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Ele Wiesel On Board

by Elena Neuman
NEW YORK (JTA) — A faction of the Conservative movement of Judaism that opposes the ordination of women as rabbis, among other recent trends, is starting its own non-denominational rabbinical seminary for the study of what it calls "traditional Judaism."

The formation of the Institute of Traditional Judaism was announced at a news conference here recently by leaders of the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism.

Although the new institute claims to be unaffiliated with any particular branch of Judaism, many see it as an academic alternative to the Jewish Theological Seminary, the leading Conservative rabbinical school, which in the past decade has promoted the ordination of women as rabbis and cantors.

"We want the institute to serve as a unifying force among the tra-

ditional elements within the Jewish community," Rabbi Ronald Price, dean of the institute, said in an interview. "This is not a Conservative institution, it is independent and non-denominational."

"From our perspective, we are not setting ourselves up in competition with any institution that exists in the community today," said Price. "Our goal is to work with as broad a spectrum of the community as possible. The labels are not relevant to us."

Price admits, however, that "we cannot erase our histories." Many of the leaders of the new seminary are past and present members of the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism, a group that formed in 1983 in direct response to the Conservative movement's decision to allow the rabbinic ordination of women.

In that year, the union ruffled feathers with an advertisement it

circulated throughout the Jewish news media, which said, "Leading Talmudic scholars of the Conservative movement have declared (the ordination of women) to be halachically wrong."

The organization, which boasts a membership of 400 to 500 rabbis and approximately 5,000 lay families, also has opposed allowing women to participate as full members in minyanim and Torah readings, although it sanctions women leading and participating in segregated women's prayer services.

The institute, scheduled to open this September in Mount Vernon, N.Y., will offer traditional ordination to male rabbinical students, as well as non-matriculated studies to students "regardless of age, gender or denominational affiliation."

"While our institute will ordain only men," explained

Price, "that is not the primary raison d'être of the school. The issue is our approach to Jewish law and the community."

"We are responding to a feeling that there is a need in the community for the leadership of

rabbis who are fully traditional, passionately observant and faithful," he said.

"The motto of our school is genuine faith and intellectual (continued on page 7)

Conservative Movement Fractured — Halachic Rebels Establish School



Some newly arrived Russian teenagers helping out with hamentaschen at the Chabad House. Left to right: Julia Nubupousky, Chana Vadash, Chaya Zisel Laufer and Heather David.

'Can't Happen Here,' Rabbis Say

Local Conservative Movement Remains Allied

by John Chadwick
Herald Editor

Rhode Island Conservative Rabbis remain committed to the Conservative Movement and to the Jewish Theological Seminary despite the exodus of a faction of leaders last week.

A group of more traditional, New York-based Conservative leaders who oppose the ordination of women, among other recent trends, is starting its own non-denominational seminary, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported last week (see story, page one).

Four local Conservative rabbis say they remain comfortable with the current direction of the Seminary and stressed there is enough flexibility in the mainstream of the movement to satisfy Conservative Jews in the area.

"... You can't create an institution out of your back pocket..."

— Joel Neusner

Rabbi Jechonikoff of Temple B'nai Israel in Woonsocket could not be reached for comment.

"There is a range of observance among (Conservative Jews), and the movement has always been able to accommodate that," Rabbi Wayne Franklin, of Tem-

ple Emanu-El, said.

Rabbi David Rosen, of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, said, "There seems to be a general consensus (in Rhode Island) as to what constitutes a mainstream level of observance — there are minor differences to be sure — some synagogues have been quicker to adopt liberal changes, but we all seem to be adhering."

While there are no female Conservative rabbis in Rhode Island, the rabbis say they harbor no objections to female ordination and presently they support calling women to the Torah. "If there was a female (Conservative) rabbi in the area — I would welcome her," said Rabbi Marc Jagoliner of Temple Shalom in Middletown.

Those interviewed seemed to feel the women question was the most substantial issue for the split. The Seminary approved female ordination in the early 1980's and dissent among the departing faction had been festering since, they said. "That was the proverbial straw," says Rabbi H. Scott White of Temple Am-David, of Warwick. "The breakaway was not purely theological."

While observers say the split is regrettable, it will not harm the movement and will perhaps help it.

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Federation Group Returns From Nationwide Planning Session

Rhode Island Vice-Chair discusses issues

by John Chadwick
Herald Editor

A delegation of staff and volunteers from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island recently returned from Phoenix where they helped draft an all-encompassing policy statement which will serve as a guide for mainstream Jewish organizations across the country.

Under the umbrella of the National Jewish Community Relations Council, the local delegation along with affiliates from other cities voted on a consensus agreement known as the Joint Program Plan. The Plan includes positions and goals pertaining to issues from Israel and the peace process to domestic issues like homelessness, racism and abortion.

This year, members of the Rhode Island group submitted their own proposal calling for the "peace dividend" (anticipated revenue from defense cuts) to be reserved for assistance to the homeless and to the poverty-stricken. Federation Vice-President Norman Orendenker, who attended the plenary, said, "Our proposal was that the money be set aside for homelessness and poverty and not be frittered away on other things." The proposal was adopted.

Unity on Israel?

While NJCRAC is supposed to be a consensus organization,

news reports from the sessions in Phoenix documented increasing differences over Israel and the peace process.

The American Jewish Congress submitted two resolutions; one which maintained that "many within the Jewish community believe a two-state solution is the best solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict," and another expressing concern over Prime Minister Shamir's continual rejection of Palestinian statehood.

The resolutions were later withdrawn in order to avoid divisive debate. Orendenker told the *Herald* there remains a consensus among NJCRAC groups to show unity for Israel — although deep disagreements may exist over the current government's policy. Vocal support is paramount, he says, because policy makers would use criticism as a rationale to cut aid.

"Unity and support of Israel is essential — that does not mean that all Jewish leaders support all policies of that particular government that is in power at the time — these are two separate things," he said. "There was a general feeling among (NJCRAC) that those resolutions would not be helpful to the peace process."

However, Orendenker said the Rhode Island delegation were among a bare majority who

voted in the affirmative for a holy contested resolution that warns against the settling of Russian immigrants into the occupied territories.

"I believe our delegation voted 100 percent in favor of that — I think that we take the position of our government — they do not favor any more settlement on the West Bank."

Stephanie Gurwitz, the community relations coordinator for the Rhode Island Federation, stressed that it was important not to allow anything to jeopardize direct flights from Moscow to Israel. Observers say that Arab countries have raised the issue of settlement in the territories in an effort to discourage the Soviet Union from allowing immigration to Israel. "We want the flights to begin," she said.

The vote was so narrow in favor of the resolution that it is presently being reviewed by a subcommittee.

Black-Jewish Relations

The NJCRAC plan has always encouraged pluralism and dialogue between community leaders in the Black and Jewish community. Such talks have been a priority in Rhode Island where the Black-Jewish Forum has been meeting for seven years.

The Forum meets regularly, (continued on page 7)

Inside the Ocean State



Shimon Gewirtz

Jewish Music Old And New Will be Featured At Torat Yisrael

Jewish music aficionados will be treated to an eclectic mix of both modern and traditional selections this month at a concert at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

Cantor Shimon Gewirtz along with former Torat Yisrael cantor Steven Freedman will each be playing solo, as a duo and with a small ensemble while performing different varieties of liturgical music and Hebrew and Yiddish folk songs.

The concert will take place Saturday, March 24, at the temple, 330 Park Avenue in Cranston. "There's going to be a contemporary upbeat feel along with the traditional material," Gewirtz said last week.

A professional musician and longtime producer of Jewish music programs, Gewirtz took over cantorial duties at the temple last fall.

The liturgical portion of the show will encompass music using both traditional prayer modes as well as some original compositions that utilize more conventional western modes.

"Liturgical music does not have to be thought of as something staid — it's lively, and many people feel it is important to experiment with the newer modes."

Gewirtz and Freedman both play folk guitar as well, and the concert will include a generous portion of Yiddish and Israeli folk music. The accompanying ensemble will include a flute and keyboards. "I think this is very innovative, and I think there is something for everyone."

The show will begin at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5. For more information, please call 785-1800.

Finding Space for Singles

Concerned over the rising rate of intermarriage and assimilation, a Warwick woman has launched an effort to organize young Jewish adults into a viable group outside of the mainstream organizations and synagogues.

Roberta Chernov, 46, and a self-described "traditional Jew," has petitioned the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the major synagogues for support in the project, which she envisions as being more than a social group.

Her goal, she says, is to establish a place where Jewish singles, ages 18 through 29, can meet and, in her words, further "Jewish socialization" through a variety of activities such as guest speakers, films or discussions.

"I'm tired of reading about assimilation and intermarriage in the Jewish community; everyone seems to be complaining about it but there are few people getting out and doing anything about it," Chernov said recently.

Other details of the group haven't been worked out as yet, but Chernov, a full-time teacher and mother of three, is convinced that the need is there. "We're committing our own holocaust," she says.

The 1987 Federation demographic study reported that 38 percent of all marriages in the 1980-1987 involved a partner who was not Jewish. Other recent studies performed by Brandeis University warn that the rising tide of professional, non-Orthodox Jews who marry and have children later threatens the traditional constituency of the large mainstream synagogues.

Anyone interested in working with Mrs. Chernov can call her at 739-4542.

