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## Local Group Seeks New York's Freedom Plan

A local group is seeking New York's Freedom Plan. The group is made up of people who are interested in the plan and want to know more about it. They are holding meetings and distributing information about the plan. The plan is a new way of doing things and it is important for everyone to know about it.

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## “Cup Of Elijah” For Bush



LOS ANGELES — President Bush received a unique “Cup of Elijah” from the Simon Wiesenthal Center for his singular efforts in securing the freedom of Ethiopian Jewry. The President was the keynote speaker at a gala evening which brought together 1400 leaders of the business, entertainment and Jewish communities. Noted actor Arnold Schwarzenegger was honored for his longtime support of the Center and its new Beit Hashoah - Museum of Tolerance, currently under construction in Los Angeles and scheduled to open in 1992. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Center's new Museum. Chairing the dinner were Peter Guber, Chairman of the Board, Columbia Pictures Entertainment, Inc. and Jon Peters. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. Bush, President Bush and Rabbi Hier, Dean of the Weisenthal Center.

## “Operation Solomon” At The JCC

by Peter J. Corwin  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Col. Asaf Agmon, an Israeli who helped orchestrate “Operation Solomon’s” covert logistics, described the inner workings of the Ethiopian airlift at the R.I. Jewish Community Center on June 18.

Video footage of the airlift prior to Agmon's remarks revealed how early on May 24, civilian-dressed Israeli pilots flew unmarked aircraft three-and-a-half hours to Addis Ababa. Other Israelis were already assisting Ethiopian air traffic controllers in the capital's control tower. A legend among Ethiopian Jews claimed the heavens would rescue them to “ride eagle's wings to Jerusalem.” Within 36 hours, that legend became reality.

At the end of the film, Agmon detailed the many obstacles Israel had to overcome in transferring 14,500 Ethiopian Jews. The initial difficulty dated back to the 1984 “Operation Moses” rescue. At that time, most Ethiopian Jews had been living in the northern Gondor Province. Under President Haile Mengistu, the Ethiopian government refused further rescue attempts from any site other than Addis Ababa. Agmon explained how Israel and Jewish relief organizations



Colonel Asaf Agmon at the JCC.

eventually assisted many remaining Jews in their long trek to the capital city. Virtually no Jews had been living there previously.

About three weeks before “Operation Solomon,” Agmon received top secret orders to organize the Israeli air force rescue. The government selected Agmon — who had served in Israel's military since 1966 — in light of his position as Commanding Officer at Lod Israel

Air Force Base. The key was to act quickly. Mengistu had been using the Jews as bargaining chips for Israeli weapons and U.S. funding against the rebels. But he was expected to remain in power no more than several weeks or months with the war-torn rebels at his back door. With U.S. pressure, Israel succeeded in obtaining Ethiopian approval for the airlift shortly after Mengistu fled the country. (continued on page 7)

## “Don't Stereotype Us”

by Jeremy Gordin  
Northern California Jewish Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — It's high time the American Jewish community realized that Soviet Jews are not a homogeneous lump of people, according to emigre Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky.

Furthermore, most current approaches to immigrant absorption show inadequate understanding of Soviet ways, charged Rashkovsky, the first Reform Soviet rabbi to be ordained in the United States in the last 15 years.

Some listeners were clearly upset at the content of Rashkovsky's emotional keynote address, delivered June 9 during a two-day conference at Stanford University on the acculturation of Soviet emigres.

Because resettlement agencies and programs do not sufficiently recognize the diversity of Soviet emigres, said the Oak-

ville, Tenn., rabbi, they deal with people using generalized methods that too often fail to meet individual needs regarding family structure, Jewish education, aging, language and Jewish identity.

Later in his speech at the conference, held under the auspices of the University of Judaism's Wilstein Institute, Rashkovsky said he believed solutions lie in the creation of havurot, networking groups of emigres that gather together to support and teach one another.

He also recommended the use of para-rabbis — emigres without full rabbinic training who could act as rabbis in counseling, guiding and teaching newer emigres.

The rabbi said it was while dealing with the resettlement of fellow Soviets that he learned how diverse emigres are and that present programs are designed for the “Soviet (continued on page 17)

## Jewish Groups Divided Over Bush's Voucher Plan

by Howard Rosenberg  
WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Jewish groups are divided over President Bush's voucher plan, which would provide aid to parents while allowing them the choice of sending children to either public or private school.

Among the groups opposing the plan are the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League, National Council of Jewish Women and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In support of the plan are Agudath Israel of America and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The president's plan, introduced in late May, would amend the existing Chapter I program, which provides remedial services to students at low-income schools — including religious and other private schools.

Under the president's plan, instead of being provided services, eligible students would be given vouchers which they

could use to purchase either remedial education in the public schools or for tuition at religious and other private schools.

As a courtesy to the president, the bill was introduced by several senators, including Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the highest-ranking Democrat and Republican on the Labor and Human Resources Committee.

Kennedy has also introduced his own choice-in-education bill. The senator's bill does not include incentives for private school enrollment.

Recently at a congressional hearing of the labor committee, Kennedy, the committee chairman, told Education Secretary Lamar Alexander of his continued “serious reservations about the administration's proposal to turn Chapter I into a voucher program, and to include private schools in a choice program.”

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) told Alexander that (continued on page 2)

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# Inside the Ocean State

## Are There Any Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans Out There?

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

It's summer. Now that Memorial Day has passed, the Fourth of July is fast approaching, as well as Victory over Japan (VJ) Day, all of which sets up the stage for most veterans to come from behind the closed curtains and show their colors and patriotism. It's also time for the rest of America to remember their country's history, and the Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans, Inc. are trying to make it easier for people to remember all the men who fought for the red, white, and blue. However, they're finding it a bit more of an accomplishment than they expected and these men aren't getting any younger according to one veteran of the "Old Sampson Salts."

About three years ago, 48 Sampson veterans stepped out to visit their old training



(L to R) Dominic Cerra, Charles Abrams, Steven Bull, Mrs. Estelle Abrams (President of the Women's Auxiliary), sculptor Felix Deweldon, and V.P. Leonard Zavada.

grounds, to meet old friends, to talk of old times and to sign up as members. They met in Waterloo, New York, at the old Sampson Naval Training Station, where more than 400,000

Navy and Navywomen were trained from 1940 to 1945. Today, the old station is a state park, the veteran's fourth reunion at Seneca Falls, New York is approaching (Septem-

ber 7, 8, and 9), and the Sampson group has grown to about 2,100 and continues to receive membership applications. But, one of the group's leaders thinks they can do better.

Charles Abrams, of the Jewish Veterans of Rhode Island and Regional Director of the Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans for Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut says "there are thousands more (veterans of Sampson) out there that still don't know of this organization" and what they're doing. He intends to change that and more.

Besides enlarging the membership of Sampson's WW-2 Navy Veterans, Inc., Abrams says that the membership fees that the group brings in will go toward his second goal — to renovate the old Sampson training center into a museum/library (\$25 of lifetime membership dues goes into a general fund while the remaining goes into the memorial fund). Abrams feels that it would not only be a memorialized benefit for those who fought for this country, but it will teach those younger Americans about their country's great history. He says that it would benefit not only the veterans but the whole Finger Lakes Region as well as the state. The park will bring in much needed revenues from tourists both young and old that will come to see the training center.

However, the group has had a difficult time getting this across to the townspeople

where the old center is located and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.

The group of veterans are doing everything they can including selling raffle tickets, selling items of clothing, and book sales, taking three-fourths from each membership dues, etc. to reach the \$600,000 in renovating costs. Abrams says they have raised a third of the amount needed.

A recent addition to the Sampson State Park is a statue that was dedicated last September 6th to the Sampson formal Naval Training Station. Artist Felix Deweldon created the Iwo Jima memorial. Abrams feels it will help to attract tourists when the park is opened.

Abrams said, "Our goal is to be able to finish this before our time is up. We're not getting any younger."

Fortunately, besides allowing "any person who served in the U.S. Navy during WW-2 and was stationed and/or assigned to the Sampson Naval Training Station," the organization also accepts spouses and direct bloodline relatives to become affiliated. Navy veterans other than those previously mentioned may become a member; however, the sustaining group will not have a direct voice or vote in the affairs of the parent organization.

Although Abrams says the veterans are trying to solicit funding from New York State and from the Federal government, they have not yet offered their approval for renovations.

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### Voucher

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the president's proposal would be "destructive to the American public school system."

Democrats opposing the president's bill were Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, Metzenbaum and Paul Simon of Illinois. Nancy Kassebaum, a Republican from Kansas, also expressed concern.

Metzenbaum argued that the quality of public schools would decline as better students would, as a result of tax incentives, opt to attend private schools.

"Frankly, you're going to ruin the lives of millions of kids," he said. "And our school system is bad enough."

He singled out, for instance, the public schools in Cleveland, which he called "abominable."

Alexander defended the president's proposal by replying that "every school is different in America."

Parents should be able "to choose among those schools for their children" as "a fundamental part of creating the kind of education we believe America needs," he said.

In testimony before the

Labor and Human Resources Committee, David Zwiebel, Agudah's legal and government affairs director, called for support of the proposed incentive plan. He cited Supreme Court decisions upholding instances of government funding being used for education expenses at private schools.

But Marc Stern, legal director of AJCongress, said that such a flow of funds has been only narrowly endorsed by the Supreme Court.

Moreover, Stern said, the amount under the proposed incentive program, while uncertain, would probably not exceed some \$600 per child per year, "nowhere nearly enough to cover a year's expense at a parochial school anyway."

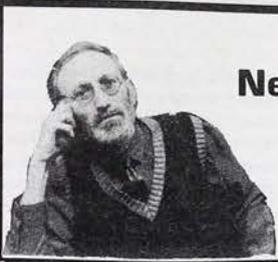
"It is not going to increase choice, because if you can't afford the rest, \$600 will not make a difference. So it's really just a subsidy for religious schools," he said.

Mark Pelavin, AJCongress's Washington representative, said the prestige of Bush's proposal having been introduced by Kennedy and Hatch works against his group's position.

The president is thus "guaranteed at least that his proposals will get a hearing before the committee."

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# Feature



## Neighbors Again

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Editor



stands on the front lawn. Desi and I fit into the same generation. That forges a bond between us. The way the dice fell out, I went to camp only here, in New England.

The group that passed through that war, they're not everybody's cup of tea. They work too hard. They care too much. They drive too directly for respect. That can unnerve some bosses. Like capos, managers get a whiff of their needs.

Desi got married this year. Ed paints landscapes and seascapes. He keeps a house not far from ours at the shore in South County. We are neighbors again, in the summer world of rivers and shady walks.

Just up the hill and to the left, Desi raised her four kids. The white frame house squeezed into a narrow lot. The yard fell off into the lots, a wild network of vines and branches.

Desi's daughter Dina followed the front sidewalk path to our house to babysit our firstborn. Over Shabbat, on a Friday eve or a Saturday noon, Desi, a fair redhead, would hike by to catch up on the block week. She dropped off a box of something she'd baked. Desi's strudel made my wife think of her Bubby.

Desi took her bus each day to work and back. She punched a time clock.

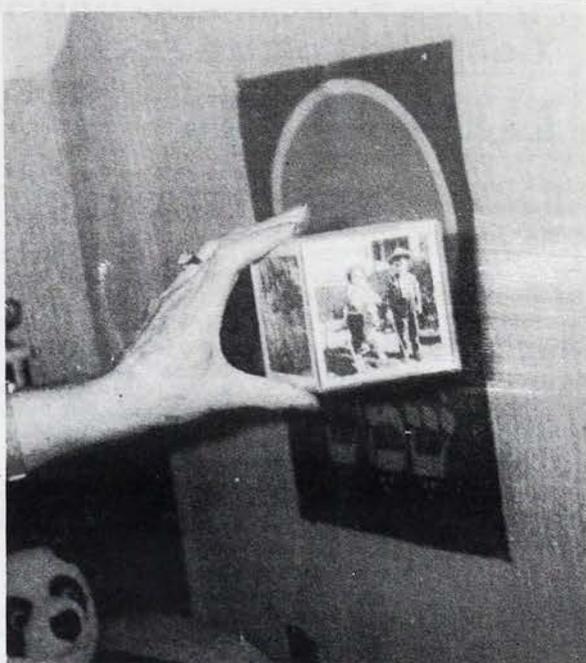
She talked fast during her visits. Her story came out in bits and pieces.

During our Dark Age, Desi's mom and dad sent her to a summer camp in Russia. By the close of the season, her family was deported and destroyed. Her house in Poland just went away. Desi came alone through that endless summer.

She married another survivor and built her family here on Third Street.

The two of them broke up. He got sick. She nursed him. He died.

She spent years in that house. Now a For Sale sign



Desi puts her children forward.

## For The Sins Of The Forefathers

by Raymond Eichenbaum

When reading the Torah we come across some passages, and we sometimes wonder... is this justice? Are the ways of the Almighty in the Jewish tradition always righteous?

The passages that used to bother me, above all, are those mentioning the sins and iniquities committed by our forefathers in the days of old for which, the Torah says, the Almighty will exact punishment even to the fourth generation that will follow. Should humans that come after suffer for the sins of their predecessors? It seemed unjust and even cruel to me.

Alas, I sometimes wonder. After seeing numerous movies, and reading countless articles about post war Germany, we see that the generations that follow the evildoers of the Holocaust not only condone the acts of their forebearers - they try to cover-up and, many times, even justify their murderous behavior. Some of them even copy the Nazi ways by joining the skinheads and other extremist gangs. And sure enough - whatever happens in Germany is soon picked up by the unruly, and disenchanting young of our world. Thus, we find skinheads and other whacko types even on Thayer Street in Providence.

Generally, the generations of younger Germans appear to show very little remorse, repentance, humility or sorrow for the outrageous deeds committed just one or two generations past. I understand that family loyalty. Attachment and love come into play - but if a person was an active Nazi and committed heinous crimes against humanity, no rightful justification for such acts can be acknowledged even by the closest members of family. If a wrong was perpetrated - it is a wrong, no matter who has done it, and only by the admission of guilt and repentance can such acts have a chance of being forgiven.

But this is not the case in present day Germany. There are so many, pardon my pun, skeletons in the closets of families over there, that the followers of the evildoers would rather assume the roles of self-righteous innocents and are closing their eyes and ears, and their consciences, to the evidence that is being brought against their forebearers.



