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(L. to R.) Sidney Goldstein, Ph.D, Ritual Committee co-chair, Warwick Mayor Charles Donovan, President Stephen Sholes and Ethan Adler, principal of Hebrew school.

Am David Holocaust Commemoration

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Last Tuesday evening, April 28, at Temple Am David, students of the temple's religious school were called upon to start the observance of the Yom HaShoah program by lighting seven candles, six representing

the six million slaughtered European Jews, and the seventh recalling the righteous nations who helped save the lives of many victims.

Yom HaShoah is commemorated each year on the 27th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan. (continued on next page)

100 Years, And More!

by Beth Hellman

A few years ago, Peter Strelow changed his name to Pesah Chaim Strel. This might be considered unusual, but for Strel, who celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday, May 1, it's just another phase of a remarkable life.

Born in Russia, in the village of Soraha, Strel escaped to the United States, and says that he enlisted in the US Army because President Wilson promised to permit his daughter to emigrate if he did. During the war, he fought in the trenches, and on the French front near Bordeaux.

When he returned to the United States, Strel, who was already an experienced tailor, worked hard for his family. He opened the "New York Tailoring Company" on Camp Street and then Hope Street.

"He likes to joke that he was a C.P.A.," said Jerry Connis, a friend, "Cleaning, pressing, and alterations."

At the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's birthday party for him, Strel was surrounded by admirers.

Lola Schwartz, Executive Director of the JCCRI, has known Strel for nearly 30 years.

"There aren't many people like Peter," Schwartz said, "He's very feisty, he's very



Pesah Chaim (Peter) Strel
Mazel Tov!

opinionated, but he's always a gentleman."

Even today, Strel lives on his own with his son, takes walks, and rides public transportation to wherever he needs to go.

A member of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh, Strel does not attribute his long life to fad diets or exercise plans.

"I've got a good G-d. That's my secret," he said. "Like anybody else, I eat everything, and never complain. It isn't the food; it's the guy upstairs."

"It's not just the G-d of the Jews. It's the G-d of the Jews and the Christians. It's all the same G-d."

To Pesah "Peter" Strel, a hearty Mazel Tov!

Schechter Selects Director

The Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School has taken great pleasure in announcing the appointment of its new Director, Myrna Rubel. According to Sam Shamoon, chair of the Search Committee, the appointment of Ms. Rubel was unanimously endorsed by the Director Search Committee, which initiated its search last August, soon after the School's first Director, Rabbi Alvan H. Kaunfer, resigned to accept the position of Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. After months of reviewing twenty-three candidate applications from throughout North America and Israel, and after interviewing seven well-qualified candidates, the Search Committee concluded that Ms. Rubel stood out as the candidate with the combined skills of educator, administrator and leader with a vision for a Conservative Jewish day school.

As part of the search process, the Committee set rigorous standards that included instructional leadership, experience in teaching in a day school setting, administrative experience in complicated tasks, and above all, a strong commitment to Jewish education within the framework of the Conservative movement.

Ms. Rubel has had ten years of teaching and administrative experience at the Charles E. Smith School in Rockville, Md., one of the largest day schools in the country. There her special expertise was to coordinate the International Student Program which provided both Judaic and secular educational opportunities to new Americans and visiting Israelis. She earned a reputation as an indefatigable problem solver and able administrator. She is credited by senior level administrators, teachers and parents with fostering a climate that encouraged collegiality among the teachers. She also designed a process that integrated Judaic and secular studies to educate the "whole" Jewish American student.

While teaching and administering programs at the Smith School, Ms. Rubel also was the Judaic Studies Coordinator at the Congregation Har Shalom Religious School in Potomac, Md. There, in addition to teaching, her responsibilities included curriculum development and special involvement with the teenage Mechina program. Most recently, she has been the Principal of Temple Emeth Religious School in

Chestnut Hill, Mass. She holds degrees in Elementary Education and an advanced degree in School Administration. Ms. Rubel and her husband, Gene Rubel, have four children and currently reside in Wellesley, Mass.

The Search Committee found in Myrna Rubel the rare combination of professional and personal traits that include excellent teaching and administrative skills, a warm and caring personality, a deep and lifelong commitment to Judaism, and the concept of K'lal Yisrael. Above all, she expressed her vision of the Alperin Schechter Day School as an institution dedicated to the finest education for the Jewish American child. The Committee was also impressed by her energy and enthusiasm. Her appointment officially begins on July 1, 1992, but, at her request, she will be available through a transitional period beginning on June 1 to the end of the school term. Her presence during this transitional period will insure a smooth beginning when the School reopens in the Fall. The Committee joins the Board of Directors and the entire Schechter community in welcoming Myrna Rubel to Providence.

Yom HaShoah Around The World

Compiled From JTA Reports
Israel

Thursday, April 30th — The sirens sound at 10 a.m., bringing the country to a halt to observe the two minutes of silence that traditionally usher in Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Ceremonies were held Wednesday evening at Kibbutz Lohamesh Hageta'ot, the home of many Holocaust survivors, and at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial and museum in Jerusalem.

There were also ceremonies in the plaza outside the Knesset building. Knesset workers lit six torches in memory of the 6 million Holocaust victims. House Speaker Dov Shilansky, himself a survivor, placed a wreath at the foot of the torches.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the message of Holocaust Day to the Jewish people was that no one should surrender even in the direst circumstances.

The prime minister spoke at a memorial ceremony in Ashdod for the 1,069 illegal immi-

grants who died when their ships, the Struma and Mefkure, foundered enroute to Palestine during World War II.

Washington, D.C.

Bill Clinton, the Democratic presidential front-runner, went to a synagogue in the nation's capital to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Standing on the front steps of Adas Israel, a Conservative congregation, Clinton said the admonition "never again" was not just for the Holocaust but "is an admonition for daily living for all of us."

Also in Washington on Thursday, outgoing German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Israeli Deputy Minister Benjamin Netanyahu were among the close to 1,000 people who packed the U.S. Capitol Rotunda for the 12th annual commemoration there.

They were joined by German President Richard von Weizsaecker, who was on a state visit here, and dozens of Israeli delegates who are Arab for the peace talks with Arab and Palestinian delegations.

House Speaker Thomas

Foley (D-Wash.) and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Maine) were among a few dozen lawmakers who attended the 75-minute ceremony, which also included several Hebrew prayers.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, which sponsored the event, also presented its annual Eisenhower Liberation Medal to Gerhard Riegner. This was the first time the award was given to a Jew, said council spokesman Sam Eskenazi.

Gerhard Riegner is "best known for his chilling cable," in 1942, "that warned American and British Jewish leaders about the Nazi program to murder all European Jews," said Harvey Meyerhoff, chairman of the council.

Riegner, who at the time was the World Jewish Congress's Switzerland representative, sent cables to Rabbi Stephen Wise in the United States and to Sidney Silverman, a Jewish member of the British Parliament.

At the ceremony here, Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, president of (continued on page 6)

FOCUS

Women In The Rabbinate: Beyond Egalitarianism

by Rifka Rosenwein
(Part I of III)

"Lost: Half of Judaism. We're Forming a Search Committee for Women In Judaism," the announcement read.

The sheet of paper was tacked onto the wall of an elevator last fall at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, a place, one would think, where Jewish women had already been found. It was here, at the rabbinical school of the Reform movement, that the first woman rabbi in America was ordained 20 years ago this spring.

When the Reconstructionist and, years later, the Conservative movement followed suit, it seemed to many that the "search" for women in Judaism had ended. They were to be found in the same places as men - in the minyan, or quorum of ten needed for public prayer; in the classroom study-

ing Talmud; and finally, in the pulpit.

And yet as more women have stepped into these roles

And yet as more women have stepped into these roles from which they were formerly excluded, they have found it unrewarding merely to mimic men.

Today, years after the first flush of egalitarianism, women rabbis and rabbinical students are beginning to focus more on their own identity as women, fleshing out their own perspective and addressing their own concerns. In this new light, they are re-examining every corner of Jewish life - from life-cycle events to liturgy, from the interpretation of historic texts to synagogue youth programs. In so doing, women are revitalizing the seminaries, challenging the dogma of their respective movements, and changing the very nature of the rabbinate.

Impact Felt

"There's a feeling within the Reform movement that we've accomplished everything the feminist movement has asked of us, in that women and men are equal," says Jordan Millstein, a senior rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College (HUC). "But there are some deeper, attitudinal issues not resolved."

"What remained undefined is what it means to be a Conservative woman rabbi," echoes Sara Paasche, a first-year rabbinical student at the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary. The first victories allowed women to fulfill what had always been a man's role, she explains. "That was fine then. Now there's a shift. Women do bring something different. We want to figure out where the impact will be on the rabbinate," Ms. Paasche says.

According to the 30 rabbis, academics, students and lay leaders interviewed for this article, women rabbis and rabbinical students have already had quite an impact - on cam-

pus, in congregations, and in community life - though much remains to be done. Even in the Reform movement, where women have been rabbis for 20 years, "there are still glass ceilings" as Rabbi Sally Finestone, the Reform rabbi and director of the Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel, puts it. Salary disparities still exist between men and women. In the Reform and Conservative movements, women have not risen to leadership ranks within the professional rabbinic organizations. And there are no women serving as senior rabbis in the largest, most visible pulpits in the country.

In each of the movements, there are more women rabbis than men who choose to go into education, or campus Hillel work or chaplaincies. This is due in part to the fact that many congregations are still resistant to hiring women - and in part because many women find congregational work too taxing to manage while raising a family.

While these stumbling blocks remain, many of those interviewed believe it is just a

matter of time before women infiltrate all walks of rabbinic life, even in the Orthodox movement, which does not permit women in the rabbinate. In community work, on college campuses and in charitable activities, Orthodox men and women are coming into contact with women rabbis. They serve as "a very powerful model" for Orthodox women who are making increasing gains in religious education and observance, says Blu Greenberg, an Orthodox feminist and author. Eventually, says Ms. Greenberg, Orthodox women are going to ask, "why not me?"

In the meantime, it is in the rabbinical schools of the liberal denominations where women have made their most profound impact. Women now constitute almost half of each graduating class at HUC, JTS and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Having women in the classroom has changed the way students and teachers look at texts and how they view the pastoral and religious responsibilities awaiting them.

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Diaspora Conference at Brown

Cohen Appointed to Chair

by Stephen Ben-Allen

On Thursday, April 30, Brown University held a conference on *Diasporas in Antiquity*, which served both as an intellectual gathering, and a celebration of the inauguration of Shaye J.D. Cohen as the first Samuel Ungerleider, Jr. '39 Professor of Judaic Studies.

The lectures focused on how various ancient diaspora peoples adapted to their environment.

"The notion of Diaspora is not a simple one," said Professor Joseph Meleze-Modrzejewski, Professor of Ancient History, Sorbonne, University of Paris. Meleze-Modrzejewski's lecture, "How to Be a Greek and Yet a Jew in Hellenistic Alexandria," described the lives of two upper-class Jews in ancient Egypt.

"When the Greeks discovered the Jews," Meleze-Modrzejewski said, "they saw them as a nation of philosophers. According to Meleze-Modrzejewski, the Jews lived comfortably, and achieved positions of power. And, like many Jews in diaspora, they chafed against ancient traditions. One man, Dositheos, was, according to

Maccabees, "a Jew by birth, who afterwards has changed his customs and became estranged from his ancestral beliefs..." And another, Demetrios, was an historian who took to quantifying biblical dates.

The Jews of Hellenistic Alexandria survived and thrived, until the Roman conquest, at which point they were all wiped out.

Later in the day, Professor Shaye J.D. Cohen, spoke on "Those Who Say They Are Jews but Are not: How You Know a Jew in Antiquity when You see One." Cohen explored how the Jews of the ancient diaspora made themselves distinctive without making themselves too conspicuous.

"The short answer is you don't know a Jew in antiquity when you see one," said Professor Cohen in a telephone conversation. "The ultimate answer is that basically a Jew is somebody who says that he or she is a Jew, which is exactly the way it is today. If a person comes up to you and says, 'I am a Jew,' then you assume that he is a Jew. That seems to be the way it was in antiquity as

well."

Cohen received his bachelor's degree in classics from Yeshiva College and earned an Ungerleider Distinguished Scholar in Judaic Studies, a position created in 1975 with funds from the D.S. and R.H. Gottesman Foundation and Joy (Ungerleider) Mayerson as a tribute to her late husband. In 1990, a gift from Artemis A.W. Joukowsky, Brown's vice chancellor, advanced degrees in ancient history from Columbia University. In 1974, he received rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The Ungerleider professorship is a metamorphosis of the cello, combined with the 15-year growth of the endowment fund, enabled the University to establish a professorship in Ungerleider's name.

The Brown program in Judaic Studies is dedicated to the study of Jews and Judaism from both the humanities and the social sciences perspective. It encourages the participation of both Jews and non-Jews in its programs. The Program hopes to revive the Ph.D. degree in classical or ancient Judaism in the next academic year.

Am David

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Congregants joined together to deliver a message that is probably the most important message to survivors. "We remember the Holocaust." Then, sixth and seventh graders stood before the congregants proudly recanting the Martyrology Kaddish.

Guest speaker and survivor, Joseph Schwartz, gave an emotionally solemn talk explaining how he and his wife, Helen, along with the too numerous

other Jews "were dehumanized by hunger, cold, beatings and finally murder. We, the survivors, witnessed the worst crimes in our history..."