Remembering Alex Margolin

The past week has been a very sad one for us. Last Wednesday, February 21, 1990, a dear friend of ours was shot and killed in his home in Providence and the murder remains unsolved.

Alex Margolin, the deceased, 25 years of age, served in Lebanon for three years in the Golan brigade and resided in Yokneam. He emigrated to Israel from Russia with his family as a teenager. Unable to afford his studies at the Technion, his father urged him to go to America to make a living. After a year of venturing into different businesses and living with a relative, he returned to Israel to marry. He returned to America with his Israeli bride and continued in his business ventures. Alex was loved by all who met him. His youthful innocence and friendly demeanor drew all to embrace him. Alex, along with the community Mashgiach, made his Mister Donut shop kosher, the first kosher eatery in Providence.

A reward fund has been set up

by the Orthodox Jewish community to expedite the arrest and conviction of those involved in the murder.

Our voices cry out to the Russian Jews who seek the land of freedom that will ensure the best alternative to the Gulag, who emigrate to Israel and serve for the country given to us as a blessing. While Alex found opportunity in America, he also found a country riddled with crime, anti-Semitism and with a bleak future.

We call on all Jews to join us in our efforts to bring the perpetrator to justice. Donations can be made to:

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R.I. Oasis Provides Relief for the Handicapped

by Kathy Cohen
Assistant Herald Editor

"See this table?" asks mental health advocate Carolyn Schwartz. "And this one? A man (who's 88 years old) read about us at the Oasis Drop-In Center and so he made these (tables, lamps, etc.) for us by hand."

This elderly man wasn't the only one to make a donation to this year-old center for mental health patients who not only use the facility, but operate it, too. The state has donated most of the furniture, the patients are donating their time to keep the doors open, and the pillows, poems and wall decorations were all made and donated to give the place a "homey" atmosphere.

The Drop-in Center is funded through the State Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals and is the state's first self-run facility of its kind.

On the outside, the peeling three-story building, that was once owned by the Mental Health Association, looks a bit frayed, but the inside looks warm and is ready for activity. There are about twenty members so far, and they hope to attract more.

New Hours and Activities
Since the center opened last April, new hours and activities have been added. The consumers meet every other Saturday to discuss advocacy work and talk to other drop-in centers through a teleconferencing system. On Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the coffee house is open. Residents often play acoustic instruments like the harmonica and guitar. Saturday night videos are in the works. There are people present almost every weekday from noon to 3:00 p.m., Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 10: p.m. and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to

1:00 p.m.

The facility is designed to be nonthreatening and participatory — peer support is stressed. There's a referral hotline available to discuss issues such as discrimination or housing or just to talk.

The idea came from a number of consumers requesting a place to meet, says Schwartz. She and the group she formerly co-chaired — the Coalition of Consumer Self-Advocates (CCSA), lobbied for both the site and state funding.

"Self-help is an effective support for mental health consumers," said Danna Mauch, director of Mental Health and Community Support Services and a 20-year veteran in the mental health field. "The more recent application of self-help is this Oasis center."

Mauch has worked in Massachusetts a number of years and developed the first Oasis house there, which a number of local patients visited. They took home ideas — advocacy work, fundraising — in order to develop their own house in R.I. She believes that because the consumers have been through the mental health system themselves, they have a lot of constructive ideas to offer their peers.

The nonprofit facility, located on the first floor of 89 Park Street, around the corner from the State House, costs the tenants \$400 a month. The state has made additional allocations but the facility is still trying to raise sufficient funds to hire one full-time and two part-time staff.

"If we could offer (them) jobs," says Lavine, "it would give them some sort of stability. I feel it's important to pay people for their time. We get paid for our time, why shouldn't these people get paid for their services? We could offer members stability, too."

Looking for a new site

However, the 89 Park Street tenants will soon be moving to another location due to the pending renovation of the area. The advocates are looking for a centrally located spot, preferably in Providence.

As a manic depressive, Carolyn Schwartz has had her own experience in the mental health system. In her mid-twenties, she says, she was given electric shock treatments against her will. Be-



Carolyn Schwartz and Judy Lavine both helped the Oasis Drop-In Center become a dream come true for R.I. disabled citizens.

cause of mistreatment, she turned towards advocacy work several years ago. She travels all over the U.S., attending conferences, giving presentations and learning how to help others help themselves.

Schwartz plans to complete a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at Boston University in the near future.

New Members are Eagerly Accepted

Presently, Schwartz and her friends are at work attracting others to the Oasis Center. Schwartz says mental health patients often feel isolated and threatened outside of hospital grounds — she wants them to understand that the Oasis center is a comfortable and nonthreatening place with no therapy, medications, or pressures to do any kind of activity.

"We get all sorts of interesting people here," Schwartz said. "I had one guy say that this was like home. You should see all the talented people we get on Friday night. We would like to show the

creativity of our people instead of the mental illness. People always think of you as retarded and we're not retarded. Some of us have genius IQs."

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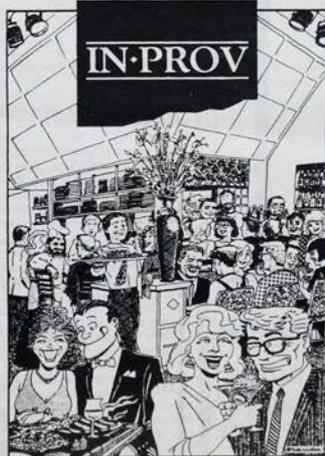
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Editorial

In Search Of The Great Jewish Judge

by Harry J. Kolodney

The recent death of Arthur Goldberg, former Cabinet Secretary, Ambassador to the United Nations and Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, serves to remind us that there has not been a Jewish Judge on the High Court for more than twenty years.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson, over the protests of many members of his administration and with several members of Congress in opposition, secured the appointment of Louis D. Brandeis, the first Jew to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. This appointment brought to the court one of the greatest legalistic scholars of all times. He advocated and fought for minimum wages and shorter hours for working women and children, as well as for conditions promoting their health and safety. He is noted and honored for writing many decisions supporting social legislation. He retired from the Court in 1939, at age 83, two years before his death, having served for 23 years.

Benjamin N. Cardozo was appointed by President Herbert Hoover in 1932 to succeed Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. He served until his death at age 68 in 1938. He and Justice Brandeis served together for six years. He became a leading member of the liberal wing and wrote the liberal wing and wrote the Court's opinion upholding the Federal Social Security Act in the Social Security cases of 1937.

In 1939, Felix Frankfurter was appointed to the Court by President Franklin Roosevelt. He was judicial minded, forward-looking and took part in many momentous and far-reaching decisions. He had previously served as an influential adviser to several presidents. He was an outstanding writer, his books include *The Case of Sacco and Vanzetti*, *Mr. Justice Holmes and the Supreme Court*, and *Mr. Justice Louis Brandeis*. He retired in 1962, after a long and distinguished career. He died in 1965, serving for 23 years, as did Brandeis.

Arthur Goldberg, appointed by President John F. Kennedy, served for three years. He

became a key member of the liberal majority and wrote the landmark 5 to 4 decisions in *Escobedo vs. Illinois*, holding that confessions cannot be used in court if police question a suspect who has not been allowed to consult a lawyer or had not been told his statements might be used against him. President Johnson, hoping Goldberg could negotiate an end to the Vietnam War, asked him to resign from the bench in 1965 to become U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Justice Goldberg was succeeded by Abe Fortas, appointed by President Johnson, because "He was the most experienced, compassionate, articulate and intelligent lawyer I know." In 1967 he was nominated by President Johnson to be Chief Justice, to succeed Justice Earl Warren, retired. Justice Fortas made a speech in New York stating that the battles of the black man for equality in this country were essentially the same as those of the Jew, and that Jews must help in the Civil Rights struggle. Several demagogic Senators inter-

preted this statement as a conspiratorial call for Jews and Blacks to take over America. The predictions that Fortas could not win Senate endorsement proved true and he was rejected by a vote of 45 to 43. He resigned as an Associate Justice, and became the last Jew to serve on the High Court. He was succeeded by Thurmond Marshall, who became the first black to serve on the Federal Supreme Court.

A so-called Jewish seat on the U.S. Supreme Court existed from Brandeis to Fortas, from 1916 to 1968. Judaism, together with Protestantism and Catholicism is one of the three major faiths in this country, sharing power with the Executive and Legislative branches. A Jewish seat on the High Court would enhance our system of government.

The Court's authority is defined in the Constitution of this country. Jurisdiction is applied to cases from lower Federal Courts or from the Highest Courts in the various States. Cases from the State Courts may be taken only when they involve

a Federal Statute or Constitutional Provision. It would appear that the characteristics of the High Court to be somewhat similar to the actions of our scholarly Rabbis, who serve as the final authorities in matters of Halachic law.

There are many Jewish judges, lawyers and legal scholars who are extremely well qualified for an appointment to the Supreme Court. Their records may be carefully scrutinized by the appointer and thoroughly researched through our U.S. Senate system of Advise and Consent.

President Bush speaks of a thousand points of light. His restoration of the Jewish seat at his next appointment to the Court would cause a portion of the lights to shine brightly in that direction. He is strongly urged to consider this affirmative action at the proper time.