But the Almighty always remembers... these days when I come across these same passages in the Torah that used to bother me to no end - I have less trouble understanding him.

Perhaps the ways of the Almighty, in the Judaic tradition, are just after all...

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Ray Eichenbaum, a local resident and a survivor of the Holocaust, is the author of *Romek's Odyssey*, a moving account about his life. From time to time the *Herald* will publish excerpts from *Romek's Odyssey*. The *Herald* thanks Mr. Eichenbaum for his invaluable contributions.

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# Opinions

## Letters to the EDITOR



Dear Editors:

"Yasher koach" (congratulations) on a wonderful article detailing the tribute tendered my colleague and friend, Cantor Steven W. Dress, for his nine years of devoted service to Temple Am David.

While the article described most poignantly the feelings of both Cantor Dress and his congregation about his leaving Warwick, and while it outlined his involvement within the Rhode Island Jewish and general communities, it left out a significant aspect of Cantor Dress's persona as a hazzan.

Your readers should know that Cantor Dress is beloved - and highly respected - by his many colleagues in the New England area. He has been an active member of both the Jewish Ministers Cantors Association of New England and of the Cantors Assembly, having assumed a leadership role in the latter.

He is an articulate spokesman for his colleagues, and a tireless supporter of the cantorate. Through his involvement in professional organiza-

tions, he has brought honor to his congregation and to himself.

Warwick's loss is Sharon's gain, but it is reassuring to know that Cantor Dress's voice, both on and off the pulpit, will continue to inspire and uplift New England Jewry.

**Cantor Stephen Freedman  
Congregation Beth Israel  
Worcester, Mass.**

Dear Editors:

S, Y and O are three letters near and dear to my heart. SYO stands for the Synagogue Youth Organization. It was the Midwest affiliate of NCSY. For nearly two years I was the regional president of this traditionally Jewish youth group. For many of us, SYO provided the context in which we learned about ourselves as Jews and as a person in a changing world.

A group of us have decided that it would be fun to get together with old friends and acquaintances from that time. Our goal is to locate people who were members of SYO

anytime between 1964-1969 in order to determine if such a gathering is feasible. If you (or your friend or your child) were a member of SYO, please send your name and current address to Debbe Mour Trachtman, 11700 W 108th St., Overland Park, KS, 66210.

**Rabbi Daniel R. Allen**

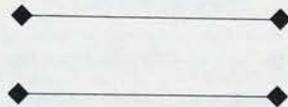
Dear Editors:

The Japanese designate certain citizens as living treasures. I have read Hans Heimann's wonderful letters to the editor through the years and I think he should be recognized as a Jewish living treasure.

Always a mensch, beautiful prose, never vitriolic, yet always honest in his disagreements. Such a kind, positive, Jewish gentleman with a wonderful sense of humor.

He's my Mark Patinkin!

**Alvin F. Rubin  
Wickford, R.I.**



## A Farewell To The School

Sixteen students were sitting on the stage. It was the day of their graduation from the Alperin Schechter Day School. There were five recent immigrants from Russia among them and my daughter, Lina, was one.

They were solemn and uplifted, and somewhat sad. Several days before the graduation my daughter explained to me the reason of her sadness. She told me she would rather stay in Schechter school. But one cannot stop going on, and it is important to save and develop what had been gained.

Being categorical, like all teenagers, the graduates expressed in their speeches a strong determination to reach their goals and to make a contribution to the improvement of this world. They've got that lesson in Schechter.

By remarks of their teachers, it was a good group of students, and we, both the parents and teachers, were proud of our kids that day.

The assistant director, Jennifer Miller, found special parting words and wishes for every

student, and it would be fair to mention every teacher as well. They were good members of the team, ASDS faculty. They seemed to enjoy their mission to be teachers at Schechter. They helped everyone to develop creativity and to become a personality.

Visiting several high schools with my daughter I was impressed by the fact that Schechter school had such a high reputation around. The principals were eager to have students from Schechter. I figured out what credits, opportunities and offers could our kids have in Russia after graduating from Hebrew School. They could have only troubles. I wish our children to become completely aware of this reality of their new life and appreciate it.

I want to stress the fact that all the graduates are proudly Jewish. They were led by the school in the right direction.

They were very lucky, our children, that they had started their new experience and education at such a place. It was a meaningful and remarkable transition. We are grateful to you, Schechter!

**Pavel Zaslavsky**

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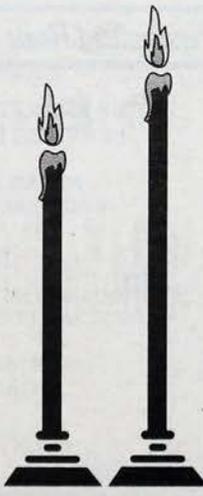
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## Candlelighting

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## Privacy Is It An Act?

We all cherish our privacy, our own "space." Shrubs and trees surround homes, telling passers-by not to even attempt a peek inside. Privacy is receiving a lot of attention now, especially with our constitutional rights on the subject being discussed in the courts. But, the constitution alone cannot insure privacy; it must be insured by the way we live our lives.

In a different time and age, a non-Jewish prophet said of the Jewish people: *Ma Tovu* — "How goodly are your tents, Jacob, Your dwelling places, Israel." This blessing was in response to the manner in which the Jewish people arranged their tents in the desert; never did a door or window from one tent face the same of another tent. People respected one another. When people needed privacy, they had it. But just as important as the privacy people were accorded inside their own homes, they had privacy outside, too; the Jews behaved in a modest manner.

The word "modesty" needn't conjure up puritanical visions of women in high collars, thick dark stockings and dresses down to the ankle. Modesty is more than the way a person dresses; clothes are just one part of the picture. There are private and public parts of our lives that we wouldn't dare reveal except to our most intimate friends; the same is true with our bodies.

When we say that the Jews had the privacy they needed inside their tents, it was not because they were behaving in a manner that would shock the neighbors. It was simply to keep those aspects of their lives which were personal, inside the home.

While we're trying to estab-

lish legally what privacy is and means, maybe we should take some time out to establish privacy, and modesty, as a value in our society.

## "Look To The Rock . . ."

This week's Torah portion, Balak, relates the events following the encampment of the Israelites near the borders of the country of Moab. Balak, King of Moab, hired a renowned non-Jewish prophet, Bilaam, to curse the Jewish people. He hoped he would thereby bring misfortune upon the fledgling nation.



Bilaam ascended a hill, commanding a panoramic view of the encamped Israelites. After performing several pagan sacrificial rites, Bilaam waited for the proper inspiration to curse the people. G-d frustrated his intention in an unexpected manner. G-d caused Bilaam to perceive the good in the Jewish people. Normally, an evil person notices the bad in others, while a good person sees the positive. In this case, a Divinely-inspired mood of prophecy and sense of goodness suddenly overtook Bilaam and, instead of cursing the Jewish nation, he blessed them in dramatic and beautifully poetic language.

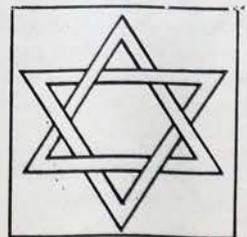
In Bilaam's blessings there occurs a phrase: "I see him (the Jewish people) from the peak

of flinty rocks . . ." (Numbers 23:19). Commentators explain that this is a reference to the rock-solid foundation of the Jews, namely, their ancestors. The prophet Isaiah, many years later, expressed the same idea when he exclaimed to the people: "Look to the rock from which you were hewn," (Isaiah 51:1) using the Hebrew word "tzur" for rock. Tzur is more accurately translated as a "flintstone."

A flintstone has the remarkable property of producing sparks of fire when struck by another stone. Even more remarkable, however, is the fact that such a rock can lie immersed in water for hundreds, even thousands of years without losing its fire-producing capability. If it is removed from the water and struck, a fiery spark is faithfully produced.

This quality of the flintstone is ascribed by the prophets to the Jewish people. A Jew can never lose his Jewishness. Even if he is submerged for years in a veritable ocean of non-Jewish influences, his spark of Jewishness can never be completely drowned or extinguished. With the proper approach and stimulation, the Divine spark of Jewish identity will surely be ignited; the spark can be fanned into a roaring flame.

From "A Thought for the Week" — Detroit. Adopted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.



## Keep Them In The Tribe

by Alexander M. Schindler

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At the present rate, Israel will absorb 1 million Soviet immigrants within the next several years. An estimated 30 percent of these immigrants, including the children of intermarried couples in which the woman is non-Jewish, are not considered Jews according to *halachah*. These children, numbering in the tens of thousands, will share the fate of the Jewish people — speaking Hebrew, attending Israeli schools, celebrating Jewish festivals, serving in the army. But unless they yield to the stringent requirements of Orthodox conversion, the rabbinic courts will bar them from marrying Jews within Israel's borders. Given the sheer numbers of Soviet immigrants in this predicament and their estrangement from ritual observance, the conversion option is as unfair as it is impractical.

The Israeli government must find a realistic solution, and fast. Otherwise a large minority will be consigned needlessly to the margins of society, becoming a caste of untouchables. Fortunately, the Reform rabbinate, in struggling with the dilemma of intermarriage in America, has passed a historic resolution on Jewish identity that is as relevant in Israel as it is in the Diaspora.

This resolution states: "The child of either Jewish parent is under the presumption of Jewish descent. This presumption of the Jewish status of the offspring of any mixed marriage is to be established through appropriate and timely public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish faith and people. The performance of these *mitzvot* serves to commit those who participate in them, both parent and child, to Jewish life..."

The Reform decision on patrilineal descent eliminates the distinction between men

and women, between fathers and mothers. It holds that, insofar as genealogy is a factor in determining Jewishness, the maternal and paternal lines should be given equal weight. By adopting a similar resolution, the Knesset could guarantee that all children of intermarried immigrants admitted to the country under the Law of Return would be presumed to be Jews, regardless of whether the Jewish parent was the mother or the father — so long as the children were raised as Jews.

When first proposed, patrilineal descent was condemned in certain Jewish quarters as a radical departure from every Jewish law and tradition. Today, according to a recent survey by prominent Jewish sociologist Stephen Cohen, about 80 percent of the American Jewish laity, including some Orthodox, accept the principle. They recognize that Jewish survival depends on adaption to changing circumstances, no less today than in times past, and that this broad-

ened definition of who is a Jew does not in fact represent a break with tradition.

True, for the past 2,000 years or so, Jewish identity has been determined by the maternal line alone. But in the early days of our history, children were considered Jewish primarily because their fathers were Jewish, even if their mothers were not. In the Torah, genealogical tables are overwhelmingly patrilineal; it was the male line that determined descent and status. In matters of inheritance, the patrilineal line alone was followed. Perhaps more to the point, the Jewishness of the children of non-Jewish mothers is never questioned. Moses, for example, married Zipporah, the daughter of a Midianite priest; yet her children were considered Jews, following the line of the father. And Joseph married Asenath, daughter of a priest of On; her children too were regarded as Jews. To this day male Jewish children receive the blessing that they be like Ephraim and Menasseh, the

sons of Joseph and a non-Jewish mother!

Significantly, both the Torah and rabbinic law hold the male line absolutely dominant in matters affecting the priesthood. Whether one is a *cohen* or a *levi* depends on the father's priestly claim, not the mother's. If the father is good enough to bequeath the priestly status, why isn't he good enough to bequeath Jewishness? Reform has concluded that he is; hence its old-new definition of who is a Jew.

The time has come for Israel's rabbinate to admit that Judaism allows for more than one interpretation of law and custom. The most authentic interpretation, I believe, reflects not only the wisdom of Torah but its heart, which is precisely why we must embrace all the children of the Soviet immigrants, matrilineal and patrilineal Jews alike.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism in North America.

## The Kurds And The Palestinians: Points Of Dissimilarity

by Moti Zaken

The worldwide focus on the plight of a million and half Kurdish refugees has prompted some writers to describe the Kurds as the new Palestinians. The problem with this equation, as with many other comparisons, is that although easily used, it is nonetheless somewhat far-fetched. Without an overall analogy between the two people, a few major differences come immediately to mind. Let me point out some of the important distinctions between the Kurds and the Palestinians and their respective histories, not necessarily in any specific order.

1. Kurdish guerrilla fighters, the "pesh-merga" (those who face death) have generally refrained from adopting methods used by the PLO and the IRA. Unlike other national movements, the Kurds have never hijacked airplanes or terrorized outside their region, in Europe for instance. Unlike other groups, the Kurdish "pesh merga" never attacked civilians and children, with the exception of the separatist PKK (Workers' Party of Kurdistan) in Turkish Kurdistan, which was accused by the Turkish authorities of such acts.

2. Oil is one of the most crucial factors in the history of modern Kurdistan. In the modern history of the Palestinians and the Israelis, however, oil has never played any direct role. Were it not for oil, there would probably have been an independent Kurdistan celebrating more than 60 years of freedom. The rich oil wells of Kirkuk and Mosul in the headland of Kurdistan, were the very reason why Great Britain, after WW1, backed out from the 1920 treaty of Sevres, which envisaged the creation of a Kurdish state on a Kurdish territory. Oil was the reason behind Great Britain in creating the political and artificial Iraq, while retracting the initial commitment of a Kurdistan for the Kurds.

The disputed area of British-Palestine, on the other hand, did not consist of any oil

reserves, unlike Iraq and many other Arab and Gulf countries. From some of these wealthy countries, however, the PLO is known to have been receiving benefits to fuel its struggle against Israel and to allow its leadership a lifestyle of millionaires.

3. The approach of Kurdish and PLO leaders towards the refugee resettlement is strikingly different. The Palestinian leadership following in the Arab leaders' footsteps handled this problem in an "irresponsible manner" — a term used by no other than King Hussein of Jordan. The Arabs' wish is to keep the refugee problem so as to use it "as a weapon against Israel" said Ralph Galloway, former head of UNRWA in Jordan. (The PLO was never, under any circumstances, willing to discuss any idea of resettlement of Palestinian refugees.)

The Kurdish people were subjected to a number of forced-migrations and plights throughout the last few decades. They have always desired to return to their land, leaving aside any political calculations. The Kurdish leadership has not attempted to either exploit or benefit from the misery of their common brethren.