Blaming the Holocaust on "bigotry, prejudice, and religious fanaticism," Schwartz said, "we, the survivors, cannot forgive and forget. Only those dead can forget..."

"We are grateful for the righteous Christians who helped us and the soldiers who rescued us..." However, he continued, "We are to bear the responsibil-

ity for never letting this happen again. The Holocaust was and should be treated as a tragedy for all humanity."

Schwartz strongly proclaimed, "I am proud to be an American, but we must watch out for Israel. The American constitution guarantees me life, liberty and justice, unfortunately history can repeat itself..."

Several prayers were then given such as El Maleh Rachamim — Lord of Compassion (continued on page 14)

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THE RHODE ISLAND JEWISH HERALD... IN TOUCH WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Judaism, Americanism And Mazon A Voice For Pollard

by Leonard Fein

By now we are supposed to be used to the matter-of-fact description of desperate need in Mississippi, Massachusetts and Montana, of hunger in big cities and in rural areas, of malnourished newborns and homeless families, of people whose food stamps run out a week before they're eligible for more, of people who don't know how to apply for food stamps and of people who are too proud to apply for food stamps, of the frail elderly who live alone and depend on delivered meals not only for their food but also for the few minutes of companionship the driver provides.

But how can we allow ourselves to "get used" to such tragedies, to such scandals? Yes, it would be a relief to turn away from them, to turn to more pleasant things. But how can we? How dare we? And if we do, may G-d help us, what happens to those who are haunted by hunger?

We are American citizens, and we are Jews; hence we are twice-born into traditions of generosity and justice. As

Jews, we are children of history's most ancient obsession with justice, of a people who once left the corners of their fields to be gleaned by the poor. As Americans, we are citizens of history's greatest experiment in freedom, of a country that others take as their example and their inspiration.

Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger asks no more than that we breathe life into these twin traditions. Sooner or later, the general and generous will of the American people must shape the political will of its leaders. Sooner or later, we must come to translate into law our belief that in a society of abundance, freedom from hunger is an entitlement. But meanwhile, are today's victims to be held hostage to tomorrow's reforms? Meanwhile, therefore, there is Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Leonard Fein, former publisher of Moment Magazine, is the founder of Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger. To make a contribution, call (212) 475-5427 or write Mazon, 197 East Broadway, N.Y., N.Y. 10002.

Spirituality And The Law

(continued from previous page) blessing sanctifying Shabbat and holidays; *Kaddish*, which sanctifies Hashem's Name and with which we also remember the soul; *Kiddushin*, the marriage ceremony. But each of these have little to do with wine, death, or marriage - and everything to do with making these moments special and separated from other times. The noun is *Kedusha* - "Holiness." The root meaning of the word goes several ways: it implies becoming or making something separate, special, unique or extraordinary. There is *kadosh* that means "special and holy," and there is *kadosh* that means "untouchable, unreachable." The Torah seems to be telling the ancient Hebrews to behave in ways that would separate them from the practices of neighboring civilizations, which were seen as corrupt and violent. The Torah does not separate between "higher" ethical purity and "ritual" purity.

We might well ask ourselves, do the same issues apply to us today? When we drink, conduct our businesses, relate to our families, or have sex mindlessly - or worse still, in oppressive, wasteful or violent ways - we are clearly out of touch with *Kedusha*, the Torah's idea of the sanctity of life. Yet the Torah teaches us that when these moments are approached with reverence, infused with spiritual meaning, and imbued with values that we can live by, the events, objects and places are suddenly lifted into another realm of spirituality which is beyond and "separate" from mundane experience. When we behave ethically, relate to others as fellow persons and not as objects to be manipulated; when we celebrate the passage of time and seasons within communal values, then the acts of drinking, lighting fire, eating, doing business, making

love and being a family become holy, special and apart. This is where *Kedusha* is found.

The counting of the Omer between Pesach and Shavuot also reflects the spiritual preparation that we undergo in order to receive our own "personal Torah." Thus, it seems appropriate to ask ourselves in this season of Spring and spiritual renewal:

- how can we bring spiritual content into our lives?
- how can we conduct our business in more ethical ways?
- how can we make Jewish rituals more enjoyable, and make the things we like to do feel more "Jewish"?
- how can we make "Friday night" into "Erev Shabbat"?

In our quest to understand the Torah's inner truth, shouldn't we re-examine the ancient fears and misconceptions about homosexuality, and accept that *Kedusha* "holiness" may be found in same-sex relationships as well as in heterosexual love?

- how can we make the everyday, the profane, the humdrum, into events that bring holiness into our lives?

Let us search for the touch of the Holy One in our lives.

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"He's a hero - a Jew who risks everything just to help his people." That's how Pawtucket lawyer Larry Dub sees convicted spy Jonathan Pollard. Dub flew to Marion, Illinois, last May to visit the high security political prisoner. He hopes to go again this month. "They 'tattoo' you as you go in with ultraviolet signals to check your every movement. It's a no-escape jail. The U.S. government shows off how it can punish state criminals. Jonathan Pollard has been living in hell for six and a half years. He stays in a small cell 6 floors underground. He never sees a tree or a cloud. He gets one phone call per week, for 15 minutes. He eats the same meal 3 times a day, 7 days. But he has turned into an observant Jew - he wears a yarmulke, he keeps kosher. He can spend \$4 a week at the canteen, but the only kosher item is a Hershey bar. It's not marked O U so they don't know. They keep an eye on him.

"Pollard stands nearly 6 feet and weighs over 200 pounds, he's a big guy. He just sits and writes letters. He looks forward to a monthly visit, from his dad, the Notre Dame physicist-professor Morris Pollard, or his mom or his sister. And why is he locked in this terrible prison far away from home and family? Because he transferred classified information not to an enemy nation, but to an ally. Basically he was set up, sandbagged. Naval Intelligence, for whom he worked, entered what is called a wired plea bargain, using his wife as bait. To protect her he let go of his own defense. You know the story."

Larry told this tale at his headquarters on Pawtucket Avenue, where he lives and works one week a month. He

commutes to Rhode Island from Jerusalem, where he makes his Israeli home with his wife Karen and their 5 children. He doesn't seem to suffer from the monumental jet lag. He holds forth calmly, with reason, spirit and substance. He keeps a big file on the case. Dub blames Casper Weinberger, former secretary of defense, for the trap laid for Pollard. Weinberger was the son of German Jews who converted away. Weinberger labelled Pollard a "traitor." Right here on R.I. radio WHJJ, he said, "Pollard committed treason and deserves to be hanged." Pollard in fact never was formally charged with treason. But the judge in the trial was Black, and Weinberger told him that Pollard was selling missile technology to South Africa, to use against Blacks. At an appeal, a dissenting Judge Williams quoted from MacBeth.

"They keep the word of promise to our ear, and break it to our hope." In other words, Pollard was betrayed by the government. He languishes in solitary, his skin clammy, his eyes clouding with a preglaucoma condition, paper cuts never healing in the unhealthy air. Dub said more.

"Rabbi Avi Weiss comes to sit with him. The Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Israel brought him a Bible. Reps of the Israeli government stop by with some brighter prospects. They claim they're building him a house in the Negev, and naming a street for him. That's if he continues to lie low within his sensory deprivation and takes his incarceration quietly, naming nobody else.

"I'll tell you, Mike, this guy, he's discreet, forceful, brilliant." Dub shows me his letters from Pollard. The handwriting is neat and graceful, the words are considered and convincing. He tells Larry Dub that the recent visit of Elie Wiesel buoyed him with new hope. He was very grateful. He said he hoped to acquire something of the dignity of Elie Wiesel.

Larry sees Pollard as the product of a lonely Texas boyhood. He was the only Jewish kid in town. He was also haunted by the specter of the Holocaust. He felt at the time that he was doing the right thing, though he now feels genuine remorse.

"Once again the major Jewish establishment has failed to make a claim. If Pollard were Black, the Jesse Jacksons would be right out there for him. In fact it was the Year of the Spy. Others who then did the same kind of thing got off easy, with 2 years at the most. But American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, they were afraid. And maybe Pollard's brains did him in. He gave interviews to Wolfe Blitzer of the *Jerusalem Post*, and to Mike Wallace on TV, a convert from Judaism. He made mistakes. Now he is a penitent vegetarian, barely subsisting while he waits, and learns, and writes."

I asked one final question of Larry Dub, Pollard's friend and ally. "Do you think he's found some kind of happiness or fulfillment within himself?"

The answer was quick and to the point. "No, I think we have to get him out of there."

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Yom HaShoah

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Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, presented Riegner with the original copies of his letters, which had been stored at the Reform seminary. Riegner in turn presented them for display at the national Holocaust museum, which is scheduled to open sometime in 1993.

While Israel was scarcely mentioned during the ceremony, the State Department was criticized by Meyerhoff for its opposition to rescuing European Jews during the Holocaust.

It was 50 years ago that the department "refused to pass Riegner's cable on to Wise," on the basis that it was "unsubstantiated rumor," said Meyerhoff.

Oswiecim, Poland

Amid the chimneys that dot the green fields of the Birkenau extermination camps, 5,000 Jewish youths, Holocaust survivors and visiting dignitaries yesterday paid tribute to the victims of the Holocaust.

Held to mark Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Day, the ceremony was the culmination of the weeklong visit to Poland called the "March of the Living."

The emotionally charged day began at 2 p.m., when the participants assembled at Auschwitz for a symbolic

2-mile march to Birkenau. The groups, representing 42 countries, assembled just inside the entrance to Auschwitz. Each delegation marched behind banners bearing the name of their home country.

At 2:30 p.m. the participants, arms locked in unity, retraced the steps that hundreds of thousands of Jews were forced to take on their way to the gas chambers.

The march began with the sounding of the shofar. Along the way, local people could be seen pressing their faces against their windowpanes. In all, only a few hundred townspeople watched the procession.

But if only a handful of Poles saw the procession in person, virtually all had the opportunity to watch it on television or read about it in their morning paper. At least two dozen Polish journalists covered the event, along with 120 foreign correspondents.

After the marchers entered the barbed-wire fence surrounding Birkenau, several teens read out the names of loved ones who had died in the Holocaust. Holocaust survivors, Jewish community leaders and members of the Knesset lit the six memorial torches.

Following the formal ceremony, young and old "planted" small wooden signs that they had inscribed with the names of family members who had died.

Kneeling on the damp ground next to the railroad track that brought so many to their deaths, individuals hammered in the signs and lit yahrzeit candles.

One was inscribed, "To the child who never saw another butterfly," while another read, "In memory of the 6 million who died at the hands of the Nazis. Your lives were not in vain."



Moscow

A two-day International Conference on Genocide opened here Wednesday, attended by more than 700 people.

The conference, sponsored in part by the Russian Ministry of Culture, was organized by the Moscow Jewish Cultural and Educational Society. It was more than five years in the making because of bureaucratic snags. Although life changed significantly in the former Soviet Union during

those years, many participants saw little difference between contemporary groups such as Pamyat, which scrawls "Death to all Jews" on walls, and those that spread their messages of hate earlier in the century.

In addition to panel discussions, the conference featured an exhibition of photographs borrowed from the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem depicting life in the Warsaw Ghetto, and the dedication of a memorial in honor of the dead.

The group's main goal is to attract the attention of Russian society, a spokesman said, because it is time the silence on the tragedy was broken.

Rome

Thousands marched through the center of Rome on Monday to protest rising racism and intolerance and to mark the 47th anniversary of the Allied liberation of the city from Nazi occupation in World War II.

State and city officials, church dignitaries, Jewish leaders, concentration camp survivors, former partisan fighters and youngsters who were unborn when the war ended attended a ceremony at the Campidoglio, Rome's City Hall, and marched to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in nearby Piazza Venezia.

The City Council decided March 2 to stage the event in response to a large neo-Nazi rally two days before by some 600 Skinheads who marched through central Rome shouting racist and anti-Semitic slogans.

One of the speakers stressed that Jews "are anything but different from the rest of us Italians. They are totally integrated into the life of our city and country, so much so that among the Jews, just as among Italians in general, there were those who supported fascism and those, the majority, who fought the fascist regime as partisans," the speaker said.

Budapest

Non-Jewish Hungarians who helped save Jewish lives when their country was allied with Nazi Germany in World War II were given places of honor at the Holocaust memorial ceremony at the Budapest City Hall on Wednesday.

The Jewish community's focus on their valiant acts of a half-century ago was intended to serve as an indirect warning against the reversion to nationalism and anti-Semitism that is being witnessed today.

Only last week, graffiti on the walls of a Catholic church in Budapest equated a Star of David with the Red Star of the discredited Communist regime.

Five "Righteous Gentiles" were called upon to kindle five of the six memorial candles symbolizing the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, 600,000 of them Hungarian Jews. The sixth candle was lit by two Jewish youngsters in the name of Jewish youth in Hungary today.

The ceremony was the first Holocaust memorial ever held on state or city property. In past years, premises owned by the Jewish community were used.



NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. Lawrence Smith's decision this week not to run for re-election is being seen here as a major setback for the Pro-Israel community on Capitol Hill, which has long benefited from the Florida Democrat's support. Smith, who is Jewish, is suffering politically for having written 161 overdrafts at the House Bank.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) — Sen. Arlen Specter has been renominated for a third term by Pennsylvania Republicans, who gave him a 2-1 margin over an opponent who challenged Specter for supporting Israel. But in November, Specter will have to face Democrat Lynn Yeakel, who entered the race because she said she was angered by the aggressive manner in which Specter interrogated Anita Hill, who had accused Supreme Court Judge Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — George Mandel-Mantello, a Jew who as a Salvadoran diplomat during World War II saved 200,000 Jews and non-Jews from the Nazis, died Saturday at the age of 90. As first secretary of the Salvadoran Consulate in Geneva from 1942 to 1945, he mass-produced and distributed some 15,000 Salvadoran citizenship papers to Jews and non-Jews throughout Nazi-occupied Europe. It is believed that 95 percent of the holders of these papers survived the Holocaust.

INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The civil war in the Balkan states that formerly constituted Yugoslavia has produced not a wave but a ripple of Jewish immigration from the region. Since the internal strife began last year, 220 of the former Yugoslav federation's estimated 5,500 Jews have come to settle in Israel.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Defense Force is searching for a hillock it seems to have mislaid. Officers returning from Passover leave discovered the mound they had used for training purposes on the Golan Heights was missing. A Druse from Majdal Shams village was detained on suspicion that he bulldozed it away.

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Syrian Jews Still Not Free To Leave

by Larry Yudelson

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Syrian government has confirmed that it has lifted travel restrictions on its 4,500-member Jewish community.

But according to reports reaching North America, the first Jews to apply have been turned down.

"Apparently no one was given an exit permit today," Seymour Reich reported recently, a day after the U.S. State Department announced the change in Syrian policy. Reich chairs the Task Force on Syrian Jewry of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council sent a telegram recently to Secretary of State James Baker expressing concern over the reports that the new travel policy in Syria was not being implemented.

The Syrian policy shift was first conveyed privately to leaders of the Syrian Jewish community by government officials before Passover, and the news quickly spread to excited friends and relatives in North America and Israel.

On April 27, the State Department and White House reported that Syria had informed U.S. officials that travel restrictions against Jews had been lifted.

But Reich said Jews were denied exit visas recently in Damascus and Aleppo, two centers of the country's Jewish community.

In some instances, applicants were told by officials that new instructions had not yet been issued; other Jews were told to come back in three weeks; and some were told that the permission to leave would be granted only for cases of family reunification.

Nevertheless, activists for Syrian Jewry remain cautiously optimistic. Some say that Syria could not be expected to move faster, given the bureaucratic realities of the Middle East.

"We believe we have to wait to see how the policy is implemented, and how people come out, and give the lifting of regulations a chance to

work," said Gilbert Kahn, executive director of the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews.

The activists have not forgotten that Syria has not delivered on past promises.

At the same time, both Secretary of State Baker and his Syrian counterpart, Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa, emphasized that Syria has announced free travel, not free emigration.

In Damascus, the Syrian news agency Sana quoted Sharaa as saying: "The matter deals with the freedom of travel for Syrian citizens and not emigration."

But he also said that Syrian President Hafez Assad had "directed the concerned authorities to facilitate the travel of all citizens regardless of their religion and to remove the existing routine procedures."

Those procedures included leaving a family member behind to serve in effect as a hostage, and posting a bond officially quoted at \$1,000 but in reality many times that amount.

In Washington, during a photo opportunity with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy, Baker was asked whether there was reason to believe Syrian Jews would be given the right to emigrate freely from Syria.

"No, and I don't think that's what the announcement contemplated," Baker replied. "But I do think that if implemented, the decision will mean that Syrian Jews will be entitled to all of the rights and privileges that other Syrian citizens have; that is, the freedom to travel."

Baker called Syria's announcement "very positive and welcome."

In their meeting, Levy thanked Baker for American efforts on behalf of Syrian Jews.

According to U.S. government sources, President Bush has written a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir explaining that while the Syrians have not changed their formal position on emigration, the door is now open for Jews to leave the country.

American Indians In Israel



In April, a group of 12 American Indians and Eskimo Christian leaders visited Israel on a ten-day tour, where they were hosted by the Israel Ministry of Tourism. The leaders represent an organization of Native American Christians that includes almost 5,000 churches in the United States, Canada, Central and South America. While in Israel, they filmed a documentary to be used to attract members of their congregations to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November.

First Jewish-Vatican Meeting In U.S.

For the first time, representatives of the Vatican and Jewish groups worldwide will convene a formal conference in the United States to jointly outline positions combatting anti-Semitism and the study of the Holocaust at a conference to be held in Baltimore next week.

The meeting of the International Catholic-Jewish Committee, the principal instrumentality for the ongoing dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the world Jewish community, has during the past quarter of a century held 13 meetings, all of them until now outside of the United States.

The final document to emerge from next week's Baltimore meeting is expected to include a forceful condemnation of anti-Semitism and consider means for joint Catholic-Jewish action to combat it.

The last meeting of the International Committee, held in Prague, Czechoslovakia in September, 1990, condemns anti-Semitism as "a sin against G-d and humanity." It noted

"that one cannot be authentically Christian and engage in anti-Semitism."

The Baltimore meeting, bringing together some 60 international scholars and representatives of the Catholic Church and Jewish community will be chaired by Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Chairman of the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews and Edgar M. Bronfman, Chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Inter-religious Consultations.

A large part of the deliberations will include a historical examination of the meaning of the tragedy of the Holocaust to Catholics and Jews. The Vatican has stated that it is preparing a major statement on that tragic period.

The Catholic and Jewish delegates will, in this connection, begin their sessions in Washington on Monday, May 4, with a visit to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum now under construction in the nation's capital.

"This visit symbolically underscores our joint commit-

ment to recalling authentically the crimes of the Nazis against humanity," Mr. Bronfman said.

The meeting is being hosted by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, headed by the Most Rev. William H. Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, on May 4. A public program featuring keynote addresses by prominent leaders of church and synagogue, will be presented at St. Mary's Seminary and University, where the working sessions will also take place through May 7.



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Jewish Agencies Merge Offices In Israel

The Council of Jewish Federations, United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal have announced that their offices in Israel will be merged in the near future.

The new office, in Jerusalem, will combine many of the functions previously performed separately by these agencies to give more effective service to Jewish communities.

The organizations also announced the appointment of Menachem Revivi to be Director-General of the office. The Director-General of UIA in Israel will continue to carry out certain independent responsibilities of UIA.

According to the Council of Jewish Federations, "The

merged office represents a unique opportunity to significantly deepen the relationship between American Jews and Israel. All three of the agencies have provided direct services to local Federations in the United States. The merged

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"Ziegfeld isn't a re-creation of a Follies. It's a valentine of that entire era. Just beautiful fun, beautiful nonsense like the old Hollywood MGM musical," chimes David Nehls with melodic exuberance. One would never think he's been with the show since August 1990.

One of five original cast members, David's zest hasn't zapped.

"I can talk about this show forever," he said over the phone. "I feel more energized now than when we first began. We've done a lot of overhauling, redoing and recasting. People come and people go."

Not David. His role as Eddie Cantor has it all. "It shows off everything I do ... sing, tap dance, even fly. It's the kind of thing somebody like me dies for. I just love it!"

The story line is simple. Three girls leave their hometown to audition for the Ziegfeld Follies and become the stars. Their boyfriends, left back home, trek to New York and find them.

"And that's all there is," David says. "It's an excuse for a lot of wonderful production numbers. It's an excuse for taking a stroll down Memory Lane. It's an excuse for gorgeous costumes, great songs. It's a getaway ... two hours and 10 minutes of getting away, forgetting all about that stuffed-up sink."

He dislikes saying he plays Eddie Cantor. "I wouldn't want to be an imitator of Eddie Cantor. Nobody can do that! He was an original, definitely the genuine article.

"He had his own style. In some movies, people imitate him. I find that offensive."

In preparing for *Ziegfeld* rehearsals, David rented all the Eddie Cantor films he could from a video store, and got a copy of the late comedian's biography *Take My Life*.

Then word came not to watch films or read anything about Eddie Cantor. "I was told to go ahead and be myself. Think about all the burlesque and vaudeville I knew.

"What's happened is I bear somewhat of a resemblance to him. We've gone ahead and said, this is the character Eddie but it also has Bobby Clark, Ed Winn, an amalgam of many vaudeville performers."

David, together with Kathy Halenda, are *Ziegfeld*'s two comic performers. "She's fabulous, an amalgam of Sophie Tucker, Mae West, and Fannie Brice!" he exclaims.

The musical comedy actor grew up in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, a small town near Pittsburgh. Trained since junior high school in classical piano, he majored in piano performance at Shenandoah Conservatory, outside of Washington, D.C. He also loved theatre, and graduated as a music theatre major.

David's first break was Herod in *Jesus Christ Superstar* for Toby Ornstein's Dinner Theatre in Washington D.C. He wrote the score for a show, *Starting Another Day*, which premiered at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theatre in 1987.

He met success with a score he wrote for Toby Ornstein's production of *It's A Wonderful Life* in December, 1989. It was extended five months. David never got to see it. He was on tour with another show.

Last December, Sheldon Harnock of *Fiddler On The Roof* fame produced a more serious version at the Arena Theatre in Washington, D.C. "Our production ran neck in neck with his very different production," David says. "The *Washington Times* and *Baltimore Sun* gave us excellent reviews. *Variety* raved that our production was 'lavish and very unfulfilling,' Mr. Harnock's 'meager and very fulfilling.'"

Reaction from the *Variety* review has brought about the show being done by the State Theatre of Maryland next December, a tour planned for 1993, calls from NBC and Hollywood picture companies.

David's performance for *Ziegfeld* next week won't be his first on the Providence Performing Arts Center stage. He was here for *Me And My Girl* in the role of the feeble and deaf Sir Jasper Tring.

"It was my first week on the road with the show and a scary time. I was proud to be part of that incredible cast." The only nightmare was all the time he spent gluing his wig and moustache pieces for the part. "I had to get to the theatre two hours before curtain time."

David also played Tom Sawyer in *Big River*. He praised the show's director, Bud Westbrook, "a genius, who took a three-hour script, cut it into two hours and 10 minutes, and made perfect sense out of it."

He was challenged as George M. Cohan in *George M!*, a difficult journey from teenager to an older man. "One of my roughest but fulfilling roles," he says.



Comedy that brings back Eddie Cantor (David Nehls) and Mae West (Karliah Hamilton, now played by Kathy Halenda). They're starring in *Ziegfeld: A Night At The Follies* coming to the Providence Performing Arts Center May 15 through May 17. They're pictured in the "Lost Liberty Blues" number. Photos: Martin Photography, Inc., The Troika Organization.

His Eddie Cantor role in *Ziegfeld* is equally demanding. "It's like a roller coaster ride. Once it starts, it doesn't stop," he says with a smile in his voice.

An affiliated artist with the show, David's contract runs for three years. After Providence, the tour settles in Atlantic City for two performing months, then on to L.A. for a month at Plantation Theatre.

Awaiting him is the "guaranteed" role of Seymour in *Little Shop Of Horrors*, a part he's always wanted to do. "I'm really critical of myself. I know when I'm not right for a role, but this one's right for me.

"It takes a lot for me to say that. I'm quick to say I'm not right for a role. Some actors have false realities about themselves. I know many people just like me, who are definitely character people, and insist on auditioning for ingenue parts, playing these strapping men."

Despite his good luck with *It's A Wonderful Life*, David Nehl's bio states he's a struggling composer. The show's success has been wonderful for him, he says, but by the same token, he's shy to write anything, fearing his luck will change.

Yet, he's toying with working on a score for "The Hiding Place," a story "totally against everything I've talked about as far as *Ziegfeld* and fun theatre. It's very serious and about Corrie Ten Boom, who hid Jews in a secret hiding place." (The book is an autobiography by Corrie Ten Boom, a member of a Christian family, who saved Jewish victims during the Holocaust.)

Raised as a Lutheran, David talked about his Jewish roots. "Within the past five or six years, I've been wanting to know more about my heritage, and more about the whole Jewish faith.

"It's interesting to me having been brought up in a Lutheran atmosphere. My mother is Jewish; my father is Lutheran. I really want to know more about Judaism."

David speaks in rapid arpeggio tones. His musical voice dances. "The best way to relay an emotion is through your voice. I have this horrible paranoia about not being heard. I have to talk a lot, and loud!"

Filmwork lacks appeal for David. He briefly tried it, but jabbed his experience as "heinous. Imagine, filming over a period of three days for a three-minute scene.

"Theatre is so much more rewarding. You're in control. If you're failing, you have the power to fix it. It's wonderful to see people laugh and smile.

"Kathy and I try to pick somebody in the audience who's sour. It becomes our job to crack a smile on that face. If you can, you've done the job. Luckily, 99% of the time we do!"

When David sat among the audience of his *It's A Wonderful Life*, he had the "most cathartic experiences, seeing people moved to tears by what I wrote.

"There's nothing like it. To know you're touching somebody else's life in a positive manner is what it's all about. A movie can do that, but I want to be there to see it."

He feels *Ziegfeld* will work so beautifully at the Providence Performing Arts Center. "We know we look great out there anytime we play an old vaudeville house like that."



David Nehls, Eddie the Comic, is serenaded by the Bye-Bye Babies, Pamela Gold and Tracy Reese in "So Long Oo Long."



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And for an evening of high opera, Metropolitan Opera soprano **Roberta Peters** will perform a program of classical and popular music in the Recital Hall of the URI Fine Arts Center, Kingston, on May 15 at 8 pm. Tickets \$20. For information and reservations, (401) 792-5843.

