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The Cost of Living Jewishly

by Meryl Ain
The New York Jewish Week
NEW YORK (JTA) — The escalating cost of living Jewishly will require a shift in traditional attitudes toward synagogue membership fees, tuition tax credits and a redefinition of the Jewish family if American Jewish life is going to survive in the next century, academics and Jewish professionals said here at a recent conference.

"This (cost of living Jewishly) is a 'kishka' issue that touches everyone," said Rea Gefen Monson, dean of academic affairs and professor of sociology at Gratz College in Melrose Park, Pa.

Monson, one of 30 participants at the American Jewish Committee conference titled "The Cost of Living Jewishly,"

noted the wide range of costs among the synagogues and Jewish institutions she studied in Philadelphia and said the Jewish community should not force anyone "to suffer" in order to affiliate with them.

She suggested that the Jewish institution be viewed as an "interlocking" rather than as a collection of competing organizations. Thus, if a person or family joins one institution, they should receive a monetary benefit when joining another.

"Institutions will then stop fearing that they will lose revenue and realize they will ultimately gain if more people are connected with a multitude of institutions."

Steven Bayme, director of Jewish communal affairs for the American Jewish Committee, said that the high cost of

Jewish living must force the Jewish community to "prioritize what we really value."

"If we believe that to ensure Jewish continuity the next generation must lead a creative Jewish life, then this is as much a priority of Jewish defense as protecting Jews from without," he said.

"To ensure Jewish continuity, Jewish education, as a specific example, cannot be considered a luxury item. The real problem confronting Jewish day schools is not personnel — the issue that is usually discussed — but rather the capacity of middle-class parents to afford this type of schooling."

Monson suggested that the "Orthodox ethos" that every Jewish child is entitled to a Jewish day school education

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Time Capsule Removed, Day School Celebrates



Rabbi Sholom Stracher (center) accepts time capsule contents from student council president Adina Szendro (left). The contents, student essays and poetry, will be removed in the year 2015. Former school dean, Rabbi Akia Egozi, is also pictured on the right.

by John Chadwick

The Providence Hebrew Day School was rededicated last Sunday as a time capsule from 1961 was removed from the building cornerstone and a new one was put in its place.

A short ceremony drew about 60 people including former school dean Akiva Egozi as well as a host of former students, many of whom are now parents with children that attend the school.

And with a reported resurgence in Jewish day schools around the country, the mood was triumphant. "We're still around and stronger than ever," said Egozi, who had traveled from Miami to attend the ceremony.

While today the school boasts a high school level and fairly widespread support, the going was not always smooth, according to long-time supporters on hand on Sunday.

The original building, located at 151 Waterman St., had been condemned in the late 1950's forcing the school to temporarily use Temple Beth-El and Temple Emanu-El. "I can remember bricks falling down the chimney into the fire place," recalled Rabbi Yitzchok Dubovik about the old building.

Dubovik, a former student and teacher at the school, says the attempts to raise funds for a new building initially met with disapproval from not only the larger community but a portion of the Jewish community. "There was a different mindset back then," Dubovik says. "People were worried that there would be kids out in the street wearing yarmulkes."

However, he credits two non-Orthodox rabbis — the late William G. Braude of Beth-El and El Bohnen, formerly of Emanu-El — with helping save the school by testifying to the value of day school education to the general community. "When people saw that it was the day school kids who were getting the A's in Classical (High), they said 'Maybe this isn't so terrible,'" Dubovik said.

Today, the school has expanded and attracts students from other regions. "We would have never contemplated this back then," said Jerome Feinstein, the chairman of the first school building committee. "We were so happy with what little we had."

The cornerstone used was limestone quarried in the hills of Jerusalem. Egozi said the original ceremony was meant to further the relationship between the school and the State of Israel. The time capsule contained letters and essays written by class representatives and was presented by student council president Adina Szendro.

School dean, Rabbi Sholom Stracher delivered a brief but moving Devar Torah from the book of Koheleth (Ecclesiastes) Referring to the famous line, "There is a time for everything under the heavens," he said, "We must never use a lack of time as an excuse not to study Torah. If a person wants to do something, there is time."

Rough Start in Central Falls

An Interview with a Soviet Jew

by Nancy H. Corbin

During the nine years I've known Ella Naydich, she's gone through a striking metamorphosis. When she and her family arrived here from the Soviet Union in 1979, they faced a long uphill struggle to adjust to life in a strange new world. Today they are American citizens, have good jobs, own their own home and have put two children through college.

Our first apartment was in the Central Falls section of Pawtucket. It was on the third floor and didn't have a heating system, just a big gas stove in the middle of the kitchen. That

first winter was really severe, in the morning our pillows froze to the window because the bedrooms were not heated.

Rent was \$250 a month, not including heat and utilities. It was in such a bad location, near a highway, isolated from the Russian Community group and the Jewish Community Center. We felt we were cut off from the whole world.

Only Sam [Ella's husband] was working at this time. The Jewish Community Organization sent him to a lamp factory where he polished lamp poles for \$120 a week. I joined the CETA Program, which helped

me learn the language and gave me training in fiscal operations. This took six months. When I finished, CETA sent me for an interview at the YWCA where they needed a bookkeeper.

In Kiev, I was a bank manager, also head bookkeeper at a factory. With 25 years experience I had the knowledge and capability to do the work, but language was the main barrier in getting the job. I was really worried and scared. Whatever the director asked me, I said "I did it, I did it." She said I was so confident that she decided to hire me.

I worked at the YWCA for one year, then my boss got a job in Boston at the [Massachusetts] Department of Public Health. She asked me if I would like to be interviewed for a position with the WIC Program [a nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children] so I said "Why not?" I have worked in the Health Department ever since.

Sam went to night school to study English. One night the teacher said "I have a friend who needs a tool maker right away. Would you like to go to this place?" Sam said, "I'm occupied now," but the next day he went for an interview. The boss saw right away that Sam had the experience so he said, "Can you start on Monday?"

Sam accepted the job. He's still employed by this com- (continued on page 15)

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Inside the Ocean State

Letters To The Editor



These sixth grade students (l to r) Jennifer Rakitt, Melissa Mann, Jonathan Rubin, Wendy Brown and Joshua Ellison took part in the Alperin Schechter Art and Music Show.

Chabad Happenings For Shavuot

Celebrate the anniversary of our receiving The Ten Commandments on Shovous morning, Wednesday, May 30, at 11 a.m. at the Chabad House, 360 Hope St., corner of Olney St.

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A pre-Shavuot children's party will be conducted Sunday, May 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the Chabad House. Call 273-7238 or 331-3974.

To The Editor:

Does the following philosophy "I don't get ulcers, I give them," have its roots in Judaic teachings?

Perhaps our Rabbis would address this dilemma for us.

Dorothy Fox
Providence, R.I.

To The Editor:

For many years, I have heard critics from both the Orthodox and non-Orthodox spheres condemn giving religious and community awards to people on the basis of their giving of big bucks to shuls, temples, Day Schools and centers. Often the award winner does not come under scrutiny to see if he has MIDOS TOVOS (good character traits). It has often backfired in the faces of organizational leaders when, after the giving of the award, a publication reports on the attributes of certain winners. I can recall a story told me by the Rabbi Lazar of Providence.

A certain man in Brooklyn (Rabbi Lazar was in Brooklyn, prior to Providence) was given an award because of his great attribute of giving big bucks to Jewish education. Jewish educators never checked out his "midos tovot." Sometime after winning the award, a story came out as to why he had so much gelt to spread around. He owned a big business and if anyone else in Brooklyn decided to open a

store in his store's region (carrying some of the same goods he did), he would send out thugs to "convince" them to open elsewhere. It is unfortunately true that this happens very often in the American Jewish community.

There are many small Jewish organizations (poor Jews need not apply) in which members are constantly giving each other plaques, but never check each other out. They all have their skeletons, so the plaque winner's criteria is who gave the gelt. It is often people of this ilk who denounce those who have done much for Jewry, but not necessarily through the vehicle of the buck.

Recently, Rabbi Shapiro of Newport criticized the *Herald* for its front page story which aired the view of the left on their beliefs about the Leader of Lubavitch, Rav Schneerson - Shlita. While I felt the ideas portrayed by the left were obnoxious, I felt that the *Herald* was right in printing it... for one major reason. Unlike past years, the *Herald* now shows both sides of the issue (not just the leftist side). It is necessary for Orthodox and traditional Jews to be aware of what they are fighting. This they learn through the written and visual media. How else would the Orthodox know of the ILK (I praise Rabbi Shapiro for his

choice of word) of... Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the leader of Reform movement.

Jerry Snell
Providence

Orchard Avenue Plus At Temple Beth-El

The Orchard Avenue Plus, a forum on ethical issues common to the faith communities of St. Martin's Church, Central Congregational Church and Temple Beth-El of Providence, will host its final program in a series on Wednesday, May 30 at 8 p.m. in the Temple Beth-El meeting hall (corner of Orchard and Butler Avenues).

The program, "Personal Encounters with Scripture," will feature Harriet Sheridan, Ph.D., Professor of English and formerly dean of the college at Brown University, and Arlene Violet, Esq., former Attorney General of Rhode Island. Dr. Sheridan and Ms. Violet will expand upon the biblical verse, "... For you have striven with beings divine and human and have prevailed..." Genesis 32:29, and reflect on the meaning of spiritual struggles in their lives.

Members of the community are welcome to attend. For more information call 331-6070.

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United Brothers Installs New President

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Assistant Editor

Retiring President Dr. Sumner Hoffman called to order the United Brothers Synagogue's executive board meeting last Saturday in order to nominate new board members.

The following board members were voted in: Dr. Maurice Lipson, President; Robert L. Kaufman, first Vice President; Dr. Michael Scheff, second Vice President; Fredric E. Suzman, Treasurer; B. James Suzman, Recording Secretary and Myrna MacNeil, Corresponding Secretary. Also voted in were the following trustees: Lawrence Gayner, Esq., Dr. Sumner Hoffman, Elaine Kaufman, Mary Lipson, Miriam Ross, Esq. and Lyman J. Williams. Honorary trustees are: Richard Abrams, Esq., Alton Brody, Marvin Glickman, John Godfrey, Dora Leviten, Gloria Lichtenstein and Beverly St. Pierre. Voted in as Newsletter Editor was Elaine E. Kaufman and Raymond Buttero as Music Director.

Prior to the inductions, there was a lengthy discussion on temple renovations and the raising of annual membership

dues from \$150 to \$200 per annum which was voted on and passed (\$200 for families, \$125 for individual memberships).

"The new President (Dr. Maurice Lipson) is not here tonight," said Hoffman, "but he's here in spirit."

Dr. Lipson, a veterinarian for many years, has had his private practice at the Swansea Animal Clinic since it opened in 1974. Dr. Lipson and his wife Mary are both originally from Providence and now reside in Seekonk. Mrs. Lipson had heard about the Bristol Synagogue through Ms. Louis Greybois, also a member of the United Brothers Synagogue, about 4 years ago says Dr. Lipson.

"We became a member a number of years ago," says Lipson. And he became interested in the Presidency "because we saw a rejuvenating congregation and thought it would be a challenge to carry the torch."

The new President hopes to maintain the traditions held by the temple and keep the "home atmosphere." Also, he would like to oversee the growth of new memberships and programs like Sunday

school and adult education.

Dr. Hoffman decided to step down for the practical reason of geography; he and his wife spend six months of the year in Florida where "it was difficult running the Presidency by phone and fax." He believes it would benefit the congregation to have a "full-time President throughout the year." Hoffman announced his decision after discussions with board members.