One of the reasons for this difference in approach is the intensity of the connection be-

tween the leaders and their people. The Palestinian leadership has been for the most part abroad, in capitols of the Arab world and in Europe, and is somewhat removed from the daily suffering of their masses. The Kurdish leaders, however, the clan chiefs and the commanders of the "pesh merga," live among the masses and are faced with the daily concerns of their people. For instance, just recently Kurdish leaders were asked by the U.S. Army to allow the return of Kurdish refugees from Turkey to Iraq. Once they were assured that the Iraqis no longer held control in the security zone, the leadership lifted the barricades, allowing the flow of refugees to go back to northern Iraq.

4. The absorption of Kurdish versus Palestinian refugees is also indicative. The Kurdish Jewish community emigrated en masse and resettled in Israel in 1950-51, where hundreds of thousands of refugees were resettled. Many Christians (Chaldeans, Assyrians) from the area encompassing the territories of Kurdistan resettled in the U.S. and Europe. Conversely, Palestinian Arabs have never been absorbed anywhere in the Arab world. They are second-class citizens in every Arab country except Jordan, where they constitute the majority of the population.

5. The Kurds have been engaged in ongoing disputes and negotiations with the Iraqi government. The 1970 agreement of Kurdish autonomy was a step towards a solution,

had it not been terminated by the Iraqis. The Palestinians on the other hand engaged themselves in a fighting war against the Israelis, not allowing for reconciliation and solution.

6. The Arab world which has always been so vocal, for whatever reasons, regarding the Palestinians, is very quiet over the fate of the Kurds. This silence has been deafening. Many of the Arab leaders, being unelected rulers, are rarely at ease with the notion of foreign intervention on behalf of the oppressed minorities, such as the Kurds. In the international conference on the prohibition of chemical weapons held in Paris on January 1989, Arab delegates opposed the condemnation of Iraq. Furthermore, they joined Iraq in its denial of ever having used the chemical weapons.

Although the subjects of the

Palestinians and the Kurds are emotionally charged and sensitive, we should be aware that their histories and circumstances are more dissimilar than may appear at first glance.

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# World and National News

## R.I. Hadassah Names Delegation To Israel Convention

Rhode Island women of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, have been named delegates to its 77th National Convention to be held July 22-29 in Jerusalem, it was announced by Judy Treiff, president, Western New England Region.

The delegates are: Jan Zeigler, Pawtucket, Shirley Schreiber, Cranston/Warwick and Eunice Greenfield, Providence.

"This will be the greatest celebration of peace ever held," said Barbara Tirschwell of New City, N. Y., convention chairman. "Hadassah is going to rejoice with the people of Israel. We look forward to standing beside, not just behind the wonderful staff of our institutions."

Mrs. Tirschwell added that she expected the convention to draw the largest number of delegates of any Hadassah convention held in Israel. Sue Mizrahi of Mamoroneck, N.Y., and Marlene Post of Manhasset Hills, N.Y., both national vice presidents of Hadassah, are co-chairman of the convention.

The gala opening ceremonies at Jerusalem's Convention Center will coincide with the Congress of Hadassah International, which will bring representatives from 22 countries to Israel.

Convention delegates will

participate in festivities marking the 30th Anniversary of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem.

Hadassah's coveted Henrietta Szold Award will be presented to Zubin Mehta, director for life of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. It is the organization's highest honor, bestowed annually upon the individual whose contribution to society best exemplifies the humanitarian values of Hadassah's founder.

More information about the 77th annual Convention and prices are available from Unitours, 1-800-777-7432 or from Hadassah's Travel Department, 212-303-8033.

Hadassah is the largest Zionist organization in the world with 385,000 members in 1,500 chapters and groups in the United States. It supports health and educational projects in Israel, including the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, youth resettlement programs, the Career Counseling Institute and the Hadassah College of Technology in Jerusalem. Through the Young Judea youth movement, Hadassah seeks to ensure a strong Zionist and Jewish commitment in American youth for the future. It also mobilizes support for its medical work in Israel, Canada, Europe and South America through Hadassah-International, a network of friends of the Medical Center.

## Agreements Between U.S. And Israel On Peace Process



Asserting that there were far more things about the peace process that Washington and Jerusalem agreed on than the differences between them, Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations recently that Israel was eager for direct face-to-face talks with its Arab neighbors and that it had many numerous concessions to the U.S. in an effort to get negotiations started. Left, Shoshana S. Cardin, chairman of the Presidents Conference, who presided at the session and reported on her organization's meeting with Secretary of State Baker earlier. Photo by David Karp.

Although some gaps remain between the Bush Administration and Israel on the peace process, the many issues on which the two governments have reached agreement far outweigh the differences, Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations this week.

In remarks delivered on the eve of his return to Israel, after a visit that included a meeting with Secretary of State James Baker 3d, Foreign Minister Levy said he was "very pleased" with developments. "Secretary Baker understands that it is not the purpose of the peace process to create a Palestinian state, which would be the beginning of the end for Israel," the Israeli official added.

He also noted that the Bush Administration has promised Israel that there will be "no surprises" and that any further moves to bring Israel and the Arab states to the peace table will be made in full consultation with Jerusalem.

"While some differences remain between the Americans and us, we have reached agreement on many more items than we differ on," Foreign Minister Levy said.

He told the Presidents Conference members that Secretary Baker "recognizes that the PLO's commitment to the destruction of Israel and its strategy of terror has disqualified it from taking part in the peace process." The Israeli official, continuing his report on his discussions with the Secretary of State, said:

"He supports direct, face-to-face talks between us and our Arab neighbors with parallel talks between us and the Palestinians.

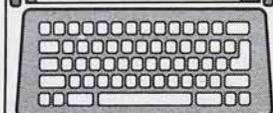
"He agrees that there can be no substantive role for an international peace conference, that it cannot serve as a court of last resort to which any of the participants can appeal and that its sole purpose is to bring the parties to the table.

"He accepts our position that there shall be no pre-conditions attached to the peace talks. For example, the Arab demand that Israel withdraw from Judea, Samaria and Gaza cannot be a precondition but is rather an issue for negotiation.

"And the Administration has promised that any further moves to bring Israel and the Arab states to the peace table will be made in full consulta-

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## NEWS BRIEFS



### National

(JTA) A total of \$6.2 billion in aid to Israel over the next two years sailed through the House of Representatives last week as the 1992-93 Foreign Aid Authorization Bill passed by a vote of 301 to 102.

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(JTA) In a landmark decision by an Orthodox rabbinical group, the Rabbinical Council of America has approved organ donation as permissible, even required from brain-dead patients. The RCA has affirmed that "pikuach nefesh," or saving of life, is of utmost importance.

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(JTA) The work of the Anti-Defamation League in countering "man's inhumanity to man" was praised last week by Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder. Wilder, the nation's first black governor, hailed the ADL for providing benefits to all people in America through its work to combat hate crimes.

### International

(JTA) Liberal Senator David Croll, the oldest member of Canada's upper chamber and the country's senior Jewish politician, died in Ottawa June 11 after having spent an 11-hour day on Parliament Hill. He was 91.

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(JTA) Israel and the Soviet Union have agreed to meet at a future date to discuss the problem of social security payments due to the thousands of Soviet Jews who have emigrated to Israel. Since Israel is among the countries that have social security programs, it faces the problem of what to do about the benefits accumulated by Soviet Jewish olim during their years of work in the Soviet Union.

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Israel freed 89 Palestinians this week from two prisons as a gesture marking a Muslim holiday. Those freed were the first of about 300 that Israel said it would let go over the four-day Eid Al-Adha holiday, which marks the patriarch Abraham's offer to sacrifice his son for G-d.

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## Remaining Jews In Ethiopia Free To Leave

(WJC) The new government of Ethiopia is willing to allow the remaining Jews in the country to leave for Israel, a senior State Department official has told the World Jewish Congress.

Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Herman Cohen told a meeting of the United States Section of the WJC that the Jews in Ethiopia who failed to be evacuated to Israel during the emergency airlift last month are free to leave once normal operations are resumed at Addis Ababa airport.

After more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted out last month in "Operation Solomon," concern was raised over the fate of the Jews in Addis Ababa who had failed to make the last transport and those in other parts of Ethiopia.

It is estimated that there are about 300 Jews left in Addis Ababa and another 2,000 in the northern Gondar region, from where most of the Ethiopian Jews originated. Jews from Gondar are already making their way to Addis Ababa.

Cohen, who presided over the talks in London between rebels and the collapsing Mengistu government, told the WJC that there would be no need for a new airlift to bring the remaining Jews to Israel.

WJC sources said it was understood that none of the \$35 million paid to the Ethiopian government by Israel for "Operation Solomon" went into the hands of officials of the Mengistu government.

The sources indicated that the money was in a bank and available to the new government.

Meanwhile, the African Department of the WJC reports on public assurances by Ethiopia's acting President Meles

Zenawi that the Jews will be allowed to leave.

In comments he made in Addis Ababa, he blasted the previous government for having "sold its citizens for money."

"It is shameful," Mr. Meles said. "They (the Jews) should have had the freedom to move without a ransom being paid. It should have been handled as a humanitarian problem," he said, not as "a commercial transaction."



Moshe Rivlin, world chairman, Jewish National Fund, meets with three generations of Ethiopian immigrants next to the mobile homes where they are living in Maagalim, in the Negev desert. In the village, JNF is preparing the land for mobile homes where the immigrants, rescued by Israel's Operation Solomon, are now living. Many Ethiopian immigrants have been settled in sites all over the Jewish state on land prepared by JNF. Contributions to JNF's efforts may be sent to JNF, 42 E. 69th St., New York, N.Y. 10021, or to the local JNF office.

### "Operation Solomon"

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The rebels' position fifteen miles from the capital highlighted another problem: the 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew in Addis Ababa. Nonetheless, Israel persuaded Ethiopian authorities to allow continuing rescue efforts throughout the night. In fact, with the roads clear of all other civilian traffic, the Israelis now could bus the Ethiopian Jews quickly to the airport.

The airport, however, proved to be a problem in itself. Situated at 7,630 feet among mountains, the airport tested the aircrafts' structure and poor aircraft engine performance often resulted. Furthermore, planes from many countries crowded the small runway in an attempt to ferry out their respective diplomats. Fortunately, these planes took off before the rescue operation began.

With airlift conditions now ripe, Israeli planes flew in droves; interspersing takeoffs and landings by just a few minutes. At one point, planes halfway to Addis Ababa had to return to Israel for lack of landing space. These aircraft waited at Eilat for the first signal to try again. One of the many 747s used in the rescue loaded a record 1,078 Ethiopians. Agmon joked about relating this detail to a friend in New York. The latter remarked that 1,078 people wasn't a big deal. He said it was only 100 more than an average El Al flight.

The soldiers who arrived to rescue the Ethiopians were members of an Israeli special operations unit. Their job of carrying on board the elderly, sick and children contrasted with their reputations as being some of the toughest soldiers in Israel.

Agmon flew with the first airlift back to Israel to make sure all was properly coordi-

nated at Lod Air Force Base. During his nighttime flight over the Red Sea, which is rarely crossed for lack of friendly neighbors below, Agmon described how stars and Jewish airplanes filled his outside view. He attributed perfectly clear weather — during a season typically filled with thunderstorms — to G-d's intervention.

Agmon reiterated Israel's pride in upholding its commitment to helping Jews everywhere in the world. Emphasizing Israel's relevance today, he drew a sad parallel between the recent rescue and the impossibility of a prison-camp rescue during World War II. On a more upbeat note, Agmon expressed confidence in the olim's future. "We have a very good experience with Ethiopian Jews who have (already been) in Israel," he said. "They are wonderful citizens." Israel rescued some 7,000 Jews in 1984.

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island sponsored Agmon's presentation. Next month, Agmon is expected to complete his current assignment at Lod and be appointed Commanding Officer of the Unit for Cooperation, with the rank of Brigadier-General.

### Jewish Scouters

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) this week elected a Texan as their National Chairman at the committee's annual meeting in Irving, Texas.

Harry R. Rosen, the former Executive Vice President of the Jewish Community Center of Dallas, was chosen to lead the volunteers who support the organization of Scout Troops, Cub Packs and Explorer Posts in synagogues, day schools and JCC's throughout the United States.

Mr. Rosen has consulted with the JCC in Providence. He is the President of Community Building Consultants, an international firm specializing in guiding communities in building, renovating and raising funds for non-profit institutions. He served as the National President of the Association of Jewish Center Professionals.

For the past six years, Mr. Rosen served on the National Jewish Committee on Scouting as Chairman of their long-range planning committee and most recently as Vice Chairman. He succeeds Robert Kurzman, a



A WARNING TO SYRIA. Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy told leaders of the World Sephardi Federation in New York that Syria should not consider any military "adventures" against Israel with the long-range missiles that the Damascus regime is now purchasing "with the billions of dollars it got for joining the anti-Saddam coalition." If the Syrians try such an adventure, Levy warned, "they'll be hit like they never were before." Left, Jack Nasser of Great Neck, N.Y., newly appointed treasurer of the WSF. (Photo by David Karp)

New York attorney.

Approximately 40,000 Jewish youth are members of the Boy Scouts of America in the United States today. About 8,000 of these are in 350 units chartered to synagogues, JCC's, day schools, or other Jewish organizations.

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## AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

When Robert Frost wrote about "the road not taken," I think of the course not taken.

To this day, I still regret not taking the course in dramatic criticism with Elliot Norton at Emerson College. It's not that I didn't want to sign up for Mr. Norton's course, but somehow conflicts with required courses got in the way.

Along with other Beantowners, I grew up with the name of Elliot Norton, who for 48 years was the theatre critic for the Hub's newspapers.

A play's opening was synonymous with a scramble to read what Elliot Norton had to say. Always considered fair, he gained an admirable reputation as the dean of theatre.

There were times I walked by the room where the stately, snow-haired Mr. Norton commanded the attention of mesmerized students.

Glass doors framed the entire entrance into this enormous room that once comprised a drawing room in a Beacon Street dwelling. I could see my friends and fellow students captivated by his every word. I'd wonder what revelation was being shared.

That hasn't changed. I've seen Mr. Norton at the theatre during intermission, hovered over by drama critics and others, and wonder if he's sharing his insights.

I've had the urge to tell him of my regret. I haven't as yet.