The writer is a Pawtucket resident.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor

The Pamyat, a very powerful anti-Semitic organization in the Soviet Union, which has already taken "credit" for the killings of two Jews in Rostov and other acts of brutal harassment, has declared that during the first week of May their members will start massacring Jews by the tens of thousands.

The Soviet government has not taken the necessary action to suppress Pamyat's evil goals. There are too few here in America helping our imprisoned brethren. It is, therefore, our duty to be the Jewish people to be emissaries

and to inform our congregants and all others of the danger that lies ahead for the Jews of the Soviet Union. Ask every member of your congregation to please write to his congressman. Help put pressure on the Soviet government by demanding freedom for the Soviet Jews and the right of Jews to defend themselves against another Holocaust. We must not remain silent!

Ta'anit Esther was declared a fast day because the Jews of Persia (Iran) faced the same danger that is now facing the Jews in Russia. We pray once again that

God will help save our brothers and sisters from the hands of the eternal anti-Semite. Pogrom history is again repeating itself! It is, therefore, the consensus of many rabbis and organizations that every rabbi of a congregation and every other group leader throughout the world inform their congregants and followers that Ta'anit Esther has a double significance this year. The fast must be observed for the sake of its own merit as always, but each person must also have the intention to fast on behalf of the

Soviet Jews and to plead for God's help and mercy in saving our brothers from the declared pogrom!

If we do not show our care, who will? And if not now, when?

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- Demanding the Soviet Union to allow the expeditionary force into the Soviet Union.

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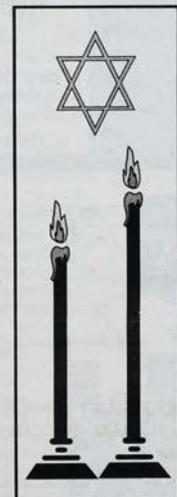
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The Inner Temple

The Torah portion, *Tetzave*, relates in detail the instructions for making the golden altar. What relevance can we make of these instructions today, when we have no Temple and no altar?

When G-d told Moses to erect a Sanctuary, He said: "And they shall make Me a Sanctuary, and I will dwell in them," meaning in the soul of every Jew. Thus, even though the physical Temple which stood in Jerusalem has been destroyed, the inner Temple, which each Jew makes within himself, survives, indestructible. And the service which he conducts in the reaches of his soul mirrors in every respect the service of the Temple and Sanctuary. Thus these laws, which appear at first sight to have no contemporary application, are in fact precise instructions as to the inner life of a Jew.

Of the many vessels and implements in the Holy Temple, some could become ritually impure while others were not defileable. (The golden altar was of this second category.) Each vessel had its own particular function.

There is an analogy to this in the Jewish soul, with its many facets and capacities. It may be that in the course of serving G-d, some ulterior motive, some unholily desire, intrudes. This can be compared to the defilement of one of the Sanctuary vessels. When this occurs, our thought have become impure, and we must seek ways of removing the

impurity so that our thoughts can become worthy of taking part in the "service of the inner Sanctuary." For within the Sanctuary, no impurities are allowed.

There are, amongst Jews, Jews of copper and Jews of gold. Those who are rich in spiritual worth are like gold; their every



act is like this precious metal. The spiritually poor are the copper altars of religious life. But every Jew, however he behaves inwardly or outwardly, preserves intact at the heart of his being an essential desire to do G-d's will — a spark of faith, sometimes hidden, sometimes fanned into flames. The previous Lubavitcher Rebbe said: "A Jew does not want, nor is he able, to be torn away from G-dliness." This spark is where the altar of the Jew's inner Temple is to be found.

The Temple service included burnt offerings. These were animals, consumed by a fire sent from G-d. This sacrifice—also

occurs within the soul of the Jew, the sacrifice is of himself. The animal is his animal soul, his egocentric desires. And the fire which consumes them is the fire of the love of G-d, whose undying source is the spark of holiness at the essential core of his soul.

Whether a Jew belongs to the "altars of gold" or is one of the "altars of copper," as long as he reminds himself that essentially he is an altar where the fire of G-dly love consumes the animal soul of his self-centered passions, he cannot become impure. When a Jew concentrates on this aspect of his soul he becomes like the earth. Just as the earth which we tread on is a symbol of humility and can never become impure, so our soul becomes void of any will except the will of G-d and remains pure.

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer. From Torah Studies by Jonathan Sacks.



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The Third International Conference of the Jewish Media

by Patricia Golan

(WZPS) — The Third International Conference of the Jewish Media, under the title "Israel and the Jewish People: Facing New Realities," took place during January at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jerusalem.

160 representatives from 27 countries, including people prominent in the field of Jewish communications in the world, newspaper editors, heads of radio stations, editors of television programs and senior editors participated in the Conference which dealt with the Jewish media in the world, its status, its role, its problems and its function as part of the international communications network.

The Conference was organized by the WZO Department of Information. Other participating bodies were the Jewish Agency, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Tourism, the Government Press Office, the International Jewish Media Association and The Jerusalem Post.

During the last Christmas holiday, when world attention was focused on the revolution in Romania, the upheavals in Eastern Europe and the American invasion of Panama, scores of foreign newsmen poured into Israel to cover the visit of Bishop Desmond Tutu, the black Nobel Prize winner from South Africa. One French network even sent six crews to cover Tutu's 72-hour visit.

Participants

This obsession of the world media with Israel, and Israel's image in the world media, was one of the central themes of the Third International Conference of the Jewish Media held in Jerusalem in January. For five days the largest-ever gathering of Jewish journalists met at Jerusalem's Hyatt Regency Hotel — over 300 representatives of the Jewish media in 29 countries — to discuss the Jewish media in the world, its status, role, problems and function as part of the world communications network.

This year's Conference was held

by Michael Fink
Special to the Herald

We didn't dwell at the edge of the forest or jungle. I wasn't raised on the farm. I just got wheeled down the sidewalk from our tenement into the grounds of Roger Williams Park. A display of tulips, daffodils and crocus arranged into a formal pattern greeted the army of strollers and carriages in the still spaces of the WPA years.

Wildfowl from all over the world chirped in the jammed birdhouse. Stuffed specimens even more exotic posed in stately dignity in the museum of natural history. Like a Roman Colosseum the zoo held the furry creatures. Dogs, stags and lions of stone or steel guarded the gateways, too proud to sniff at the straw baking in the strong sun-

der the subtitle "Israel and the Jewish People: Facing New Realities," and this fact was reflected in the particularly strong presence of Jewish journalists from Eastern bloc countries. Delegates came from Poland, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and the ten-member delegation from the Soviet Union. Until the last moment it was unclear whether the Soviet Jewish journalists would be able to obtain visas to attend the Conference, but once in Israel they attracted a great deal of attention, as fellow journalists from around the world vied for the chance to interview them.

Among the Soviet journalists were Dr. Mikail Chlenov, the prominent Russian-Jewish activist and ethnologist; Dr. Tancred Golenposky, editor of the *Herald of Soviet Jewish Culture*; Genady Estraikh, managing editor of *Sovetskoye Heimland*; Leonid Shkolnik, ex-editor of the Yiddish weekly *Birobidzhaner Stern* and presently a representative of the Birobidzhan Autonomous Republic in the Supreme Soviet; and other leading journalists from the fast-reviving Jewish press in Moscow, Riga, Tallinn and Tbilisi.

The largest foreign delegation, with 53 journalists, was from the United States and included major representation from Jewish television networks. A large contingent of Jewish student editors also took part in the Conference.

Many of Israel's leaders addressed the participants, including President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Shimon Peres, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and his deputy Benjamin Netanyahu and Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Diniz.

Dominant Theme

By far the most dominant theme in the Conference deliberations was the expected wave of possibly hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jewish immigrants to

the country, just as it is the central challenge facing Israel today.

At the opening session of the Conference, former Prisoner-of-Zion Natan Sharansky and prominent ex-ideologist Yuli Kosharovsky told the participants that they were worried that Israel has as yet no clear plans for the mass arrival. In order to aid new immigrants, Sharansky, now chairman of the Soviet Jewry Zionist Forum, insisted that Russians already living in Israel should be a part of the process of absorption. He complained that organizations such as the United Jewish Appeal, the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency expected him, and others like him, to be mere figureheads, and said there is opposition to attempts at them becoming more involved, such as meeting new arrivals at the airport and helping them in the critical initial absorption stages.

But Deputy Prime Minister Peres, in a speech which earned him a five-minute standing ovation, said he had no doubt the country would meet the test of the Russian aliyah. "From 1948 to 1951 we absorbed a large number of people than ever before. So we had to ration our food. If, in 1948, someone would have asked how it's possible to absorb 1,000 people a day, no one would have known the answer." "We hope to see world Jewry share the burden with us," said Peres, adding "but if not, we'll do it alone — we will always find enough money and enough means to make room for our brothers and sisters who reach the shores of Israel."

Israel's Image

The problem of Israel's image in the world media was the subject of several sessions. According to Dr. Yossi Olmert, Director-General of the Government Press Office, Israel has the second largest concentration of foreign press correspondents and they are expected to file stories every day. "Somehow we have to

cut off by wrought iron gates from the city of cars and billboards.

My parents had come to settle in Providence for keeps. Nobody dreamed of again travelling out into the world. The Japanese island groves with their tiny curved bridges gave us a bonsai journey. Instead of flying around the globe, a nickel turn round the carousel would do just fine, in fact far better.