Also addressed at the meeting were future activities for the temple, such as, the Miradon Mystery dinner, scheduled for the Fall and a celebrity auction for some time in 1991. The temple is also planning to begin Sunday school classes in which, Miriam Ross, Esq., has expressed an interest in instructing the children's education classes and Larry Gainer may lead an adult education class. However, no dates are set for any of the above-mentioned activities.

The atmosphere was purely familial and news of friends and family members made for most of the dinner conversation. Mrs. Gloria Brody brought out an album of photos docu-



Beverly St. Pierre and Robert L. Kaufman

menting near and distant past activities of members at the temple for the perusal of an attending reporter and these were passed about the room, jogging memories and inspiring anecdotes.

Dr. Michael and Mrs. Joan Scheff cheerfully discussed their emigration from England and eventual settlement in Bristol, Rhode Island, by way of Philadelphia.

After dinner and discussion, members mixed and what happily posed for pictures, then adjourned to the restaurant's piano lounge to enjoy a "sing-a-long" in progress.

The Lovecraftian Tour of Providence

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Assistant Editor

Twelve students, both young and old, met with instructor Robert North of the Learning Connection Center for the course, "A Lovecraftian Tour of Providence," at the Providence Athenaeum on Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 3 pm.

The class was met by poet and novelist Brett Rutherford, author of a biographical play on Howard Philips Lovecraft that will be staged by Theatre Works in October and John Cook of Necronom Press who is creating a walking tour video on Lovecraft.

It is said that Lovecraft wrote about 95 short stories and 5 volumes of collected letters of which there are about 100,000 ranging from 1 page to 32 pages in length. Originally from Providence, he was born in 1890 and died in 1937 leaving behind many avid fans of his writing. The author was well known for writing about ghosts and other supernatural beings, most of which were based in several sites in Providence.

North, who says his interest in Lovecraft began in junior high school, described Lovecraft's writings as "great in describing places and atmosphere although his plots are somewhat weak." North began the course by reading a passage from *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward*, which takes place in Providence and was written towards the end of Lovecraft's life. The book, however, was never submitted for publication for reasons unknown. From the excerpt of the book came descriptions of local buildings, namely the Christian Science (domed) Building on the corner of Meeting Street and Prospect. The tour's second stop was at 66 College Street, his last dwelling, before his death in

1937, where Lovecraft wrote many short stories set in the scenes he saw from his second floor bedroom window.

As the class continued, walking to the top of College Street where it intersects Prospect Street, we came across the John Hay Library, the main repository of Lovecraft papers. During the walk, North told of the building itself as being "a main location for one of Charles Dexter Ward's journeys" through his imaginative fictional life. North said he thought that Ward was a reflection of Lovecraft himself. North added that Lovecraft had weird and somewhat self-depraving eating habits spawned from his mother's habit of letting him eat what he wanted as a child.

"He died of high blood pressure and cancer of the digestive system and, strangely enough, possible malnutrition," said North. "His eating habits consisted of canned beans, sweets, coffee and he existed on almost nothing. He enjoyed being without. He had less than \$500 in his estate when he died."

From the library, we walked a few blocks towards the relocated 66 College Street house which is now on 65 Prospect Street (it was moved in 1959). North then started reading from *The Haunter of the Dark*, one of the "main Providence stories that he wrote in the upper left corner room." Lovecraft wrote about the then St. John Catholic church (today it's called St. John's Episcopal Diocese) from his window. He also compares Providence to England in a lot of his writings, as Lovecraft adored old things — anything of historic value.

The next stop was the Prospect Terrace site where Lovecraft wrote about a "huge dark structure" in *The Haunter of the Dark*. "Lovecraft," said North, "loved the site from the

terrace. You can see the whole town of Providence from here." North explained that Lovecraft had gone to live in New York City with his wife, Sonia, who was a businesswoman and poet, but that he got homesick for New England.

"It was important to him that the past survive... which is why he couldn't stand New York

built in 1801 at 120 Prospect Street, which was described in great detail in *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward*. The story told of the magical revival of persons long dead and in reality it was reputed to be haunted by a piano-playing ghost and to have an inexpugnable blood-stain on the floor.

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H.P. Lovecraft's 66 College Street, last home before his death in 1937. He wrote many short stories and letters from his second floor bedroom using all that he saw from his window in his works.

where nothing old survived." North said.

He and his wife were Jewish and although some of his writings may seem to contain discrimination towards anything that was anti-Semitic, says North, most of it is mention of ethnic characters without any intention of bigotry or cutting them (people with different ethnic backgrounds) down.

10 Barnes Street, a yellow two-story house with green trim, was where Lovecraft stayed after his return from New York. The house is said to have traces of ghosts still inside, because noises can still be heard says North. Lovecraft, however, did not believe in the supernatural as "it was hog-wash." He was more a scientific enthusiast.

The class passed fairly quickly by the Halsey Mansion,

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Editorial

"Seniors: Stand Up and Be Counted"

by Martha McSteen

We've all heard the old saying: "Stand up and be counted." This year, seniors need to take that old adage literally.

The early returns on the 1990 census are in — and, unfortunately, they're not encouraging. Though more than 63 million households have returned their completed questionnaires, millions of others have gone unanswered.

A lot of senior citizens and others simply shrug off the situation and say: "It's the government's problem." That may be true. But it's your problem and your problem, as well. Here are a couple of reasons why.

About \$39 billion will be distributed to the states this year by the federal government to fund a variety of programs essential to older Americans. The money goes for senior centers, nutrition and health programs, in-home services, job training, housing programs, day care centers and other crucial programs. Your state's share of this money is determined by population figures obtained during the most recent census. Without an accurate census, your state could lose out on its rightful portion of this important money.

In addition, the census helps determine your state's representation in Congress. During next year's reapportionment, some states will lose seats in the House of Representatives, while other states will gain new ones — all based on the results of the 1990 census.

Your state's voice in the House could be muted simply because some people couldn't take the time to complete their census questionnaire.

A number of folks feel that the forms are confusing and intimidating. I can understand this. But the people at the Census Bureau have a solution to this problem. If you call them toll-free at 1-800-999-1990, they'll walk you through the form over the telephone. Or, if you prefer, they'll send a census taker to your home to help you complete your form. And it won't cost you a penny.

As former acting commissioner of the Social Security Administration, I realized the importance of my role, not just as a leader, but as a participant. This holds true for the census as well — the more I learn about the census and its crucial role in improving the quality of life in America, the more convinced I became of the need to have an accurate census.

The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare is joining hundreds of organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America and the American League of Women Voters and corporations such as Citicorp and J.C. Penney to ask all Americans to complete their census questionnaire today.

Please take a few minutes to "Stand up and be counted." Don't be a no-show in the 1990 census.

The writer is the president of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

Shavuot, the second of the three major festivals, comes exactly fifty days after Passover. It marks the giving of the Torah by G-d to the entire Jewish people on Mt. Sinai 3,302 years ago. In Hebrew the word *Shavuot* means weeks and stands for the seven weeks during which the Jewish people prepared themselves for the giving of the Torah. During this time they rid themselves of the scars of bondage and became a holy nation ready to stand before G-d.

The Giving of the Torah

The giving of the Torah was far more than an historical event. It was a far-reaching spiritual event — one that touched the essence of the Jewish soul then and for all time. Our Sages have compared it to a wedding between G-d and the Jewish people. We became His special nation and He became our G-d.

The Importance of Shavuot Today

Each year, Shavuot is the special time for us to reawaken

and strengthen our special relationship with G-d. We can do so by re-dedicating ourselves to the observance and study of the Torah ... our most precious heritage.

As One Man, With One Heart

The Sages explained that when the Jews camped before Mt. Sinai they were "as one man, with one heart." Many of their other journeys were characterized by differences of opinion and even strife. However, when they prepared to receive the Torah the Jews joined together with a feeling of oneness, unity and harmony. This oneness was a necessary prerequisite to the giving of the Torah. The Sage Hillel explained that the love of one's fellow Jew is the true essence of the Torah. Therefore the Torah could not have been given to a divided people.

The Value of the Jew

To prepare ourselves for receiving the Torah we must appreciate the quality each member of our people possess. The Sages taught that had one

Jew, even one of the simplest absent at Mt. Sinai, G-d would not have given the Torah. Therefore, the revelation received by every Jew — including Moses, Aharon and the entire "spiritual elite" — depended upon the presence of each Jew — even of the least knowledgeable.

Two lessons can be derived from the above:

First — there is no individual who can stand up proudly and claim a greater right to the Torah than another. On the contrary, the Torah is the inheritance of every Jew and we are all equal here.

Second — every Jew, even the most common, should realize that the Torah is an essential part of our being. Therefore, regardless of a person's current spiritual status, he or she has the potential (and the obligation) to reveal that inner connection and express the bond to Torah within the context of everyday life.

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Lauffer.

The Miracle of Hebrew

by Isaac Klausner

The State of Israel proclaimed this year the Year of the Hebrew Language. Many celebrations are planned, including one for the one hundred and fifty-year-old Vaad Halashon (Council for the Development of Hebrew) which later became The Academy for the Hebrew Language.

Nobody would have believed, one hundred years ago, that Hebrew would one day become a spoken modern living language. Hebrew was practically "dead" (written but not spoken) for two thousand years. Reviving Hebrew was considered impossible. In 1884 the Hebrew poet Yehuda Leib Gordon wrote a poignant poem. He lamented, "For

whom do I write? Who knows if I am the last of the poets of Zion and you are my last readers." Ernest Renan, author of a history of semitic languages, thought that the idea of reviving Hebrew was crazy. And Theodor Herzl never considered Hebrew as a state language for the future State of Israel.

Two years before the death of both Gordon and Renan, a "crazy man" became the Father of the revived Hebrew language. Born in Lithuania, he had always had this dream: just as every nation has its national language, the Jewish people, itself a nation, should have Hebrew as its national language in its ancestral land. The name of this young man

was Eliezer Perlman, but he changed it to Eliezer Ben Yehuda. In 1881 he settled in Jerusalem. He spoke only Hebrew to his wife, child, and friends. Indeed, he became a tireless champion of Hebrew in every possible field. He coined new words necessary for daily use and edited the seventeen-volume Dictionary of the Hebrew Language. At first he met with critical observations from the ultra-Orthodox old Yishuv as well as indifference, disbelief and irony from the Maskilim (Enlightened).

We now realize the importance of Eliezer Ben Yehuda's spiritual revolution and the miracle he accomplished.

College Chat!

Now You're In, What Next?

by Tj Feldman

Before I tell you seniors what to do now that you've decided which college to attend (tough choice eh?), I'd like to congratulate you on graduation! A special congrats to the Lincoln School Class of '90.

Having done that, there are some important things to know and do before you go off to college (whether you are going far away or staying close to home). These are things that you can do now to save time later! Start to organize your clothing by seasons so that when you pack you can take the clothes for the weather in the climate you're going to, and then as the weather changes you'll be able to easily find the clothes you need and (not waste precious time

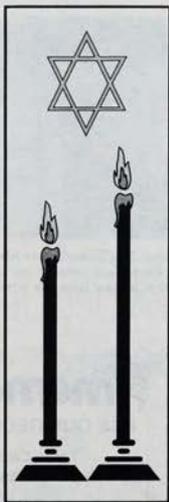
searching for them). If you are going to be far from home — this is helpful because Mom or Dad will be able to locate what you need and send it to you! Second, if your college has a summer orientation for parents and students — go if you can and while you're there try to do the following: set up bank accounts, so you can save time in the fall trying to get to know your surroundings somewhat so that you can show your parents; get a feel for your college and just have a good time.

Also (no this one is not paid for by Parents are People Inc.), spend sometime with your parents this summer — it might be the last chance you have to go with them on a trip or to other things. Do this even if you're staying close to home because college life will change you. It

will be the beginning of a different kind of relationship with your parents.

