still much to be done. I
hope the 1990s are a time of
peace, freedom, joy and love and
where hatred and despair are
nonexistent. Shalom, 1980s.
Bonjour, 1990s.

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Menorah Goes Up in Pittsburgh

by Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — After a progression of legal battles and a trip to the Supreme Court, members of the Chabad Lubavitch movement succeeded, on the fifth night of Chanukah, in erecting a menorah on the steps of Pittsburgh City Hall.

The issue of the display of menorahs on government property fell into the hands of the Supreme Court for the second time this year, shortly before the eight-day Jewish holiday began.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, Jr. ruled that the Pittsburgh city government must, for the moment, grant Chabad permission to put up a menorah on the steps of City Hall, next to the city's Christmas tree.

In doing so, he reinstated a federal district court order that had been overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

Following Brennan's ruling, Chabad wound up back in federal district court to contest the amount of money the city required as bond for the menorah. That battle and the logistical problems of obtaining bond money over the holiday weekend meant the menorah could not be put up until the fifth night of Chanukah.

Nathan Lewin, the attorney for Chabad, said he was "gratified" by Brennan's ruling.

"It's unfortunate that the proceedings delayed the display of the menorah as long as they did, but we are pleased that (Brennan) made this decision," he said.

Pittsburgh city attorney George Spector said that he was preparing an appeal to the entire Supreme Court to reverse Brennan's ruling. He said he "had no idea" whether there was a realistic chance the full court would be able to take up the issue before Chanukah ended.

Lawyers for the city and for Chabad have been involved in this tangle of litigation ever since

Pittsburgh Mayor Sophie Masloff, who is Jewish, announced that her administration did not want the menorah displayed.

The Masloff administration's decision to oppose the menorah came in the aftermath of last July's Supreme Court ruling on the issue in Pittsburgh.

The high court ruled at that time that while a menorah standing beside a Christmas tree was constitutional, a nativity scene displayed alone in a courthouse was not.

But the city decided this fall that if there would be no nativity scene, there would be no menorah.

Brennan's decision to temporarily force the city to permit the menorah would indicate that cities presently have little leeway to oppose religious symbols on public property, as long as they are part of larger holiday displays.

Bagel Review

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Before, New York had the reputation of being the home of the bagel, but now the bagel bug has spread throughout New England too and not only Jews eat bagels; they are an American food. Soon bagels may be seen in other countries but for now some foreign hotels may stock them as a specialty item.

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Outcry Erupts At The Jerusalem Post Over New Publisher's Editorial Bent

by Sabra Chartrand

JERUSALEM — Journalists at *The Jerusalem Post*, Israel's only English-language newspaper, have mounted a drive to oust the paper's publisher of eight months, saying he is trying to turn the liberal daily into a platform for right-wing views.

The *Post's* editor, Erwin Frenkel, resigned recently after the publisher, Yehuda Levy, a retired army colonel with no background in journalism, indicated that he had decided to take editorial control of the paper. The next day, *The Post's* news staff voted unanimously to call a strike in January.

(Nine senior members of *The Post's* editorial staff, including the managing editor, David Landau, announced that they would resign in 30 days unless the publisher was replaced and Mr. Frenkel reinstated.)

Advocates Land For Peace
The Jerusalem Post has a circulation of 25,000 on weekdays and 55,000 for its Friday weekend paper, and a circulation of 70,000 for its international weekly edition. It openly advocates territorial compromise with Israel's Arab enemies and has frequently published editorials criticizing the Government's handling of the two-year Palestinian uprising in the occupied

territories.

While most of Israel's mass-circulation dailies are liberal in tone, *The Post* is generally more to the left than many of the others.

The Post is widely read by diplomats, tourists, journalists and Jews abroad, giving it a degree of importance in portraying Israel to the world that might seem disproportionate to its readership.

Mr. Frenkel's resignation and the staff decision to call a strike has generated a furor here, forcing Mr. Levy to deny that he intends to change the paper's editorial slant.