I never stopped popping in on Roger Williams Park. We learned to drive a stick shift there among the hills and valleys. We took our youngsters and pushed them around in lightweight strollers, a far cry from the almost Victorian contraptions of wicker and wood I rode in. I don't think much about all that. Maybe a giant tree

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find the right balance between interest in Israel and the level of reporting — our aim is to try to reduce more positive stories about Israel."

The ex-director of Galei Zahal, the Army Broadcasting Service, Nahman Shai, now the Israel Defense Forces spokesman, told the participants that every week his office reports on some 200-250 incidents in the territories. "The Palestinians," said Shai, "are comfortable with the foreign media, know how to reach the right people, and know how to get their message across."

"If we aren't fast enough with the story, the other side will get their version out first — we are simply in competition with the Palestinians in the territories for news; who will be first with the information and whose information will be perceived as more accurate," Shai continued. "The Palestinians have learned how to be accurate. They learned from us; once you mislead the media in a story, they will mistrust you next time."

Special Programs

Field trips organized for participants included a tour of the West Bank with a visit to the new Jewish town of Ariel, and visits to absorption centers for new immigrants in Rishon LeZion and Ra'anana, which are pioneers in direct absorption of Soviet immigrants as an alternative to absorption centers.

Participants in the Ra'anana trip were very enthusiastic about

their visit. One editor said she had never been so moved on any previous trip to Israel. Greeted by children at Ra'anana's Yavne Elementary School, all of whom

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World and National News

Search For 'Hot' Torahs Leads To Suspect's Arrest

by Marilyn Silverstein

PHILADELPHIA (JTA) — Abraham Tzvi Piotrkowski, the man wanted by the Lower Merion Township Police in connection with the recent theft of two Torahs from Temple Beth Hillel/Beth El in Wynnewood, Pa., was arrested recently on unrelated charges in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Piotrkowski, 35, also known as Abraham Pietrokowsky, was stopped by Brooklyn police in a stolen vehicle recently, according to the Brooklyn district attorney's office.

The suspect, who police sources say is known to use several versions of his name, identified himself as Abraham Pietrokowsky when he was arrested.

Piotrkowski's arrest came in the wake of two more reports of Torah theft in the Greater Philadelphia-South Jersey area. Last weekend, two Sifrei Torah were discovered missing at Congregation Beth Judah in Ventnor City, N.J., and one Sefer Torah was reportedly taken from

the Rodef Shalom Synagogue in Atlantic City, N.J.

The latest incidents bring the toll to 11 Sifrei Torah stolen from seven congregations.

Piotrkowski was arraigned in a Brooklyn court recently on charges of grand larceny auto, criminal possession of stolen property, unauthorized use of a vehicle and attempted bribery of a police officer, according to Patrick Clark of the Brooklyn district attorney's office.

The police reportedly became suspicious when Piotrkowski slumped down in his vehicle as their patrol car passed. When a computer check of the license plate indicated that Piotrkowski's car had been reported stolen, the police stopped the vehicle and arrested Piotrkowski.

"He allegedly offered money if the arresting officers would turn him loose," said Clark. "He was ordered held in \$25,000 bail and held pending grand jury action."

Police sources say Piotrkowski is the son of the former owners of

Rabbi Piotrkowski's Judaica Center, importers and distributors of Judaica, jewelry, religious art and Israeli crafts, in a Philadelphia suburb.

According to Lt. John Maloney, commander of the Lower Merion Police Department's Detective Unit, a warrant for Piotrkowski was issued after the recovery last week of four Torah crowns, a breastplate and two pointers from A Antiques & Coins Unlimited in Runnemede, N.J.

The recovered items, reportedly worth an estimated \$26,000, were identified as ornaments from the two Torah scrolls stolen from Beth Hillel/Beth El, he said.

The intensive search for Piotrkowski followed on the heels of a transaction Feb. 19 at the antique and coin shop in Runnemede.

The man who initiated the transaction walked into the shop that day and asked shopkeeper Maryann Verica if she was interested in buying silver, Verica said in a telephone interview.

The silver items "appeared to be ornaments, all crushed on top," she said. "I had no idea what they were."

When Verica asked the man where he had obtained the ornaments, he told her he was a rabbi's son, she said.

"He looked like what he said was true," Verica said. "He appeared to look like a rabbi's son. He was very Jewish-looking. He had a yarmulka on."

Verica said she purchased the items from the man — for a sum she refused to disclose — and then she took a precaution she always takes.

"I took his picture," she said. "I always take everybody's picture who sells me any kind of metal."

That evening, Verica said, she showed the silver ornaments to Jewish friends and asked what they were.

"They said, 'Those don't belong to a rabbi. They belong to a synagogue,'" Verica said. "The next day, I turned on the news and there it was," she said, referring to the news of the Torah

thefts. "I went to the chief of police."

Of her role in the matter, Verica said, "I'm so glad the rabbi got the pieces back. I'm very happy I could assist in some way. Morally, it means a lot to me."

Rabbi Marshall Maltzman, religious leader of Beth Hillel/Beth El, confirmed that he had identified the recovered silver pieces as the ornaments of his

The Jewish Defense League Is Offering Security Patrols

congregation's stolen Torahs.

Regarding the arrest of Piotrkowski in Brooklyn, Maltzman said, "I'm sad that it turns out to be who it is." But, he added, "I'm hopeful that perhaps he will be able to lead the authorities to reclaim the Torah scrolls."

"If so," Maltzman said, "that would be a case for celebration for our synagogue."

Descriptions of Piotrkowski from several sources characterize

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

"Hands-On" Purim was the theme of three workshops held at Temple Torat Yisrael last Sunday morning for Religious School youngsters and their families.

In the art workshop, nimble hands were flying to the singing of snipping scissors and the squeaking of rainbow markers on paper to create *shalach manot* plates and baskets.

Another workshop focused on Jewish identity and anti-Semitism.

And in another area, a Purim version of *The Wizard of Oz* was stirring a hubbub of activity.

The kids were rehearsing Cantor

Shimon Gewirtz's adapted lyrics to the tune of *Oz* music for Saturday night's Purim spiel.

Nearby, splash splash strokes of paint brushes, bursting blossoms of paper flowers, and happy hamantashen faces on a tremendous mural were being readied to "Follow The Hamantashen Road," which will be presented at the Megillah service.

Lonna Pickar, principal of Temple Torat Yisrael Religious School, coordinated the "Hands-On" Purim morning, assisted by Hana Berman, librarian and resource teacher.



Almost completed, the "Hamantashen Road" is lifted up for viewing. Some of the artists were Laura Field, Loren Rappoport, Michelle Levitt, Deena Weinberg, Rachel Field, all from left.

"Hands-On" Purim

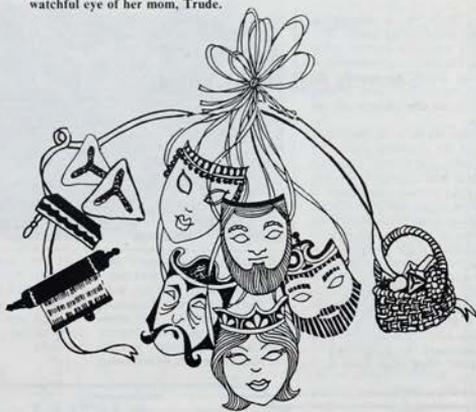


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Sarah Sholes adds a few dabs to the "Hamantashen Road" under the watchful eye of her mom, Trude.



Kevin, Max and Barbara Dwares are in the arts workshop where *shalach manot* baskets and plates are under construction.



Everyone had a chance to have a hand in the design of "Follow the Hamantashen Road."



"These hamantashen are delicious," all agreed. Refreshments were served following each session on Jewish identity and anti-Semitism.

Arts and Entertainment

Peeling The Seven Veils

A Review Of The Obscene Bird Of Night

by V.B. Halpern

In his review of *The Obscene Bird of Night* (Providence Journal-March 1, 1990) William Gale states that although he liked the play, he didn't understand it. This reviewer agrees. The complexities of the play and the intricacies of the production force the spectator to work hard at understanding, but the difficulty carries with it a fascination, the same kind of fascination that grips someone who has had a particularly knotty dream that he can't unravel and from which he cannot separate himself. *The Obscene Bird* binds the spectator in the same way, as indeed it might, for it is a story of the shadowing of a self and the changing of roles and personae within that self.

Set against the backdrop of Chile's multi-faceted society, the story tells essentially of the life — through a kind of flashback — of Mudio, a mute who is confined within a convent. "He falls in love with one of the orphans who lives there, and, in order to impress her, escapes the convent one night to steal a book he wrote in his youth from the only person he knows who owns a copy. But Mudio is caught by the police and made to prove that the book is his by writing it again. The moment he begins to write, he is plunged into memories of his bizarre and ill-remembered past; the story of how he came to be Mudio."

On stage we see a young Mudio, named Humberto Penaloza II (played by Barney

O'Hanlon) who dreams of becoming a writer, but whose middle-class father (played by David C. Jones) has other plans for him. From that moment on, young Mudio is accompanied by his alter ego grown old, Mudio (exquisitely portrayed by Andre Weems). And it is from that moment on that the spectator becomes inextricably involved in the play. The universality hits into each psyche. We are all haunted by our thwarted dreams, by our imaginings of what might have been, and most of all, by the agglomeration of roles we have played within ourselves and before others in our lives. Every life is the story of the peeling of the seven veils, but in every life the veils are different. Those differences account for the variety of interpretations possible that people see in the play.