Recently, I attended the Ninth Annual Elliot Norton Awards at the Wilbur Theatre.

Perhaps it was my way to pay homage to this distinguished gentleman. It's amazing how one can feel the same respect and awe about one admired three decades ago. I know I'm not alone.

The Elliot Norton Award, established in 1982, consists of a silver medallion and a \$1000 cash award. Each year, it's presented to "an individual who has made a distinguished contribution to theatre in Boston during the past season." A committee of Boston theatre critics makes the selection.

Actress Julie Harris was this year's recipient for her outstanding solo performance as Isak Dinesen in "Lucifer's Child."

Special honors were presented to Phyllis Curtin, dean of Boston University's School for the Arts since 1983; Marie-Christine Mouis, principal dancer of the Boston Ballet; Josiah A. Spaulding, Jr., president of the Wang Center for the Performing Arts; Gerard Alessandrini, creator and director of "Forbidden Broadway," Geraldine Guardino, executive director of Dorchester's Strand Theatre; James A. Spruill, president and co-founder of the New African Company and professor at Boston University's School for the Arts.

The Otis Skinner Award for Outstanding Boston Actor and the Charlotte Cushman Award for Outstanding Boston Actress, both established last year, were presented to Jonathan Epstein and Christine Estabrook.

An emotionally-charged highlight of the evening was Elliot Norton's memorable tribute to the guest of honor, Helen Hayes.

"I've known Helen Hayes more than 50 years and I've seen her in many of her great performances, many of them three or four times.

"The first time was because of professional obligation and after that, the sheer pleasure of watching Helen Hayes in action ... the brilliant artistry and timing, which is unbelievable, and most of all, the ability to breathe the spirit of life into characters

about whom we care.

"I know it's hard to believe, but her acting career comes very close to spanning the entire 20th century. She was born in Washington on October 10, 1900. She was on stage at the age of five and played in a major production on Broadway when only nine.

"She acted in a number of plays supporting some of the great adult stars of her time, touring the whole country. Her stance and presence were worth seeing.

"Then she became a star in a play called "Babs" that opened in Boston in 1920 after a trial in Taunton, Massachusetts. She went on with "Babs" to New York, where they put her name up in lights and it's been up there ever since.

"She starred in Shaw, Shakespeare, and Sheridan, in O'Neil, Williams, and Anderson, as great queens like Cleopatra, the courageous Victoria Regina, which she played more than four and a half years, the great Mary of Scotland and some of the other great and little ladies, every one of whom she endowed like Helen Hayes herself with shining personal courage.

"She has been honored more than any other actress in the 20th century," said Mr. Norton.

A presentation to the renowned actress was made by Bruce Rossley, first Boston Commissioner of the Arts and Humanities, accompanied by thunderous and appreciative applause.

The gracious Helen Hayes said that although she is accustomed to listening to applause by now, it was more meaningful because it felt good to be back on a Boston stage and in the company of Elliot Norton again.

"It is such a great honor and privilege. He helped me over the hurdles of several of the plays I opened in Boston," she said complimenting Elliot Norton's constructive criticism, relating how a famous producer and director sought him for consultation.

"I've seen him give hours of his time in the development of a play. He had great perception and was a splendid force in the theatre. I wish

## The 1991 Elliot Norton Awards



At the Ninth Annual Elliot Norton Awards were noted Shakespearean actor Brian Bedford; First Lady of the American Stage and Guest of Honor, Helen Hayes; Boston drama critic Elliot Norton; and actress Julie Harris, recipient of the 1991 Elliot Norton Award. Mr. Bedford, who introduced scenes from his new production of "The Lunatic, The Lover & The Poet," received a special honor. Photo: Dorothea Snyder.

we had more like him today."

Miss Hayes said being on stage before an audience inspired her to do a moment's performance.

"It expresses a little of how I feel tonight and says the words I couldn't make up for myself."

The scene, she explains, is Queen Victoria's return to Buckingham Palace after riding in an open carriage during a procession honoring her Diamond Jubilee. "She is around my age now."

She is wheeled in by a Scotch guard into a private room where all her family is waiting to see how Mama, Grandma, survived the parade.

"I'm very tired, but very happy to say now that it is all over, I'm so grateful I had the strength for it. We've been so near together today, they and I, all my dear people of England, Scotland, Wales ... from all over the nation I've had messages most soothing, most gratifying.

"I don't think you saw where at Hyde Park Corner there was a great crowd. A lot of rough-looking men shoved through the troops and police guarding the route.

"They ran along the carriage shouting and cheering to me. One of them said, 'Go Vicka', you've done it well!"

"I hope it's true," said Miss Hayes with applause that never seemed to end.

Presenting the Elliot Norton Award to Julie Harris, Mr. Norton said: "Isak Dinesen was one more in that great gallery of extraordinary characters she has created in "Lucifer's Child," ... "the heartbreaking Frankie Adams in "Member of the Wedding," which made her a star, the antics of Sally Bowes in "I Am A Camera" the impassioned St. Joan, the unforgettable Emily Dickinson in that American classic, "The Belle of Amherst," the poignant employer of "Driving Miss Daisy."

Accepting, Miss Harris said, "Thank you to my darling Helen Hayes, our idol, who was my idol as a girl, who was my idol as an actress in my middle years, who is an idol to me now, always, as I'm fast approaching

her age. I'm catching up to her at last.

"Isak Dinesen is a rare spirit, someone who is valuable to us today. My heart is beating so fast. I came over here in a cab from the hotel with Helen Hayes who said, 'Oh dear, I hope I'm not going to be nervous.' I thought well, that goes for me too.

"In a way I don't feel nervous. I feel extraordinarily happy and it's because you wanted me to be here that I feel happy and loved.

"I feel this particular moment is where you want me to be. I'm thrilled to be here.

"My heart beats very fast and my mind is going a mile a minute thinking of all the memories of being in Boston, the first time my mother took me to a theatre to see Dorothy Maguire in "Claudia."

"Every time I was in the theatre, I knew that is where I belonged."

Concluding the ceremonies, Elliot Norton said, "Julie Harris is the Helen Hayes of her generation."

The Elliot Norton Awards was sponsored by Chamber Theatre Productions of which Spring Sirkin is president and producing director. Ms. Sirkin, president and co-chair of the 1991 Elliot Norton Awards Event Committee, has been a guiding force behind this annual Boston theatre tradition.



# YOUR TABLE IS READY

## 'rue' Goes from French to Eclectic Cuisines

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

On the corner of John and Hope Streets, the *rue de l'espoir* offers an eclectic menu. No longer the totally French cuisine it once was, owner Deb Norman says she has integrated the menu into a "melting pot of flavors" including Asian to Southwestern entrees and more! After spending fifteen years in the restaurant business she finds she's "flexible with the trends" and needs to update her menu to "stay on top of the culinary" world while at the same time "entertaining my always extending customer base."

A University of Rhode Island graduate with a degree in psychology, Norman has since been in the restaurant business. Why?

"I was drawn to it," explains the 38-year-old owner. "It's hard to explain, but it was a fun business to get into. Also, my uncle, who owned a delicatessen in New Bedford influenced my decision."

When asked how her restaurant differs from others she says, "Come in and get a menu."

We did more than that, we

went to sample her famous foods.

Their new outdoor patio and the hot pink sign welcomes the customers. The interior is a French contemporary style with subtle pink painted walls and abstract painted murals. The wide wooden plank floors added a bit of old-French flavor too. It's a place to go either casually dressed or in formal wear.

Frank, our waiter, who was passing around a basket of warm fresh Italian bread table to table stopped by our table a few times. Then, after taking our drink order, he gave out the menus. Drinks were served quickly and were frequently replenished.

The first course we ordered was from the "small plates" menu (appetizers). My date and I split the pesto stuffed mushrooms delicately baked with parmesan cheese which just melted in our mouths.

Dinner for my date consisted of one of the specials (which Frank eloquently recited from

memory) *Menage* — steak and breaded seafood. I tried a menu choice of tuna steak topped with hollandaise sauce.

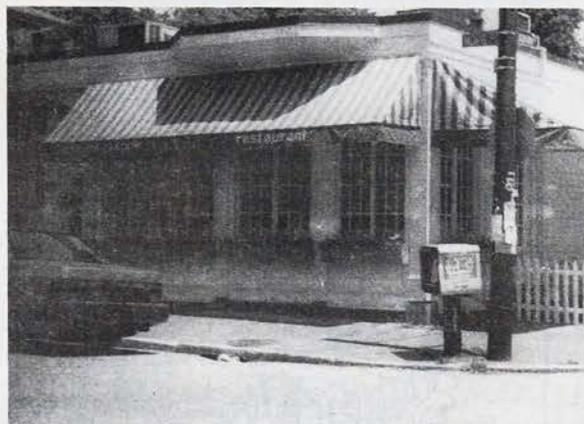
The steak was a perfect medium rare that few restaurants ever manage — brown outer layer with just the right pink middle. The seafood was lightly baked in a bread crumb mixture that didn't have too much butter or garlic which is usually the case. It was difficult to place the wonderfully light flavor, but it mixed well with the Bass Ale they kept filling during the meal.

The tuna was about as fresh tasting as it could be and charcoal broiled, leaving the skewer taste to stand bold. The Hollandaise then tempered the skewer taste making the steak very enjoyable.

Both plates were served with barley and string carrots.

As the candlelit table was cleared, out came the dessert tray. I chose a slice of "Chocolate Killer" cake with layers of chocolate chips in chocolate cake with chocolate filling and topped off with chocolate frosting. It killed me. My date smartly picked a lighter dessert — a strawberry scone éclair.

All in all this restaurant



rue de l'espoir

would rate a five out of five if we were to rate it. The meal preparation and service were both flawless.

The prices range from \$8 to \$20 — well worth the price. Our meal was about \$40 without the tip.

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# Arts and Entertainment



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## Summer Music Festival

The Blackstone Valley Summer Music Festival returns to Slater Park, Pawtucket, Sunday, June 30, with a performance by the Art Medeiros Swing Band. The free concert will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. at the bandstand near the duck pond. The public is invited to bring their own chairs or blankets for seating.

Each Sunday for nine weeks a different group will be featured, and a variety of music from pop to jazz to country will be showcased. Scheduled for the series in addition to Medeiros are: The Jerry Deragon Sextet on July 7; The Pastels - July 14; Ralph Stuart Orchestra - July 21; Tommy

Terran Orchestra - July 28; John Worsley Swingtime - Aug. 4; Eddie Zack & the Hayloft Jamboree - Aug. 11; Ed Drew Orchestra - Aug. 18; and Red McDonald and Friends - Aug. 25.

The sponsors of the 1991 Music Festival include the Pawtucket Arts Council, Recreation Division of Pawtucket, Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, the Music Performance Trust Fund - Local 198 of the American Federation of Musicians, and donations from businesses and private individuals. For more information, contact them at 725-1151.

## Third Annual Chamber Music Festival

The '91 Summer Chamber Music Festival at URI is scheduled for June 29, July 3 and 5, it was announced recently by artistic director David Kim.

The talented young musicians performing in the opening concert are: Frank Almond and David Kim, violin; Keith Conant, violist; Andres Diaz, cello and Jaime Bolipata, piano. Works will include Mozart, Ravel and Faure.

David Kim, the creator of — and driving force behind — the Summer Festival, is a Rhode Islander who has earned worldwide recognition as 'one of the most exciting young violinists of his generation.' He maintains a busy concert schedule, performing throughout Europe, the U.S., and the Far East.

July 3 will be a Special Gala Event honoring the German Summer School of the Atlantic. In addition to Mr. Almond and

Conant, who will be performing in this concert as well as the one on July 5, the evening will feature Maria Kitsopoulos, cello and Gail Niwa, piano.

The audience is invited to a reception immediately following the concert in the Recital Foyer hosted by the Hoechst-Celanese Corporation.

The final program on July 5 will be a program of Handel, Mozart and Schubert with Almond, Conant, Kim, Kitsopoulos and Niwa.

All concerts will be held at the URI Fine Arts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Third Annual Chamber Music Festival at the University of Rhode Island is being sponsored by the URI/College of Continuing Education, Student Government Board.

Tickets are \$7 and are available at Axelrod Music in Wakefield and at the door the night of the concerts.

## Langston Hughes Sumer Camp

The Langston Hughes Center for the Arts is offering 2 summer programs: a summer camp for children ages 7-12 and a teen theatre troupe for boys and girls ages 13-16. Programs in drama, dance, art, creative writing and weekly field trips will be offered for 6 weeks, July 8 through August 15, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Through special arrangement with Rhode Island College, one day a week will be spent on campus! Discover yourself through the arts! Sign up today! For more information call the Langston Hughes Center for the Arts at 454-5422 or stop by the center at One Hilton Street (CCRI Providence campus). Registration ends July 1.

## Anne Frank Exhibit At Salve Regina U.

A month-long showing of the internationally acclaimed exhibition "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945" will begin with an opening night gala on June 30, to be held at Ochre Court on the campus of Salve Regina University.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at which time there will be a wine and cheese reception.

The highlight of the evening will be the performance of the concert version of the musical drama, "Yours, Anne." This will be followed by a preview showing of the exhibition.

Admission is a \$25 donation per person and it is open to the

public. All proceeds to benefit the Anne Frank Center and Temple Shalom.

For reservations please call: (401) 846-9002.

### Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945 Newport

The exhibit, created by the Anne Frank Center in Amsterdam where the Jewish girl and her family hid from the Nazis — includes 600 photographs from the Dutch and German archives as well as previously unpublished photos from the Frank family collection. The exhibition also contains manuscripts from Anne Frank's workbooks, and a model of the secret annex where she and her

family were hidden by friends from the Nazis.

The exhibit will be open to the public from July 1 through August 1 and will be on display at Salve Regina University in Cecilia Hall on Ruggles Avenue in Newport, R.I.

Exhibit Hours: Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursdays until 8 p.m.

Admission: \$3.50 adults; \$2.50 children and senior citizens.

For more information on the exhibition and The American Friends of the Anne Frank Center, please call (212) 529-9532.

