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Hope Shines Through Gloom



A detail from the statue of Raoul Wallenberg in Budapest.

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

I had an aliyah in the Neoloz synagogue of Budapest, on the site of the birthplace of Theodore Herzl, with a Jewish museum next door. This is where I met Ernu Lazarovich. "Zionism was a taboo word. You never spoke the name of Israel. But now, with communism gone and all its monuments smashed, people even talk about going to Jerusalem. Israelis show up here. Zionism is back."

Ernu Lazarovich, newly elected head of the Jewish community of Budapest, brought me his notes of the grim account of the fates and fortunes of Hungarian Judaism. He visited the lobby of my hotel. "Horthy, the fascist leader of collaborationist Hungary, was a genteel anti-Semite. He wouldn't receive a Jew into his home, but he wouldn't have set out to kill all Jews. That would be vulgar. He looked down on Hitler. Under the influence of Raoul Wallenberg, he even tried to save a remnant of his Jews from Eichmann's wrath. He slowed down the deportations, at the very end of the war. But the Arrow Cross, a group of cruel and fierce young men, they rounded up all the Jews in the outlying regions — fast and furious. Only Budapest Jews had a chance to hide. The destruction of Hungary's Jews happened so quick, just as the war was nearly finished. Now, although anti-Semitism comes back with the revival of fascism and fanatic faiths, people are also coming back to Judaism. The head count keeps changing."

Few statues from Stalinist times still stand." But one mys-

terious silhouette looms there against the skyline, of a figure running against the wind. It recalls the brief early communist period of the regime of Bela Kun, a Jew.

"Maybe this explains why people think of communists as Jews. Though they don't go together, or course. Communists are atheists, and Stalinists are anti-Jewish."

The benevolent spirit of Raoul Wallenberg hovers like a kindly presence over all Budapest. You know his story. The gallant young Swedish diplomat who printed fake passports to rescue and redeem Jews from transport to Auschwitz.

Andras Solyom, a Hungarian Jew who survived the ghetto as a boy, now serves as a city guide. He drove me to see the blocks where Wallenberg did his noble work.

"There!" He points to one of his offices. "He kept many headquarters and moved from one to another, to escape his own death threats. But there! is where a group of Jews were shot and thrown into the river."

He extends his arm from our boat tour to show where on the banks the executions took place, and where Wallenberg hid other groups in "Swedish" houses. In the postwar period, a statue was put up, but then the communists swiped it away. It just vanished overnight. Wallenberg as a hero embarrassed the Soviet regime. One portion showed up on the site of a school of pharmacy. The snake, once a symbol of Nazi racist evil, now was reduced to the emblem of medicine. But a new statue went up recently — not in the down-

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A Renaissance Man Comes To Pawtucket

By Anne S. Davidson
Herald Editor

Hershy Worch wears many hats — artist, philosopher, father, rabbi. And until last week, he was also a New Yorker.

Rabbi Worch has come to Pawtucket to share his many talents with the Jewish community as the new rabbi at Temple Ohave Shalom.

Worch is a Renaissance man of the '90s, as he explained to a visitor on his second day in town last week: "I've done different things. Anyone who's tried to make a living as a fine artist does a lot of things."

For the past seven years, Worch lived in New York working as an artist in watercolors, a photographer and writer. To make ends meet, he sold his works and did rabbinical teaching.

Born in Manchester in the north of England in 1955, Worch is a Hasidic Jew. He lived in Tzfat, Israel, for two years after leaving England in 1983.

"I did different things there," he says with a smile. In the small "artist-type place" of Tzfat, Worch painted the local scenery and architecture; but he also tarred roofs. "Then I thought, 'I'll come to America — sell all my pieces,'" he said. He moved to New York.

Looking back on the past seven years in the Big Apple, Worch now hopes to see an improvement in his painting. "If I'm not as dependent on selling my work to sustain body and soul, I feel my work will probably be better," he observed.

A conversation with Worch ebbs and flows like the tide, one minute close to home, focusing (continued on page 15)



Rabbi Hershy Worch

"I'm hoping that the synagogue here in Pawtucket will become a center for people on a spiritual journey."