While he tracks his younger self, Mudio observes much in the lives of others. There are the lives of the Chilean poor, and there are the lives of the Chilean rich. Although the lives of the poor are miserable, the rich too carry their burden of grief. Don Jeronimo de Azcoitia (played by Michael Buster) and his wife Dona Inez de Azcoitia (played by Patricia McGuire) produce a child who is mentally and physically defective. In order that the child may never know how different he is from other people, his father builds a sanctuary for him and populates it with people who differ from the norm: "the monsters." We see life within

these confines. The "monsters" do not see themselves as monsters. When people from the outside world enter their haven, it is the visitors who appear to them as "monsters." The world is divided into *Us* and *Them*. *Us* will always seem right and "normal." *Them* will always seem wrong and aberrant.

Perhaps the moment that strikes most sharply into the hearts of the viewers comes at the end of the play when old Mudio literally cradles in his arms the young Humberto Penaloza I, whose life has run a gamut of broken dreams and disappointments. How often do we look back in our own lives and grieve, not for our lost youth, but for the lost hopes and aspirations?

There are forty-two cast members. Despite the large number, the smoothness of the production never falters. The action and movement on stage are greatly enhanced by the musical scores ranging from Brahms to Beethoven to dance music by Tchaikovsky. The play itself was adapted by Darrah Cloud from a novel by Jose Donoso. Molly Smith, the Artistic Director of the Perseverance Theater in Douglas, Alaska, directed. The title, incidentally, is taken from a passage in a letter by Henry James, Sr. James wrote that life is neither farce nor comedy. It is "... an unsubdued forest where the wolf howls and the obscene bird of night chatters." If the Jamesian view of life is true, so, too, is the thematic view of this play true.

Purim Spiel!



Students at Temple Emanu-El live it up at last week's Purim Spiel. See story page 12.

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him as a man with a heavy build, a round face, glasses and a closely-cropped beard.

"Someone fitting his description was seen at a Temple in Margate," Maloney said.

The witness who made that identification was Rabbi Aaron Krauss, religious leader of Beth El Synagogue in Margate City, N.J.

When the doors of his sanctuary were opened during Shabbat morning services Saturday, Feb. 24, Krauss said in a telephone interview recently, "I noticed somebody walking back and forth, back and forth in the lobby."

The man was wearing a kippah — not a synagogue kippah, the rabbi said. He was slightly disheveled and slightly stocky, with a round face, he added.

"He had on a long overcoat. He had a small beard," Krauss said. "He looked Orthodox."

The man later joined the line for the kiddush luncheon after services, Krauss said. When Krauss approached the man, "he mentioned he was invited, in answer to an unasked question," Krauss said. "He said he was from Brooklyn."

"Someone fitting his general description was seen at two other synagogues the same day."

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Saturday, March 10 - Thirteen days in Adar. Torah reading is P'Tezaveh, Shabbush Zachor. This evening at 7:00 p.m. the reading of Megilla, the Book of Esther. Havdalah is at 6:28 p.m. Minchah is at 5:20 p.m. followed by the Third Meal. Shabbas is over at 6:24 p.m.

Sunday, March 11 - Fourteen days in Adar - The Feast of Purim. Today we will have our annual Purim party and drawing for the raffle at 9:00 a.m. First prize is a remote control VCR, second prize a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond, third prize a large fruit basket. Tickets are available at the shul or 438-5220 or 274-0861. Also, the Megilla will be read this morning at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, March 12 - Fifteen days in Adar - Shushan Purim. Morning services are at 6:15 a.m.

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Purim

King Ashaserus, ruler of the Mendes and the Persians, had his domain from Ethiopia to India, and he ruled over one

hundred and twenty-seven provinces. After banishing Queen Vashiti, who made fun of the king while he was drunk, and would not appear before him dressed "only" in her royal crown, he issued a proclamation, that all the fairest maidens of the land were to addition to take the place of Queen Vashiti.

In the royal palace at Shushan, a Jew named Mordecai, who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylonia, lived with his adopted daughter, Esther. Esther was his uncle's daughter, who had no living father or mother. She was very beautiful. When the king's proclamation was made known, Esther (Hadassah) was to have a turn to be brought before the king. Mordecai told her not to reveal who her people were or her family.

When Esther's turn came, King Ashaserus immediately chose her and placed the queen's crown on her.

Mordecai learned of a plot to kill the king by two of his trusted servants, and revealed this to Queen Esther, who informed the king. The two were hanged. This deed was recorded in the daily record of events, which was kept by the king.

King Ashaserus promoted Haman, the Agagite, and gave him a place above all princes who were with him. All the king's servants bowed down before Haman, for the king had commanded this, except Mordecai. Haman was very angry and decided to plot to destroy all

the Jews in the kingdom of Ashaserus. He told the king the Jews' laws differ from every other people and they do not keep the king's laws. He convinced the king to issue an order to destroy them. Messages were sent to all the king's provinces, to destroy all the Jews on the thirtieth day of the twelfth month, which is Adar.

Mordecai, learning of this, demonstrated in front of the king's gates, calling attention to Esther. The queen sent a servant named Hatach to learn what this meant. Mordecai's message to Esther was to go to the king and plead for her people; however, death was the punishment for any man or woman who goes to the king into the inner court without first being called. Mordecai's message to the queen was, "Help must come - perhaps you were made queen for just such an emergency." The queen replied that she and her maids would fast for three days and nights, and so should all the Jews in Shushan - after which Esther would go to the king - if she perishes, then she would risk this.

On the third day Queen Esther, put on her royal robes and went to the king. He held out the golden scepter and Esther touched it. She was accepted. She requested the king and Haman to attend a feast she would prepare. The king and Haman attended, but as Haman left he saw Mordecai at the king's gate, who neither stood up nor moved for him. They were invited to return for a second day. At home,

Haman plotted with his wife, Zeresh, to build a gallows to hang Mordecai. He planned to announce this and went to the king's court.

That night the king was unable to sleep. He gave orders to have the books with great deeds read to him. At the point where Mordecai was inscribed with revealing the two servants who plotted to kill the king, the king inquired what was done for this noble gesture. The king's courtiers replied that nothing was done.

As Haman entered the court the king asked him what shall be done to a man whom the king delights to honor? Haman, not knowing that the king was requesting for Mordecai, and feeling it was for him, replied with all kinds of royalties and honors.

Then the king agreed and instructed Haman to fulfill this decree. At the feast that Queen Esther prepared, she revealed that Haman plotted to destroy the Jews and build a gallows to hang Mordecai. The king instructed that Haman was to be hanged in these same gallows. And, Haman was in fact, hung from these gallows on the 2nd day of Passover.

King Ashaserus then made Mordecai one of the king's advisors. He also gave his signet ring he had taken from Haman to Mordecai. Queen Esther urged the king to issue a decree negating Haman's plans, at which the king did and sealed it with the king's ring.

Mordecai swiftly sent this message to all the cities that the

Jews were saved, and that they should keep this day the fourteenth day in Adar, on which the Jews were saved from their enemies, and the month which was turned for them from one of sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make this a day of feasting and gladness, and of sending presents to each other and gifts to the poor. In the palace of Shushan, the Jews celebrated the fifteenth day of Adar also.

Purim Party With Chabad

Catch the Purim spirit this year with a Purim raffle, Saturday evening at the Days Hotel. The Megillah will stir your soul. There will be music and dancing to stir your heart and drinks and hamentashen to stir your kishkes. Also, Hobo the Clown for the children! The Days Hotel is located at 220 India Point at the end of Gano Street. Admission is free - call 273-7238.

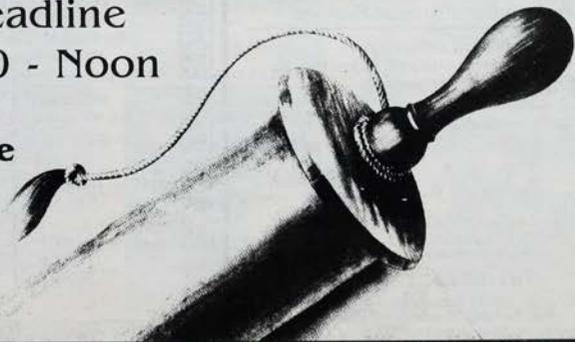
Purim Day

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Purim At Beth-El

Temple Beth-El's Family Times program will sponsor an annual Megillah Reading this coming Saturday, March 10 at 6:45 p.m. in the Temple's meeting hall. Rabbis Gutterman and Miller will conduct the program which consists of an abbreviated Megillah reading, costume parade and reception.

On Sunday, March 11, the Religious School, PROVY and JR. PROVY, will sponsor a Purim Carnival and spaghetti lunch. Beginning at 10:30 a.m., after regular Sunday School classes, children in the Temple's Religious School will be able to enjoy a variety of games.

At 11:30 a.m. the Youth Group will sponsor a spaghetti lunch. For more information, call 331-6070.