## RISD Events And Exhibitions

### EVENTS

Tuesday, July 9 - **Getting To Know Your Museum: Medieval & Renaissance Art.** \$5. 12:15 p.m. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

Sunday, July 14 - **Bastille Day Celebration:** Observe the fall of the Bastille while feast-

ing on French food during this year's fete champetre. Sponsored by Friends of Art. 2-5 p.m. Outside on Benefit Street, between College and Waterman Streets.

Tuesday, July 16 - **Getting to Know Your Museum: Baroque Art.** \$5. 12:15 p.m.

Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

Wednesday, July 17 - **Children's Workshop: Words & Pictures.** A tour of The English Eye followed by a book-illustration project using printmaking. 1 p.m. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

Tuesday, July 23 - **Getting to Know Your Museum: The 18th Century.** \$5. 12:15 p.m. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

Tuesday, July 30 - **Getting to Know Your Museum: The 19th Century.** \$5. 12:15 p.m. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

Wednesday, July 31 - **Children's Workshop: The Beautiful Book.** An explanation of the bookmaking process followed by a bookmaking project. 1 p.m. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

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Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street, Providence. Summer hours (June 15 through August 31): Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. A \$2 admission fee is suggested.

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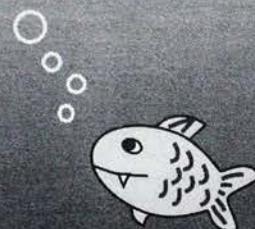
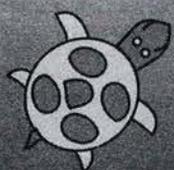
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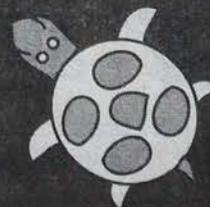
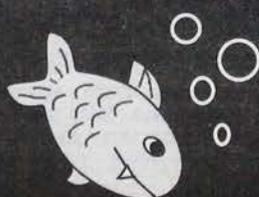
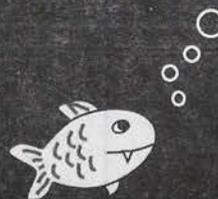
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# NEWPORT



## Newport — The Tourist Capital of America?



by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

Newport attracts over two million people yearly. Why do people flock from all corners of the world to this old seaport of Rhode Island? The attractions are not only the old, historic sites, but the new ones as well. The island has just the right ambiance of historical and contemporary all mixed with the main attraction — the ocean. Before attempting to act as your own tour guide during the busy, sometimes hectic, tourist season, a good piece of advice

would be to visit the Newport Gateway Visitor Center at 23 America's Cup Avenue, Newport. As its name suggests, this building houses pleasant people waiting to help you figure out the best way to see the island. Besides, if you enter the wrong gateway you may be trespassing on someone's private property — no matter how beautiful some of the Newport homes may be, not all homes are listed in the tour guide. This information center, built about three years ago, includes an impressive video room with

several projectors focusing on different aspects of Newport. In fact, the new center is so chock-full of Newport stories that they offer tours within the building itself. Newport offers magnificent sights, accommodating people, several means of transportation and lodging accommodations, performing arts, art, shopping and antiquing, fine dining, sightseeing hot spots, kid's stuff, fair and festivals, sports and recreation, entertainment, short excursions and more! The city itself was founded in

1639 by settlers seeking religious freedom and with their hard work, Newport eventually became a booming and prosperous seaport. Roger Williams, banished from a religiously intolerant Puritan Massachusetts, created a new kind of civil government that held no barriers over spiritual matters. The Code of Laws of 1647, marking the beginnings of free religion, concluded with this statement: "These are the laws that concerne all men...and otherwise than...what is herein forbidden, all men may walk as their consciences persuade them, everyone in the name of his G-d." Coming a few years later from both Spain and Portugal, the Sephardim cruised the ocean around 1658 to settle where they could avoid being persecuted for their Jewish beliefs. The first project of the Newport Jewish community was the purchasing of a cemetery plot in 1677. Today, one of the most interesting plots where Aaron Lopez, Moses Seixas and Judah Touro are buried is located at the top of Touro Street, across from the Viking Hotel. Longfellow found enough inspiration in this sacred burial ground to create the poem, "The Jewish Cemetery at Newport." Religious services were held in private homes until the mid eighteenth century, when through generous responses from New York City's Congregation Shearith Israel (the only synagogue to precede the New-

port congregation in the United States) and the congregations of Jamaica, Curacao, Surinam, and London, Touro Synagogue broke ground. In 1763, with the help of an expert colonial architect, Peter Harrison, the synagogue was dedicated on December 2. The first service was conducted by Newport Congregation's spiritual leader, Rev. Isaac Touro. With a place to worship, to give religious instruction, and to bury the beloved in sanctified ground, the congregation was named Yeshuat Israel — Salvation of Israel. Unfortunately, the Revolutionary War was instrumental in chasing away the Jewish community, which eventually forced the synagogue's doors to close. Both Judah and Abraham Touro, the sons of the Rev. Isaac Touro, left \$10,000 funds for the upkeep of the temple and cemetery upon their demise. It is believed that this is the reason why the temple is called Touro Synagogue. The doors reopened in 1883. The Temple can be visited from late June until Labor Day, 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, and from 10 am to 6 pm on Sunday. Guides are available through the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue during visiting hours. At other times in the year the synagogue is open on Sunday from 2 to 4 pm and on other days (except for Jewish holidays) by ap-

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# BRICK MARKET PLACE

## The History Of Brick Market Place

Brick Market Place is a development of 55 condominiums and 50 shops of enticing food and crafts produced in Newport and abroad. It was built in 1975 after the demolition of the west side of Thames Street, becoming the first major commercial development to open the waterfront to tourism in the early 1970s.

It is named after the Brick Market, a red brick colonial store and architectural icon built in 1760, which served as Newport's original marketplace. Brick Market is now being restored as a museum by the Brick Market Foundation.

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# NEWPORT



## An Evening With Tony Bennett Opens JVC Jazz Festival

Tony Bennett's concert at the Newport Casino at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I., Friday, August 16, marks forty years of show business for the famed singer. The 8 p.m. concert on Friday evening is the opening night of the JVC Jazz Festival at Newport which continues Saturday and Sunday, August 17-18.

The concert will feature material from his upcoming retrospective release on Columbia Records, "Forty Years: The Artistry of Tony Bennett," which will be a chronological history of Bennett's recording career to date. Born in Astoria, Queens, Tony Bennett began his career as a singing waiter in a local restaurant. His "big break" came when Bob Hope discovered him at a Greenwich Village cafe and invited him to perform at the Paramount Theatre. From there began what Bennett likes to call, "a beautiful adventure" that has yet to end. He has given five Royal Command Performances, sung for several U.S. Presidents, marched with Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. and has been honored as a humanitarian as well as an entertainer. Bennett, about to enter his fifth decade of show business, continues to tour throughout the world to sold-out audiences.

Reserved seat tickets for the opening night concert featuring Tony Bennett at the Newport Casino at the International Tennis Hall of Fame are \$50, \$35, and \$25.

The festival weekend continues on Saturday, August 17, from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at Fort Adams State Park with blues legends B.B. King, John Lee Hooker, John Mayall, Dr. John, and Etta James. Then on Sunday, August 18, from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. the festival will continue with jazz greats Ray Charles, Michel Camilo, Lou Rawls, Dave Brubeck, and Jazz Futures, showcasing Roy Hargrove, Marlon Jordan, Mark Whitfield, Benny Green, Christian McBride, Carl Allen, Tim Warfield, and Antonio Hart.

Tickets for the Saturday and Sunday events are as follows: adults, \$28.50 in advance, \$30 at the gate (if available) and

\$12.50 for children under 12. Tickets for the Friday evening concert and the Saturday and Sunday events are available at all TICKETMASTER locations, or charge by phone by calling: MASS (617) 931-2000; RI (401) 331-2211; CT (203) 624-0033; NY (212) 307-7171; LONG ISLAND (516) 888-9000; and NJ (201) 507-9800. Tickets may also be purchased directly in Newport at the JVC Jazz Festival Office at 670 Thames Street, or at the Music Box, also in Newport. For mail orders, send a check or money order along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, plus a \$2.50 handling charge per order to JVC Jazz Festival, P.O. Box 605, Newport, RI 02840. For further information, call the festival office at (401) 847-3700. Tickets for the Tony Bennett concert can also be purchased at the Tennis Hall of Fame, 194 Bellevue Avenue in Newport or by calling (401) 849-6053.

The Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina is the host hotel for the JVC Jazz Festival-Newport, RI.

## Newport Music Festival Box-Office Now Open

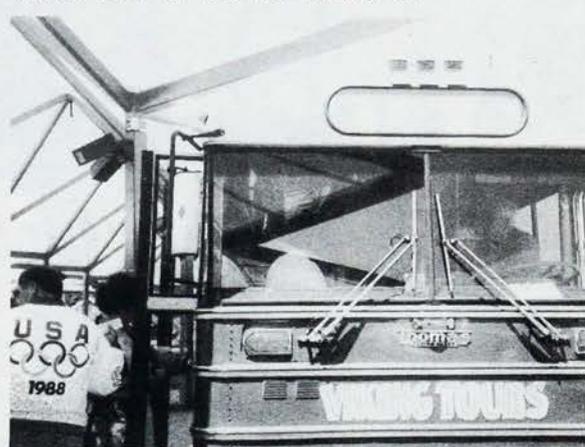
Tickets to all Newport Music Festival events, July 7-21, are now on sale at the box-office, located at 45 Valley Road in Middletown, from 10-6 daily. Tickets may be ordered by phone, using VISA or Mastercard, at (401) 849-0700. Festival tickets are also available at the Gateway Center, 23 America's Cup Avenue, Newport, phone (401) 849-8098. Ticket prices are \$20 for morning and afternoon concerts and \$25 for evening concerts.

Celebrating its 23rd season, the Newport Music Festival will present 47 concerts, three

per day from July 7-21, in the mansions of Newport. Special guest artists appearing include pianist/comedian Victor Borge, the American debuts of baritone Paul-Armin Edelmann, bassoonist Kim Walker, and Russian cellist Alexander Rudin. A series of fourteen afternoon "Mozartiads" will honor the 200th anniversary of the composer's death.

For further information and brochure requests write the Newport Music Festival, P.O. Box 3300, Newport, R.I. 02840-0993, or phone (401) 846-1133.

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shed a new light on the historical port town.

On a cool and sunny afternoon, this reviewer took one of Viking Tours' exciting land expeditions. For an hour and a half I enjoyed the comfort of a fully equipped tour bus, as I learned about Newport's many points of interest from an articulate, well-informed guide.

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bus tours are tours of the mansions themselves.

Probably the most intriguing part of the trip was through the narrow, winding streets of the old city. Our tour guide told wonderful stories of long ago, bringing the past alive. The rolling lawns became battlegrounds. The densely populated tourist town transformed into a land promising freedom from religious persecution. The sailing ships on the water became cargo ships; and the harbor boomed with sea trade.

As we drove past the mansions, our tour guide brought each imposing edifice to life. The great stone walls seemed to house real people and the outrageous whims of the landowners became real projects, albeit still outrageous. Legendary names took on personalities and histories. We got to know the great gods of grandiosity. What a crowd!

The hour and a half lasted for decades, centuries even. It was a lovely, relaxing way to spend a lazy afternoon in Newport.

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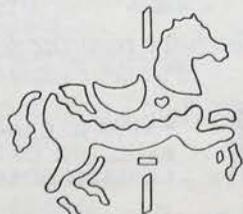
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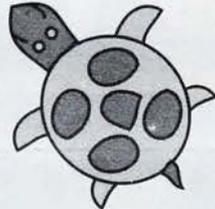
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vary, group rates are available.

In a 1½-hour walk, the tour loops through a ten-block area in which the buildings you see read like a Who's Who of American Architecture — the oldest synagogue, the oldest meeting house, the first state house, a classical marketplace, the oldest library. Following old maps, you retrace the early layout of the town and learn the importance of its geographical location. Up close, walkers can run their fingertips over the hand-hewn clapboards and learn to identify the different construction methods. From the sidewalk, the group learns to "read" a house; which is the formal parlor or the keeping room, how old the house might be or how it was built. Visitors come to know who lived in this house, their profession, their politics, and their place in his-

tory. The wealth of knowledge about these buildings from the 1600s and 1700s is largely available to the short-term visitor to Newport. A guided walking tour is certainly a must!

Another great way to see Newport is to relax and enjoy a delightfully narrated, two-hour leisurely sailing tour. Seeing Newport from the water affords the visitor an excellent view of the Newport Harbor area. The sailing tours cruise past famous landmarks including Hammersmith Farm and Fort Adams State Park.

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## 1991 Ben & Jerry's Newport Folk Festival Artists!

"The 1991 Ben & Jerry's Newport Folk Festival at Fort Adams State Park on August 10 and 11 brings together festival veterans and festival newcomers, and mixes contemporary and traditional folk music," says producer George Wein. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and will go until 6:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

"Last year's festival debut of the Indigo Girls was so well received that we wanted to include them in this year's festival lineup. We are thrilled to have them back again along with two of the other highlights from last year's festival, Richard Thompson and Ireland's Luka Bloom," continued Wein.

New to the festival this year is Randy Newman, a songwriter's songwriter, who is best known for his ability to capture the world of fascinating characters in the midst of absurd situations, all with sud-

den and frank insight. Another festival newcomer is Mary-Chapin Carpenter. Also making his first appearance at the festival is Boozoo Chavis, one of the founding fathers of zydeco. Boozoo and his band play an unadulterated form of French blues and stomp-down zydeco. Urban songstylist Suzanne Vega, best known for her chart hit "Luka," is one of the major artists credited with moving pop music back in the direction of songwriting and folk roots.

Festival favorites Judy Collins, John Hiatt, Nanci Griffith, Kate and Anna McGarrigle, and Bill Morrissey are a welcome return while Newport's own Paul Geremia brings his own brand of country blues to the festival stage. Returning for the first time since the 60's are the wonderful Staple Singers from Chicago.

The complete festival schedule is as follows: Saturday, August 10, will feature Randy Newman, The Indigo Girls, Suzanne Vega, John Prine, Kate and Anna McGarrigle, Boozoo Chavis, Bill Morrissey, and Paul Geremia. Sunday, August 11, will feature Judy Collins, John Hiatt, The Richard Thompson Band with special guest Shawn Colvin, Nanci Griffith, The Staple Singers, Luka Bloom, Mary-Chapin Carpenter, and Cliff Eberhardt.