Hot Property

by Sven

It is the last night at Faith's Bar and I am in my usual spot observing the goings-on, when who should come in but a far distant memory whose name I shall not relate for his and my protection.... It's about time. Finally, someone (Paula Martiesian and Kenneth J. Capenter) has realized that Art is where it's at. Art doesn't have to mean obscurity. Art doesn't have to mean low quality control.

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"Burn This" is Trinity Rep's third staging of a Lanford Wilson play, following the 1981

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A Great Grandmother

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Marion Misch was a world traveler. She traveled to many European countries such as France, England, Germany but also to the more remote regions of the world - Palestine, Egypt, Ceylon, India, China and South Africa. She shared her experiences by speaking and presenting slides of her travels at meetings held by the State Federation of Women's Clubs and the Council of Jewish Women.

Marion Misch was an edu-

cator. She wrote many articles on teaching, both of religious and secular subjects. She served on the Providence School Committee for fourteen years as a very conscientious member. During that time she made valuable contributions to the upgrading of the school system of Providence.

Marion Misch was a feminist, many years before the cause was popular. She was also a music lover who put at the disposal of the music clubs her large music room with its piano, pipe organ, violin and cello. She was very civic-minded and served as president of many clubs. Together with other members of the Providence Section, National Council of Jewish Women, she founded in 1907 the North End Dispensary.

But it is not as a teacher, a business woman, a worldwide traveler, an author and lecturer, a philanthropist, a musi-



OUT OF THE PAST

by Eleanor F. Horvitz



Marion L. Misch with her five grandchildren (left to right): Dr. Marion Ruth Misch, Dr. Donald W. Misch, W. Richard Misch, Dr. Robert C. Misch, Dorothy L. Misch Winer.

cian or a feminist that we pay tribute to Marion Misch on this Mother's Day, May 10, 1992. It is for her role as the grandmother of the five children of her only son, Walter, that she is being remembered. During an interview in 1980 with her five grandchildren they spoke of their relationship with her. She was constantly teaching and directing them.

From their recollections are excerpted some of their comments:

"She was really involved with us - a superb grandmother."

"She would invite us by sending a written invitation and we were expected to reply in kind - as if you were in the British Court."

"There was great emphasis on manners and doing the proper thing and yet she was lovable."

"There was no excuse for boredom, no excuse to be tardy. There was practically no excuse for anything."

Marion Misch took it upon herself to teach her grandchildren about their Jewish heritage and sent them to Temple Beth El's Religious School. She demonstrated her lack of prejudice to her grandchildren by involving them in her interracial activities. She was generous with her worldly goods and concern for the less fortunate in the example she set for them. She urged the children to be creative, to be open-minded.

At the age of 71 on January 18, 1941 Marion Misch died. Rabbi William Braude in his eulogy at her funeral remarked, "She loved children. She loved to share with them her knowledge and convictions. Marion Misch lavished great and wise affection upon her own grandchildren."

A Renaissance woman, called by some "a grande dame," it seems proper that in her biography one also includes the attribute of "a wise and beloved grandmother."

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Gereboffs To Receive Alumni Award From PHDS

Dr. Alex Mandel, President of the Providence Hebrew Day School New England Academy of Torah in Providence, R.I., announced the establishment of a new award from the

school which will recognize alumni achievement. The first Alumni Recognition Award will be presented to two brothers Murray and Joel Gereboff, both distinguished graduates

of the school. The presentation will be made at the PHDS Annual Amudim Scholarship Event at the Providence Marriott Inn on Sunday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Murray Gereboff, Esq. is a lifelong resident of Rhode Island. He graduated from PHDS in 1961, as a member of the first ninth grade class. In 1968 Murray obtained his undergraduate degree from Brown University, and went on to receive his law degree from Boston University in 1973. He is a partner in the firm of Gereboff and Gelade along with Jules Gelade, a fellow Day School graduate.

Murray is Secretary of the Gemilath Chesed Hebrew Free Loan Association of Providence, Vice President of the Chesed Shel Amess Association (Lincoln Park Cemetery) and an active member of Temple Emanu-El.

Murray lives in Providence with his wife, Rosalyn, and son, Michael.

Dr. Joel Gereboff graduated PHDS in 1964. After graduating from the New York University and the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1971, he went on to study at Hebrew University until 1975. In 1977, Joel earned his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Brown University. He subsequently held Visiting and Assistant Professorships at York University, Arizona State

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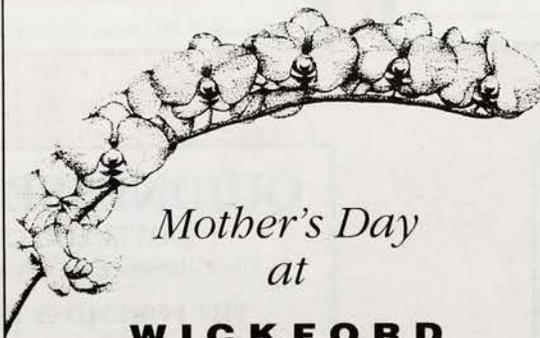
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

An Excellent Job

by Mark Binder

When I think of my mother, I picture her sitting next to a swimming pool, smiling, or in the kitchen, fumbling like Mary Tyler Moore for a pair of pot holders, or behind the desk at her computer, writing a speech for a national convention.

She's a phenomenal woman. My mother, Elaine K. Binder, is the eldest daughter of the late Florence and Max Kotell. She grew up in Somerville, had three sisters, Joann, Ruth, and Ida, went to Radcliffe, and eventually married my father, Richard A. Binder, whom she met through BBYO. My brother, Jonathan, and I came along, and if it hadn't been for the women's movement that grew out of the sixties, my mother might have remained a housewife.



Elaine K. Binder

In 1971, she got a job at Wider Opportunities for Women as a career counselor. Meanwhile, she began attending the University of Maryland to receive her master's degree. "I wanted to counsel girls, who I felt got short shrift in be-

ing counselled for careers," she said.

At WOW, she helped with counseling and training for women reentering the workforce. Then she moved on to the Women's Equity Action League, and operated her own counselling business for a while. She spent five years as the Administrative Director of the American Association of University Women before moving on to her present position.

Now she's the Executive Director of B'nai B'rith Women in Washington, D.C.

For the past seven years, she's been with BBW as the organization broke away from B'nai B'rith International, and has struggled to establish its own separate identity.

"The members probably see the organization as an opportu-

nity for them to get together with other women and socialize, but, at the same time, make a contribution to their community, to Israel, and to themselves as individuals," she explained.

For more than 25 years, BBW has sponsored an Arab/Jewish Human Relations Project at Hebrew University, which has continued to meet during the Intifada. For 40 years, it has supported a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed boys in Israel.

And in the United States, BBW has become involved in projects on domestic violence, on education, and for uniting Jewish women.

This is pretty impressive stuff to learn about anyone, let alone a parent.

But, as amazed at her resume as I am (consider that she had borne and raised two children

before re-entering the workforce), I am moved by the fact that my mother makes sure that her own roots and her loves, especially her family are never ignored.

I recently discovered that my mother had begun making donations to Temple B'nai B'rith, the synagogue she grew up with in Somerville, Massachusetts.

"For a long time, I looked for a way to memorialize my parents," she said. "They had a very deep and close connection with the temple in Somerville, and by contributing, it's a way of keeping their memory alive in the place that they lived."

Talking with a parent is like unearthing a treasure. Sometimes it takes a little work, but when you reach your goal, no matter what you find is worth more than gold.

Thanks, Mom.

Jewish Historical Members View Jewish Artists

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

The Social Hall at the Jewish Community Center was the site last Sunday afternoon for the annual David Charak Adelman lecture delivered by Marion Wilner, artist, teacher and lecturer of Fall River, MA. Her lecture and slide show presentation included various Jewish artists: Barnett Newman, Ben Shahan, Max Weber, Larry Rivers and Leonard Baskin.

etc. However, sociopolitical and socioeconomic problems had a more profound influence on most Jewish artists.

She spoke of Isaac, Moses and Rafil Soyler as being what she termed, the "social realism brothers."

In particular, she showed Isaac Soyler's "A Historical View," which portrayed a "timeless theme of people sitting in the unemployment office. It's social realism takes into account the features and expressions of the subjects and

makes you feel for the subjects."

Max Weber's "Chinese Restaurant," in its cubism form breaks down objects of the world and arranges them in a multi-faceted view.

Shegal portrays a world of fantasy in his work, "The Birthday Kiss."

Wilner commented on the difficulties that artists had with producing any representation of the Second Commandment.

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Marion Wilner

Photo by Lowell Lisker

Wilner, an accomplished artist who received both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degree from New York University, explained how each artist's heritage and "experience" influenced his work.

A former Bristol Community College art professor of 23 years, Wilner explained that most Jewish artists have an underlying challenge of understanding their own identity. She said that in the past, Jewish artists were forced to choose between community identity versus mainstream acceptance. During the early 20th century, says Wilner, a large number of Jewish artists came to America from other countries. They each represented social realism and cubism among other art forms. Each artist had his own way of looking at various problems of politics, racial unrest,

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Sheila R. Alexander Will Be Installed As President Of Emanu-El

Sheila R. Alexander will be installed as the sixteenth President of Temple Emanu-El at its 67th Annual Meeting on May 20, 1992. The event will be chaired by Richard and Linda Mittleman.

Ms. Alexander is a 1967 graduate of Smith College, where she was President of Hillel, and received her M.A. degree in political science from Tufts University. Ms. Alexander moved to Providence in 1977 and became immediately involved in Jewish communal life. She was one of the founders of the Alperin Schechter Day School, served for many years on its Board of Directors and as its President from 1983-1986.

Her commitment to the community has included service on the Campaign Cabinet and Board of the Women's Division, as well as holding a position on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island for whom she co-chaired a Family Mission to Israel this past December. In 1989 she traveled to the Soviet Union on a fact-finding mission under the auspices of the JFRI.

Ms. Alexander has been on the Board of Directors of the Bureau of Jewish Education, where she served on the Long Range Planning Committee, the Jewish Family Service, and the Jewish Community Center



Sheila R. Alexander

for whom she co-authored the book *Around and About Rhode Island with Children*. For several years she has been on the Board of the Key Corporation, Alternatives for Youth.

She has been devoted to Temple Emanu-El, where she has served on the Board for many years, has been Financial Secretary, and most recently Vice-President. She chaired the Rabbinic Search Committee and was a member of both the Cantorial and Executive Director Search Committees. She co-chaired the Installation of Rabbi Wayne Franklin. She currently serves on the Membership, Religious School and Gala Committees as well as the Youth Commission. Sheila and

her husband, Paul E. Alexander, M.D., a psychiatrist, are parents of Rachel, Zev and Ari.

In addition to chairs Linda and Richard Mittleman, the Annual Meeting Committee consists of: Karen and Nathan Beraha, Celia Borenstein, Minna and David Ellison, Leah and Kenneth Hersh, Marcia Kaunfer, Bernice and Richard Kumins, Judy and Mayer Levitt, Susan Margolis, Elaine Odessa, Harvey Smith, Reva Stern and Jill Weiskopf. The program will include the installation of Board Members and officers.

The Slate Of Officers Includes:

Officers - President, Sheila Alexander; Vice Presidents, Charles Cutler, Barbara Feldstein, Carl Freedman; Treasurer, Samuel Suls; Financial Secretary, Hope Hirsch; Recording Secretary, Dianne Newman. Board of Trustees: Four Year Term Ending 1996 - Ray Eichenbaum, Lawrence Gaynor, Herta Hoffman, Steven Jablow, Seth Kern, Martin Kerzer, Connie Liss, Reva Stem, Margarita Mamytsky, Ronald Markoff, Jeffrey Newman, Susan Odessa, Ruth Page, Matthew Shuster, Wileen Rosner Snow; Honorary - President, Bernice Kumins; Recording Secretary, Mel Topf; Honorary Board Member, Mervin Bolusky; One Year Term, Ex Officio, Elliott Brodsky.

Caslowitz Named Field Consultant Of R.I. Hadassah

The appointment of Barbara J. Caslowitz as Field Consultant to the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah was announced by Diane Ducoff, President of the chapter. Caslowitz will work closely with the members in their planning, coordinating and developing of the ongoing programs that Hadassah offers to the R.I. community and to Israel.

Caslowitz comes to Hadassah from the Israel Bond Organization where she served as the Executive Director for Rhode Island and Southeastern Mass. Israel Bonds honored her for outstanding participation and ten years of devoted service for the Israel Bond program.

A native of Fall River, Barbara has served in Hadassah chapters in both Fall River and New Jersey. She served as past president of the sisterhoods of Temple Shalom in River Edge and Congregation Beth Am in Teaneck, N.J. In Rhode Island, she served as membership chairman of Business & Professional of Women's Division of Federation, and was program developer and coordinator for the Panel of Americans of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Rhode Island Hadassah has



Barbara Caslowitz

over 1700 members, and is an integral part of the national organization, the largest Women's Zionist Organization, numbering over 385,000 members nationwide. Its objectives are multi-faceted, supporting medical, educational, youth and elderly programs, both locally and in Israel.

Hadassah, celebrating its 80th year, has expanded on the same visions and ideals of its founder, Henrietta Szold, who started the organization in 1912.