—Rabbi Hershy Worch



The U.S. Brig Niagara, the last remaining vessel from the War of 1812's Battle of Lake Erie, was the first of the tall ships to arrive in Newport on Thursday. Captain Walter P. Rybka's mission is to broaden awareness of this war by presenting living history in the sailing of the vessel. Thousands swarmed the ships, which occupied Newport Harbor this weekend.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

IRS Gives Tips to Rhode Islanders on Swindlers

Each year impersonators swindle taxpayers out of thousands of dollars by posing as Internal Revenue Service employees. These individuals gain access to confidential records through illegal schemes.

These impersonators do not stay in one place. Their success depends on moving from place to place to find new individuals to swindle.

Fortunately, the Inspection Service of the IRS catches and prosecutes many of these individuals. Many schemes go unreported and victims often wait too long to call authorities and the impersonators escape.

The IRS, other federal agencies and local authorities are successful at catching and stopping some of these impersonators. Recently in the midwest an impersonator called taxpayers and identified himself as an IRS agent conducting audits of their tax returns. During the calls, he obtained their social security numbers and financial information relating to their credit cards and checking accounts. The impersonator contacted the credit card companies and requested replacement cards under the victim's name and had the new cards sent to a bogus address. An accomplice later entered a local bank and stole \$850 from one victim's checking account using

the financial information obtained by the impersonator.

IRS investigators and U.S. postal inspectors arrested both men at a post office while they were attempting to pick up the fraudulent credit cards. They were indicted on charges of false personation, obstruction of mail, false statements and theft by deception. They are awaiting sentencing.

The Providence District director, Malcolm A. Lieberman, says if you are approached by anyone claiming to be an IRS employee, remember:

- All IRS employees carry identification and are required to show it to taxpayers when they visit their homes or offices.

- The IRS Providence District office is located at 380 Westminster St. in Providence; (800) 829-1040.

- IRS employees never have their names placed on payment checks. Make checks for federal taxes payable to Internal Revenue Service — not IRS. Spelling out the name makes it harder for criminals to alter the check.

If you suspect you are being victimized by an impersonator, immediately call the local inspector at 528-4041 or call the Inspection Hot Line (800) 366-4484.

New Benefit Rates Go Into Effect

New maximum weekly benefit rates of \$294 for Unemployment Insurance and \$374 for Temporary Disability Insurance went into effect for claimants whose benefit years began on or after July 5, it was announced recently by John M. Robinson, director of the Department of Employment and Training.

The previous maximum rates were \$285 for unemployment insurance and \$342 for temporary disability insurance.

Claimants who had established claims prior to July 4 will continue to be paid their present benefit rate for the duration of their benefit year. A benefit year is the 52-week period from the date a person establishes a new claim.

The maximum rate for unemployment insurance benefits is set at 67 percent of the average weekly wage of workers covered by the Employment Security Act. Rhode Island law requires that an individual's unemployment insurance benefit rate, as well as the maximum benefit rate payable, if not an exact multiple of a dollar, be rounded down to the next lower dollar.

Total wages paid by employers subject to the Employment Security Act in calendar year 1992 amounted to \$9.34

billion with an average weekly wage of \$439.43. Sixty-seven percent, or \$294.42, was rounded to the next lowest dollar amount, or \$294, the new maximum for unemployment insurance.

The maximum weekly benefit rate for temporary disability insurance is set at 85 percent of the average weekly wage paid to workers covered by the Employment Security Act. Rhode Island law requires that an individual's temporary disability insurance benefit rate, as well as the maximum benefit rate payable, if not an exact multiple of a dollar, be raised to the next-highest dollar. Accordingly, the new temporary disability insurance maximum weekly benefit rate is \$374 (85 percent of \$439.43 rounded to the next highest dollar amount).