Spend time with your friends, you'll soon go separate ways and though you'll still be close, your relationships with these people will change, so enjoy the time you have with them now.

In general, enjoy the summer, start packing early and be proud of yourself for coming this far! In upcoming column I'll give you some tips on what to take and what to leave home, but if you have any questions, write me in care of *Herald*, or at 4410 Mass. A NW Suite 189, Washington D.C. 20016-8121 and I'll be happy to reply.



Candlelighting

May 25, 1990
7:50 p.m.

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Hundreds of thousands of Jewish youths will march in Lag B'Omer parades all over the world, organized by the Chabad Lubavitch movement.

Special emphasis has been

placed on parades in the Soviet Union. Chabad emissaries went there to prepare for the marches, which will take place in about 60 locations all over the country, including Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and as far away as Siberia.

About 700 parades are ex-

pected in Israel.

The parades will honor sage Shimon Bar Yohai, one of the compilers of the Mishnah and the Zohar. He is regarded as a saint for the years he spent hiding in a cave during Jewish revolt against Rome and devote himself to Torah stu-



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Relieving Muscle Tension

Submitted by Mary Darby, Licentiate, Massage Therapist, Certified Muscular Therapist, Muscular Therapy • Shiatsu • Tension Release • Injury Prevention

Muscular Therapy - Muscular therapy is a systematic approach to muscle tension and body realignment. It is a method for breaking down tension in your body and preventing this tension from returning. The goal of the muscular therapist is to equip you with techniques which enable you to effectively and independently counter tension in your body as it arises. When this is accomplished, further treatment is unnecessary. There are four phases. The muscular therapist:

- Slowly breaks down the tension in the client's body through deep muscular manipulation.

- Gives the client specific tension-release exercises to do at home to help in breaking down the tension.

- Teaches the client how to use the individualized body-care techniques to prevent a new build-up of tension.

- Works with client on postural habits that might be causing a build-up of tension and helps him to change them.

Goals - There are many reasons for seeking muscular therapy treatments. All are equally valid. Some people come to reduce the level of tension in their bodies or to speed up the healing process after injury. The muscular therapist cannot, however, diagnose or treat illness or disease. A physician must be consulted first when pain or injury is involved. Some people come for further preventive treatment. Others come simply because they would like to feel better, more relaxed and healthier. As long as we know your goals, we can help you more effectively.

Results - Different tension problems and injuries require different amounts of time to effect change. Treatment periods can range from one or two visits in one week to 15 or 20 over several months, or longer.

If after about six weeks of treatment no improvement has occurred, we suggest a re-evaluation and often recommend a termination of treatment along with suggested alternatives. Muscular therapy has a high rate of success in dealing with tension-related problems. We will always do our best to help you, but we cannot guarantee the results of treatment.

Tension and Circulation - The oxygen and food carried by your blood heal your body and keep it healthy. Tension constricts the blood vessels and slows blood circulation. Breaking down that tension and restoring proper blood circulation are the first goals of muscular therapy.

Accelerating the Treatment Process - Tension-release exercises and body-care techniques are tools to enable you to keep your body healthy and relaxed. These tools can accelerate the treatment process as well as help you maintain your new level of relaxation when treatment is finished.

Postural Realignment - After treatment has progressed for a while, work to correct postural problems may be recommended. The tense body is like a piece of clay before it has been worked. The clay is hard and stiff and difficult to move, but after being

worked with, it softens and can be more easily manipulated. Postural realignment is not necessary in certain cases so that corrections made in treatment will be lasting. If posture is not improved, pain and injury may recur and unnecessarily prolong treatment. This is particularly true in certain cases of lower back pain and ankle sprain for example.

Postural work is done in place of a treatment on alternate visits, or as needed. If postural realignment particularly interests you, please let us know.

Muscular Therapy is Systematic - Muscular therapy follows certain carefully prescribed methods based upon years of study and clinical observation. It is not arbitrary. By design, certain parts of the body may sometimes be worked on to the exclusion of others. For instance, if the right foot is painful, the back, the right hip, right leg and foot may be worked on, but the left leg completely left alone. This is to pull the body's blood supply into the affected area.

Under normal circumstances, the general progression of treatment is first to relax the head, the neck, the upper back and shoulders, then to proceed to the center and lower back, then to the back of the legs, and finally to the front of the legs. At first most or all of the time may be spent in one area, then, as the tension level in that area is reduced, more areas are added to the treatments. There will sometimes be exceptions to this procedure. Work on the arms, hands, the face, etc. is included when necessary.

Apprehension - New clients are generally somewhat apprehensive on the first visit, especially if they are not used to having someone work with their bodies. This is normal and usually doesn't last long. If you feel this way, please tell us and we'll do what we can to make you more comfortable. If you should feel nervous or apprehensive after several treatments, please let us know. Telling us when you're uncomfortable aids us in helping you more effectively.

What to Wear - During treatment, you should be as comfortable as possible. You may leave your underwear on and you may wear a smock provided in the treatment room. Smocks should be worn with opening in the back.

Oils and Liniments - If you are allergic to any type of oil or liniment, please let us know. Clip your hair out of the way if you want it to remain relatively free from oil. We also have cotton caps which you may wear to protect your hair.

STOP - Treatment is not supposed to be painful. You can help us gauge the amount of pressure to use by clearly saying "stop," or "that's enough," even if the pain has become a little bit uncomfortable. This makes treatment progress faster, not slower. We especially encourage your feedback in the beginning. However, after working together for a while, this often becomes unnecessary because we have become familiar with your tension pattern.

Testing - As part of the first treatment, we test the level of tension in your muscles. This tells us where to begin work, how to proceed, how much pressure can be used, the type of tension present and about how long it

has been there.

The testing procedure either makes you aware of chronic tension which you didn't know was there or confirms your accurate perception of your tension patterns.

The Use of Pressure - At the start of treatment, moderate pressure is used. As relaxation increases, deeper pressure is applied. We seek out the maximum amount of pressure to do the job while giving you the least discomfort.

In cases of severe tension this is often expressed as the edge of pain. Many clients refer to this level of pressure by saying, "It hurts a little but it feels good." As treatment progresses and we go deeper, you may experience the same good, "relieving," kind of pain because you are now more relaxed and therefore can tolerate more pressure.

Length of Treatment - Appointments are scheduled to allow the time necessary to treat many individuals with different problems. The actual amount of physical work done on the body may vary from 20-45 minutes, depending on the level of tension, the type of condition involved, and so on. We try not to be late, but if we are, we ask your patience. Each case differs and sometimes running overtime is necessary.

Frequency of Treatments - The frequency of treatments varies with each individual. At first, treatment twice a week is often recommended. This will vary according to scheduling, economic factors, the reason for treatment, and the severity of the condition. In extreme cases, three times a week may be necessary and in many cases once a week is sufficient. As treatment progresses, the number of treatments per week is generally reduced.

Depending upon your goal, the severity of your problem, and your ability to adapt to change, treatment could last a week, a month or a year.

Soreness - After the first treatment and second treatment, you may experience some soreness in particularly tense muscle groups. This is normal for some people. As treatment progresses, the soreness reaction subsides quickly. If it does not, please let us know.

Resting - Often you are given five minutes or more, just to rest. This helps you to integrate what has been done by allowing the blood to move into an area which has been worked on heavily. Frequent resting is especially useful when working on an injury since it permits working with the muscles longer and deeper. The heat lamp is frequently used during these periods of rest. As you become more in touch with your body there will be a noticeable reduction in the level of muscle tension after the rest period. As relaxation increases, you may drift off into a sweet sleep during these rest periods.

Deep and Light Treatments - It is often effective to alternate a deep treatment, which breaks down a lot of tension, with a lighter treatment. Following the deep work with the lighter work the next day or several days later helps you to integrate the new lowered tension level. This is accomplished by increasing the blood circulation gently in the following session rather than

deeply penetrating the muscles. In order for change to be lasting, it must happen slowly.

Making Noise - Sometimes sound is used during deep work to distract the brain from the area being worked on and to release some tension.

How's Your Body Today? - We often ask this question at the beginning of a treatment in order to get information, to record your progress and to guide us in planning your treatment. There are two ways that we record your progress:

- How your muscles feel when touched
- How you feel

We want you to keep us up to date on the physical changes you perceive throughout treatment. We also need to know how you feel after treatment: Are you tired, sore, more uncomfortable, or more relaxed?

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World and National News

Sammy Davis Jr. Remembered As Committed to Jewishness

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Sammy Davis Jr., who died May 16 in Los Angeles at the age of 64, had his first contact with Jews during his boyhood in New York, when he fell in love with the Yiddish theater of the 1930s.

"They didn't bother me down there," the legendary black entertainer remembered later. "Although I couldn't understand a word, I would just laugh and cry along with the rest of the audience."

He returned more seriously to Judaism in the late 1950s, when he studied with Rabbi Max Nussbaum at Temple Israel of Hollywood, and then underwent a conversion ceremony in Las Vegas.

It was no snap decision. As he explained in an interview 20 years later, after much reading and soul-searching following an auto crash that cost him an eye, "I concluded that Judaism was essential to my survival."

In Jewish literature, he said, "I found strength and dignity. I wanted to know how a people could survive for so many years, being constantly persecuted. I wanted to know what gave them that inner strength, and when I found out, I found peace in it."

The conversion of the short, one-eyed black entertainer led to a string of jokes and anecdotes, which redoubled when Davis married the Swedish film beauty May Britt.

Rabbi William Kramer, who officiated at the ceremony at Davis' home, has retained a

photo of the wedding party, which included Frank Sinatra and Peter Lawford.

There were some cruel remarks about the Jewish "nigger," but most of the jokes were more affectionate, such as the one attributed to Britt. When it became public that she would marry the entertainer, she was asked if her parents back home had expressed any objection to the match.

"Why should they?" she supposedly responded. "There is no anti-Semitism in Sweden."

Britt was converted at Temple Israel and, if anything, took her new faith even more seriously than did her husband.

Ruth Nussbaum, widow of Rabbi Nussbaum, remembers going shopping with Britt to prepare for a full-fledged seder at the Davis home. Even after her divorce from Davis, Britt used to drive 80 miles three times a week to Temple Israel to make sure the couple's adopted son, Mark, received his Bar Mitzvah lessons. Mrs. Nussbaum said.

In later years, Davis visited Dachau and admitted that he became as prejudiced against Germans as some whites are against blacks. In a visit to Israel, he expressed his delight at encountering so many dark-skinned Jews.

When *Fiddler on the Roof* became a musical hit, there was talk of mounting an all-black version and Davis was asked whether he would accept the role of Tevye. He declined, saying, "There has to be respect for certain things, and a black Tevye would be stretch-

ing it too far."

After a while, the jokes about Davis' Jewishness stopped as his friends realized how committed the entertainer was to his faith.

An example is seen in Davis' face-off with the imperious movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn. When Goldwyn insisted on filming through the High Holy Days, Davis asked for 24 hours off. Goldwyn scoffed at the request but relented when Davis assured him that he would spend the entire time in a synagogue.

"All right," Goldwyn finally agreed. "But I'll check up on you. I hope I'll be able to recognize you in shul."

A Jewish Jelly-Fish?

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Professor Shlomo Grossman of Bar-Ilan University has announced that he has discovered a way to make a gelatin from fish extract that will meet the kosher standards of the most pious Jews.

Gelatin, used as a stabilizer in a great variety of foods, is normally extracted from animal bones, skin or horns. Often it is the only doubtful ingredient in a food otherwise permitted by strictly observant Jews, because there is no way to ascertain that the animal was kosher or was slaughtered in a kosher manner.

But any fish with fins and scales is kosher, and there is no halachically prescribed method of killing the fish.