Jewish Family Service Gets Accreditation

Jewish Family Service has just received a Certificate of Accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, according to an announcement by Mr. Paul L. Segal, Executive Director of the agency.

The Council, sponsored by the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, Catholic Charities USA, the Child Welfare League of

America, Family Service America, the Lutheran Social Ministry System, the National Committee for Adoption, and the National Association of Homes and Services for Children, accredits private voluntary and proprietary agencies as well as local direct service public agencies. It accredits over 575 agencies in the United States and Canada and is the only independent ac-

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"Accreditation, which is for a four-year period, attests that an agency has met a set of nationally established requirements which help ensure quality service," said David Shover, Council Executive Director.

Ravo And Lerner To Wed

Mrs. Jane Chouinard of Richmond announces the engagement of her daughter, Dina Ravo to Mr. David Lerner of Warwick, R.I., the son of Mrs. Marilyn Wolicki and the late Dr. Leonard Lerner of Warwick, R.I. Miss Ravo is the

daughter of the late Mr. Cesario Ravo.

Miss Ravo is a graduate of Providence College and the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. She is presently employed as a regis-

tered pharmacist for CVS. Mr. Lerner is a graduate of Bentley College. He is presently employed as a systems analyst for G. Barry Assoc., Providence.

The date of the wedding is May 23, 1992.

Adlers Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Marc J. Adler of Scituate, R.I., proudly announce the birth of a son, Bryan Zachary, born April 25, 1992.

Paternal grandparents are Daniel Adler and the late Bernice Adler of Cranston, R.I.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Phillip R. Geller

of Cranston, R.I.

His great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Geller of Cranston, R.I., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gorman of Boyton Beach, Fla.

Bryan Zachary is lovingly named for his late grandmother Bernice Adler.

Am David

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sion, Psalm 23 and the Mourner's Kaddish.

Highlighting the somber occasion, Warwick Mayor Charles Donovan claimed "Let us remember, and remember well, the Holocaust. I'm not

Jewish, but you don't have to be Jewish to recognize the horrors of the Holocaust," and then presented a proclamation to Temple Am David president Stephen Sholes.

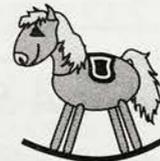
The congregants closed the ceremony with Oseh Shalom — Let there be peace.

Berlinskys Announce Birth

Deborah and Allan Berlinsky of Morristown, New Jersey, are pleased to announce the birth of Jason Ross on April 4, 1992. He is the grandson of Mrs. Miriam Kander of Teaneck, N. J., and the late Richard Kander, and of

Mrs. Lillian Berlinsky of Providence, R.I. and the late George Berlinsky.

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LOCAL NEWS

Jewish Community Center Of R.I. Annual Meeting Bruce Leach Begins Third Term as President

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's 67th Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:45 p.m. in the Social Hall. The evening's program, chaired by Marlene F. and Bruce A. Wolpert, will include the installation of board members and officers. The I.S. Low Youth Leadership Award will be presented and Volunteer of the Year recognized.

The slate of officers includes Bruce A. Leach, president; Jeffrey Brier, first vice president; Jenny Klein, Alan Litwin, Roberta Sultzer and Robert Weisberg as vice presidents; Aaron Weintraub, treasurer; Dr. Nathan Beraha, associate



Bruce A. Leach

treasurer; Louis Pulner, secretary and Kenneth Hersh, associate secretary. Serving a three-year term on the board of directors are: John Blacher, Howard Boksenbaum, Robin Engle, Toby Galli, Malcolm Itkin, Herbert Iventash, Doris McGarry, Linda Mittleman, Deborah Samlan, Joshua Stein, James Tobak, Bernard Trinkle, and Marlene Fishman Wolpert. Julia Gladstone will serve a two-year term, Robert Berkelhammer has been elected to serve a one-year term as will Sidney Green.

For additional information, call Assistant Executive Director Vivian Weisman at 861-8800.

Jews, Christians Remember Holocaust Victims



David M. Hirsch, president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island with Jenny Machlowitz Klein.

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Last Wednesday evening, about 450 Jewish congregants gathered at Temple Emanu-El to remember the atrocities of the Holocaust, to chant the names of those who perished at concentration camps, and, for the first time, to commemorate the expulsion of the Sephardic Jews from Spain 500 years ago.

Clergy from around the state gathered to give prayer and chant Sephardic incantations to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive. The service began with a candle lighting ceremony, in which six candles were lit by Holocaust survivors accompanied by family members, in memory of the six million Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis. A seventh candle was lit to remember the righteous people of all nations who helped to save many of our ancestors.

Cantor Brian J. Mayer of Temple Emanu-El led services in song, followed by an opening prayer by the Reverend James C. Miller, Executive Minister, Rhode Island State Council of Churches. Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin welcomed the audience and urged that "We must remember...the anti-Semitism...the 1492 expulsion...the Ashkinazim who perished in the Holocaust."

Charlotte Penn, Executive Director, National Conference of Christians and Jews spoke about how "communication can be manipulated," and, as an example of the technique that the Nazis used to lead people to the gas chambers, read a speech given by "Sonderkom-

mando member Filip Muller" to a newly arrived group of Greek Jews.

The speech welcomed the arrivals, explained that they arrived in a concentration camp, not a resort, that their health would be looked after, their work would be well-paid for, and after the war each person would gain access into society according to their original merits. After promising a bowl of soup and coffee or tea after their "bath," the Greeks were told to remove their clothes...

Ari Oberstein, Chairperson for the Holocaust Memorial Week at Johnson and Wales University, read a farewell letter, that was written in Greek and found at the site of the crematorium No. 3 in Birkenau (Auschwitz).

The Reverend James Schwartz, United Methodist Church, Barrington, told of the fate of the Jewish girls from Salonica as reported by Dr. Albert Menascha, a deportee from Salonica. He said that 2,500 girls, including his own eleven-year-old daughter, Lillian, were gassed. Prior to the gassing, the

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Hazzan Richard Wolberg To Be Inducted As Fellow Of Theological Seminary's Cantors Institute

Hazzan Richard Wolberg of Temple Beth El, Fall River will be inducted as a Fellow of the Cantors Institute of Jewish Theological Seminary at the 45th annual convention of the Cantors Assembly that will take place from May 10 to 14 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Dr. Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Seminary, will confer the award on Hazzan Wolberg in recognition of his 25 years

of service as a full-time cantor and his distinguished service to the community. The presentation will highlight the convention program on Wednesday afternoon, May 13.

More than 800 cantors, cantorial students and lovers of hazzanut and their families - a record - are expected to participate in the five-day meeting, according to Hazzan Nathan Lam of Stephen S. Wise Temple, Los Angeles, Calif.,

president of the Assembly.

The Cantors Assembly is composed of some 450 cantors holding full-time pulpits in the United States, Canada, Israel, Australia, Belgium, England, France and Turkey. It publishes the *Journal of Synagogue Music*, the world's only forum devoted exclusively to music and synagogue liturgy, and operates a placement service for bringing hazzanim and congregations together.

Gereboffs

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University and the University of California San Diego. He is presently Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Arizona State University.

Dr. Gereboff has numerous publications to his credit; including *Rabbi Tarfon, The Tradition, The Man, and Early Rabbinic Judaism and Jewish Bioethics: Redefining the Agendum*. He is a much sought after lecturer on topics as varied as "All Roads Lead To Yavneh" and "To Be A Part Of Not Apart From America."

Dr. Gereboff resides in Phoenix, Ariz., with his wife, Barbara, and their three children, Avner, Ariel and Noah.

Joel and Murray are the sons of Maurice and Carolyn Gereboff longtime Providence residents and supporters of the school. They are amongst the founders and board members of the Providence Hebrew Day School and have continued to be involved through much of the school's forty-six year history.



Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan

Service, Pedagogic Reporter, *Jewish Education News* and *Sh'ma*.

Program chairwoman is Rosalind Bolusky. In charge of hospitality are Cecilia Katz and Eve Zucker. President is Baye Temkin. Betty Levy will preside.

Women's Association Of The Jewish Home

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home will hold an Open Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, in the synagogue at the Home. Dessert will be served at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 1 p.m.

Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan, Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education will speak on "Life-Long Learning - A Jewish Pursuit." Rabbi Samlan has degrees in psychology, social work and Hebrew literature. He received his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Theological College. Rabbi Samlan is licensed as a Hebrew teacher and as a Hebrew principal. He is completing doctoral studies in the School of Education at St. Louis University. Prior to coming to Rhode Island, Rabbi Samlan served as Director of the Department of Secondary and Community Education of Central Agency for Jewish Education in St. Louis, Mo. His articles have appeared in the *Journal of Jewish Communal*

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Events At The JCCRI: Week Of May 8-14

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Brown Bag Club

Those free for lunch are invited to the noon meetings of the Brown Bag Club. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to discuss current events, participate in workshops or to take field trips. Those wishing to attend are asked to bring their lunch; dessert and beverage are served. A donation of \$1 is appreciated.

Linda Sebelia, a nutrition specialist from URI's Cooperative Extension School in Providence, will speak on "Healthy Living" on May 12 at noon. Learn about which foods are right for you and how to take the mystery out of package labels.

For further information, please call Evy Rappoport.

Pre-Summer Specials for Pre-Schoolers

The Center is offering fun-filled early summer days for 4- to 6-year-olds. Mornings of swimming, gym, outdoor activities on the ballfield, snack and arts and crafts are planned. Session I (June 1-12) and Session II (June 15-26) will run on Mon., Wed., and Fri. mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee for each session is \$40 for full members, \$50 for supporting members and \$70 for nonmembers. The fee to attend both sessions is \$75 for full members; \$95 for supporting members; \$135 nonmembers. This is a limited program and early registration is strongly suggested. For further information or to register, please call Elliott Goldstein.

Register Now for Fall Afterschool Care

Applications for the Center's two after-school care programs, KidSpace and the Pre-teen Connection are now being accepted for the fall of 1992. For further information about these programs or to apply, please contact April Peters or Ruby Shalansky.

JCCRI Singles

Wednesday, May 13, is Game Night at 7 p.m. Singles can enjoy pool, air hockey, ping pong or a favorite game they bring. Admission is \$2. For details call Laura at 941-7640 (5 to 9 p.m.).

Seniors/Kosher Mealsite

Seniors are invited to join a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon at the JCCRI Kosher Mealsite. The doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour. Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. Seniors can try their hand at bridge on Monday afternoons from 12:30 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. A women's group meets every Tuesday morning from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played on Thursdays from 12:45 p.m. until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs. May includes the following activities and programs: Friday, May 8 - VCR program, Genesis II, "Abraham," 11:15 a.m. Sunday, May 10 - VCR program, "Fonda on Fonda," 11 a.m. Monday, May 11 - Celebrate Lag B'Omer with a tour of the Charles H. Smith Greenhouse and zoo at Roger Williams Park. Bring a lunch to enjoy in this beautiful setting. The price is \$1 for seniors. The group will leave the JCCRI at 10:30 a.m. and return by 1:45 p.m.

For further information or details, call Sandy Bass.

Cranston-Warwick Group Of Hadassah

On Friday, May 8, at 8 p.m., the Cranston-Warwick Group, in conjunction with the Kent County Group of Hadassah, will celebrate at the Shabbat Service at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, to commemorate Israel Independence Day.

Members of both groups will participate in the services, and coordinating the event will be Ruth Ross, Zionist chairperson for Cranston-Warwick, assisted by Ruth Fink; Evy Rappoport is the coordinator of Kent County Group. Attendance by members and friends of both groups will make the evening most meaningful and memorable.

Since the month of May is

always a very busy time for Hadassah, as the season draws to a close, Cranston-Warwick Group is happy to also announce that their "Annual Donor Event" is scheduled for Monday, May 11, at 2 p.m.

Bus transportation will be furnished to the Rhode Island School of Design "Fashion Show." Dinner will be enjoyed at "Shooters on the Waterfront" directly following the viewing of the show.

Shirley Schreiber, President, and Goldie Greene and Fran Sadler, co-chairpersons, are anticipating a very exciting afternoon, crowning a most successful year of Hadassah activities.

Temple Shalom's Irving I. Schachtel Shabbaton

Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County, will hold their first Irving I. Schachtel Shabbaton on Friday evening, May 15, and Saturday morning, May 16. Guest scholar for this event will be Dr. Moshe Waldoks, co-author of *The Big Book of Jewish Humor*.

On Friday evening, May 15, at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will conduct the worship. At the Oneg Shabbat following, Dr. Waldoks will speak on the topic of: "When You Wish Upon A Jewish Star." What can Jews believe in at the end of the 20th century? Dr. Waldoks will clarify how Jews feel and think about G-d, Torah, Israel and the process of creativity, revelation and redemption.

On Shabbat morning, May 16, at 10 a.m., Moshe Waldoks will present CHAI CHI, The Power of Jewish Life Consciousness. This will include the rediscovery of the underlying structure of the Jewish prayer experience through movement, song, dance, discussion and Torah study.

Following CHAI CHI, a luncheon will be served. Reservations are a must and can be made by calling the Temple Office at 846-9002 on or before May 13. After the luncheon Dr. Waldoks will speak.

Nationally renowned Moshe Waldoks is a master raconteur, seasoned storyteller and lecturer whose legendary improvisational talents have ignited hundreds of audiences throughout the United States and Canada for over a decade.