The two-day ticket is available for \$35 only until July 15. Tickets for each day are \$22 in advance and \$24 at the gate. Children under 12 are \$10. Tickets can be purchased at all TICKETMASTER locations, or charged by phone at: MA (617) 931-2000; RI (401) 331-2211; CT (203) 624-0033; NY (212) 307-7171; LONG ISLAND (516) 888-9000; and NJ (201) 507-8900. Tickets can also be purchased directly in Newport at the festival office, 670 Thames Street, or at the Music Box in Newport. To order by mail, send a check or money order, a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and a \$2.50 handling charge per order to: Ben & Jerry's Newport Folk Festival, P.O. Box 1221, Newport, RI 02840. For further information, call the festival office at (401) 847-3700.

The Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina is the host hotel for the 1991 Ben & Jerry's Newport Folk Festival. Tune in to WLNE VT 6 and WALDEN 1120 AM, the flagship stations for the festival.

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pointment. For further information write to Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro Street, Newport, RI 02840.

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## Messianic Jewish Groups Targeting Soviet Jews Ignorant About Judaism

by Aliza Marcus

NEW YORK (JTA) — In a rented school auditorium in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach neighborhood, known as "Little Odessa" because of the large numbers of Soviet immigrants who have settled there, Sid Roth is preparing to lead 50 or so people in Sabbath morning services.

Standing in front of an Israeli flag temporarily gracing the wall, Roth, the congregation's leader, starts off by reciting the Shema, the key Jewish prayer declaring belief in one G-d.

Then, with a Bible in his hand and a yarmulka on his head, Roth launches into a two-hour sermon about the Jews, the Bible, the rabbis of old — and why Jews should believe that Jesus was the Messiah.

"The day will come very soon when many Russians in Brooklyn will have the spiritual scales come off their eyes and will know the truth," he booms, pacing up and down exuberantly. His words, carefully spaced, are translated into Russian by a young woman wearing a Star of David necklace.

"Our job is in living to present the truth," he says. "Their job is to open their heart to the truth and the spirit of God will make it true."

And open their hearts they have. Under Roth's "messianic" guidance, dozens of Soviet Jews have discovered

Jesus, while other "messianic Jewish" and evangelical Christian groups are successfully targeting Soviet Jews in the United States and elsewhere.

The influx of Soviet Jews into the United States — this year up to 40,000 are being allowed to immigrate here — is being warmly welcomed by messianic Jewish groups, who claim one can both be Jewish and believe that Jesus was the Messiah.

### 'Very Excited About The Russian Jews'

"Messianic Jews are very excited about the Russian Jews. They feel it's important to convert them, because here's a big segment of the Jewish population that until recently they couldn't get a hold of," says Rabbi Michael Skobac, New York director of Jews for Judaism, a monitoring and counter-missionary organization with seven branches across the country.

The number of "messianic Jews," or Hebrew Christians, in North America is estimated to be between 80,000 and 100,000, less than 2 percent of the 6 million Jews in North America.

But the number is deceptively small in relation to the influence of their ideology, Skobac and others say.

Some evangelical Christian groups, such as the Assemblies of God, with 2.1 million members here and 23 million worldwide, also support this particu-

lar approach to missionary work among Jews, monitors and church members say.

Evangelical Christians, along with messianic Jews, are believed to be behind much of the funding for the 140 messianic Jewish congregations in North America and the dozens of groups that promote Jewish believers in Jesus.

Evangelical Christians "are promoting this because they understand that the alternative approach — Jewish people being offered conversion out of Judaism — is not an appealing alternative to Jews," says Skobac, who puts the total annual budget of messianic groups at \$100 million.

"Instead, they say that by accepting Christianity, you don't leave Judaism but become a better Jew," he says.

Jewish "believers," as they call themselves, often reflect this duality in their tendency to retain the trappings of Judaism in their lives.

They will have their sons circumcised, keep kosher and celebrate the major Jewish holidays, but they reinterpret the prayers and customs in line with their belief that Jesus was the Messiah.

### A More Active Approach

Experts say it is these trappings which make messianic Jews so appealing — and therefore dangerous — for Soviet Jews, who may not know the difference between authentic Judaism and messianic Judaism.

Although no exact estimate of the number of Soviet Jews in the United States who believe in Jesus is available, literature obtained from messianic Jewish and evangelical Christian groups shows that a great effort is under way to missionize among Soviet Jews.

In addition to running advertisements in Russian newspapers and printing materials in Russian, many messianic Jewish groups take a more active approach to finding Soviet Jews.

Ariel Ministries, a California-based messianic Jewish group with an annual budget of \$500,000, is about to start its second annual summer camp program for Soviet Jews in upstate New York.

Jews for Jesus, the leading messianic Jewish outreach group, with an annual budget of around \$8 million and close to 20 years of experience, prints some of its materials in Russian, for distribution both here and overseas, says Susan Perlman, information officer for the group.

"There's a real demand for it," she says.

Lederer Messianic Ministries, a Baltimore-based Messianic publishing house with about 25 books on its list, is putting together a book in Russian that will have essays dealing with Israel, what it means to be a Jew, and Jesus, says the executive director, Barry Rubin.

Messianic Jews say Soviet

Jews tend to be more open than American Jews to the message of salvation through Jesus, a sentiment echoed by American Jewish monitoring organizations.

### 'Ground Level Zero'

"I don't want to stereotype, but generally I find a responsiveness, openness and willingness to consider Christ more so (among Soviet Jews) than in the West," says Sam Nadler, president of the North Carolina-based Chosen People Ministries, a messianic Jewish group dating back to 1894.

"We're dealing with ground level zero," says Roth, whose congregational members sometimes hand out literature on Brighton Beach's boardwalk.

"Because they are not prejudiced, there's more potential for them to listen to the facts and ruach ha-kodesh (blessed spirit) to enter them."

Philip Abramowitz, director of the Task Force on Missionaries and Cults for the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, calls the Soviet Jews "very vulnerable."

Referring to the messianic Jews, he says, "They see really fertile ground because the Soviet Jews basically have little knowledge of Judaism. Everything is done under distortion and deception."

But Skobac of Jews for Judaism warns: "The fact that we are so easily deceived is not all their fault, but partly our fault, because we have presented a generation that is Jewishly illiterate."

## Stereotype

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Jew in general — an animal that just doesn't exist."

In accented but fluent English, Rashkovsky described areas in which insensitivity to the diversity of Soviet Jews had resulted in the failure of acculturation.

"There are some emigre children who have been enrolled in religious Hebrew academies but whose parents are completely secular. It seems like a good idea at the time — it's a way of avoiding public education — so the parents go along with it.

"But what happens? The children are taught that to become good American Jews they must observe certain rituals. But the parents, being normal human beings, aren't interested in changing their lives," he said.

"So the children learn to do one thing at home and another outside. In short, they are taught to be hypocrites. In my opinion it is not acculturation to teach children to be hypocritical. Why are we involving emigre children in the duplicity of American Jewish life?"

Referring to an earlier speaker who had noted that the present wave of Soviet emigres is on average the oldest group of immigrants ever to enter the United States, Rashkovsky said: "The older people may not be very Jewish in our view, they may not be smart, they may not have money, but they have the love and respect of their families. If

we don't understand that, we won't reach the families.

"We also have to understand that, besides everything else, many of the older people have been devastated psychologically. They were sincere communists and now they have learned their faith was a mirage. They were dealing with a giant spiritual emptiness — and they are angry. We must reach out to them."

Rashkovsky's "Soviet Emigre Perspective on Jewish Acculturation," delivered to an audience that included Mikhail Chlenov, co-director of the Vaad (Confederation of Jewish Organizations in the Soviet Union), and some 50 other internationally recognized experts on Soviet Jewish emigration and resettlement, was

followed by "The American Jewish Perspective," presented by Anita Friedman, director of the San Francisco-based Jewish Family and Children's Services.

Friedman, whose presentation was cut short by the length of Rashkovsky's speech, argued that despite the complexities of resettlement, major "areas of common interest" exist between American and Soviet Jews and strong and valuable bridges had been constructed.

(Earlier, Rashkovsky had quipped he was a graduate of the "Anita Friedman school of resettlement experts" and that San Francisco's resettlement programs are a shining example for the rest of the country.)

Friedman began by noting

that her first talk on resettlement was delivered in 1987 in a small suburb outside San Francisco. When she arrived at the synagogue where it was to be presented, she found an audience of one.

"She was a great audience; she laughed at all my jokes. Then, when I'd finished, she asked me to stay on because she was the second speaker that night."

She told that story, she said, to illustrate what a major occasion the present conference represented — the great strides that had been taken in the field of emigre acculturation.

Friedman said acculturation

is of great importance "because no group of people can exist in a state of mental health without a sense of their own history, a sense of positive identity and a sense of purpose."

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# Milestones



## Payton Weds Gorlick

Lois M. Payton of Wallingford, CT. and Harry P. Gorlick of Hamden, CT. were married May 5, 1991 at Temple Beth-El in Providence, R.I. where the reception was also held. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Shirley Payton and the late William H. Payton of Warwick, R.I. The groom is the son of Mrs. Eunice Gorlick and the late Eli Gorlick of Hamden, CT.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother and brother, Harvey Payton. Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman officiated.

The bride wore a gown of satin brocade fashioned with a sweetheart neckline. She carried freesia and lilies. Mrs. Bess Kumins, her maternal grandmother, was the matron of honor. Vicki Bratcher was the flower girl. Marc and Stuart Gorlick, brothers of the groom, were the ushers.

After a trip to Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens, VA., the couple will reside in Wallingford, CT.

## Youth Awards Presented

Four scholarship awards have been presented to students of merit by Plantations/Roger Williams Unit #5339 B'nai B'rith. The recipients are: Leora Tanenbaum, Brown/RISD Hillel; Matt Elberg, Bryant Hillel; Elizabeth Krieger, URI Hillel; and

Charles Jagolinzer, Jewish Bureau of Education.

There are still a few tickets available for the July 28 Tanglewood concert, (includes transportation, ticket in shed and dinner) \$43.50.

For information call Carole Millman at 831-6220.

## Spectors Announce Birth

Cindy and Steven Spector of Bedford, Mass., are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Nathan Lewis, on June 7, 1991. Maternal grandparents are Joan and Jordan Bergel of Cranston, and paternal grandparents are Anne and Paul Spector of Shrewsbury, Mass. Nathan Lewis is lovingly named in memory of his maternal great-grandmother, Nellie Erenkrantz, and his paternal great-grandfather, Leonard Kesser.

## Local Students Recognized at St. Dunstan's

Among students who received certificates of graduation or achievement awards from St. Dunstan's Preparatory School, Providence, during the school's Sixth and Eighth grade Graduation and Lower and Middle School Awards Night, which was held on June 5, in the Grant Hall of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Providence, were the following:

Jay Sisun, who graduated from grade 8. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sisun of Pawtucket.

Pamela Ackerman, who graduated from grade 8 and received the Student Citizenship Award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ackerman of Warwick.

Paul Weiner, who received the grade 7 Science Achievement Award. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weiner of Pawtucket.

The students who graduated or received recognition during the Senior Commencement exercises of St. Dunstan's Preparatory School, Providence, which were held on June 6, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Providence, were the following:

Allison Marks of Providence graduated and will attend the University of Rhode Island to study fashion merchandising. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marks.

Deborah Feldstein, a junior, of Providence, received the "I Dare You" Leadership Award and the Student Council Vice President Award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Feldstein.

## Sokoll Crowned

Rachel Sokoll of Cranston was recently crowned "Miss Rhode Island Hospitality 1991, National Pre-Teen Petite." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sokoll. Her title allows her to compete in the national pageant in Orlando, Fla.



## Potemkin Siblings At Franklin And Marshall

Dmitri Bart and Alexis Karklin Potemkin, children of Stephen and Joyce Potemkin of Columbia, Maryland. Dmitri is a Junior at Franklin and Marshall in Pennsylvania where he is majoring in political science and Alexis will enter the same college as a freshman hoping to major in journalism. Dmitri and Alexis are the grandchildren of Joseph and Sophia Potemkin of Cranston and Miami Beach, Florida, and of the late Morris and Gertrude Karklin.

## Bromson Weds Lichtenstadter

Debra Lynn Bromson of Philadelphia, PA. and Mark Glen Lichtenstadter of the same city were married May 25, 1991 at 7:30 pm at The Rye Town Hilton in Rye Brook, N.Y. where the reception was also held.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton N. Bromson of Tarrytown, N.Y. and Highland Beach, FL. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bromson (deceased) of Cranston, R.I. The groom is the son of Mrs. Rhoda Lichtenstadter of Willingboro, N.J. and Mr. Manfred Lichtenstadter of Newark, Del.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown of silk shantung featured a sweetheart neckline and short sleeves. She carried a bouquet of roses and freesia.

The maid of honor was Mrs. Sharon Howard Silver. Other attendants were Mrs. Teresa K.D. Currier and Miss Jill Lichtenstadter, sister of the groom. The best man was Steven Lichtenstadter, brother of the groom. Ushers were Mark and Jonathan Bromson, brothers of the bride, and Lawrence N. Daniels.

The bride is a graduate of Cornell University, A.B. 1978; Georgetown University Law Center, J.D. 1981; New York University School of Law, L.L.M. 1982. She is a Corporate Associate at Fox, Rothschild, O'Brien & Frankel in Philadelphia, PA.

The groom received a B.A. from Rutgers University and a law degree from Rutgers University School of Law. He is an associate with Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis in Philadelphia, PA.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii and San Francisco, the couple will make their home in Philadelphia, PA.

## Resnicks Announce Engagement

Kenneth and Harriet Resnick of Haifa, Israel, formerly of Providence, Rhode Island, wish to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Tamra Sue Resnick to Dr. Amnon Sudai of Haifa, son of Suzanne and Avraham Sudai of Haifa, Israel.

Tamra is a graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem with a degree in educational psychology and of the Schwartz Program of Early Child Education of the Hebrew University. She is now employed at the Levi Institute in

Haifa teaching word processing and computer studies.

Dr. Sudai is a graduate of the Haifa Technion Medical School and completed his residency in internal medicine at Ichilov Hospital in Tel-Aviv and is now doing a residency in cardiology at the Carmel Hospital in Haifa.