Members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations met with Dr. Eduardo Angeloz (left) governor of Cordoba, the second largest province in Argentina. Gov. Angeloz presented a plate with the seal of Cordoba to Seymour D. Reich, Presidents Conference chairman.

El Al Reports Record Profit For 1989 — 29%

NEW YORK — El Al Israel Airlines reported its fourth consecutive net annual profit amounting to \$24.2 million for fiscal year 1989. This reflects a 29% increase in net profits over 1988. Revenues increased by 7% to \$713.5 million.

El Al carried 1.741 million passengers, reflecting 12% growth over 1988, with the company's systemwide load factor also rising to 75.9%. Overall cargo tonnage carried on all El Al routes amounted to 165,000 tons.

"We succeeded in holding on to our long range growth program through efficient operations while maintaining a high level of productivity on the part of our worldwide staff," said Raphael Harlev, El Al's president.

El Al inaugurated service in 1989 to Stockholm, Budapest and Warsaw and has signed a commercial agreement with Aeroflot, which is pending approval by the Russian Government. In 1990 we are planning to expand service to Eastern Europe by inaugurating flights to Zagreb, Sofia, Prague and East Berlin.

"In 1990, El Al plans to surpass its successful 1989 profits by continuing to provide the most nonstop service and flying more passengers to and from Israel than any other airline," says David Sheen, Vice President, General Manager, El Al, N.A.

Lovecraftian Tour

(continued from page 3)

After passing by Olney Court, Stamper's Hill, another supposedly haunted place, we came to 85 Benefit Street, home of Sarah Helen Whitman. Whitman was a poet who had had a romance with Edgar Allan Poe who Lovecraft was friendly with, and had an interest in his life. The two lovers (Sarah and Poe) frequented St. John's Churchyard, which was below Sarah's house but out of view of Sarah's mother. It was because of this that Poe frequented the churchyard and wrote stories with the area in mind.

There was nothing supernatural about 135 Benefit Street (*The Shunned House*) except that Lovecraft wrote a short story with the same title.

The next to last stop was at 187 Benefit Street where Lovecraft's funeral was held.

The final destination of the Lovecraftian tour was at the First Baptist Church where Lovecraft proved to have a sense of humor and either broke in or walked in and played the song "Yes, We Have No Bananas" on the organ according to North.

For those interested, the Lovecraft tour is in its third year and will be making the rounds again next year. For more information, call The Learning Connection at 274-9330.

A final note for those Lovecraft diehards, new publications such as *Lovecraft Providence and Adjacent Paris* and other poems can be found at the Brown Book Store.

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Conservative Rabbis Urge a Return to Sunset Service

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. (JTA) — After four decades of conducting mid-evening Kabbalat Shabbat services, Conservative rabbis recommended a return to the traditional sunset service preceding Shabbat dinner.

Over 600 rabbi meetings at the Concord Hotel here voted in favor of a resolution to "re-examine the effectiveness of their Sabbath eve programs with the possible goal of evolving worship services closer to the traditional time of sunset."

The vote took place during the largest gathering ever of the Rabbinical Assembly, Conservative Judaism's 1,300-member central body of rabbis.

The change in the time of Friday evening services is intended to shift the observance of the Sabbath from the synagogue to the home.

"The late Friday service is clearly dying," said Rabbi Neil Gilman, associate professor of Jewish philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary. "Younger families are interest-

ed in a revitalized Sabbath participation with parents, children, grandparents and friends, especially in the home."

With services in the past occurring between 8 and 9 p.m., families would have to break away from their Shabbat dinner early to get to shul in time.

"We haven't had late Friday night services for years," said Rabbi David Nelson of Beth Shalom synagogue in Oak Park, Mich. "People just didn't show up."

Conservative rabbis have actually found that when they canceled the late Friday service, attendance at Saturday morning services improved.

The late evening service began in the years prior to World War II as an attempt to accommodate those Jews who had to work late on Friday or all day on Saturday.

But now that socioeconomic circumstances have changed in recent decades, with fewer Jews compelled to work on the Sabbath, there is less of a need for the late service.

The recommendation on the timing of Friday services was one of approximately 20 resolutions debated at the 90th convention of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Other noteworthy resolutions expressed support for donation of human organs and tissues after death, a woman's right to abortion, the religious activities of the Women of the Wall prayer group in Jerusalem, and the inclusion of Jewish lesbians and gay men in synagogues.

A surprise resolution that sharply criticized the leasing of a Greek Orthodox Church building in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem by a group of Orthodox Jews was introduced by approximately 70 rabbis during the convention proceedings, and was adopted.

While supporting "the right of every Israeli citizen to live in any part of Jerusalem," the resolution condemned the clandestine method used in obtaining and funding the building, as well as the insensitivity of its

timing, falling as it did during the Christian Holy Week preceding Easter.

The resolution supported the position of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, who called both the acquisition of the building and the Israeli government's contribution of \$1.8 million to help finance the project "a great stupidity."

Two other resolutions called for continued support for the Conservative Masorti movement in Israel and the right of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel to perform conversions by means of the establishment of an institute for conversions there.

The Israeli population on the whole is not religious and not aware of its religious needs, said Rabbi Reuben Hammer at a plenary session on the Conservative movement and the State of Israel.

"And who can blame it? Superstition, fanaticism, medievalism, anti-democracy, obscurantism, rebbes, babas, curses — this is what one asso-

ciates with religion, to say nothing of draft-dodging and robbery of the public treasury," Hammer contended.

"We stand for moderation rather than fanaticism, for rationality rather than superstition, for pluralism, not monopoly, for a religious interpretation of Judaism which incorporates science and modernism," he said. "We stand for a Judaism worthy of the modern world and the modern Jew."

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The Anguished Cry For Electoral Reform

Electoral Reform

by Ehud Katz

(WZP'S) The corruption which has accompanied the current political crisis in Israel has made the popular demand for electoral reform more insistent, and even anguished. For many years opinion polls have shown a substantial majority in favor of electoral reform, but this was the first time that people have actually gone on a hunger strike over such an issue.

The spectacle of a former Likud cabinet minister, Avraham Sharir, joining the Labor party in return for a guaranteed seat in the next TWO Knessets, was more than the public could bear. Sharir's former colleague Yitzhak Modai also made a completely original contribution to Israel's parliamentary folklore when he demanded that the Likud post a ten million dollar bank guarantee to ensure that it keeps its promises to him. Worse still, the Likud was prepared to go along with the idea, although it managed to reduce the price to two and a half million dollars.

Both the Sharir and the Modai splinter group had just a few weeks earlier belonged to the "constraints camp" of the Likud - the hard-line, right-wing faction opposed even to Prime Minister Shamir's cautious peace initiative. Now they were prepared to negotiate with the side which consistently supported the initiative - the Labor party - and all for the sake of safe seats and cabinet posts.

Clearly the underlying cause of the situation in which splinter groups and individuals hold the balance of power and can extort concessions from the two big parties, lies in the system of proportional representation. This system always produces a large number of parties (there were fifteen in the present Knesset at the last count). Ever since the establishment of the State, no one party has ever held an absolute majority.

In the first decades after independence the system worked, more or less, due to

the hegemony of the Labor movement, with the consistent support of the then powerful National Religious Party. When the Likud came to power in 1977, with the support of the then newly formed and now late lamented Democratic Movement for Change, it seemed that the system would continue to work.

Subsequent elections proved, however, that the swing to the right was less pronounced than it had appeared. Menachem Begin's victory in 1977 was due partly to the protests that followed the Yom Kippur War and partly to the financial scandals that plagued the last years of the Labor government. When Labor recovered under Shimon Peres' leadership the pendulum swung back to the middle. It emerged that the Israeli public is divided, almost evenly between left and right, hawks and doves, with a large religious bloc - now predominantly ultra-orthodox - in the middle but inclined to the right.

The last two elections have produced a nightmare situation in which - as Peres put it - nobody knows who won. Both have been followed by endless negotiations in which the splinter groups have obtained positions of power and influence quite out of proportion to their size. The Kafkaesque absurdity of the situation was illustrated in the present crisis when the Shas party timed against Prime Minister Shamir, enabling Shimon Peres to bring down the government and then went back to the Likud side, all because an aged rabbi in Bnei Brak ordered it to do so. Moreover the spectacle of Labor party and Likud leaders, the elected representatives of the nation, paying court to a tiny coterie of ultra-orthodox rabbis, one of whom lives in New York and has never set foot in Israel, has done nothing to enhance the image of Israeli democracy.

The most radical solution for Israel would be the British or American constituency system, in which the candidate "first

past the post" is elected. This system is less than fair to minority parties. In fact it often distorts the popular vote quite drastically, but it almost always produces an absolute majority for one side or the other. In other words, effective government is usually possible, and minority groups do not exercise disproportionate influence.

Curiously enough, none of the groups advocating electoral reform in Israel favor such a radical change. All of them propose mixed systems, in which some of the MKs would be elected on a nationwide proportional basis, and others would be returned by constituencies. This would not produce a two-party system, but it would presumably reduce the number of parties and would make coalition-building less complicated.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

Now in its sixth year, The Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremonies were held last Sunday evening at the Jewish Community Center.

Bruce A. Leach, Center president, welcomed friends, family and inductees to the "Home" of the Hall of Fame.

The evening's co-chairs were Stephen M. Litwin and Jeffrey Goldberg, Master of ceremonies Steve Kass, WHJJ Talk Show host, introduced the inductees and presented the awards.



ANDREW YOSINOFF, Contemporary Division

"I started my athletic career at the JCC and grew up in nearby Pawtucket. I got into sports because of my family background. My father taught in the Providence Public Schools for 35 years. Having a great love of sports, he inspired me to try a lot of different sports and to be competitive. Tennis turned out to be my best sport and I went on to play competitive tennis. My father is a very intense individual, and from him I learned that intensity and a love for sports and teaching. I've dedicated my life to help young people reach their goals. I really appreciate this award. Thank you."



SIDNEY GREEN, Service To Sports

(Steve Kass, presenter, at right)

"I would say I'm speechless about this honor, but none of my friends would believe me. So I won't say that. I will say I finally realized what Socrates once said: 'All good things happen to them that wait.' It seems I waited a little longer than that. During my first 15 years of marriage I probably spent more hours at the Jewish Community Center and with the Olympics than any other place. None of it would have been possible without the wonderful help, cooperation, and patience of my very understanding wife Betty. I thank her and the Hall of Fame for this absolutely unforgettable honor. My close friends, who are here tonight, are the highlight of the evening in addition to this lovely plaque and induction into the Hall of Fame."



JEFFREY GOLDBERG, Service To Sports

"It's a sensational feeling to be involved with something you love so much... helping others when you don't have the ability to play as well as you'd like, but are able to help others because you have a keen knowledge of a particular sport or activity. It's been a lot of fun over the years to watch some of the guys I've had the privilege of coaching go on to bigger and better things. To have this opportunity and to be pleasantly surprised, to be inducted into this Hall of Fame, to get an honor when you love something so much is something that I really don't have words for. Thank you very much."

In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement



BRUCE SUNDLUN, Veterans' Division

(Steve Kass, presenter, at right)

"As happy as I am to see Steve Kass here tonight, I'm even happier to see his father George Katz. On Sunday mornings when I was 11, I went with my father to the Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island in a building where the Miriam Hospital now stands. George Katz was the athletic director, who ran a basketball game there every Sunday morning. With all due respect to that championship team, he taught me how to play basketball. I am most appreciative of his friendship. He had a terrible accident a few years ago and we're glad to see him recovering well. I am most appreciative for the general treasurer's citation and for being inducted into the Rhode Island Jewish Hall of Fame."