Whether it's a cabaret-style performance, or a more traditional illustrated lecture, Moshe Waldoks utilizes the irony, self-mockery, crazy logic and earthy realism of Jewish humor as an antidote to the crazy ironies of modern times.

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With the exception of the Saturday luncheon, all services and Dr. Waldoks presentations are open to the public at no charge.

Israel Independence Service

Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County, will observe the 44th anniversary of the State of Israel at a special late Sabbath Eve Service on Friday, May 8, at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer has compiled a special

service of tribute, complete with commemorative readings, prayers and music.

At the Oneg Shabbat following the worship, the Rabbi will present a program entitled: "To Israel With Love."

The community is cordially invited to attend.

New Bedford Scholar-In-Residence

The Ahavath Achim Centennial year Robert L. Genensky Scholar-In-Residence weekend will occur on Friday and Saturday, May 8-9.

Robert Genensky was a prominent New Bedford attorney for over 50 years. Born in New Bedford, Mr. Genensky graduated from New Bedford High School, was a Magna Cum Laude Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard College with a major in English literature and an Honors graduate of Harvard Law School. He was active in many Jewish and general causes. This weekend is a proper tribute to his memory.

Rabbi Binyamin Walfish, the Executive Vice President of the Rabbinical Council of America, will be the guest speaker.

The schedule is:

Friday, May 8 - "Orthodoxy: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: What Is Its Future?" 6 p.m., Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat. 7:30 p.m. Lecture and Discussion.

Shabbat, May 9 - "Judea and Samaria: What Are They? Occupied Territories Or Not?" 8:30 a.m. Shacharit; 11 a.m. Family Shabbat Luncheon; noon Lecture and Discussion.

Shabbat, May 9 - 7 p.m. Mincha; 7:30 p.m. "Ask the Rabbis"; 8:30 p.m. Maariv and Havdalah.

The Friday night dinner is \$12.50 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. High school and college students are free. For \$30 one may be a sponsor which includes the Friday night dinner for two.

Reservations are required for the dinner and should be made

by contacting Ahavath Achim synagogue, 385 County Street, New Bedford, (508) 494-1760. The year 5752/1991-1992 is the Centennial year of Ahavath Achim synagogue.

Simcha Singles

Simcha Singles of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold a Bagel Brunch on Sunday, May 10, at 11 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Bob Bomes, a partner in the Achievement Group, a company committed to building community within organizations. His topic will be "Personalities: Types Of: What Is Mine and How Do I Interact With Yours?"

Mr. Bomes discussion will emphasize behavioral style, motivational environment, appreciation of different styles and identifying and minimizing potential conflicts with others.

Simcha Singles is open to all members of the Jewish Community.

Donation to the breakfast is \$5.

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Pawtucket Hadassah Dinner

On Monday, May 11, the Pawtucket group of Rhode Island Hadassah, will hold their 1992 Annual Donors Dinner at the Providence Marriott Hotel at 6:30 p.m. The program will be "Evening of Song with Dan and Flo St. Jean and Accompanist." Chairman is Mrs. Dorothy M. Rosen.

FEATURE

A Jewish Juno Of The Junior League



by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Dorothy Isenberg is basically a shy person. She uses her means to put other people ahead. Dorothy stands up like a duchess. At the many charity and civic functions she helps sponsor, she makes stately speeches. This grande dame puts people forward, not just big causes. She picks up everybody in town, high or low, and builds them big. She pals around with college presidents, but also with my former students as they start out enterprises, maybe a gallery, or possibly a cafe. She comes to the aid of folks I know from here and from there. As a patroness and patrician, she has bumped the old guard. She has taken the place of the Yankee ladies and she sits beside them at the head of the table.

I give an example of how she has taken over. Eons ago I went to junior high with a set of preppy twins. The girl sibling was called "Dazzle," and personified for me the Wasp establishment. She ran all the clubs. The boy sibling was billed as "Razzle," and was named as a possible buyer of the Marvel Gym and its grizzly bear totem statue. Now, what has this past history to do with Dorothy Isenberg? Wait. One day just last winter our doorbell rang. My wife went to open up. Dazzle's proud mom, the Yankee doyenne of the old East Side, in my mind, delivered a Chanukah gift for us. She was running errands for Dorothy, who was too busy on her fund-raising missions to take care of minor personal details. In the holiday season storm, the high-society mother of Razzle-Dazzle had to help her out. After that we started calling Mrs. Isenberg "Lady Dorothy," after a Jane Austen character from *Pride and Prejudice* - the local great dame who runs the social salons of the village.

Dorothy Isenberg has made it her calling, her vocation - to move right in on the blueblood uppercrust and take over the domain. She has created a Jewish Junior League of One, doing what the Junior League does, giving luncheons, going to dinners, and saying the right thing at the proper moment in history.

Not many seasons ago my firstborn had her bat mitzvah. My parents were long gone, they couldn't *quell* and cheer. I don't know how Dorothy picked up on the fact, but she knew I felt left out of my own

joyous *nachas*. Lady D got up on her feet and grabbed the open mike. She told my *bat mitzvah* a thing or two. She said "Your dad is special!" and went on from there. She doesn't say a compliment simply. She really lays it on thick.

The other week Dorothy did it again, setting up a fancy affair for Frank Robinson. She sat me among 18 guests at a dainty dutch treat luncheon on the dais of the Art Club. This bastion of the old guard boasts dark wood panelling and wide floor boards. The Art Club plays host to talent and shows off watercolors, oils and small sculptures. You're in a lofty world. The victuals and service at the Art Club are terrific, but they have, alas, no liquor license. You drink plain clear water, not dry martinis.

To make up for that lack, Dorothy put out dreamy chocolate apples, wrapped in purple tissue with silver and gold ribbons, as regal party favors. Trustees and fund-raisers of power and pelf turned to face Dorothy as she addressed the guest of honor, Franklin Robinson, retiring RISD museum director, inspiration of many a reception this season throughout old Rhody. Why were we 18 at table? "Chai," explained Lady D, "it means 18 in Hebrew. It spells the good life in our tradition." She spelled it out, that she comes from a very different background than the pride of the Yankees. She spoke slowly but confidently. "Franklin, you live a good life and you bring good things to all of us. Franklin Robinhood gets from the rich and gives to the poor, to all who seek beauty."

My table neighbors were talking about the very, very rich, they were raking over the coals of the Claus and Martha von Bulow scandal. "Really wealthy people make themselves miserable. Of course, Claus had charm. And Alan Dershowitz, his lawyer has brains." I perked up my ears.

But then I had to get up and give our guest his present, a silver Cross pen set. Dorothy thought it would be good for all these aristocrats to have to lay their eyes on a humble professor.

I always trust Dorothy. She comes through for you. She has a strength and a spirit that drive through her whole career of helping other people. You can rely on Dorothy Isenberg. She'll never let you down.

This Rabbi's On A Roll ...

by Sheryl K. Gutes

I'm in town to perform at a "Jewish Comedy Club." That means a no drink minimum, but you must eat constantly.

Bob Alper is the world's only practicing rabbi doing stand-up comedy, and his career, unique "hook" and all, is on a roll.

Being a rabbi-comedian is somewhat unusual, but for me it was almost predictable. Ever since I was a kid I've had dreams about having my own television show, making lots and lots of money, being surrounded by beautiful, adoring women. But then I realized that would never work for me. You see, I'm Jewish, so I could never become a TV evangelist.

Although he always had a sense of humor ("I was one funny toddler"), the comedy career began in earnest when Alper was named a winner in a Jewish Comic of the Year contest held in a Philadelphia comedy club. "It was the toughest five minutes of my life," Alper confesses, but it resulted in some minor local fame and a major redirection in Alper's life. Perhaps it was predictable.

I always used jokes and funny stories in my sermons in front of my congregations. That's provided me with 20 years of experience performing in front of a hostile audience.

Not really. Alper's congregants loved the sermons, and nobody ever fell asleep. So he took the next step, working on his act before much more critical audiences at comedy clubs. Some tough crowds, too — nearly empty weekday rooms,



Rabbi Bob Alper

drunks, crashing glasses, even an occasional heckler. He learned how to handle them: "Ah, excuse me, sir. Would you mind leading us in the silent prayer?" And when a joke really bombed: "I told that one on purpose. I'm doing theological research and wanted to see what an after-death experience was like."

The hard work has paid off. Alper now offers his audiences a tight, fast-paced performance with fresh, contemporary material derived from his childhood in Providence, R.I., college years at Lehigh University, ordination from Hebrew Union College and a doctoral degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. And, naturally, much of his comedy is gleaned from life as a rabbi who has served congregations in Buffalo and Philadelphia.

As a family man now living on the side of a mountain in rural Vermont with one "original" wife, two teenagers, a cat named Dracula and a 19th cen-

tury cemetery in his backyard, Alper finds new comedy ideas from real life situations.

We're too remote for cable, so we have a satellite dish. We can pick up some pretty obscure stations, including a Jewish Cable News Network. Every hour a guy meanders onto the screen and says, "... You don't want to know about this. ..."

Recognition of Alper's definitely unique dual career has begun through appearances on "America's Funniest People," "Good Morning America" and "Entertainment Tonight" as well as the Comedy Channel and dozens of news and talk shows in local markets.

Alper takes it all in stride, although he does dream about his impending status as a nationally recognized entertainer.

My goal is to become a celebrity, to climb that celebrity ladder step by step. Right now I perform for organizations all across the country. Eventually, I'd like to see myself in "People Magazine," appear on "The Tonight Show," have my own HBO special, and then some day ... the Betty Ford Clinic. ...

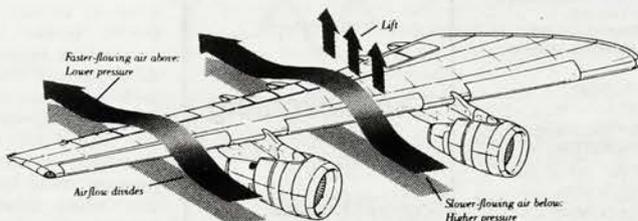
Alper loves his new career, a dream come true.

Rabbi Alper is a Providence native, graduate of Classical H.S. and confirmand of Temple Beth-El. He will be the featured entertainer at Beth-El's annual meeting on May 17.

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EDITORIAL

Anti-Semitism

On Thursday evening, May 7, Holocaust survivor Hans Heimann, a Rhode Islander known for his vocal support of Judaism and his opposition to Naziism and anti-Semitism, will appear on Channel 10 at 6 pm. in a taped commentary on recent events.

"Naziism, hatred and bigotry are very much alive in the United States today," Heimann said in his statement, "They did not die in Potsdam in 1945."

Heimann's appearance comes in response to a series of letters that have been sent to the Italian *Echo* and the *Jewish Herald*. The letters, signed by Bill Holdsworth, who claims to be a member of The New Order, an Aryan white supremacy group, talk of Italians as "humankind's criminal element," and Jews as "despised intellectual parasites."

The *Echo* chose to print the letter as it was sent, and has since run commentaries and responses from its editor, as well as Hans Heimann.

The *Herald*, after receiving similar letters, chose not to publicize the venomous hatred that Holdsworth so freely espouses.

In the interim, Holdsworth contacted Heimann directly, asking him to debate publicly on the reality of the Holocaust, and inviting him to a party celebrating Hitler's birthday.

The misconceptions that this single letter writer holds so dearly are old ones that have been raised and then disproved for centuries. Logic and history are unlikely to convince someone who is not interested.

What Holdsworth seeks is publicity. The *Herald* is not interested in giving him very much of this. Instead, we invite him to read the works of I.B. Singer, to watch Sid Ceasar in "Your Show of Shows," to eat a bowl of chicken soup. Or view the movie *Shoah*.

Cry with us, laugh with us, eat with us. Then, to Holdsworth and anyone else who harbors hatred, perhaps you will see that we are not so different as you.

Letters to the EDITOR



Dear Editors:

I would like to express my appreciation to Rabbi Shafran for his recent column (April 16, 1992) in which he took issue with Judith Plaskow on the subject of Traditional Judaism's treatment of women. It is frustrating and exasperating for me, as an Orthodox woman, to read of "experts" (who haven't a clue as to what traditional Jewish women are really like) telling their audiences that I am oppressed, repressed or in any other way degraded by my religion. Quite to the contrary, my Orthodox friends and I feel valued and respected by our husbands, families, and communities.

What is most upsetting to me about Plaskow's statements is the underlying implication that one would have to be a total idiot to buy into such a discriminatory system. Why would one voluntarily subject oneself to such "oppression"?

It might surprise Ms. Plaskow that Orthodox women

today are highly educated and well aware that the world offers many choices and alternatives to traditional Judaism. Yet our ranks are swelling - to include, doctors, lawyers, CPAs, and social workers, among other professionals, as more and more women opt for our thousands-of-years-old tradition that has our rights and respect firmly secured.

And, thanks for your concern, but we do not feel at all "left out" because of the less-than-public role that we are given. Publicity is fine for actors and politicians, but I question its importance, or even relevance, when it comes to serving G-d. My friends and I are quite happy with the knowledge that since G-d is everywhere (and not just in the synagogue) we have the potential - no, the responsibility, to make our homes into Mikdashos Mat, small-scale temples, with each member a living Sefer Torah.