Beth-El Brotherhood Winery Tour

On Sunday, April 1 from 12:45 to 6 p.m., the Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El will present *An Almost Spring Winery Tour*. At a cost of \$15 per adult and \$5 per child, members of the Brotherhood and their guests can take a scenic bus ride to Little Compton to visit Sakonnet Vineyards, and then to Middletown to sample wine at the Vinland Wine

Cellars.

Deadline for registration is Monday, March 19. For more information, call Maury Goldstein at 728-8797.

Shabbat At Beth-El

On Friday, March 16, members of Temple Beth-El and the community are invited to join Cantorial Soloist Alice Solorow to learn the melodies that are used during Friday Night Sabbath Worship Services. Individuals can meet at 6 p.m. in the Temple's Boardroom for a pot-luck Shabbat dinner. The Temple will provide beverages, challah, and dessert. There is no fee. However, reservations are required and may be made by calling the Temple office at 331-6070.

Immediately following this program, Sabbath Services will be held at 8:15 p.m. in the Temple's Bennett Chapel. Geraldine Foster, former president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society and chair of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Women's Division, will relate the saga of a remarkable archaeological discovery, entitled *The Mystery of the Ivory Pomegranate*.

One Shabbat will be held following services.

Jewish Community Center Of Rhode Island

Brown Bag Club and Yiddish Vinkel Activities for March

On Tuesday, March 13 at 12:30 p.m., the Brown Bag Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, will host Robert Rice, Director of the Drug Program in Rhode Island. Mr. Rice will speak on how the federal war on drugs impacts the Rhode Island program. Bring a brown bag lunch at noon; dessert and beverage will be provided. A suggested donation is \$1.

All are invited to the Yiddish Vinkel at 2 p.m. Rescheduled from January 23, Florence Markoff, a prominent radio broadcaster, will present a program at 12:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge of the Center on Tuesday, March 27. Bring a

Falcofsky to Chair Cemetery Board

The Board of Directors of the Chased Schel Amess Association, Lincoln Park Cemetery, is pleased to announce that as of February 25, 1990, Mr. Aaron Falcofsky of Warwick, has become its new Executive Director. Mr. Falcofsky is replacing Mr. Edward Silberman, who is retiring in early March after more than 10 years of service to the cemetery.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank Mr. Silberman for his many years of dedicated service to the Chased Schel Amess Association.

Mr. Falcofsky has a background in Jewish religious education and school administration. For the past seven years he has served as chairman of the cemetery committee for the R.I. Jewish Fraternal Association, and in that capacity has learned a great deal about the operation of the cemetery. He presently serves as the Secretary of the Fraternal Association.

As the new Director, his personal goal is to insure that he and his staff serve the Jewish community in a cordial, courteous and professional manner. He wants the office to be operated in an efficient and businesslike manner and to make maximum use of its new computer system.

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Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh

Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh of 203 Summit Ave., Providence, announces that the reading of the Megillah by Rabbi Ephraim Berlinksky will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10.

Following the reading, Purim refreshments will be served. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah will hold a Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ruth Blustein, 11 Ruliven Street, Providence. A social hour will follow. For more information, please call 861-1333.

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Also, Abigail Borisute, a senior at the New England Academy of Torah, has been declared a winner in the New York State Scholarship Competition. This competition is open to all legal residents of New York. Abby is a winner in the "Regents" division and is entitled to an award of \$250 per year up to 5 years in an approved program in New York State.

Abby was selected based on her grade point average and SAT score. Her selection indicates superior achievement and promise.

Purim At Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom - Sons of Zion invite the entire community to join them in the celebration of Purim. Thursday, March 8, 1990 is the Fast of Esther. Morning services will be at 6:45 a.m. and afternoon and evening services will be at 5:30 p.m. The first reading of the Megillah will take place on Saturday night, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. followed by our annual Purim carnival with refreshments, booths and a costume judging contest. Admission to the carnival is \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children.

Sunday morning, March 11, services will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by the second Megillah reading at 8:30 a.m. We wish everyone a very happy Purim.

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Temple Emanu-El Social Action Happenings

Social Action
Friday evening, 8:10 p.m.

March 9, 1990
Joel Rawson, Deputy Executive Editor of the *Providence Journal* will be the guest speaker at Friday evening services.

Mr. Rawson is responsible for the day to day operations of the newspaper and selects all news articles to be included in each issue of the paper.

He is a graduate of the University of Maine and has been with the *Journal* for the past fifteen

years. Mr. Rawson will address various issues concerning newspaper coverage of events throughout the world. He will explain how selection and placement of articles occurs. In addition, he will explain who decides pecking order and editorial policy. Recently, an organization known as the CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in the Middle East Reporting in America) held a conference in Boston. It brought home to all participants the

importance of reporting methods and the necessity to become well-informed to assure that reporting is fair and accurate. In light of events in the Middle East (for example the uprising in the West Bank), it is urgent that we be aware of how Israel is portrayed. Are the Palestinians consistently presented in a better light?

Please make every effort to participate in the evening's discussion.

Lectures

"In Pursuit of Peace," the eight-week lecture series sponsored by Temple Emanu-El Adult Education, Community Relations Council of the Federation and Social Action began January 30. Each Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m., experts in the field present particular points of view with regard to the peace process. Speakers range from "doves" to "hawks." There will be a member of the Israel local Middle East Committee, a pro Arab group, and an Egyptian diplomat. Attend these sessions and learn!

Breakfast

March 18, 1990, 10:00 a.m.

Men's Club, Sisterhood, and the Social Action Committee invite the congregation to attend the March 18 breakfast program featuring Dr. Charles Carpenter and Anne Marie Silvia. The subject, "Update on AIDS Research" will be addressed from the medical and patients/family points of view.

Dr. Charles Carpenter is Physician-in-Chief at Miriam Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Brown University Medical School. He is Co-chairman of the AIDS Advisory Council, R.I. Department of Health, and the senior author of *Future Directions for AIDS Research* which was a report from the National Institute of Health to the Congress.

Anne Marie Silvia is Executive Director of the Project AIDS. She deals on a daily basis directly with local patients and their families.

Both speakers will address the current status of AIDS in Rhode Island as well as the new developments in treatment during

the past two years since the subject was first introduced at the March 1988 breakfast meeting.

Welcome To New Americans

The Social Action Committee, in cooperation with the Jewish Family Service, is starting a program that we hope will help recent Soviet immigrants to find their way in this country, and to learn our language and customs.

Our program works through one-on-one contacts. It is based on the thought that integration into a new culture comes most easily in response to personal friendship. Members of our committee connect directly with an immigrant family or individual, and then interact with them regularly. Activities include invitations to community parties, meal invitations, and in one situation, searching out an English as a Second Language learning program.

Our members who have initiated these contacts report they find a warm reception and an enriching experience. If you would like to join us, please call Hadassah Davis 331-7713 or Milton Scribner 751-6222.

Emanu-El Purim Spiel

On Saturday night, March 10, Temple Emanu-El comes alive with its 11th annual Purim Spiel. The Temple Emanu-El Players are the only resident Purim Spiel troupe in Rhode Island. The cast features performers of all ages.

This year's presentation is a lively rendition of a new rock and roll musical comedy called "Schmaltz" based loosely on the Broadway play "Grease."

Everyone in the community is welcome to join temple members for the Purim night festivities including the Megilla reading at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Purim Spiel.

Correspondents Wanted

If you would like to correspond to the *Herald* by writing about what is happening in your community, contact the editor at 724-0200.

Plantations - Roger Williams Unit B'nai B'rith to Hold Purim Party

On Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m. the Stone Street Strummers will entertain at the second annual Purim Party for the residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged. This program is sponsored by Plantations - Roger Williams Unit B'nai B'rith.

The Stone Street Strummers are a group of retired citizens who have formed a non-profit band that travels throughout New England entertaining at various functions. The Musical Director is Tom Fay.

Chairman for the day is Carole Millman. Assisted by Ann and Alan Gaffin, Howard and Ivy Rabinowitz, Adrienne and Martin Uffer, Lois Hopfenberg, Harvey Millman, Arthur and Jan Zigler, and Charles Swartz.

Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Carole Millman at 831-6220.



Sing along with Elly: Alperin Schechter Day School Kindergarten students enjoy sharing a song as music teacher Elly Lewis accompanies them on her guitar. Pictured left to right: Adam Wallick, Deborah Kogut, and Henri Martin Engle.

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Levitt-Billings

A wedding date of March 18, 1990, is planned for Alisa Ann Levitt, of Mansfield, Mass., and Richard W. Billings, Jr., also of Mansfield.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Levitt of 18 Lakeview Road, Lincoln, R.I., Alisa is the vice-president of commercial lending with the United States Trust Company. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Georgetown University and a Master's in Business Administration from Babson College.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Billings of Berwyn, Pa., Richard is a senior vice-president at the Shawmut Bank in North Attleboro. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina.

Friedmans Announce Bar Mitzvah

Linda and Edward Friedman of Owings Mills, Md. proudly announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Matthew Lev, on August 19, at Beth Israel Congregation, Randallstown, Md. Following the services, a Kiddish luncheon was held in Matthew's honor.

The celebration continued at a dinner and dance reception in the evening at the Regency Ter-

race in Pikesville, Md. On Sunday, a brunch was held at Matt's home for the out-of-town guests. They came from Rhode Island, New York, Florida and California.

Matthew is the brother of Joshua Paul Friedman and grandson of Pauline Kaufman and the late Milton Kaufman of Cranston. His proud grandparents are Mary and David Friedman of New York.