A July wedding at Kibbutz Hahotrim will take place.

Tamra's grandparents are Rose Becker Resnick of Haifa and Mr. Israel Resnick of the Jewish Home for the Aged Providence.

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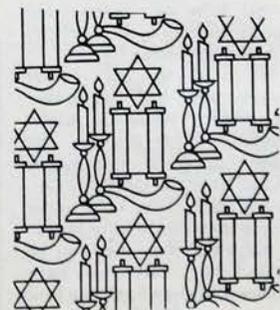
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## Congregation Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

**Friday, June 28** - Sixteen days in TAMMUZ. Candlelighting is at 8:05 p.m.

**Saturday, June 29** - Seventeen days in TAMMUZ. The PARSHAS for this Shabbos is Bolok.

Shacharis is at 8:30 a.m. followed by kiddush.

Mincha is at 8:15 p.m. with Se'udah Shelishis and Z'mirot following immediately.

Ma'ariv is at 9:10 p.m. Shabbos ends at 9:17 p.m.

The Havdalah services are at 9:20 p.m.

With the beginning of this coming week, the days progressively will become shorter.

**Sunday, June 30** - TAMMUZ 18 (postponed) the Fast of 17 TAMMUZ. Morning services are at 7:30 a.m. (Not a 24 hour fast. Consult the Rabbi.)

Morning services for Monday are at 6:30 a.m., for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:45 a.m., and for Thursday, July 4, Independence Day, at 7:45 a.m.

**Mincha for the entire week is at 8:20 p.m.**

### The Fast of Tammuz

This year, the Fast of Tammuz, 17 days in Tammuz, falls on Shabbos, and obviously we are not permitted to fast on Shabbos, Yom Kippur is the exception.

Tammuz inaugurates a three-week period of mourning for the destruction of the Second Temple. The twenty-one days between Tammuz 17 and Tish'ah B'av are called in Hebrew "Yemei Bein Hamezozrim" (the Days of Difficult Straits) which is described in the Book of Lamentations (1:3) ... "all her persecutors overtook her between the straits."

All through history, this period in time has seen numer-

ous catastrophes befall the Jewish people. Most try to limit rejoicing, and mourn the First and Second Holy Temples which were set to flames in this period. The intensity of mourning steadily increases with the Fast of 17 Tammuz to peak at Tish'ah B'av itself, when the basic pleasures such as washing, eating, drinking are forbidden.

The Fast of 17 Tammuz is one of the Four Days ordained by the prophets in commemoration of tragic historic events occurring in their times (see Zechariah 8:19). There are five tragedies that are known to befall the Jewish people on this date: Moshe smashed the original tablets of G-d's covenant when he descended from Mount Sinai and the people were worshiping the golden calf; the daily sacrifice was suspended in the First Temple due to a lack of sacrificial animals; Apostamos, an officer of the wicked Antiochus, burnt a Torah scroll; a healthen idol was brought into the Temple compound; and the walls of Jerusalem were breached by Titus's army in his siege of the city which ended in the destruction of the Second Temple.

The Torah commandments can be divided into two categories:

- Those which govern relations between man and his Creator, and
- Those which govern relations between man and his fellowman.

It is a special Mitzvah to give charity on Fast Days, and our synagogue participates with special appeals. For guidance call the chapel, mornings 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. (274-5260) or the president after 5 p.m. (274-0861).

## One Hundred And Fifth Annual Confirmation At Temple Beth-EI



(L-R) Rabbi Sidney Helbraun, Nina Leventhal, Wendy Greenbaum, Lauren Finkel, Rabbi Leslie Guterman.

Three students were confirmed during Shavuot Services on Sunday, May 19, 1991. The congregation congratulates the following Confirmands and their parents: Nina Leventhal, daughter of Phyllis and Jerry Leventhal; Wendy Greenbaum, daughter of Sheila and Robert Greenbaum; and Lauren Finkel, daughter of Andrea and Lewis Finkel.

Special recognition was given to Wendy Greenbaum and Nina Leventhal, who received the Isador S. Low Awards for Outstanding Confirmands, and to Lauren Finkel, recipient of the Walter, Jan Z., and Wally Sundlun, Jr. Award for Outstanding Confirmand.

## JCCRI Kosher Mealsite: Week Of July 1-4

Seniors are invited to join in a variety of activities and to enjoy a hot kosher meal at noon at the Kosher Mealsite at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence. The mealsite is open at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby until 11. Exercise is scheduled on weekdays at 11:15. A Women's Group meets every Tuesday morning from 11 to 11:45. Friend to

Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played Thursday from 12:45 until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins served at 10 a.m., followed by interesting programs. The schedule includes: TUESDAY, JULY 2 Women's Forum, 11 a.m., Bingo, 12:45-2 p.m. Call Sandy Bass at 861-8800 for more information.

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August 8 - Matunuck, "Music Man" and lunch.

August 19-23 - Paramount Hotel, 5 days and 4 nights; Catskills, delicious food, entertainment.

October 3 - Matunuck, "I Do - I Do" and lunch.

November 13 - Trip to Whites, Westport, Mass.

December 9 - Chanukah Party.

NO meetings for July and August.

March 18, 1992 - 12 Acres.

April 20 - Lincoln Greyhound Dog Races and lunch.

May 20 - Gloucester House and river trip.

June 28 - Installation.

Look these trips over and start planning. Contact Estelle Miller or Sally Goldman.

Have a nice summer!

## Bagel Brunch By Simcha Singles At Torat Yisrael

Simcha Singles will have a Sunday morning Bagel Brunch on July 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave. in Cranston.

Featured speaker of the event is Michael Stanton, Sports Writer for the Providence Journal Bulletin.

Admission to the brunch is \$5 which will include brunch, discussion and an opportunity

to share a summer Sunday morning with new friends.

Simcha Singles is a newly formed Jewish group and is open to singles of all ages who wish to participate and share in Jewish activities.

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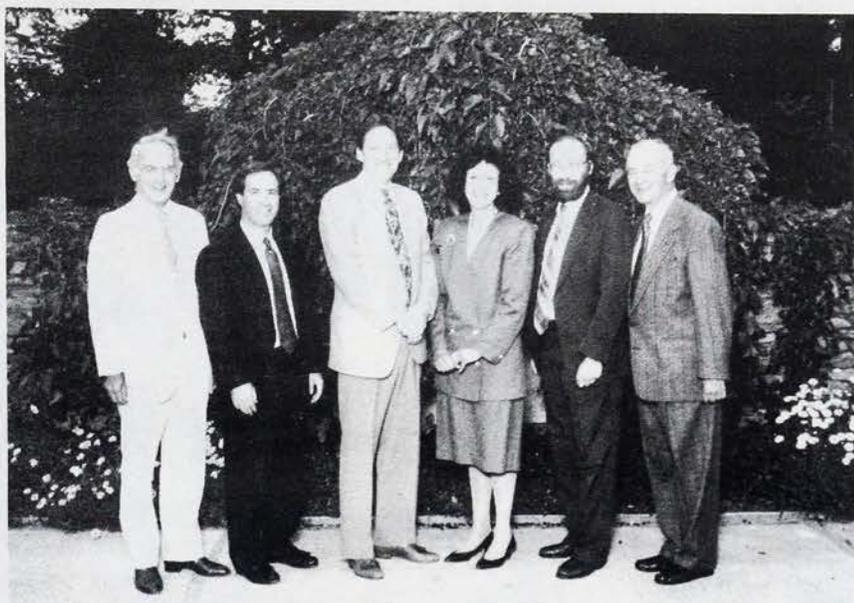
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### Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

June 27, 1941

#### Frankfurter Sees War Beneficial

War brings benefits to mankind in certain cases, Justice Felix Frankfurter declared in a commencement address at Radcliffe College. The Supreme Court Justice reminded his listeners that "the civil war settled slavery. This war will settle the quality of your lives and your children's lives."

#### Sons of Abraham Graduates

The first annual commencement exercises occurred in the Dana Auditorium of the Synagogue with about 400 persons in attendance. The invocation was offered by Rabbi Taragin. A reception and formal dance for graduates and their parents was held after the ceremonies.

#### Hundreds Killed

As the Nazi shadow darkened the borders of Soviet Russia, almost 5,000,000 more Jews in Greater Russia remembered Hitler's pledge to remove every Jew from Europe. The Ukraine contains almost 1,500,000 Jews, hundreds of whom are already reported killed in the Rotterdam-type of treatment.

### Knightly News At Alperin Schechter

The sixth grade at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School, under the guidance of teacher Deborah Miller, worked "day and night" to publish "The Knightly News," a compendium of interesting, informative and entertaining articles about the Medieval period.

"Black Death Strikes One-Third of Europe" screams one headline; "Thousands Killed in Crusade," says another. While many of the stories chronicle some of history's sadder events ("Jews Expelled From Spain"), others are uplifting, such as "Woman is Knighted" (on Joan or Arc) and "Magellan Voyages Around the World."

An editorial examines the question, "Should Charle-

magne's sons be fighting over the kingdom?" while the Arts and Leisure section lists its top ten literary picks, among them *Don Quixote* (Cervantes), *Canterbury Tales* (Chaucer), *The Prince* (Machiavelli), and *The Guide to the Perplexed* (Maimonides).

"Dear Merlin," a medieval-style advice column, addresses two major issues: 1) whether to join Columbus's fleet despite the danger and over the opposition of wife and family, and 2) what to do when the lord of the manor refuses to hire more workers to help the architect build his castle.

It's new! It's news! It's the Olde English Edition of "The Knightly News." Get your copy today!

### 750 Needed For Blood Drive

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The Rhode Island Blood Center, in conjunction with Ben & Jerry's and WPRI TV12, urge eligible donors to help save lives this July Fourth holiday by donating blood on July 2 or July 3 at the Holiday Inn Downtown, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or at the Rhode Island

Blood Center, 405 Promenade Street, Providence between the hours of 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

To meet patient needs during the holiday week, 750 blood donations are being sought during these two days to assure an adequate supply.

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## Students Welcome Returning Soldier

On the blackboard was a banner proclaiming, "Welcome Back, Dave" with each student's name autographed in chalk around it. Signs indicating the students' happiness and pride dotted the doors and walls of the classroom.

First Lieutenant David O'Hara of the 82nd Airborne Division, home from his tour of duty in Saudi Arabia, had come to visit his penpals of the third grade at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island.

The class has been corresponding with Lieutenant O'Hara since September. The letters continued to flow even after his return.

In full dress uniform, Lieutenant O'Hara addressed the class and patiently answered their many questions about his experiences in the Persian Gulf. Among their eager questions were the following:

**Q: Did you meet up with any Iraqis? How many did you capture?**

**A:** I captured one who was hungry and surrendered without incident. The platoon captured about one hundred.

**Q: Where did the soldiers in**

*the Gulf live?*

**A:** Some were in barracks, while those in the desert were in tents.

**Q: What did you eat?**

**M.R.E. — Meal, Ready-to-Eat —** packages with all the food they needed for a meal. The army tried to serve one hot meal a day.

**Q: Were you ever scared?**

**A:** There was no time to be. Also, as a platoon leader I did not want to show fear in front of my men.

**Q: Could you wash your clothes?**

**A:** I was able to clean myself every day. But once I had to wear my uniform for six weeks!

**Q: What is your platoon doing now?**

**A:** Practicing jumps at Fort Bragg.

Teacher Marilyn Wentworth said, "We are so glad that Dave was able to take the time to visit with the class. He and the students have established a real bond. The third graders were tremendously excited to finally meet their penpal — a true-to-life heroic figure."

Welcome home, First Lieutenant O'Hara!

## Colonel Agmon Visits Touro



(L-R) Colonel Asaf Agmon, Riyah Agmon and Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro.

Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I., has welcomed many prominent visitors to our area in its long history. Another page of this unique institution's program was written on Wednesday, June 19, when the synagogue welcomed Colonel Asaf Agmon and his wife, Riyah, for a special tour of the synagogue.

Colonel Agmon was the Israeli Air Force commander of

the recent exceptional "Operation Solomon," which liberated approximately 15,000 Ethiopian Jews and brought them to Israel within a two-day period. He has been making appearances in eastern United States communities explaining Operation Solomon. He spoke in Providence recently for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and insisted on visiting Touro Synagogue before his

return to Israel. Subsequently Dr. Elliot Cohen, Executive Director of the Federation contacted Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro, spiritual leader of Touro Synagogue. Rabbi Shapiro provided the Colonel and his wife with a personal tour of the synagogue and the Israeli officer expressed his admiration and appreciation for the synagogue and its principles with "My tour of the U.S. is now complete."

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## Hope Reunion

Hope High School, Class of June 1941 will hold their 50th reunion, Saturday, September 21 at Johnson & Wales Airport Hotel.

Class members who are interested in attending, and who may know the addresses of other classmates, may contact Zelda (Banks) Feldman, 944-0484 or Edwina (Donahue) Collins, 821-0493.



## RISD

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Women's Costume in the Late Qing Dynasty - July 12 through October 13. When warriors from Manchuria conquered China in 1644, they introduced a new style of clothing exclusively for the imperial family, a style which endured for more than 250 years. This colorful exhibition contrasts the sumptuous dragon robes of Manchu women with the beautiful embroidered skirts and short jackets worn by native Han Chinese women during the last years of the Qing Dynasty, which was overthrown in 1911.

Hokusai's Mount Fuji - through August 17. The print series "Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji," first published ca. 1829-33, is one of the great highlights of Katsushika Hokusai's prolific career. With this series, Hokusai (1760-1849), noted for his indefatigable exploration of subjects and styles — including Japanese and Chinese painting styles and Western perspective — was the first to firmly establish the landscape-print genre.

The English Eye - through September 1.

The Museum's collection of British art is noteworthy for both its breadth and its depth. Taken as a whole, it presents the cultural tradition of British art in a way that few institutions in this country can match.

This summer, all the special exhibition galleries are filled with examples of British painting, sculpture, works on paper, decorative arts, and costumes and textiles spanning the 17th through the 20th centuries. See below for a more detailed description:

British Painting from the Seventeenth to the Nineteenth Centuries. A selection including works by Sir Thomas Lawrence, John Constable, and William Powell Frith will illustrate the rich portrait tradition in England, as well as the fields of genre and landscape painting.