Golf Tourney Will Benefit Big Brothers

The Michelob Classic Golf Tournament for Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Inc., sponsored by McLaughlin and Moran Inc., will be held on Aug. 17 at the Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford with shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Hon. John E. Moran, a member of the board of directors and the 1980 recipient of the Big Brothers prestigious Humanitarian Award, is honorary chairman.

Golfers will eat a steak dinner, and trophies will be presented for low net and low gross. Each player will receive a gift that includes a hat, golf balls, towel and tees.

Many other prizes will be awarded, including putters, umbrellas, sweaters and sweat-shirts. One golfer could win a new automobile for a hole in one on a designated hole. There will also be a sports auction.

Search Continues for Cars to Benefit Kidney Foundation

The National Kidney Foundation of Rhode Island continues its search for unwanted cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, etc. After a few short months, the Kidney Car Campaign, which has been proven successful throughout the nation, has procured 200 vehicles from generous donors in the state of Rhode Island.

Owners may donate their unwanted vehicle, whether it be a mint or a lemon, and deduct the fair market value of the car from their income tax.

By calling 331-9757 arrangements can be made to pick up the vehicle free of charge.

The proceeds provide much-needed funding for the National Kidney Foundation's multifaceted programs of research, patient services, organ donation and public as well as professional education. The National Kidney Foundation helps more Americans prevent, treat and cure kidney and urinary tract disease than any other voluntary health organization.

Nurses' Group Provides Scholarships to R.I. Students

The Long-Term Care Nurses Section of Rhode Island Health Care Association has created a scholarship fund, providing three \$500 scholarship awards to students who are contributing their nursing education and who are presently employed in long-term care.

The applicant must be em-

ployed in long-term care for at least two years (not necessarily at the same facility).

For further information and an application, contact the Rhode Island Health Care Association, Barbara Notte, R.N., D.N.S., Bayberry Commons, 1 Davis Drive, Burrillville, R.I. 02859; 568-0600.

Judaic Literature Section Featured in New Cranston Book Store

Basset Book Shop, a new "superstore" bookstore opening this month in Cranston, will feature a section of Judaic literature. The 15,000-square-foot bookstore is located in the Village of the Garden City Center, at 79 Hillside Road, with hours from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Basset grand-opening weekend festivities will take place July 30 through Aug. 2.

Book shelves and aisles have been laid out to encourage browsing and comfortable chairs and furnishings invite shoppers to lounge. Customers can linger over a cup of coffee and pastry purchased from the in-store coffee bar.

The children's section features kid-sized furnishings and an amphitheater for in-store

performances.

"Basset will be almost a community cultural center within a bookstore," said Susan Carpenter, a store manager. "We will sponsor a wide variety of programs and also invite people to seek us out. Our door will always be open to talk with local community groups about program ideas they might have. We want consumers of all ages and backgrounds, dedicated readers and occasional readers alike, to view Basset as a center for information, recreation and personal enrichment."

Basset's flagship store in Stamford, Conn., hosted a Judaic discussion series, and recently featured Rabbi Daniel A. Syme, who discussed his book, *Why I am a Reform Jew*.

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FEATURE

Katzovitz Brings Young Judaea to Rhode Island

by Sara Coen

Special to the Herald

Four years ago, after Karen Katzovitz had completed her freshman year at the Wheeler School in Providence, she packed up her trunk to head off to Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, N.Y. Katzovitz had heard about the camp from a friend but she did not know much more than that it was sponsored by an organization called Young Judaea.

"I didn't really have an understanding of what I had stepped into," she now comments.

After her first summer at camp, Katzovitz was a devoted "Young Judaeans." By the end of her senior year in high school, she not only held a position on the regional board of Young Judaea, but she had also succeeded in bringing a Young Judaea chapter back to Rhode Island. The chapter is still enjoying tremendous success after Katzovitz left to attend Bryn Mawr college.

Young Judaea is often referred to as a national peer-led Zionist movement.

"That definition is sort of a mouthful and I often get blank looks when I use it," says Katzovitz. "Y.J. is basically a youth movement for Jewish kids around the country to get together and to learn and discover their connection with Israel and their connection and responsibility to the American Jewish community and the American community as a whole."