Congregation Ohave Sholam

This Friday night services will be 5:30 p.m. at the Young Israel of Pawtucket, Shabbat morning, Shabbat Achor. It is incumbent from the Torah that every adult hears the special Mafir for this Shabbat. Saturday afternoon Rabbi Jacobs will discuss the Halachos of Purim at 4:40 p.m. At 5:23 p.m. there will be Mincha services followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Shabbat concludes at 6:36 p.m. Ma-ariv will be at 7:00 p.m. followed by Megillah reading and other festivities.

On Sunday morning, services will be at 8:30 a.m. with the Megillah reading taking place at 9:00 a.m. There will be a second Megillah reading at 3:45 p.m. Mincha will be at 4:45 p.m. The Purim dinner, for those in the community who made reservations, will be at 5:00 p.m.

The rest of the week there will be a regular schedule of services.

Gellers Return From Florida

Marion and Cy Geller are returning home after a long stay in Florida. They will reside at 455 Meshanticut Valley Parkway in Cranston.

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Purim At Am David

As always, Purim festivities at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick, R.I., will surely be exciting! Thirty-eight hug 'n' fillah and religious school students will be chanting the Megillah. The Megillah readers are listed in order of appearance: Jeremy Smith, Aviva Fink, Seth Corin, Lydia Paull, Matthew Corin, Nancy Scheraga, Carolyn Perl, Benjamin Blackman, Jessica Cohen, Shira Fink, Naomi Fink, Lynn Alterman, Jennifer Alper, Jason Forman, David Ziserson, Joshua Karetny, Lyle Bookbinder, Joshua Sklaroff, Garrett Sock, Andrew Gluckman, Deann Forman, Michael Leibowitz, Risa Paull, Heather Corin, Michael Blitzer, Marc Sholes, Yael Efreom, Stacey Blasbalg, Joshua Corin, Cheryl Olivetti, Mark Leibowitz, Daniel Silverman, Mikal Sklaroff, Tracey Tebrow, Adam Smith, Evan Bookbinder, Steven Blank, Michelle Blasbalg, and Dana Blasbalg.

Rabbi H. Scott White and Cantor Steven W. Dress will officiate. They will be assisted by Mr. Ruwain Klein, Baal Tfillah Steven Shatz and Mona Scheraga, accompanist.

Services are open to the general public. Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume. We're all kids on Purim! Purim begins Saturday evening, March 10, 1990, Mincha 5:30 p.m. Maariv 6:15 p.m. Havdalah-Megillah Reading - Eunice Zeidman Primary School and Religious School Costume Parade 6:30 p.m. Sunday morning 8:15 a.m., Shaharit and Megillah Reading, 4:30 p.m. Mincha - Purim Seudah (R.S.V.P. 463-7944) - Maariv-Havdalah.

Beth Sholom

On Tuesday, February 20, 1990, the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Sholom - Sons of Zion presented a program for elementary school children. Sparky's Puppets performed a program including *The Gingerbread Boy*, in which children were invited to provide imaginary ingredients for the cookie dough, and several of *Aesop's*

Fables. This was followed by a crafts activity, at which time each child was able to make his own puppet. The program concluded with the children making their own sundaes.

More than 70 children from both Rhode Island and Massachusetts attended and all had a wonderful time.

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Obituaries

JANICE F. COLITZ
PROVIDENCE — Janice F. Colitz, 73, of Fort Lauderdale, a sales clerk for the Warren Jewelers until retiring eight years ago, died Sunday, March 4, at the Summit Medical Center. She was the widow of Arthur Colitz. Born in Providence, a daughter

of the late Louis and Mollie (Lucksnsky) Strashnick, she lived in Pawtucket for more than 40 years, and moved to Florida in 1989. She moved to the Summit Medical Center three months ago. Mrs. Colitz was co-owner with her husband of the former Colitz

Jewelers, Pawtucket, for 20 years. She was a member of Temple Beth-El, Queen Esther Chapter 2, Order of the Eastern Star, Hope Link 46, and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She leaves a son, Arnold Colitz of Peabody, Mass.; a daughter, Rosalind Katz of Marietta, Ga.; a brother, Jack Strashnick of Narragansett, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, March 6, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Pawtucket.

ELSIE ELKINS

PROVIDENCE — Elsie Elkins, 77, of the Summit Medical Center, North Main Street, personnel director at the Paramount Line Greeting Cards for more than 20 years before retiring 12 years ago, died Saturday, March 3, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Solomon Elkins.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Hyman and Rachel Corenbaum, she formerly lived in Cranston.

Mrs. Elkins was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, and its Sisterhood. She was a member of Women's American O.R.T., the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the Women's Association for the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a member of Personnel Directors of America.

She leaves a son, Donald H. Elkins, a daughter, Hope S. Pearlman, both of Cranston; a sister, Mickey Miller of Philadelphia, Pa., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sunday, March 4, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

CORA ERENKRANTZ

CRANSTON — Cora Erenkrantz, 75, of 32 Ferncrest Ave., died Sunday, February 25, 1990, at Cranston General Hospital. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Rose (Kornstein) Erenkrantz, she lived in Cranston for 40 years, previously residing in Providence.

Miss Erenkrantz was a secretary for the former Fulford Mfg. Co. for 12 years before retiring

10 years ago. She previously was a floor lady at the former Coro Mfg. Co. for 34 years.

She was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

She is survived by a brother, Marshall Erenkrantz of Woonsocket.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 27 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

LINDA SHAPIRO

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Linda Shapiro, 34, of 8826 Kirkham Rd., died Friday, February 23, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was the wife of Dr. Scott Shapiro.

Born in Newton, Mass., a daughter of Murray I. and Sally (Dvinsky) Glickman of Boca Raton, Fla., and Sharon, Mass., she lived in Indianapolis for the past 15 years. She previously lived in Chicago.

Mrs. Shapiro was a graduate of the University of Illinois.

Besides her husband and parents she leaves a daughter, Allissa T. Shapiro; a son, Adam B. Shapiro, both at home, and two sisters, Deborah Waldman of Providence and Joanne Lewis of Framingham, Mass.

The funeral was held Monday, February 26, at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregational, Indianapolis. Burial was in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregational Cemetery North, Indianapolis.

MAX WOLFSON

TAUNTON, Mass. — Max Wolfson, 78, of 193 Winthrop St., died Friday, March 2, 1990, at Morton Hospital in Taunton. He was the husband of Maisie (Cutter) Wolfson.

Born in New York City, he was the son of the late Abraham and Sarah (Futterman) Wolfson. He had lived in Taunton for 35 years, previously living in Queens, N.Y.

Mr. Wolfson was the owner of Winthrop Vending Service in Taunton for 25 years, retiring 12 years ago. He was a member of the Charles Titus Lodge of the Masons and a former member of Ezra Lodge of the Masons. He was the former treasurer of Temple Agudath Achim and a member of Taunton Lodge of Elks.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Lillian J. Wolfson of Brookline, Mass., and Maxine L. Wolfson of Warwick; a brother, Harold Wolfson of New York; and a sister, Diane Oral of New York.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 4, at Temple Agudath Achim in Taunton. Burial was at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Events At Brown

Sunday, March 11, 1 p.m. **Public Affairs: A Festival of Environmental Films.** This year, for the first time, the *Providence Journal/Brown University Public Affairs Conference* will include a day-long festival of films on environmental themes. More than a dozen films will be screened in the Salmon Center for Teaching, running from 1 p.m. until midnight. For more information and a complete schedule of films, call 863-2552. Screenings are open to the public without charge.

Providence Hadassah Donor Kickoff

Monday, March 12, will mark the beginning of the annual fundraising drive by the Providence Chapter of Hadassah for the benefit of the Hadassah Medical Organization. A petite luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by the donor kickoff meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. An Gottleib, a former member of the National Board of Hadassah and the immediate past president of the Western New England Region of Hadassah, will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be "Hadassah Hospitals — Mideast Leaders in Medicine." The March 12 meeting is open to all paid-up members. All donor captains and workers are especially urged to attend to get the latest information about the Hadassah Medical Organization.

Hadassah Medical Organization supports the work of Hadassah at its Medical Center which consists of two hospitals at Ein Karem and Mount Scopus in Jerusalem. The Hadassah Medical Center is the largest one between Paris and Tokyo and is a tertiary care hospital. The Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical and Dental Schools are located at the Medical Center as are several other professional schools of nursing, social work and others. Hadassah Medical Center is also noted for its research and is at the forefront in many areas of medical and scientific research which will be discussed by our speaker.

The culmination of the fund drive this spring will be the donor luncheon on May 1 at Ledgemont Country Club. Roberta Blum, Vice-President of Fundraising, is the chairman of the luncheon which will be co-chaired by Claire Bell. Donor treasurer is Rita Millen and Selma Halpern is chairman of reservations. Helene Bernhardt is in charge of arrangements. The decorations committee is headed by Madeline Gurwitz. Sara Feinberg is in charge of transportation to the luncheon. For further information, please call 272-2856.

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More than 30 exhibitors, including kosher caterers from three states, photographers, entertainers, invitation and linen suppliers, party planners, florists, and calligraphers will be demonstrating and displaying their goods and services at a unique event — Party Expo — on Sunday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Whether you are planning a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, wedding, "Sweet 16" party, 40th birthday party, or 25th wedding anniversary celebration, you will be able to get many ideas from the numerous exhibitors and from the free Party Services Directory which will be distributed at the event.