Contemporary British Art. A selection of works on extended loan from Richard Brown Baker, including a major canvas by Ben Nicholson. Contemporary British prints, including works by David Hockney, Lucian Freud, Howard Hodgkin, and Richard Deacon, are also on display; in addition, the exhibition features recent gifts of Scott and Cindy Burns such

as Tony Cragg's aquatint, "Laboratory Still Life No. 2," from 1988.

Old Master British Drawings and Watercolors. This section includes works on paper by J.M.W. Turner, J. "Warwick" Smith, J.R. Cozens, and Thomas Girtin. A small group of watercolors by the artist and humorist Edward Lear are also among the works being shown.

British Picture Books for Children. The spontaneous art of Quentin Blake; the surreal images of Anthony Browne; the silhouettes and contours of traditional folk art images by Jan Pienkowski; and the painterly style of Brian Wildsmith, who uses the world of animals to appeal to children, are all currently on display. Another component of this exhibition is a selection of unusual and amusing children's books from 19th-century Britain. These volumes, on loan from the Rare Books Collection of the Providence Public Library, the Providence Athenaeum, and private

collections, feature the work of artists such as Walter Crane, Kate Greenaway, Arthur Rackham, Randolph Caldecott, and many others.

Three Centuries of British Decorative Arts, Textiles and Costume. British ceramics from a 17th-century slipware jar attributed to Ralph Toft to Studio Pottery of the 1940s by Bernard Leach and Michael Cardew, are on view. Through the generosity of Lucy Truman Aldrich, her niece Abby Rockefeller Mauze, and Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Katz, all the major manufacturers of porcelain, beginning with Chelsea and including Derby, Bow, Worcester, and Lowestoft, are represented. In addition, significant examples of furniture, Anglo-Irish glass, and English, Irish, and Scottish silver from

the collection of John Trowbridge Nightingale are included. The decorative arts are complemented by examples of British costume and textiles from the permanent collection, including a late 18th-century cotton dress block printed by William Kilburn, a length of Art Nouveau printed velvet from the late 19th-century Silver Studio

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# Obituaries

**ESTHER BENADON**  
PROVIDENCE — Esther Benadon, 87, of Elmhurst Extended Care Facility, 50 Maude St., died Wednesday, June 19, 1991, at the facility. She was the wife of the late David Benadon.

Born in Turkey, she was the daughter of the late Rudolph and Anna (Feigenbaum) Hamburger.

She is survived by one son, Elliot Benadon, Barrington, and three grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Friday, June 21, at the Forest Chapel Cemetery, Barrington. Arrangements by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence.

**DAVID H. GAINES**  
PROVIDENCE — David H. Gaines, 77, of 1 Jackson Walkway, a comptroller for the former D. Lisner Jewelry Manufacturers for 28 years before retiring in 1970, died Thurs-

day, June 20, 1991, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Ruth (Mayman) Gaines.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of the late Molly (Friedman) and Louis Gold. He had lived in Providence since 1953.

Mr. Gaines was associated with the Senior Citizens of Warwick for three years after retiring from D. Lisner.

He was a 1935 graduate of City College of New York. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and served as a chief petty officer in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Gaines was a member of Temple Beth-El and its brotherhood.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Nancy Gold of Setauket, N.Y.; a son, Peter Gaines of East Greenwich; two sisters, Hilda Rainer and Helen Schwed, both of Brooklyn; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held

Sunday, June 23, at Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was private.

**CLAIRE R. GELLER**  
WATERBURY, Conn. — Mrs. Claire R. Geller died at Waterbury Hospital, Waterbury, Conn., on Monday, June 17, 1991. She was the widow of the late Dr. Julius Geller.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Morris and Mollie Goldenberg, she resided in Southberry, Conn., for over 10 years.

She is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Wigder of Wilton, Conn.; a son, Richard Geller of Stanford, Conn.; three sisters, Rae Nulman, Ann Goldenberg, and Jean Hochman, all of Providence, R.I.; a brother, Simon Goldenberg, Warwick, R.I.; and one granddaughter, Jacqueline.

Funeral services were held in Waterbury, Conn., where the burial took place.

**SYDNEY GREENSTEIN**  
NO. MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Sydney Greenstein, 64, formerly of Providence, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 1991. He was the husband of Gloria Norman Greenstein.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Alan Greenstein; three daughters, Marlene Schnurr, Leslie Grosfeld, and Lee Greenstein, all of Florida; a sister, Clara Abato of Providence; two brothers, Daniel Greenstein, of Florida, and Stanley Greenstein of Cranston; and seven grandchildren also of Florida.

**BARNEY M. KENNON**  
TAUNTON, Mass. — Barney M. Kennon, 74, of Robert Street, died Monday, June 17, 1991, at home. He was the husband of Mary (Rosen) Kennon.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., he was the son of the late Louis and Alice (Prussia) Kennon. He was a resident of Taunton for 48 years.

Mr. Kennon was a tool and die maker for the Haskon Company in Taunton for 32 years, retiring ten years ago.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Dr. Irwin Kennon of Rehoboth, Mass., and two grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Wednesday, June 19, at Mount Nebo Cemetery, Taunton, Mass. Arrangements by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence.

**CARL ROSENFELD**  
WARWICK — Carl Rosenfeld, 72, of 473 Round Hill Court, a textile converter for Hargro Fabrics, New York, for 15 years before retiring 10 years ago, died Friday, June 21, 1991, at home. He was the husband of May (Hartman) Rosenfeld. He was the husband of the late Sylvia (Wexler) Rosenfeld.

Born in Vienna, Austria, a son of the late Isidor and Julie (Sprinzless) Rosenfeld, he lived in Warwick for 10 years. He previously lived in Belmont, Long Island, N.Y.

Mr. Rosenfeld was previously a textile converter for the former Maxwell Textiles for 12 years. He was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild, and a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael. He was a member of Temple Sinai, and Temple B'nai Israel and its Brotherhood, Belmont.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Terry Charren of East Greenwich, and two granddaughters.

A graveside service was held Sunday, June 23, 1991, at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**IRWIN RUBIN**  
CRANSTON — Irwin Rubin, 74, of 11 Bayberry Rd. and Southport Lane, Boynton Beach, Fla., president of the American Display Co. in Providence, with which he was associated for 40 years before retiring 7 years ago, died Wednesday, June 19, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Dorothy (Bronstein) Rubin.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Max and Gussie (Beckelman) Rubin. He lived in Cranston 40 years.

Mr. Rubin was a member of Temple Sinai in Cranston, the Touro Fraternal Association, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the National Rifle Association and the Ledgemont Country Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Larry Rubin of Cranston; two sisters, Doris Ackerman of Cranston and Pembroke Pines, Fla.; and Lillian Preblud of Deerfield Beach, Fla., and a granddaughter.

The funeral service was held Thursday, June 20, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**JACOB H. SUNDEL**  
PROVIDENCE — Jacob H. Sundel, 86, of 550 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, Fla., founder and owner of the Key Container Corp., Pawtucket, died Tuesday, June 18, 1991, in Providence. He was the husband of the late Claire (Greenbaum) Sundel.

Born in Lithuania, a son of the late Oscar and Anna (Goldstein) Sundel, he came to this country many years ago.

He was a former Fall River resident and businessman who was active in community, civic and religious affairs for many years.

Mr. Sundel was a member of Temple Beth-El, Fall River, and a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Fall River, and the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence.

He was a member of the executive board of the United Jewish Appeal, a member of the 100 Club of Rhode Island, the Century Club of the Pawtucket YMCA, the alumni association of Providence College, and a past master of the Watuppa Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Sundel was a member of Ledgemont Country Club, Rehoboth, and the Broken Sound Country Club, Boca Raton.

He leaves a son, William Sundel of New York City; two daughters, Sylvia Strauss of Warwick and Betsey Sundel Parent of Bristol; two sisters, Freda Sundel of Miami, Fla., and Helen Falik of Philadelphia; five grandchildren

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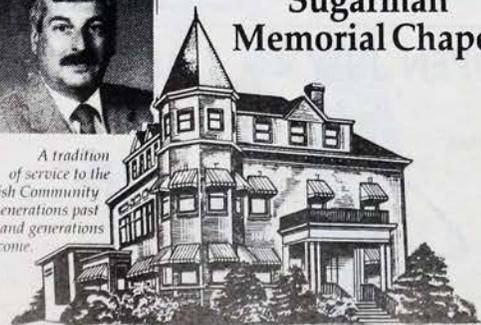
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and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Thursday, June 20, at Temple Beth-El, High Street, Fall River. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River. Arrangements by Fisher Memorial Chapel, Fall River, Mass.

### CARL ZIMMERMAN

DELRAY, Fla. — Carl Zimmerman, 71, of 14090-C Nesting Way, a truck driver for S.H. Wintman for 42 years before retiring in 1980, died Thursday, June 20, 1991, at Delray Community Hospital. He was the husband of the late Blanche (Blake) Zimmerman.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., he was the son of the late Morris and Jennie (Wintman) Zimmerman. He had lived in Providence many years before moving to Delray 11 years ago.

He was an Army Veteran of

World War II, serving in the European Theater. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association, Big Brothers of R.I., Temple Beth Shalom and its board of Directors, and the Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He founded and organized Troop 9 of Providence. From the Scouts he received the Wood Badge. He was a past commander of Post 369 of the Jewish War Veterans, and a member of Temple Anshe Sholam of Delray Beach.

He leaves two sons, H. Bruce Zimmerman of Pueblo, Colo., and Leslie S. Zimmerman of Providence; and a granddaughter. He was the brother of the late Barnett Zimmerman and Joseph Zimmerman, and Rita C. Dyer.

The funeral was held Sunday, June 23, in the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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"And despite the difficulties — despite the continuing refusal of the Arab world, except for Egypt, to acknowledge our national legitimacy, we do not despair. We have made many concessions in order to bring about peace talks. We have

accepted the presence at the peace table not only of the Americans but also of the Russians and the Europeans.

"But where are the Arabs' partners with whom we should negotiate? We await their answer."

Shoshana S. Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents, presided at the meeting. She reported to the group on the meeting held by Conference representatives with Secretary of State Baker recently.

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# A Closer LOOK

BUSINESS PROFILES

## Matt's Tree Service - Safety In The Skies

by Sarah Baird  
Herald Associate Editor

### A Voice From the Heavens

It wasn't your typical interview. I arrived at the specified location at the designated time. I looked around for a minute or two, saw Matt's truck and equipment...but where was Matt? "Maybe he's on break," I thought.

"He's up there, in that tree," volunteered a friendly neighbor, pointing sixty feet into the air. Up there? Up where? Oh, up there! What's he doing up there? He's going to kill himself! "Excuse me," I hollered. "Are you Matt?"

"That's me," answered a voice from the heavens. "Do you want to come up?"

"No, thanks. Could we do the interview on the ground? Hold on tight!"

### Both Feet on the Ground

A few minutes later, Matt Rieck of Matt's Tree Service is safely on the ground and taking off his equipment.

"I don't believe in ladders," he smiles. "They're very dangerous." Matt prefers to climb with spikes and a few ropes. "I've been doing this for about nine years now. I never met a tree I didn't like!"

"I'll go as high as I have to, it doesn't matter. There's no tree too big that I can't take down. I love this work."

For a guy who likes trees, Matt takes quite a few down. Sixty-five percent of his business is removal. "A tree like this is not good," says Matt, pointing to a large tree towering above a small house. "A lot of people think that having a house surrounded by trees will keep it cool. But actually what happens is when it rains, your house doesn't get any light penetration, so it never dries. That promotes a lot of rot and fungus, mold."

"But I do like to see trees being preserved. I'll take out the dead wood and competitive growth so that you can see the canopy. One of my favorite things is thinning out mon-

strous oak trees. They are beautiful."

Matt started his own business three years ago, after having gained over five years of experience with other tree companies. He began tree work with an accomplished tree surgeon, as soon as he completed high school. There he learned many of his most valuable skills. Matt began his own company, because he believes that he can offer excellent services at better prices than the larger companies.

"I keep my overhead low and give everybody a good price. I can't complain even in these trying times. Prices have come down though to make it worth people's while to spend their money."

Matt's Tree Service will come to your property to give free estimates on jobs. In the winter Matt's company sells firewood and does snow removal. Of course, he also will do emergency tree work in the dead of winter.

Matt is a fully insured professional, who works with three trained employees. He stresses that people should never attempt to take out their own trees. The potential human price is far too high. Some people ruin pools, porches, garages, homes. Others aren't so lucky. Matt knows of at least two people, who lost family members when large branches came down unexpectedly.

Matt puts in twelve to sixteen hours a day, six days a week. The work is dirty and grueling but rewarding. "I have a differ-



ent job every day. I'm outside. And every tree is different. It's very challenging!"

On the weekends, Matt sleeps, rests and likes to spend time with his wife, Melissa, and their cat, Ruby. As the interview comes to a close, I ask:

"Are you ready to get back up that tree?"

"Absolutely!" Matt grins. "We've got to get it down!"

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# WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

by Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

## What Are My Rights?

Dear Attorney Pulner:

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Name Withheld Upon Request

Dear Madam:

First of all, the cause of action you are referring to in your inquiry is called "alienation of affections," and in fact, it was a device for people in a position such as yourself to be able to bring a lawsuit against third parties that were guilty of alienating the affections of one party in a marriage from the other. Fortunately, or unfortunately, this cause of action was abolished by our General

Assembly several years ago and is, therefore, no longer available to you as tool of revenge. I am not Ann Landers and am not going to encourage you to rush into counseling to assist you in venting your anger; but I would remind you

that it takes "two to tango" and that your husband is not free from fault.

Just because there is no longer an avenue for you to sue your husband's lover does not mean that his conduct goes unchallenged or unrecognized in the legal system. If, in fact, you cannot work out your problems with your husband and elect to engage in divorce litigation, his conduct, relative to the "other woman," will be a factor in how the marital assets are distributed. The fact that he has admitted his indiscretion/infidelity to you will be of great value to your attorney. Of course, there is also the possibility that he will deny he

ever made such a statement to you once settlement negotiations begin. Either way, I believe I have answered your question. Good luck to you.

The answers provided above are based upon general legal principles, and therefore will vary from case to case.

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