ABRAHAM (ABE) LOBEL, Service To Sports

"I feel very humble in accepting this honor. The fact that it was unexpected makes it even more rewarding. As I look up and see all the faces around me, friends from the Jewish Community Center and the Olympics Club. I also see George Katz. He was my leader, my basketball coach. Boy, he gave me plenty of good advice. I spent about 3 1/2 years at the JCC and I've seen many of the youngsters grow up, go on and make their names famous in the Rhode Island community. I'm proud that I had the opportunity to work with a lot of young boys and girls. I am proud that both the Olympic boys and my 1939 New England high school championship basketball team are here tonight." (After accepting his award, Abe read a letter offering congratulations and sentiments of appreciation from a young man, who was once in his program at the JCC 30 years ago.)



ELLIOT GOLDSTEIN, Service To Sports

(Steve Kass, presenter, at right)

"I want to thank everybody for this honor. Gus Parmet and I talked about establishing the Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame for eight years. When we finally got Louis Gorodetski excited about the Hall of Fame, we had our first in 1985. It keeps getting better every year. I really feel honored and privileged not only to be in with athletes, but such nice people. I wouldn't have done it all without the support of my wife Judy."

Photos: Dorothea Snyder

Arts and Entertainment

William's Women Of Valour



(L to R) Marcia Murphy, Dorothy Reo, Melissa Sciarra, Phyllis Kay and Sheryl Dodd are actresses in 2nd Story Theatre's premiere of Don Nigro's "The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines," directed by Pat Hegnauer. The play runs Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m., May 16 through June 14. Tickets: \$10. Half-price Mondays, May 28 and June 4. For reservations call 421-5776.

A Review of The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines at Second Story Theatre — Stage II

by V. B. Halpert

In *The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines* Don Nigro has written the kind of play that many of us often invent in our fancy. What was a character like before she appeared on stage? What was she like in the life she led after the play (or novel) ended? That kind of imaging comes when we become so involved with a character that we don't want to let go of her (Or him) at the end of a work. That sort of fascination comes when characters are so real to us that they seem to have walked into our

own lives. In spinning the kind of fantasy that he does, Don Nigro has settled some questions in the minds of his audience and raised others.

He presents to us five young women, three of them heroines from the plays of Shakespeare, two of them modern actresses who have played, or wish to play, Shakespearean roles.

Against a backdrop of dark wood that suggests a Tudor hall, the women appear on stage and sit at a refectory table set with fruit and bread. They nibble as they talk to each other about themselves and

their lives. Each one delivers a monologue to the other four. The first to speak is Ophelia (from *Hamlet*) who is portrayed by Marcia Murphy. Dressed in a flowing white gown with a coronet on her long hair, Ophelia remembers what it was like as a child when she and Hamlet and her brother, Laertes, were all playfellows. The cardinal point that Ophelia makes and that all the other heroines make is that a woman's reality is different from the reality of a man. She tells us that even as a child she was brighter than either her brother or Hamlet. Instead of being a water-logged tragic figure, she is a young woman who laughs at herself and at the circumstances that made up her life. Ophelia's logic is the only set of tenets, amusing as they were, that I found hard to accept.

With the character of Zoe, Phyllis Kay brings an insouciant charm and good humor to the story she tells. She plays one of the moderns and — in contrast to the others — wears a long, form-fitting evening gown, her hair swept high on her head. As Zoe she tells us of her experiences early in her career when she went to drama school. She tells her own story of a brief and tempestuous love affair that resulted in the birth of her daughter; and she tells of one of her classmates, an older woman with a disturbingly familiar voice. Her classmate couldn't act, but there was always something about her... The surprise ending turns out to be that the older woman had had a radio program during the war. She is ultimately revealed as Axis Sally. Kay brings to the role the tension of a mystery plot, the spirit of the new, independent woman who doesn't necessarily need men, and the serenity of an adult who has weathered the seas and near shipwrecks

of youthful existence.

Shakespeare's Mariana (*Measure for Measure*) comes next. As Mariana, Dorothy Reo reflects on the improbability of the character. Although old Will had made Mariana willing to sacrifice her brother's life in order to preserve her virginity, his heroine, in her post-partem life, reflects that no truly real woman would have agreed with such a stand.

Bonnie, another modern played by Sheryl Dodd, explains her life within the framework of her desire to play Lady Macbeth. She points out that every actress regards that role as the consummation of her career. Poor Bonnie never brings it off. Given the chance to play Lady Macbeth in an amateur company, the play is interrupted, and she is left desolate. The sadness in her own life comes because in her chase for the prize, she sacrificed that which gives dimension to a woman's life: the bearing and rearing of children. Like Lady Macbeth she is

barren. Sheryl Dodd brings such perception and poignancy to her role that when tears come into her eyes, the audience too feels the sting of tears.

With Miranda, the young heroine of *The Tempest*, played by Melissa Sciarra, comes the culmination of the theme and mini-themes of the play. Miranda retains the childlike imp-

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Tobacco Road At 2nd Story

by Dorothea Snyder

By the mid-seventies, a blurb in the *New American Library* reported that nearly three million copies of *Tobacco Road* had been sold and translated into 15 languages. Repeatedly reshown, the film was an American classic, topping Erskine Caldwell's other successes.

Looking at these numbers, most critics had questioned why the Caldwell novel was so popular especially because it was set plunk in the middle of the Great Depression. Analysts, who examined the text, thought it appealed to the worst instincts of America's growing middle class of the 1930's, and that it was far inferior to the works of Thomas Wolfe and William Faulkner.

What sparked the success of the 1933 play version, adapted by Jack Kirkland and Erskine Caldwell, was a rave review by Burns Mantle of the *New York Daily News*, who praised *Tobacco Road* for its significant social themes. Sociologists, reformers and critics continued throwing bouquets. And the play played on for seven years totaling 3,182 performances.

Interestingly enough, each new cast of actors would over-emphasize the comic moments and that made it even more popular.

The central theme in all

three versions of the novel, film and play is whether Jeeter Lester, an impoverished Georgia farmer, can stay on his land with his mother, wife Ada, son Dude and daughter Ellie May. The bank threatens to foreclose if he can't pay his rent. Jeeter has no use for banks and loan companies because all they ever suggest is that he and his family move to the city and work in the mills at subsistence wages. He tries to approach his son Tom, who lives elsewhere with his wife. Tom, who never appears in the play, refuses to assist.

In the play, the acts take place on three consecutive days in which we witness the peculiarities of the Lester household.

There dwells a rather unkempt bunch whose hygiene consists of dabbing a few drops of water from a frequented bucket. That is the least of their problems. They are starving. Unable to grow crops, Jeeter sits on his porch, eyes gazed into the sky and rambles on. There it is safe territory. Off the porch, in one instance, reality hits from his sadistic son Dude, who sasses and stick beats him.

In 1933 obscenity was in short supply, and speculation has it that *Tobacco Road's* success was due to that feature.

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Local News

An Urgent Plea to Save a Life

Allison Atlas is a bright, attractive 20-year-old Jewish college student. Allison is dying from leukemia. She needs a bone marrow transplant to save her life. The Atlas family is faced with two intertwined problems: 1) paying for the blood test screenings, and 2) finding a donor for Allison. There are no government funds available to pay for this testing. It is up to the Atlas

family to find their own financial resources. Each initial blood test costs \$75. If a person passes the initial test, the next phase of the match testing costs \$300. The Atlas family is already over \$400,000 in debt in their attempt to find a matching donor for Allison. There is a 1 in 20,000 chance of finding the one suitable donor whose blood chemistry matches Allison's exactly.

The Friends of Allison in R.I., in coordination with the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center, will hold both a fund-raising drive and a blood donor drive for Allison inside the Jewish Community Center on Elm Grove Avenue on Sunday, June 3, from 12:30-4:30. This is the same date and location as the Operation Exodus walk-a-thon.

More than 32,000 people between the ages of 18-55 from over 70 Jewish organizations in

the United States, Canada and Israel have been tested in a frantic attempt to find a donor for Allison. A match still hasn't been found. Now it is our turn to try and help. We plead with you... come inside the JCC to donate your tax deductible dollars (any amount) and 10-16cc's of blood (two small vials). 100% of your dollars will go towards more testing. Your blood could save Allison's life.

Allison is running out of time. On August 17, 1989, the doctors gave Allison 3-6 months to live. That was nine months ago. Now, each day Allison grows visibly weaker. Her family reports she sleeps more and more. Allison is dying. You can save her life. There is no greater mitzvah than to help save a life. That's the true essence of tzedakah! Please help Allison live.

Since blood tissue matching to find a bone marrow donor is

so dependent upon genetics, the greatest chance of finding a match for Allison will come from the Jewish community, especially Jews of Lithuanian or Hungarian extraction. There might be a distant relative of Allison's right here in Rhode Island, especially people with roots in the Lithuanian villages of Disna and Braslawa near Vilna who have last names of Gotkin, Serkin, Simkin, Hemkin and Atlas. The search also focuses on people from Dolhynov (Dolgnovo) and Reichista, both near Gomel, and from Glubokokoye, all in Byelo-Russia... people with last names such as Kotz, Katz, Rubin, Mirman and all the derivatives of all these family names.

It is possible that anyone from these villages could be a distant relative whose blood tissue type might match that of Allison. Parents, brothers and sisters within a family can all

have different blood tissue types. Therefore, everyone needs to be tested.

Allison's need is urgent. Please, please come inside the JCC on June 3 to donate your dollars and the gift of life... your blood.

"Whoever saves one life it is as if he had saved an entire world." (Talmud)

Champagne Brunch

The Sisterhood of Temple Am David of Warwick is holding a donor champagne brunch on Sunday, June 10, at 11 a.m. in the Temple Social Hall. This celebrates their 36th annual donor event. All members past, present, and future are invited to participate.

Anyone who is interested in attending this gala event, please call for further information: Dotty Forman, 463-7820, Ruth Wagner, 421-3356, and Miriam Snell, 751-6859.

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Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood Installation And Brunch

by **Audrey Licht**

Temple Emanu-El's Annual Sisterhood Brunch and Installation will be the kick-off for an exciting year of activities being planned by the new officers and board members. The installation will be held on Monday, June 4, at 10 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary at Temple Emanu-El. A musical program featuring Cantor Brian J. Mayer will be included. Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin is installing Barbara Lavine as President with a new slate of officers and board members.

The Sisterhood is fortunate to have Barbara, with all her enthusiasm, as its new leader. She has been a member of the Temple for twenty-five years. Married to Jerrold L. Lavine they have four children, Jonathan, Marc, Elisa and Jeffrey who is married to Jennifer. An extremely busy lady, Barbara is involved in several civic and community organizations. In addition to many groups, she's a member of Jewish Federation, Campaign Cabinet, National Council of Jewish Women, O.R.T., Hadassah, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and a U.J.A. National delegate. A graduate from Boston University, Barbara earned her B.S. in Special Education. She was a special education teacher in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Rosalind Bolusky is Installation Chairwoman and her committee, Betsy Holland, Audrey Licht, Elaine Odessa, Susan Odessa and Baye Temkin are organizing a fabulous event for this special occasion.

Following are the new officers and board members to be installed:

- President:** Barbara Lavine;
Vice Presidents: Liz Goldberg, Audrey Licht, Linda Mittleman, Lynn Markoff;
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Barbara Lavine
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Operation Exodus Walk-A-Thon

Over 2000 Jews are fleeing the Soviet Union every week - 400,000 more are planning to leave. Their rescue depends on your support. **JOIN US!!** Sunday, June 3, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (registration begins at 10:00 a.m.) Support the second greatest exodus in Jewish history - bring the whole family (even if you choose not to walk!!!) The walk will take place rain or shine.