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were new immigrants representing 11 different countries, the visitors were shown the children's "Aliya Project" in which they wrote their own "recipes for a successful and happy aliya." Many of the Conference participants found children, who were conveniently wearing badges with their name and country of origin, from their own country of origin and were able to talk to them about their aliya.

The journalists also had the opportunity of meeting Russian immigrant families in their homes, to hear about the hardships of life in Russia and to get a deeper insight into the absorption process and their integration into Israeli society.

Another special event during the Conference was a dinner for women journalists from Israel and abroad. Leading Israeli editors, reporters and television producers were able to meet their colleagues from abroad. Moderator Zivia Cohen, editor of *Nizkor* magazine, remarked ironically that, at least in Israel, the number of women in journalism rises as salaries in the profession get lower.

Particularly memorable was an address by Chilean journalist Patricia Politzer, who reminded the audience that in some countries journalists are sometimes imprisoned, tortured and even killed for expressing their opinions. She vehemently opposes the suggestion voiced by Michelle Ratzersdorfer, editor of the American magazine *Amit*, that Jewish journalists have a responsibility to support Israel and its policies under all circumstances irrespective of its actions.

The Conference closed with

the adoption of some 15 resolutions concerning the role of Jewish journalism throughout the world and reaffirmed the participants' support for the newly-formed International Jewish Media Association, which aims to unite Jewish journalists in Israel and the Diaspora and improve the quality and viability of the Jewish media, both in print and in Jewish radio and television.

Roger Williams Park

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or a boulder or detail of sculpture or architecture brings me briefly back, or the Lincoln profile on a penny tossed into a wishing well among the chrysantheums. But the crowds have changed. Families from Africa, Asia, Latin America speak tongues I never heard. We may stop at a Thai restaurant or an Ethiopian cafe. When I was a baby, the girl who lived with us and took care of us was an Italian girl from London with a Cockney accent. She lived on Babcock Street, near our place on Verndale. If the park stays the same in certain ways, the streets beyond it reflect all the changes in our century.

I can't say I was happy in the ancient times. I always had the sniffles, or lice, or a peeling sunburn. I stood around in ill-fitting hand-me-downs feeling as out of place as the polar bears, seals, fading flamingoes and box turtles. (Or are they bison?) Only the pigeons and squirrels were free and merry. The ducks and the eagles were confined and crowded. A strange display of farm animals in a state with no more farms keeps that sense of sad isolation. My view of the world was formed forever in Roger Williams Park.

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Purim On The Island

The joyous Festival of Purim will be celebrated by the Congregation of Temple Shalom of Middletown, commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, March 10. The evening's festivities will begin with the reading of the Megillah, the Scroll of Esther, by Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner who will conduct the reading, assisted by Jeremy Sarao, Victoria Gilmore, Jeffrey Schneller, Susan Hicks, Jennifer Goldman, Ilcia Kaminitz. The costume parade for all children and adults dressed in holiday costumes and a Purim sing-a-long will follow. The following members of the Samuel Zilman Bazarisky Religious School will present a puppet show entitled, "The Devil and Mr. Haman" in honor of the holiday.

In the social hall, a mini Purim Carnival and Shushan Snack Bar will be offered. Games, raffles and prizes will complete the evening.

Reservations are being accepted for the Temple's Annual Congregational Passover Seder which will take place on Monday evening, April 9. Call the office for further details and to make reservations, 846-9002, Temple Shalom, 225 Valley Road, Middletown, R.I. 02840.

Purim Baskets

Rabbi Yehosua Laufer, Director of Chabad Lubavitch of Southeastern New England, has announced that UPS will once again be delivering specially-prepared Mishloach Monos Purim baskets this year.

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Hamentashen U.S.A. is another Chabad Purim. One can send a Purim gift box to a friend, relative or college student anywhere in the U.S.A. for only \$25.

Anyone wishing to place an order for UPS Purim baskets, or Hamentashen U.S.A. should contact Uhabad at 273-7238 or 331-3974.

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting Wednesday, March 14 at 1 p.m. at Temple Am-David, Gardner Street.

Mario Pappito will be the speaker on "The Buck Stops Here: Reducing Your Stress Level."

Sunday, March 4, members will go to the Newport Playhouse for a luncheon buffet and see the play *Love, Sex, and the I.R.S.*

For more information, call Estelle Miller at 738-2090. Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

Saul Wachs to Be Temple Torat Yisrael Scholar-in-Residence March 16-18, 1990

Saul Wachs, the highly distinguished Rosaline B. Feinstein Professor of Education at Gratz College in Philadelphia, has been invited to be Temple Torat Yisrael's 1990 Scholar-in-Residence the weekend of March 16-18.

"Can a Modern Jew Pray?" will be the theme of Prof. Wachs' three-part series, beginning on Friday night, March 16, 7:30, with the first lecture, "Dignity of Words."

The second lecture, which will begin Saturday at 12 noon, immediately following the close of Shabbat Services (9:30), will be a lunch presentation, "Discovering the Shema."

The Sunday morning breakfast program, which will begin at 9:45 a.m., will be "Prayer: Memories, Values, Dilemmas."

Attendance at the three presentations (including the Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast) is free, but reservations are required 785-1800.

The entire weekend is made possible by the Presidents Fund of Temple Torat Yisrael, by the Florence Margolis Memorial Fund for the Arts and the Sisterhood and Men's Club.

Prof. Wachs is a former Dean and Chairman of the Faculty at Gratz College.

A popular speaker and lecturer, he has been invited to serve as guest on the faculties of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Bar-Ilan University and McCallister College.

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Gala Spring Festival

The Annual Donor Luncheon of the Women's Association Jewish Home for the Aged will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 1990 at noon, in the Temple Emanu-El Alperin Meeting House.

Proceeds from this event will contribute to the well-being of the residents of the home by enriching their services and programs. A Gala Spring Festival with surprise prizes will be the theme of the afternoon.

Barbara Rosen and Evelyn Bresnick are co-chairpersons assisted by the following committee:

Treasurers, Frances Sadler, Norma Friedman, Goldie Greene; Corresponding Secretary, Trudy Rotenberg; Early Calls, Esther Feldman; Telephone, Beverly Adler, Ardean Botvin, Estelle Forman; Angels, Estelle Klemmer, Ruth Alperin, Sheila Kaufman; Contributions, Eve Zucker; Publicity, Dora Diamond, Miriam Goldfine; Hostesses, Zeldia Feldman; Decorations, Lillian Zarum, Sara Coken; Ex-Officio, Edith Bernstein, Tilda Kessler.

Reservations and information are available at the Women's Association office — 331-4750 ext. 36 or 728-8484, 272-7883.

Pioneer Women Club

Na'Amat-Pioneer Women Club One board will meet at a brunch to be held on Thursday, March 15, at 11 a.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sklut in Cranston.

Plans for the Annual Fund Kaiser will be formulated.

Chaya Segal, chairperson, and Martha Sonion, secretary of the *Annual Souvenir Journal*, urge all members to send in their ads and memorials. Edith Matusow, chairperson of J.N.F. Blue Boxes, asks that all filled boxes be brought in or call 728-3435 and they will be picked up. Mollie Sklut, J.N.F. Tree Chairperson, urges everyone to plant a tree in Israel to replace all the trees that have been burned in Jewish National Fund Forests by the terrorists. You can plant a tree by calling 944-8595, any time.

Purim at Touro

A Communal Purim Brunch will be held at the Touro Community Center (the Levi Gale House) social hall following the Purim morning religious services Sunday, March 11, 1990. The services will start in the main sanctuary at 9 a.m., conducted by Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro. This will include the reading of the Megillah (Scroll of Esther) with the accompanying gaiety and sounding of the greggarians-noisemakers. After the services the congregation and friends of the synagogue will partake in the special brunch, sponsored by the Meirovitz-Davis family in memory of Cecelia, Samuel and Wolfe Meirovitz, Eleanor and Seymour Davis are serving as co-chairpersons of this event. The highlight of the brunch will be a presentation by architect Jeffrey L. Staats, who will describe the plans for the extensive renovation of the Jewish Community Center. Mr. Staats is an architect with twenty-plus years of experi-

ence in restorations and additions to historical structures, as well as new construction sensitive to historic settings.

In addition to services Sunday morning and the post-Megillah Brunch, there will also be traditional Purim services in the main sanctuary Saturday evening, March 10, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The annual project of distribution of food gifts to area nursing home patients and homebound will be conducted on the afternoon of Sunday, March 11, by the newly-organized Rabbi's benevolent group. This follows a Purim tradition called "Shalach Manot." The culminating event of the holiday will be the annual Open House Purim Feast sponsored by Rabbi Chaim and Rebbitzen Sheila Shapiro in their home. At this time members of the congregation join with the Shapiros to celebrate in the fashion of fellowship and good will.

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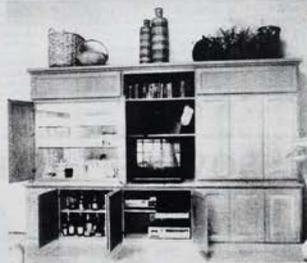
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