Along these lines, I would like to respond to Rabbi Elana Kanter who questions the minor role that women play both in Tanach and in halachic responsa, even when dealing with women's issues. The sages have taught us in Pirkei

Avos not to judge others until we have "reached their place," meaning until we have a thorough knowledge of the entire situation. Each of the Rabbis of the Mishna and Gemora was a son to a mother, and most probably a brother to a sister, husband to a wife, and father to a daughter. I am quite certain that our Rabbis did not make a single decision regarding women without first carefully considering their feelings.

Kanter also grapples with what she calls the "silence" of women in the Torah, and she gives the example of the absence of Sarah's reaction to G-d's command to bind Isaac. Kanter might be interested in a traditional commentary I found (Nachshoni, Parshas Vayeira) that explains that G-d did not include Sarah in the final test because this would have made it easier for Avraham emotionally, as Sarah would have only encouraged him. Sarah, it appears, did not need the test. The Torah is replete with lessons from our female role models - we need only pay attention.

I am sorry that Rabbi Kanter hears silence. I hear thunder.

Carol Fried
Providence

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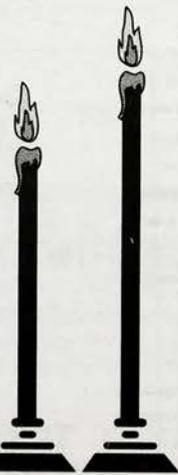
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Spirituality And The Letter Of The Law

by Rabbi Moshe Halfon
Congregation Agudas Achim,
Attleboro

It's really fascinating how many people these days who say to me, "Rabbi, I'm not religious, but..." go on to admit feeling, or longing to feel "spiritual." They seek community, awareness of deeper meanings in life, something beyond themselves, even a moral structure, a "Higher Power." A plethora of men's groups, women's groups, 12-step groups, and hundreds of other new spiritual options testify to the deep-set human need to elevate certain moments, places, objects and experiences beyond the mundane physical world we cope with everyday. As we work, eat, drive, carpool, shop, clean, and finally drift off to sleep, somehow we know that each moment could be more, each task made more holy and meaningful - if only we had more time and awareness. What is missing in our lives, as people and particularly as Jews? How and where can we rediscover holiness in our lives?

This is the message of the keystone of the Book of Leviticus, Parshat Kedoshim - "Holy People." Its message seems to be that we should strive for the impossible: "Be Holy, because I, YHVH your G-d, am Holy." Strive to emulate Hashem, the unreachable essence of goodness, and then you at least will be on the right track. Imitatio



Dei, emulating G-d's attributes of mercy, justice, compassion, truth. Here we find the famous dictum to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18), but also "reprove your neighbor, but incur no guilt because of him" (19:17). This Sidra catalogues or repeats (in seemingly random order) virtually every

ritual and ethical behavior enjoined upon the people, in order to become a Holy Nation in covenant with the mysterious G-d of Sinai. Among the most well-known of these are leaving the corners of the field for the poor, respect of parents and elders, fairness in judgment, litigation and business dealings, not to cause the blind to stumble or curse the deaf, and hundreds of other ethically uplifting commandments. So far, so good. Yet this is also the site of the famous injunction against "a man lying with a male as one lies with a woman" (20:13), which has been misused for centuries to justify hatred and oppression of people because of their sexual orientation. Other verses speak of putting to death one who insults his parents, and various other sexual and ritual acts which may seem trivial or offensive to us today. How are we to interpret and reconcile these issues?

The key lies in the root of the word *K-D-Sh*, which lies behind several familiar words in Jewish life: *Kiddush*, or wine (continued on next page)

Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

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Hungary's Jews Face Expulsion

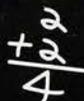
Zurich — Hungarian, Jews estimated at from 800,000 to 1,250,000 including those in the former Rumanian territory, were faced this week with a threat of mass expulsion, described by Premier Von Kallai as the "ultimate solution of the Hungarian problem." He declared that Jews "must be excluded from any property rights and the use of Hungarian soil."

To Dedicate Renovated Temple

Temple Beth-Israel will dedicate its renovated building on Sunday, May 17, it was announced this week by officers of the temple. Prof. Louis Finklestein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be guest speaker at the afternoon exercises. State and city officials accepted invitations to attend both afternoon and evening ceremonies.

To Mobilize Men Who Fled Reich

Istanbul — Representatives of more than 400,000 Jewish refugees in Soviet Russia gathered last week in Tashkent in the Soviet republic of Uzbekistan, which has become a Jewish cultural center since the Nazis' attack against Russia, to discuss the methods of mobilizing the manpower of the Jewish war effort, it was reported here.



School Beat



'If My Pet Could Talk'

Grade 2B — Susan Adler, Judaic Studies Teacher, Alperin Schechter Day School

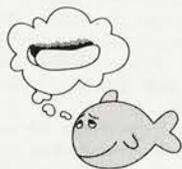
The stories below, written by students in grade 2B at Alperin Schechter, were part of a "Curriculum Avoiding Unnecessary Pain to Animals" (*Pza'ar ba'alay chayim*) developed by Susan Adler. According to Adler, the exercises were designed to create "a feeling that all animals are god's creatures, and we should treat them that way." The curriculum recently won the Pearlman Award for Family Curriculum from the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Hi! My name is Bobo and I am three months old. I belong to Victoria. I like living with Victoria. I like my food because when nobody is home she comes to feed me. I would change my name. By the way, I am a cat.

Victoria Bronshtayn

Hi! My name is Gandi. I am six years old. I am a frog. I like living with Elana. I love to swim. I like the food. I would change being alone.

Elana Snow



Hi! My name is Swimee. I am a fish. I belong to Steve. I don't like living with Steve. I would change my life because he never plays with me. I want people food.

Steven Seigel

Hi! My name is Berry and I belong to Sanda. I love living with Sanda. She always plays with me and I love my food because it is so good. I don't get dessert at all. That is what I would like to change.

Sanda Budinsky



Hi! My name is Gloria. I am three. I am a dog. I live with Henri. I love living with Henri because he is the best. I love the food.

Henri-Martin Engle

Hi! My name is Dawn and I am three years old. I am a fish. I live with Brooke. Brooke invites over her friends and they lock me in the bedroom while they have a fun time. I don't like it when they do that.

Brooke Odessa

Hi! My name is Paba. My master's name is Evan. My age is 15. I don't like Evan because he doesn't pet me. I like my food. I would like to change him.

Evan Goldstein

Hi! My name is Kissy Kissy. I am one month old. I live with Svetlana and I like living with her. She is nice and I like living with her. I am a cat. I like my food. I eat meat now. Svetlana lets me play with other cats.

Svetlana Matt

Hi! My name is Goldy and I am a fish. I live with Michelle and I like living with Michelle because she feeds me just enough food. I am a year old. I know I'm pretty young. I like my food a lot because it's good. I would like a bigger fishbowl.

Michelle Levinson

Hi! I am a dog. My name is Jojo. I belong to Ben. I am four months old. Of course I like living with Ben because he plays ball. We play tag and other stuff. He also pets me. He cuddles me in bed.

Benjamin Pitt



Hi! My name is Blue Fish. I am 20 years old. I am a fish. I like living with Noah because he never forgets to feed me. I like the food even though it is always the same thing. But sometimes he puts me in a drinking glass because I pick on the female of my kind. When I am in a small glass, it changes the room space that I have to swim in.

Noah Bassel

Shakespeare Comes To Schechter



Alan Hawkrige and company (Abigail Levine, Alysa Rosen, Ari Berenson and Norman Harnick) take a bow after their wonderful performance of *Shakespeare! The Bard and his Plays*.

William Shakespeare came to Alperin Schechter in a most delightful performance of *Shakespeare! The Bard and his Plays*, directed and performed by Alan Hawkrige of the Looking Glass Theatre.

The performance included scenes from *Hamlet, The Tempest, Macbeth, Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, Twelfth Night* and *As You Like It*. With the aid of six students chosen from the audience, Mr. Hawkrige explored themes in Shakespeare's work, such as the supernatural — ghosts and superstitions, love, passion and sword play, and the theatre.

Alan Hawkrige is a graduate of the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. He has spent twenty years teaching and performing for children, which allows him to speak freely with students while at the same time delivering impassioned dramatizations.

His lively manner and natural humor and charm, as well as his great dramatic talent, all contributed to making Shakespeare's words and ideas come alive for the students.

Shakespeare! The Bard and his Plays was provided through the Cultural Enrichment Program of the Alperin Schechter Day School Parent-Teacher Association, chaired by Elizabeth Goldberg. This program continues to provide students with interesting and stimulating cultural enrichment productions throughout the school year.

PHDS Students Study The Holocaust in Hebrew

Mrs. Holtzman's 5th, 6th and 7th grades at the Providence Hebrew Day School recently spent some time studying the Holocaust in Hebrew. This project included reading stories and songs written about the Holocaust—Shoah. Then the students searched books and pictures to further understand the horror of the Shoah. Following this search, each student

selected a personality from this time period and wrote about the subject in Hebrew. The students' pieces were accompanied by artwork. Some projects involved "Yamim Atzovaim" (Sad Days) and Hayehudim Nirtzcho bedum kar vechoalom shatak (The Jews were killed in cold blood and the world was silent).

The students did a great job!

The Lesson of The Attic

by Jennifer Brandt, Grade 8
Winman Junior High School
Warwick, RI

Three days of rain, kept me inside. I wandered to the attic to find a new place to entertain myself. As I entered the dark and disarrayed attic, a loneliness came over me.

The closed-in feeling reminded me of the movie shown in class a while back. The movie was "The Diary of Anne Frank."

I moved some objects to make a place to sit. I felt as though I shut out the rooms below. The world became the tiny, drab cluttered room I was in. Could this describe Anne's feelings, entering their hiding place?

The rain, beating a rhythmic pattern, set the mood. I felt old memories creep inside my mind. I searched through an old chest in front of me. It was my Grandfather's. He had placed all his memorabilia in it. Beneath the first layer of clothing, I found a picture album. It was old looking with black and white pictures filling the pages. Placed at each corner of the pictures were little white decorative corners holding the pictures to the pages.

Isn't this what Anne Frank had to do to keep busy? Wasn't there an old chest in the secret

hiding place? I remember pictures, too. Pages of the album were worn. I carefully turned them. Grandfather was in World War II in Normandy, France in 1944.

He spoke of his time in the war. This added insight to what Americans learned from this time of turmoil.

I looked at him in a picture with his uniform. He was a handsome-looking soldier. He believed strongly that Americans belonged in that war. He believed that we as Americans had to stop the Nazis in France and not allow Hitler to capture France and Britain. Americans quickly learned that if this would have happened, the war might be on our own land. We would have to fight the Axis powers without a single powerful ally.

The pictures of bodies lying in mass graves on the next page distressed me. Bulldozers were shown to cover these poor people in their final resting place. Grandpa told of a tyrant leader of the Nazis, who wanted only one race to prevail. The Jews were destroyed by the millions, six million to be exact. He told me Americans cannot allow racism and anti-Semitism to happen. He said that the world has all kinds of people

who have to learn to live together.

He often showed me these pictures, saying, "We all have to know about the Holocaust." We should pass this along to our generations, so that this will never happen again.

Anne and my grandfather were both doing the same thing. Anne with her diary and grandpa with his pictures and memories. I'll join them by listening, learning and passing it to my children.

The attic seems like a hiding place to me. I recalled the words told to me about the Holocaust. First, by a man who believed and acted on his beliefs for a free people. Secondly, by the diary of a young girl who wanted the same.

The rain became louder on the attic roof. I no longer wanted to stay in this place. I had the freedom to leave the attic. I only had to descend the stairs. I had the freedom of leaving, so I placed the memories back into the chest. The freedom to forget isn't mine. I do not want to. I will always remember what I have learned about the Holocaust. Anne's diary will have a place in my memory. My Grandfather's words and pictures will always remain in my mind and heart.

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OBITUARIES

LILLY BENZION

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — Lilly Benzion, 88, formerly of Providence, died Monday, April 27, 1992, at Hospice of No. Virginia, Arlington, Va. She was the wife of the late Martin Benzion.

Born in Germany, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Grete (Wolffberg) Meyer.

She is survived by a daughter,

Margrit Steven of Springfield, Va.

A graveside funeral service was held Wednesday, April 29, at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

STEVEN M. FEINGOLD

EAST GREENWICH — Steven M. Feingold, 45, of 30

Gilbert Stuart Drive, an attorney for more than 15 years with offices in Warwick, died Friday, May 1, 1992, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Linda (Levine) Feingold.

Born in Providence, a son of Eli and Edith (Kwasha) Feingold of Providence, he had lived in East Greenwich for 16 years, previously living in Warwick.

He was a real estate developer for more than 15 years. He was a 1968 graduate of Boston University School of Business and a 1971 graduate of Suffolk University Law School.

He was a member of Temple Sinai, the Rhode Island Bar Association and the Rhode Island Builders Association. He was a member of the American Bar Association.

Besides his wife and parents, he leaves two daughters, Taryn Leigh and Ashley Brooke Feingold at home, and a sister, Barbara Trilling of Natick, Mass.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 3, at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Ave. at Sessions Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

LEO GLEKLEN

PROVIDENCE — Leo Gleklen, 81, of 353 Slater Ave., a dye-stuffs salesman and technical consultant in the woolen industry for about 60 years, died Tuesday, April 28, 1992, at home. He was the husband of Gertrude (Ketover) Gleklen.