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Cranston/Warwick Hadassah

Shirley Schreiber, president of the Cranston/Warwick chapter of Hadassah has announced that one of the first events of the new administration will be participation in the June 3 Operation Exodus Walk-a-thon for Soviet Jewry coordinated by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Among those people who will be walking under the Cranston/Warwick Hadassah banner are Helen Abrams, Goldie Greene, Lori Greene, Jamie Labell, Sara Rosenthal, Shirley Schreiber, Warren Schreiber and Ruth Snyder.

Anyone wishing to join with this group, please call Shirley Schreiber at 738-0934 for further information.

Alperin Schechter Day School Update

• Four students from the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School participated in the Rhode Island Youth Art Exhibit sponsored by the Rhode Island Art Teachers' Association and Old Stone Bank. Ari Heckman, Grade 1, won second prize. Shayna Kulik, Lee LaMarche, and Judd Schiffman all received Certificates of Merit.

• Several Alperin Schechter Day School faculty members in both General and Judaic Studies (Janet Miller, kindergarten; Nancy O'Hare and Sara Kaplan, first grade General Studies; Wendy Garl-Lipp first grade Judaic Studies; Steven Jablow, lower school Judaic Studies) participated in a day-long workshop in Whole Language Strategies. The purpose of the workshop was to understand the principles of the whole language approach and to learn how to incorporate these methods into the classroom.

• Noreen G. Mattis, R.N., M.Ed., a Health Educator from Women and Infants' Hospital Community Health Outreach Program presented "Beyond the Birds & Bees: Talking to Kids about Sexuality." The program addressed several issues: What information about sexuality should be discussed during different stages of child development, how to begin to talk with children about their sexuality, how to become an "askable" parent. Reactions to the program were very enthusiastic.

• Students have participated in a variety of field trips: Kindergarten visited *Theaterworks* at the Providence Performing Arts Center, Grade 1 enjoyed a storytelling/mime production and book fair at R.I. College and went to a performance of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, Grades 3-6 attended a Philharmonic

Concert: Grade 7 saw *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Middle School students attended a performance of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*.

• Seventh and eighth grade students spent a wonderful week in Toronto, Canada. Among the highlights of the trip were: Casa Loma, the CN Tower, the Sky Dome, the Hard Rock Cafe, and a visit to Niagara Falls. A special trip is scheduled every alternate year for the students in these two grades.

• Fifth grade and Middle School Judaic Studies teacher Marcia Kaunfer will be presented with the Hison Award for Excellence in Teaching by Hebrew College in Boston at graduation ceremonies on June 3.

ASDS Teacher To Be Honored By BJE

On Monday, May 21, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Daphna Rabinovitch and Cathy Berkowitz were honored at the annual meeting of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. Daphna Rabinovitch, Middle School Hebrew Language Teacher at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School, was presented with the Perelman Family Curriculum Development Award for the "Israeli Stamp" curriculum which she developed.

Cathy Berkowitz, Hebrew Language and Bible teacher, was selected to receive an Edward and Florence Goldberg Award for Teacher Creativity for her game, "Go to the Head of the Class," which she developed at Alperin Schechter.

The entire community joins in congratulating these two talented and creative teachers. Yashar Coach and Mazal Tov!

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Beth-El Selects New Assistant Rabbi

Sidney M. Helbraun was elected as Temple Beth-El's new Assistant Rabbi at the 135th Annual Meeting of the congregation held on Sunday, May 20. Mr. Helbraun will soon be ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. He replaces Rabbi Susan L. Miller, Assistant Rabbi at Temple Beth-El for the last two years, who is leaving the congregation to be married in New York this summer.

Sidney Helbraun was born in Missouri and grew up in the Chicago suburbs. His association with other temples he served as a student rabbi, his work at youth camps, and teaching experience have been characterized by warmth and caring. A graduate of the University of Florida, Mr. Helbraun will be joining the congregation in early July.

Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh

Shavuos Services

Tuesday, May 29, Mincha 7:55 p.m. Maariv 8:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30, Morning services 9 a.m. Mincha 7:55 p.m. Maariv 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 31, Morning services 9 a.m. Yizkor approximately 10:30 a.m. Mincha 7:55 p.m. Maariv 8:50 p.m. followed by Havdalah.

Congregation Ohave Sholam

This Friday night services will be at 7:55 p.m. at the Young Israel of Pawtucket. Shabbat morning kiddush will follow services which begin at 9 a.m. Saturday afternoon the rabbi will give his Mishnah class at 7:10 p.m. Mincha will be at 7:50 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv will be at 8:50 p.m. Havdalah will be at 9:50 p.m. On Monday, May 28, services will be at 8 a.m. because of the legal holiday. On this day the Young N.C.S.Y. will have "an end of the year outing" to take place at R.I. 44 recreation center and Slater Park. For information about the group and/or the event, call 724-3552 or 272-6791. The group will meet at the synagogue at 1 p.m.

The congregation will have a full range of prayers and learning activities for the holiday or Shavuot which begins Tuesday evening, May 29. The following are the schedules:

Tuesday, May 29 - Mincha 8 p.m. - learning session - Ma'ariv 8:50 p.m. An additional class will be at 1 p.m. or the following morning at 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 30 - Services 9 a.m. - Kiddush sponsored by Carl Passman. Mincha 8 p.m. - learning session - Ma'ariv 8:50 p.m.

Thursday, May 31 - Services 9 a.m. Yizkor - Kiddush. Mincha at 8 p.m. - learning session - Ma'ariv 8:50 p.m. Havdalah at 9 p.m.

The Soviet Jewry program scheduled for June 10 has been postponed to July 8.

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Egozi Returns



Former Providence Hebrew Day School Principal Akiva Egozi returned to Providence last week to dedicate the school. See story page one.

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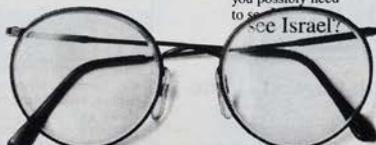
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 Through June 30. This exhibition includes 18th- and 19th-century Japanese woodblock prints by Hiroshige, Kunisada, and Sadahide.

Southeast Asian Costume and Textiles Through July 14.
 The finery of Burma, Cambodia, Thailand, and the Philippines is explored through this exotic selection of costumes and textiles.

Italian Painting: Treasures from the Permanent Collection Through August 25.
 A selection of works from the 14th- through the 19th-century drawn from the Museum's collection. Highlights include paintings by Jacopo and Leandro Bassano, Pompeo Batoni, Mirabello di Antonio Cavalori, Carlo Dolci, Dosso Dossi, Francesco Foschi, Francesco Guardi, Bartolomeo Passarotti, and Silvestro Lega, among others.

Summer Exhibitions:
Beauty in Hand: The Artistry of the Fan - June 1 through August 18.
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Harriet Cohen Memorial Video Library Dedication

A special program, dedicating the Harriet Cohen Memorial Video Library, was held at the Touro Jewish Community Center, on Thursday, May 10, 1990. At that time, Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the spiritual leader of Touro Synagogue set aside a special section of the library of Touro's United Hebrew School for a novel facility, a video library. This new part of the school's library was dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Harriet Cohen, a resident of Newport and Touro congregation member. Her three daughters, Ms. Barbara Cohen of West Roxbury, Mass., Mrs. Janet McCall of Barrington, R.I., and Mrs. Marjorie C. Robbins of Washington, D.C., were instrumental in setting up this special library consisting of religious video tapes. Dr. Alan Feinberg, Chairman of the school's Board of Education, participated in the dedication ceremony. Dr. Feinberg expressed his appreciation to the Cohen family for making this new project possible, which will enhance the education program. Also, he stated his satisfaction with the excellent progress of the school, in the first year of its reorganization.

A new Sunday school program is being planned for the 1990-91 school year and registration is now taking place at the school's offices at 85 Touro Street in Newport. For further information, please contact Rabbi Shapiro at (401) 847-4794.

Touro United Hebrew School Graduation

The newly reorganized Touro Synagogue United Hebrew School of Newport, R.I., will conduct its annual Graduation-Promotion Exercises in a novel manner. The program will be held as the concluding part of the traditional "Shevuot" holiday religious services, in the main sanctuary, on Wednesday morning, May 30, 1990. Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the congregation's spiritual leader and principal of the school, stated, "that since the holiday of Shevuot is celebrated in honor of the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people, this was an appropriate occasion for honoring the children of our community who are studying the Torah."

Karyn Pimental, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pimental, will be the honor graduate of the program. Her graduation marks the third generation of her family's completion of religious studies at the school, tracing back to her grandfather, Mr. Norman Klein, and her mother, Mrs. Donna Pimental. Honor awards and gifts will be presented to outstanding students, for academic achievement and for synagogue, Sabbath, candle-lighting, charity and character excellence. Dr. Alan Feinberg, Chairman of the school's Board of Education, will participate in the awarding of these honors, along with other synagogue and school board officers. A collation sponsored by the Parents' Association will be served in the Touro Community Center Social Hall, at the conclusion of the services.

Celebrate the Joy of Being Jewish

The SMU Center for Jewish Culture will celebrate its 11th Annual Judaic Institute on June 10-14 on the SMU campus. The theme for the institute this year is "The Joy of Being Jewish." In addition to the co-directors, Dr. Robert P. Waxler and Rabbi Bernard Glassman, other participants will include Dr. Moshe Waldoks, Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin and Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald.

According to Dr. Waxler, "This five-day event will explore through lectures, films and discussions the very texture of the joy of Jewish life and tradition. Too often we focus only on the pain and suffering of the Jewish experience. This year we want to remind everyone that there is another side to the story of the Jews. We want to celebrate that fact."

"As Rabbi Glassman put it: 'We want to study the bright, enduring qualities of an age-old faith and culture. These five days should be a time for positive reflection. I hope everyone will come and enjoy this institute with us.'"

Dr. Moshe Waldoks will be the featured speaker in the main auditorium of the SMU campus on Sunday evening, June 10 at 8 p.m. Dr. Waldoks

is best known as the co-author of *The Big Book of Jewish Humor*. That book has become a classic. On Tuesday evening, Rabbi Cardin will speak on "The Joy of Prayer" and on Wednesday evening, Rabbi Buchwald will talk about "The Movement of Jewish Return." Sessions will also be held each morning of the institute, emphasizing the joys of Jewish literature, art, philosophy and history.

"Each year we try to explore part of the fabric of Jewish life in the framework of the various disciplines in the humanities," Dr. Waxler said. "Through the Center for Jewish Culture at Southeastern Massachusetts University, we want people from all ethnic backgrounds to explore the meaning of Jewishness and the way the Jewish experience reflects universal patterns of experience."

"The Center for Jewish Culture continues to build bridges between the campus and the general community," Rabbi Glassman said. "We want to continue to build connections with all people in the Southern New England area. This year should be a very good year to accomplish that goal."

Temple Beth-El's "Friends Of The Braude Library"

The William G. Braude Library of Temple Beth-El wishes to announce the formation of the "Friends of the Braude Library" whose purpose is to encourage community support for the library, one of the best synagogue libraries in the country. The Braude Library, with its in-depth collection on all facets of Jewish life and scholarship, is a well-known resource for research and study, as well as for just "reading," in the Providence area and throughout Rhode Island and neighboring Massachusetts.

The Braude Library is proud to be able to serve so many diverse constituencies - Temple members, college and high school students, professors, clergy of all faiths, and just people from all walks of life who are interested in the materials we have to offer and who appreciate our accessibility.

Now that the Library has embarked on a major renovation project, which will improve the visual space as well as add significantly to the available shelving space, it was felt that the creation of a commu-

nity group known as "Friends of the Braude Library" would be appropriate. This group would seek to raise funds from those in the community-at-large who appreciate and/or use the Braude Library. These funds will make possible some special projects envisioned for the library, such as the installation of a locked display case to display rare and valuable books on a rotating basis, and the purchase of a new, space-efficient newspaper and periodical display and storage unit. Such projects will, of course, be clearly identified as having been accomplished by the "Friends of the Braude Library."