Calls Accusers 'Incorrec'
"Whoever is trying to make me look like someone trying to change the paper from left to right is just incorrect, although even this could be within my full right," Mr. Levy told the Israeli radio. He declined to be interviewed for this article.

But in earlier interviews, Mr. Levy said he simply wanted *The Post* to be more balanced in its coverage. *Post* editors insist that Mr. Levy's growing involvement in the paper's daily report points to something else entirely, although they cannot produce a wealth of evidence to substantiate their criticism.

Still, they complain that Mr.

Levy recently urged the paper to write about the "Jordan is Palestine" crusade, a movement championed by right-wing academics and politicians who believe that a Palestinian state already exists in Jordan.

They also say he went over the heads of editors to reprimand reporters covering politics and the occupied territories for what he saw as dovish articles, and has said in interviews that the paper should adopt a more pro-Zionist position.

An Editorial Is Quashed

Uncertainty over Mr. Levy's intentions peaked in November, when the publisher ordered Mr. Frenkel to withdraw an editorial from the paper's international edition. The editorial, which appeared in the daily, was a reply to criticism from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who said *The Post's* left-wing editorial line undermined "Israel's position" in the Jewish world.

In his editorial, Mr. Frenkel boasted that the paper "consistently dissented from the Likud's territorialism," referring to the refusal by Mr. Shamir's party to cede land for peace. Mr. Frenkel also said *The Post* was not "enraptured in its reporting of events by the Prime Minister's reading of Israel's international positions."

The dispute over the editorial so angered *Post* editors that they now say they are unwilling to compromise with Mr. Levy. Mr. Landau, the managing editor, said "his action regarding the editorial, which laid down the basic credo of *The Jerusalem Post*, still resonates."

Other *Post* staff members asserted that officials in the Prime Minister's office persuaded Mr. Levy to pull the editorial.

'Address For The Pressure'

"The Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister's offices maintain constant pressure on *The Post*, but until now they did not have an address for the pressure," Menachem Shalev, the paper's diplomatic correspondent, said recently. "Now they do." He said Government officials have told him that Mr. Levy has assured them that the paper's editorial line will change.

Mr. Levy will have the power to effect that change if he does take over as "responsible editor" of *The Post*, an intention he indicated in a letter written in early

December to a committee of Israeli newspaper editors.

Requesting admittance to the group, Mr. Levy wrote, "As publisher, I intend to become very involved in the work of the editorial staff, and all that this implies."

The letter prompted Mr. Frenkel's resignation. Recently, *Post* employees rejected the idea that an interim editor take over until tempers cool, and they delivered an ultimatum to David Radler, the president of Hollinger Inc., a Canadian newspaper chain that owns the daily. Hollinger, which bought *The Post* in April, pledged at the time to preserve the paper's editorial independence.

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Kraar Seen As Sharp

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"I do believe that none of us is as smart as all of us," he says. "I don't like to make decisions on the run. I don't like to make decisions without all the facts."

Asked what criteria will be used to evaluate which projects are worthwhile to undertake and which ones are not, Kraar stresses meritocracy. "The vision that we all have to buy into together is the vision of quality," he says.

And for Kraar, that vision of quality must extend to the qualifications of the people working within the federation movement.

"I am seriously concerned about the professional personnel in the field," he says. Likewise, he says, "we need a knowledgeable and committed laity."

Consequently, Kraar says CJF has "placed training and leadership development as a high priority."

As far as many large-city federation executives are concerned, another priority ought to be a re-evaluation of whether the federation movement needs both a national body to conduct fund-raising for Israel, namely the United Jewish Appeal, and another national organization to provide overall guidance to federations, namely CJF.

Said one large-city federation executive, having a separate UJA and CJF "made sense in 1939. It does not make sense in 1989."

Another executive from a large-city federation said a merger of the two national organizations is "long overdue."

When Kraar is asked about a merger, he does not respond with a characteristically smooth answer. He talks about how UJA and CJF now "work well together," but he personally is "the least parochial person you'll ever find."

"Ask me in a year," he says.

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