Born in Lynn, Mass., he was a son of the late John and Annie (Bleeden) Gleklen. He lived in Providence more than 60 years.

He was a graduate of Lowell Textile Institute.

Mr. Gleklen also was a professional saxophone and clarinet player for many years. In the 1950s he played the oboe and the English horn with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra.

Previously he had worked for United Aneline Co. of Norwood, Mass., as a dye-stuffs salesman and technical consultant.

Mr. Gleklen was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Donald M. Gleklen of Newtons Square, Pa.; four daughters, Meredith Gardner and Jane Wyeth, both of New York City, Judy Kopff of Washington, D.C., and Susan Norman of Providence; a sister, Mary Kanosky of Florida; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Thursday, April 30, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ESTHER MILLER

WARWICK — Esther Miller, 76, of 309 Greenwich Ave., an interviewer at Rhode Island Hospital for 25 years until retiring in 1977, died Friday, May 1, 1992, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Nathan E. Miller of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Golda (Matusow) Chaiken, she had lived in East Providence for 10 years before moving to Warwick last year.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael of Cranston. She was a member of the Majestic and Cranston Senior Guilds.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Melvin Miller of Waterford, Conn., and Stanley Miller of Dunedin, Fla.; a brother, Jacob Chaiken of Warwick; a sister, Edith Zwetckhenbaum of Fla.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, May 3, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

HELEN NEWMAN

ATTLEBORO, Mass. — Helen Newman, 64, of 3 Commonwealth Ave., an office manager for Miller & Newman, CPA, Foxboro, for six years, died Wednesday, April 29, 1992, at Miriam Hospital, Providence. She was the wife of Ernest M. Newman.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Barnett and Betty Epstein, she lived in Attleboro for 10 years. She previously lived in Providence.

Mrs. Newman was a past president of the Loyal Family

Circle of Rhode Island, a member of the Hope Chapter of B'nai B'rith, and the Women's Association for the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband she leaves three daughters, Robin Nozick of Tucson, Ariz., Eileen Rose of North Attleboro, and Betsy DelSanto of Warwick; two brothers, Jerome Epstein of Dumont, N.J., and Barnett Agins of Boca Raton, Fla.; a sister, Lenore King of Del Ray Beach, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Friday, May 1, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

GEORGE ORENSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — George Orenstein, 86, of 101 Highland Ave., a shoe salesman for the former H. Scheff & Co., and later the U.S. Shoe Co., for 49½ years until retiring in 1991 because of illness, died Friday, May 1, 1992, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Pauline (Blant) Orenstein.

Born in Lynn, Mass., he was a son of the late Hyman and Kate (Singer) Orenstein. He lived in Lynn before moving to Providence last year.

Mr. Orenstein worked in shoe stores in New York, Boston, Salem, Mass., New Haven, Hartford, and at Richard's Red Cross Shoe Store, Boston. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and the Jewish Community Center.

He leaves two sons, Kenneth G. Orenstein of Providence, and Jan M. Orenstein, M.D., of Potomac, Md.; a daughter, Badonna Hurowitz of Rockville, Md.; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, May 4, at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Ave. Burial was private.

ABRAHAM PESACOV

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Abraham Pesacov, 73, formerly of Newport, R.I., and Long Island, N.Y., died Sunday, April 26, 1992. He was the husband of Bette Pesacov.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Michael Pesacov of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Arthur Pesacov of Palm Harbor, Fla.; a daughter, Bonnie Hizkiya of Plantation, Fla.; a sister, Rose Pesacov of WPB, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, April 29, at Royal Palm Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

SADIE PORT

COVENTRY — Sadie Port, 98, of the Coventry Health Center, Woodland Drive, died Saturday, May 2, 1992, at the center. She was the widow of Louis Port.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Moses and Rebecca (Block) Chorney, she lived in Providence for 53 years before moving to Cranston 14 years ago. She moved to the center eight years ago.

Mrs. Port was a member and fund-raiser for the Pioneer Women for many years. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish

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Home for the Aged, and had been a member of the former Temple Beth Israel.

She leaves three daughters, Mary Zisserson and Anne Leventhal, both of Cranston, and Estelle Goldman of Warwick; a son, Ira J. Port of Warwick; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

The funeral service was held Monday, May 4, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SALLY SHAPIRO

DEDHAM, Mass. — Sally Shapiro, 92, of 1007 East St., died Thursday, April 30, 1992, at Eastwood Care Center. She was the widow of Abraham Shapiro.

Born in Austria, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cohn. Mrs. Shapiro had lived in Dedham for four years, and previously had lived in East Greenwich and Warwick.

Mrs. Shapiro was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Providence.

She leaves three daughters, Shirley Chavis of Lake Success, N.Y., Evelyn Saltzman of Pawtucket and Avis Pritzker of Newton Centre, Mass.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sunday, May 3, at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MARCIA L. SINGER

WARWICK — Marcia L. Singer, 64, of 150 Weetamoe Drive, a social worker at the

United Methodist Health Care Center, East Providence, for five years, died Thursday, April 30, 1992, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Herbert Singer.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Morris and Rose (Berman) Alpert, she had lived in Springfield, Mass., before moving to Warwick 27 years ago.

She was a 1949 graduate of Radcliffe College. She received a master's degree in social work from Columbia University in 1951.

She had worked as a social worker at Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket, for nine years, for the State of Rhode Island, and for the Veterans Administration Hospital, Boston.

She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the Academy of Certified Social Workers. She was a member of Temple Am David.

She leaves a daughter, Betsy Abrams of Providence; two sons, Charles Singer of Natick, Mass., and Mark Singer of Reisterstown, Maryland; and a grandson.

Graveside funeral services took place at Sharon Memorial Park on Sunday, May 3, and

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Kamp Kohut - A Private Camp for Boys

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

As an eight-year veteran camper, my camp memories are still very dear to me. Although I won't divulge the dates when I happily bused to the camp that once was located in Kezar Fall, Maine, I'll gladly recite stories with a smile.

I must admit that, back then, I had too much fun to realize how much of an impression camp life made on me. But, now as an adult, it's clear as day. I not only received several athletic, artistic, and educational skills that I still enjoy, but more important were all the personal lessons I learned about life in general. Whether I knew it or not I fostered the ability of getting along with other people, appreciating people's privacy, personal hygiene, high self-esteem, reasoning, and yes, even a bit of self-discipline.

Kamp Kohut can do the same for your children too. It's the perfect place to have your children nurture old and new abilities and develop the many virtues of camp life. After all, the campers at Kamp Kohut have been doing so for 85 years.

Located 28 miles north of Portland, in Oxford, Maine, amongst 100 wooded acres and a half-mile of beautiful Lake Thompson shoreline, Kohut is a veritable paradise, having lent memory and meaning to lives

of countless young boys.

One former Kohut camper is himself a testimonial to what camp life means to some. Stan Fenton, 35, enjoyed the Kohut experience so much that he eventually became a head counselor and even married on camp grounds. Explaining what Kohut meant to him, he says, "This is like second nature to me. I don't know what I'd do without it. This is where my family is."



The camp offers fun and informality within an educational and instructive environment. Children have the freedom to highlight exactly what sort of education and experiences they are to pursue over the summer. It is not, however, an academic environment. Apart from outdoor recreational activities Kohut offers electives like photography, computer science, radio announcing and drama.

Kohut joins the high-ranking camps that emphasize outdoor recreational summer activities. Children are taught on the best possible facilities such as 3 baseball fields, 8 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, a lacrosse field, 2 soccer fields, a pitch-and-putt golf course and also have access to an 18-hole golf course! Campers can also pur-

sue archery. There is a rifle range and a rope court.

Director Malcolm J. Itkin and his wife, Sue, make it their responsibility to keep the small camp for boys, ages 6 to 16, running efficiently and safely. They push their responsibility further than just overseeing camp functions. Malcolm is also a counselor, instructor, friend and confidant, who personally knows each camper by name. In fact, in the dining hall, he rotates among the assigned tables, making sure he shares his time equally.

Itkin has always loved working with children. His adoration of youngsters began at the early age of 11, when he bravely told his parents that if he couldn't go to camp for eight full weeks, he wouldn't go at all. Unfortunately he lost the battle then, but that spirit still holds strong.

As a child he spoke of becoming a pediatrician and of the amazing feat of having twelve children of his own. He spent his high school days at playgrounds enjoying the company of children. During his days at Pennsylvania State, he majored in Parks and Recreation which then led him to Livingston, New Jersey, where he worked at the award-winning Livingston Park as a park director. Soon afterwards, Malcolm studied toward a master's in Camping and Outdoor education. He completed his master's degree at Cortland State College.



Malcolm Itkin assists a camper.

Following his college days, Malcolm pursued his dream of working with children. First he became a counselor, then a group headmaster, and a tennis and waterfront instructor.

It's obvious that leadership plays an important, yet not an overbearing, role at Kohut. The camp's staff is comparably larger than most camps its size. In each cabin there are two counselors to eight boys. The camp's staff (both activity heads and group counselors) are mature and competent, as they all must go through a thorough interview with Itkin. The average counselor's age is 26.

Campers can be signed for four- or eight-week seasons;

the latter includes a parents' weekend. Kamp Kohut supplies necessary equipment such as pillows, pillowcases, sheets and towels. The food is prepared by Itkin's long-standing chef and the infirmary is staffed by a resident nurse and a doctor, Dr. Whitney.

Itkin is an active member of the American Camping Association and the New England Section of ACA. Through the ACA, the director has served as a camp visitor reviewing camps seeking accreditation from the national organization.

Itkin invites you to join him and his wife Sue, and their two children, Jenny and Ari, at the camp.

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girls were locked up in the notorious Block 25 for three days with no food and little water.

As this year marks the 500th anniversary of the time in Spain when Spanish Jews were told by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella to either convert to Catholicism or leave Spain, a heartfelt apologetic talk came from Fr. Jude McGeough, St. Martha's parish, East Providence, who spoke of "the pain, the anger and bitterness by those of you who are families of those expelled from Spain."

He said, "Jews were a minority [in Spain] who were 'rich and respected in many fields.' However, [their being rich] started a hatred of these Jews."

The Father explained, "It's in great shame that I stand here tonight to apologize. But how can I? I'm not responsible for those actions. But I rejoice with you over the pardon..."

He then explained that he found a way to respond to the "religious fanaticism" that took hold of his ancestors, "I swallow with pride. I'm with you in shame and sadness. I hope we grow with a deep and abiding respect and that we can forgive."

Cantor Shimon Gewirtz, Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, elegantly recited a Sephardic litany, "Responde-mos" as well as a song of the Partisans: "Zog Nit Keinmol."

Jennifer Brandt, an 8th grade student at Winman Junior High School in Warwick, was the first recipient of the newly established essay contest sponsored by the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum for junior and senior high school students. Chosen for her most original essay (see essay,

page 17), she based her article on the topic, "What are the lessons of the Holocaust for Americans?" She was presented with a set of books on the Holocaust for her school.

David M. Hirsch, president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, presented the "Never Again" award to Jenny Machlowitz Klein, co-chairwoman, Holocaust Memorial Museum of Rhode Island and Vice President of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island recognizing her for positive pursuits in the community and seeking to influence the reduction of anti-Semitism, racism and prejudiced attitudes towards others.

After Leonard Schneider lead

the second-generation survivors to read in unison the "Pledge of Acceptance," Cantor Mayer, together with the Reverend Dr. Robert L. Carter, Jr., President, Ministers' Alliance of Rhode Island, and Temple Emanu-El Choir read through the Martyrology Kaddish.

After Rabbi Elana Kanter, Alperin Schechter Day School, gave benediction, there was a silent candlelight procession from the temple to the Holocaust Memorial Museum garden where participants concluded services with a mourners' Kaddish by Rabbi James Rosenberg of Temple Habonim, Barrington.



Agudath Achim Sisterhood Announces Mitzvah Dinner

Sisterhood of Congregation Agudath Achim announces its 50th annual Mitzvah Dinner, Saturday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community House at 133 High Street in Taunton.

The event is the year's major fund-raiser for Sisterhood, the congregation's primary service organization. Their efforts support a significant range of essential synagogue activities, from the religious school to the

congregation bulletin, special events and the Baruch Korff Library.

This year, the Mitzvah Dinner, with the theme of "LeDor VaDor" ("From Generation to Generation") will feature a special performance by Shimon and Ilana, a husband and wife team, whose appearances have been enthusiastically received around the world from New York, to Jerusalem, to Hong Kong.

Contribution levels to attend the Mitzvah Dinner are \$50, \$36, \$28, \$18 and \$15. Guests are \$10 each. Those contributing \$28 and up are entitled to bring their spouse or a guest from outside the greater

Taunton area at no additional charge.

Editorial and Classified Deadlines are Monday, 4:00 pm for Thursday's Paper.

Pin Puns

Hey Pal, Can you SPARE a dime? C'mon, we're going to have a BALL! How does that STRIKE you? Don't worry, we won't PIN anything on you!

Touro Harmony Lodge is holding Bowl-A-Rama again!!! Friendship Lodge is invited too. The date is Sunday, May 17, at 1:30 p.m., Legion Bowldrome, 661 Park Ave., Crans-

ton, R.I.

Prizes for high and low single for men, women and kids under 15. Registration is 2.50 per person. This includes two strings, shoes, coffee, donuts and soda! Paid reservations must be received by May 13. Touro Fraternal Association, Harmony Lodge, P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910.

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