It is hoped that a large number of supporters of the library in the community will come forward and show their appreciation by joining the "Friends of the Braude Library." Donations in any amount are welcome. They should be sent to "Friends of the Braude Library," c/o Wm. G. Braude Library, Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue, Providence, R.I. 02906.

Dvora Dayan

Annual Yard Sale

As we make plans to have our Annual Yard Sale on Sunday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., we must turn to all our friends and members to ask for your help in collecting saleable items - new and used. If you have knowledge of individuals who would be willing to contribute a variety of saleable goods, please contact them to ask for their assistance. Our committee will be more than eager to pick up any merchandise... other than adult clothing.

Chairperson for this event is Ruth Garber. The sale will be held in the yard of Seymour and Ceil Krieger, 81 Cole Avenue, Providence. Please

offer your help or merchandise by calling Ruth Garber at 725-3728 or the Kriegers at 351-2139.

Proceeds from the Yard Sale will be used for the Na'Amat fund which helps cover absorption expenses for Soviet Jews who choose to live in Israel. Monies received help provide day care, high school scholarships, seminars on Judaism, holiday celebrations at our community centers and special guided tours to acquaint the new arrivals with life in Israel.

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Jewish Veterans Hold Memorial Services

The department of Rhode Island Jewish War Veterans will hold their annual memorial services on Sunday, May 27, 1990 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick at 11 a.m.

Rabbi H. Scott White will conduct the services and will dedicate the names of the veterans who died this year. All veterans and their families and the public are invited to attend.

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Resnick Receives Degree

Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Resnick of Cranston, R.I. announce the graduation of their son, David Samuel Resnick, from the University of Bridgeport. David received his Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing on May 6.

He is currently residing in Fairfield, Conn., and is employed as a department manager for the Bradley Corporation.

He is the grandson of the late Samuel and Edith Resnick. His maternal grandparents are Louis Vilker of Pawtucket and the late Lillian Vilker.



David Resnick

Natalie Gershman, former Providence resident, honored

Natalie Gershman, a former resident of Providence, was honored in the "Around Our Town" column in *The Wester*, a weekly newspaper in Sun City West, Arizona.

The article, by Kay Glass, stated: "Volunteers are one of our community's most precious assets, serving wherever and whenever needed. Take for instance, Natalie Gershman, who is 83 years young and suffers from arthritis. Yet almost every Wednesday you'll find her working on a one-to-one basis with a client at St. Clement's Interfaith Day Care Center. She catches a ride into Sun City with her neighbor Edna Keyes — who also generously gives of her time and talent.

When Natalie isn't at the center, she spends each day knitting baby sweater, hat and bootie sets for the gift shop of the Jewish Home for the Aged in her former hometown, Providence, Rhode Island. She keeps those needles clicking until she's made about ten sets, which she then sends off parcel post. From the letters of appreciation she is proud to show, indications are the number of sets she has created run into the hundreds."

Shermans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sherman of Palm Springs, Calif., wish to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Sara Ann Schilling, on March 2, 1990. The proud parents are Wendy and William G. Schilling of Burbank. The Shermans are former Rhode Island residents.

Krims Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Krim of West Peabody, Mass., announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Stephanie Paige Krim, on March 1, 1990.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Galkin of Cranston and Newport. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Edith Krim of Rosedale, N.Y.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Galkin of Palm Beach, Fla.

Yankowitz-Gold

Mr. and Mrs. B. Benjamin Yankowitz of Niskayuna, N.Y. announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Ann Yankowitz, to Tsvi Joshua Gold, son of Dr. and Mrs. Morton Gold of Rutland, Vt., formerly of Providence.

Miss Yankowitz attended S.U.N.Y. Albany, N.Y. and is an administrative assistant to David P. Vanderzee, C.L.U., with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Latham, N.Y. Mr. Gold is a student at S.U.N.Y. Albany and is a hospital corpsman/petty officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves. Tsvi is the grandson of Ida Morse of Barrington and the late Irving Morse.

Temple Am David

3-Way Celebration

A 3-way celebration is planned for June 1 at Temple Am David. The sixth and last of this season's popular family Friday night Shabbat dinners will begin at 6:15 p.m. Sponsoring the event are the Temple's Social Action Committee who with the cooperation of Drs. Josef and Natalia Sternberg will introduce a number of new Russian immigrant families to the Temple community. The Sternbergs along with their son, Daniel, are Temple members who were once also Russian emigres. The Temple anticipates hosting approximately a dozen recently arrived emigres.

The Temple's slate of officers for the upcoming year will be installed. These are: Robert Silverman, President; Sheila Land, First Vice President; Paul Botvin, Second Vice President; Joan Bookbinder, Third Vice President; Jill Sholes, Fourth Vice President; Craig Aber, Treasurer; Elaine Botvin, Financial Secretary; Barbara Karetny, Recording Secretary; Suzanne Cohen, Corresponding Secretary. Also to be installed on the Board of Directors for a three-year term are: Robert Corin, Harry Katzman, Martin Cooper, Robert Resnick, Leah Zisseron and Rochelle Alterman.

Also, to cap off the evening, the winner of the first annual award for outstanding contribution to the Temple will be announced.

Hey Class Graduation

On May 11 at a 7:30 p.m. Friday evening service, the Hey Class of the Temple Am David religious school will be graduated. Students from the graduating class will conduct various portions of the service. The graduates are: Stacey Blasbalg, Michael Blitzer, Heather Corin, Yael Efreom, Risa Paul and Marc Sholes.

Majestic Senior Guild

The regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisreal, Park Avenue, Cranston.

Election of Officers. The nominating committee consists of chairperson, Lillian Gladstone assisted by Ruth Wagner, Lenore Winkelman and Joseph Dress. She will present the slate of officers for 1990 to 1991. Please attend and vote for your favorite people. Entertainment for the afternoon will be the "Happy Hoofers."

Don't forget the Installation of Officers and delightful luncheon, dancing, etc. on June 26 at the Marriott Hotel. Be sure to mail in your seating arrangements or present the list at the May meeting. Bus to the Marriott No Charge.

Theatre party scheduled for July 19 to see *Me and My Girl* at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly, Mass. A big, bright, tuneful musical. Reserve early.

Taj Mahal, on September 5 in Atlantic City. Reservations

accepted now.

Rates and particulars on all trips to be announced at the May meeting or call Dorothy Bardfield, 823-7687 or Pearl Stayman, 738-0225.

Dues are payable on or before June 1. Mail to Harold Gordon, 591 Pocasset Court, Warwick, R.I. 02886 or pay at meeting. Any change of address, please notify him. Membership now opened to anyone 55 years or over. Join the Majestic family and be part of all the happy times offered.

July 31 a beautiful day spent at The Daniel Webster Inn, Sandwich, (Cape Cod, Mass.) for luncheon and ninety minute musical show. Make your reservations early as this is a first come first served basis.

August 5, Pines Hotel in the Catskills, N.Y. for eight days — Sunday to Sunday. A pleasant way to spend your summer vacation. Don't hesitate, make your plans early.

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At the Chrysler Awards Banquet last Saturday, May 5, Mr. Lester Kushner, 38, of Cranston, Rhode Island, won the silver award for collecting 124 points, a combination of cars sold and points for tests on product knowledge. As part of the achievement, Kushner received personalized business cards indicating he's an award winner, a pin, a plaque and other gifts. Kushner started in the sales business at Weintraub's in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1981 until he left the position of manager in 1985. Because he found he enjoyed working with people he gave up being a manager and started work at Elmwood Dodge, 625 Taunton Avenue, East Providence in February of 1987 and has been there ever since. Irving and Bernice Kushner of Cranston are his parents.

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Obituaries

LILYAN BERKOWITZ
PROVIDENCE — Lilyan Berkowitz, 94, of 70 Wingate Rd., a retired teacher, died Monday, May 14, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave. She was the widow of Dr. William Berkowitz.
Born in New York, a daughter

of the late Isadore and Betty Weissberger, she moved to Providence three years ago.
Mrs. Berkowitz was a graduate of the Columbia Normal School, which was affiliated with Columbia University, and taught in the New York public school system.

She leaves a daughter, Betty-Rose Stone of Providence; three grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.
Private funeral services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence, on Wednesday, May 16, burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Rochelle Park, N.J.

Jewish Home for Aged.

She leaves a sister, Hannah G. Baratz of Providence; two nieces and a nephew.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 14, at the Chapel of the Jewish Home for Aged, 99 Hillside Ave. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Funeral services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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TERRENCE P. DIFFLEY

WARWICK — Terrence P. Diffley, 41, of 2 Collingwood Drive, president of Guaranteed Personnel, Jefferson Boulevard, for the past 12 years died Wednesday, May 16, 1990, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Marlene (Resnick) Diffley.

Born in Providence, a son of Kathleen (Marker) Diffley of West Warwick, and the late James Diffley, he lived in Cranston before moving to Warwick 12 years ago.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves two sons, Marcus Nathan Diffley and Jamie Michael Diffley, both at home; five brothers, Michael Diffley and Kevin Diffley, both of Warwick, Timothy and Danny Diffley, both of West Warwick, Dennis Diffley of Cranston, and three sisters, Kathleen Diffley and Colleen Achim, both of Providence, and Patricia Carpenter of Cranston. The funeral was held Friday, May 18, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

RUTH GORDON

PROVIDENCE — Ruth Gordon, 77, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., an employee in the service department and an office worker at the former Michaels-Bauer Retail Jewelry Co. for 35 years before retiring in 1980, died Saturday, May 12, 1990, at home.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Beryl and Marcia (Feldman) Gordon. Miss Gordon was a member of the Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, and had been a secretary treasurer of its Ladies Association.

She was a life member of the Women's Association of the

GUSSIE PIERCE

PROVIDENCE — Gussie Pierce, 88, a resident and life member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Wednesday, May 16, 1990, at the home. She was the widow of Max Pierce.

Born in Romania, she was a daughter of the late Isaac and Bluma (Plotnick) Parness. She had lived in Providence for 60 years.

Mrs. Pierce was a member of the Pioneer Women and a former member of Temple Beth David. She leaves three sons, Milton "Mickey" Pierce and Bernard Pierce, both of Warwick, and Benton Pierce of Las Vegas, Nev.; and five grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Arlene Pierce.

The funeral service was Friday, May 18, at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MILTON C. KAY

PROVIDENCE — Milton Charles Kay, 76, of 164 Butler Ave., died Sunday, May 20, 1990, at home. He was the husband of Anna L. (Levy) Kay.

Born in Albany, N.Y., a son of the late Abraham and Bessie (Silverman) Kay, he lived in Providence for 50 years.

Mr. Kay and his brother, Barney Kay, were co-owners of Kays-Newport Shoe Store, Providence, Newport, Boston, for more than 50 years. He took over as president when his brother retired five years ago. He and his brother also owned several shoe departments in major department stores throughout New England. He retired in 1987.

He attended Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., and attended Brooklyn Law School. He was a member of Miriam Hospital, and general solicitation chairman for the Red Feather Fund, now the United Fund. He was vice president of the Jewish Community Center, and founder of Camp Centerland of the J.C.C. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Brotherhood, the Wayland Square Businessmen's Association, B'nai B'rith, and was a former member of Ledgemont Country Club.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Philip M. Kay of Topsfield, Mass.; three daughters, Martha K. Mann of Beverly, Mass., Irene K. Seff of Mamaroneck, N.Y., and Elizabeth Ann Kay of Wakefield, Mass.; two brothers, Barney L. Kay of Providence, Reuben Kohn of Albany, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday, May 22 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Sons of Israel & David Ceme-

tery. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

WALTER H. WEINBERG

PROVIDENCE — Walter H. Weinberg, 67, of 70 Everett Ave., a partner and co-founder of New Interiors, died Sunday, May 20, 1990, at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, after a seven-week illness. He was the husband of Phyllis (Fine) Weinberg.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Hyman and Anna (Gordon) Weinberg.

Mr. Weinberg was a graduate of Brown University in 1947. He had attended the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island, and the University of Michigan, before enrolling in the psychology graduate program at the University of Iowa.

He was a bomber pilot in World War II and attached to the 8th Air Force in England. He flew more than 30 missions over Europe before being discharged in 1945.

Mr. Weinberg served on the board of the Providence Child Guidance Clinic in the early 1960s, and was elected its president in 1962. He was active in the Rhode Island Bridge Club, and served on the board from 1988 to 1990. He was a member of the ACLU, Common Cause, and the World Affairs Council of Rhode Island.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Ruth Abrahams of Washington, D.C., and Jane Weinberg of New York; a son, Daniel Weinberg of Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, Eugene Weinberg of Providence, and two grandchildren. He was brother of the late Gerald Weinberg.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, May 23, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery.

LESLIE CARTER

EAST PROVIDENCE — Leslie Carter, 51, of 11 Mayfair Drive, an art teacher in the Cranston school system for the past 28 years, died Saturday, May 19, 1990, at St. Joseph Hospital, North Providence. She was the wife of Charles Carter.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Mildred (Phillips) Shuster of Cranston, and the late Samuel Shuster, she lived in East Providence for 26 years. Besides her husband and mother she leaves a daughter, Lisa Carter of New Haven, Conn.

The funeral service was held Monday, May 21, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was private.



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Saturday, May 26 — Two days in the new month of Sivan, the Torah reading today is P'B'midbar. The Haftorah is read from Hosea (1:21-22). Morning services at 8:30. Minchah at 7:45 p.m. followed by the third meal. Maariv at 8:54 p.m. The Sabbath ends at 8:58 p.m. Havdalah service at 8:59 p.m.

Sunday, May 27 — Morning services are as usual at 7:45.

Tuesday, May 29 — Five days in Sivan. Erev Shavuot. Morning services at 6:30. Candlelighting at 7:52 p.m. Minchah at 7:56 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30 — Six days in Sivan. Morning services for the first day of Shavuot is 8:30. Minchah at 8 p.m. Candlelighting at 9:03 p.m.

Thursday, May 31 — Seven days in Sivan. Morning services at 8:30. Yiskor at 10:30 a.m.; second day of Shavuot. Minchah at 8 p.m. The Holiday

is over at 9:05 p.m.

Shavuot — Harvest Holiday, Too!

Beside being a Festival of Torah, Shavuot is a Harvest Holiday. In ancient days, the cereal harvest was begun on the second day of Passover, with the ripening of barley. On this day, an omer (a measure) of grain was brought to the Temple as thanksgiving to G-d. The forty-nine days until Shavuot were counted, and this period is still called Sefirat Ha-omer (counting the omer). A special prayer was, and is, recited at the end of the evening service. This prayer includes a special number for each day — "The first day of the omer... the second day of the omer" and so on — so that an accurate count of the days elapsed can be kept.

After seven weeks of counting the omer, came the harvesting of wheat, the last cereal to ripen. Thus Shavuot is also known as Hag Hakatzir. "Festival of the Harvest." A successful harvest meant prosper-

ity for the coming year, which is one more reason Shavuot was a gay festival in ancient Palestine.

Just about the time the wheat was harvested, the first fruit began to ripen on tree and vine in Israel. The Torah commanded every farmer to bring his first fruits as an offering of thanks to the L-rd. In Jerusalem, at the Temple, our ancestors were grateful to G-d for a bountiful harvest.

The rabbis tell how the first ripe fruits were selected. "Upon visiting his field and seeing a fig, or a cluster of grapes, or a pomegranate that was ripe, the owner would tie a thread around the fruit, saying, 'This shall be among the Bikkurim.' Bikkurim means 'first fruits,' and one of the names for Shavuot is Hag Ha-Bikkurim.

Our bible says: "For the L-rd thy G-d bringeth thee into a

good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains in valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive trees and honey." (Deuteronomy 8:7). Of these "seven kinds" every farmer was to bring his first fruits as a thanks offering to G-d. That is why one name for Shavuot is Hag Ha-Bikkurim. "The Festival of First Fruits."

Next week, the "Seven Kinds of Fruits."

Sunday, May 27, three days in Sivan, starts the three-day period of separation that the Jews observed before receiving the Torah (Shemos 19:15). To commemorate that separation it is customary to devote more time to Torah study than usual and to be particularly careful not to sin with talebearing, slanderous remarks, cursing, and idle talk.

Rough Start in Central Falls

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pany. His salary has been raised three times since he started and the boss gives him bonuses.

The move was really hard for my mother. She is completely isolated because of the language, the lack of friends and activities, and by her age. She watches TV, her favorites are soap operas. She doesn't understand English, so she does her own stories. One day she explained to me the whole story and when I watched, it was the opposite of whatever she told me. It was really funny.

When the weather is good she walks around the neighborhood. She feeds the dogs and each neighbor knows her. Once one of them said "hi" to me and when I said, "Sorry, I don't know who you are," they said "Oh, we know your mother so well. She comes to our door. She knocks on the door and is good to our dog."

We got our house in 1983. We were friendly with a family from Georgia [USSR]. There was a house for sale next door to them. One night we were just joking with them. We were not at all ready to buy a house, but we wanted to live next to them. Their mother was the same age as my mother so she could keep her company.

We went to see the owner who wanted desperately to sell

and move back to Portugal. We couldn't see the house at all because it was dark. We didn't understand how to look at the house, what to look for, what it means to buy a house. We paid \$500 deposit and the house was for \$47,000. We did this without a lawyer, without a broker.

When we saw the house in the morning we became so disappointed. It looked like a barn! Especially the second floor, because nobody lived on that floor it was really terrible. Before we started the paperwork through the bank, we began already to remodel. We thought everything was OK. We didn't realize that if we didn't get the mortgage we would be really in trouble. It took us almost three months but in May we finally did the closing and moved in.

We applied for citizenship after five years. The first dream, of course, was to become a citizen. I never kept in the back of my mind that I wouldn't apply or that I would keep two citizenships.

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Nancy H. Corbin is a freelance writer living in Cambridge, Mass.

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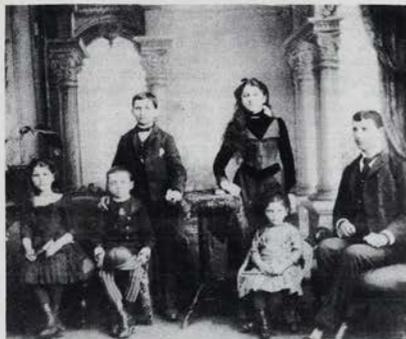
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several charming photographs such as this one but without identification.

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The Cost of Living Jewishly

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ought to become the prevailing view of the entire Jewish community.

Furthermore, she said, tuition based upon a family's income and financial situation — such as the "fair share" program that seeks to ease the financial burden on middle-income families at the Solomon Schechter Day School in Boston — ought to be implemented throughout the country to make day schools more competitive with public schools.

Barry Chiswick, a professor of economics at the University of Chicago, said it is time to reassess the "traditional anathema of non-Orthodox Jews to day schools."

"There is still lingering opposition to day school vouchers," he pointed out. "Now is the time for the Jewish community as a whole to rethink its support of tuition credits.

"The Jewish community may decide it wants to lobby for students to receive vouchers they may then use at any school. While greater government involvement may pose a danger, without this support day schools can't compete with public schools."

Monson said her study also found that synagogue fees are out of touch with current demographic realities.

"Family composition and the stage of a person in the life cycle are more accurate indicators of one's ability to pay than age," she said. "Synagogues are unaware of demographic changes in the community. They give reduced rates to 'young families' under 30. But economic realities have caused people to delay marriage and having children. The concept of young families is outdated. Parents of young children today are as likely to be 45 as 35."

In addition, she noted that singles, single-parent families and retired individuals also require adjusted fee schedules.

Jacob Ukeles, a consultant to Jewish organizations, said Jewish institutional leadership

must realize that 25 percent of the Jewish population is "poor and near-poor."

"The near poor is a forgotten group," he said. "The middle class must make tradeoffs. No one should have to trade off food and clothing in order to live Jewishly. Even for the middle-income Jew, it's still an issue. Living Jewishly shouldn't force people into poverty or an incredible financial burden."

Monson said her research indicated that the cost of education per child is highest when children are young. She expressed concern that the high cost of Jewish day care will force families into non-sectarian alternatives.

"To raise the level of affiliation," she noted, "we must begin with Jewish day care. The youngest child should be viewed as the beginning of the family's connection to the Jewish community."

Chiswick proposed that Jewish institutions created before the 1960s, such as Jewish community centers, be reconsidered, because their functions may "now be served by the public sector."

ishness of the girl in *U. Tempest* who could exclaim "Oh brave, new world!" but she has lost the wonder and acceptance. Retrospectively she sees her island as a prison, a kind of tunnel from which she must emerge to reality.

The biggest question that the women pose is whether art imitates life or whether life (spelled reality) has anything to do with art. It is, of course, a question that cannot be answered. It never has been. Only theories are possible. Mariana's theory was that you could get anything you wanted out of life. The hitch is that you would get it only after you no

longer wanted it. Miranda saw human beings as puppets to be manipulated by higher powers. Prospero, her father, ruled over a little empire. Its subjects were jerked about on strings like puppets. And so Miranda, the child, has learned the meaning of politics, if not of life. All the women agree that the preoccupation that is most likely to yield a sense of reality is sex; sex, not love.

In a sense it is easier to understand the nature of a play than it is to understand the nature of the world it imitates. Nothing could be farther from the truth than the idea that a play must be simple. If simplic-

ity were the touchstone for a play, then *Barefoot in the Park* would be a better play than *Lea*.

Like a play, our heroines tell us, life, too, is not simple. They demonstrate that it can be funny, that the lines we speak can be funny, that lives can be comic or sad — but never simple.

It is not an overstatement to say that *Shakespeare's Heroines*, as directed by Pat Hegnauer, is in our reality a truly splendid production with consummately good acting by the whole cast. Damon Hartley's set design and Jason Brouillard's lighting design were flawlessly appropriate.

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Tobacco Road

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Voyeurism shocked critics and community like the scene where there's a narrative about degradation and poverty in the South. Here, Jeeter Lester and his harelliped daughter Ellie May gape through the windows of the shack while Jeeter's son Dude and his lecherous bride, Sister Bessie Rice, consummate their marriage.

The comic conflict between Jeeter's second daughter Pearl and her husband Luv (Dan Tripp) over Pearl's inability to adjust to marriage becomes as important as Jeeter's inability to grow crops. This problem and neighbor Bessie's pursuit of Dude are resolved during the first two acts. In the third act, both Ada and Grandma die, and Jeeter is left alone.

2nd Story Theatre meets the challenge of this production with standout performances by Richard Donnelly as Jeeter and Sheryl Dold as Bessie. Ada Lester, (Kathleen Moore) yearns for food, snuff, and a nice dress in which to be buried, but when her daughter Pearl (Tara Pomfret) is troubled and confronted with jeopardizing moments, Ada gathers strength to protect her.

The set for this production is designed so convincingly by Beth Burgess that it takes us light years away from John Street. Aurel Peterson Rouleau's costumes fit the picture though Ada's (Kathleen Moore) coiffure looks as if she stepped out of a Wayland Square salon.

Director Pat Hegnauer has a magical touch. She does such

wonders at 2nd Story, and it's really no wonder when there is such a super cast to direct.

(Tobacco Road continues through to June 11.)

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