The movement is sponsored by Hadassah and has been around since the beginning of the twentieth century. Membership peaked in the 1940s and 50s, with all of the enthusiasm concerning Israel. Katzovitz's current next-door neighbor, Eva Zucker, led a Rhode Island Young Judaea chapter in the 1950s.

There are several aspects to Young Judaea. Its major goal and motto is "Education for the Service of the Nation."

"That motto really attracted me to the movement," she said. "People involved actually had an understanding of Israeli politics and the Diaspora, and I was impressed."

Katzovitz was born in Israel, so the club has a special relevance for her. Yet besides their educational objectives, Young Judaea offers wonderful social opportunities. The movement gives its members a chance to meet other Jewish students

from their town, region, and other parts of the United States and world.

Young Judaea has established summer camps around the country. During her first summer at Tel Yehudah, she met people from all over the United States and from Israel. Katzovitz took part in a leadership program during her second summer at camp.

"It was really then that I realized Young Judaea wasn't just camp," she said. "I knew right there what a great opportunity it was not only for fun, but also to gain leadership skills and do new things."

At the time there was no Rhode Island Young Judaea chapter. Katzovitz felt empowered by her experience at camp, and looked into starting a Rhode Island movement.

"It was the first time that I had really taken a stand. I wanted something and was going to go after it," she said. "It was a really exciting time."

Katzovitz met Miriam Greenblatt, Rhode Island's second Young Judaea president, during her second summer at Tel Yehudah. Greenblatt was moving to Rhode Island from Ohio and she and Karen set out together to establish a chapter.

At camp they were able to meet with the regional director who arranged for Rhode Island Young Judaea advisors from Brown and RISD — former Judaeans who still wanted to be involved.

"The advisors are great," she commented. "They have lots of funny stories about their days in the movement, and we became good friends with them."

During Katzovitz's junior year in high school, she set up an Ofarim-Tsofim Young Judaea chapter, which is geared towards third to seventh graders.

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island helped her with materials, rooms, and phone lists.

She remembers her senior year as getting "extra complicated" when she decided to add a Bogrim club for high school kids. She faced a dilemma between getting younger kids as a base for the movement and her desire to include older students. She decided to juggle both.

At this point Katzovitz was also working on the regional level as programmer for all Ofarim-Tsofim groups of New England, and she helped plan

and lead regional Bogrim conventions.

The regional Young Judaea office is in Boston, so she got to take the bus back and forth on weekends. In February she was sent as a delegate to the national convention where she got to make decisions concerning goals of Young Judaea, money and changes in the Constitution.

Some of Katzovitz's most memorable Young Judaeans experiences occurred at the conventions. Like the camps, conventions offer Young Judaeans from all over an opportunity to gather.

Most conventions and overnights are regional, and each has a theme that is organized by the regional board. Karen mentioned Russian and Ethiopian Jewry, the Arab/Israeli conflict and racism as examples of themes. The themes always relate back to Judaism and often to Israel, and the board plans activities to get the theme across.

"The idea is not so much to teach, but to offer a lead into discovery concerning the issues."



Karen Katzovitz

The conventions are student run, but a full-time staff is also always available to Young Judaeans. The staff includes a "Shaliach," a delegate from Israel who comes with the express purpose of giving perspective, insight and a physical connection with Israel.

"Such a delegate offers a real opportunity for someone

who has never heard Hebrew spoken before or spent time with an Israeli," Katzovitz commented.

She cannot say enough good things about her experience with Young Judaea.

"I am really thankful for such a unique experience," Katzovitz said. "So many peo-

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To The Editors:

Allow me, if you will, a short comment about your feature editor's essay about the so-called super-soakers, toys which are ever so popular with our younger set.

Our government, in its infinite wisdom declares these spritzers illegal, but under the pressure of the National Rifle Association of which Mr. Bush seems to be a proud member, keeps on condoning handguns, rifles, etc., which kill and maim people every day. One cannot help but wonder why.

Hans L. Heimann
Providence

To The Editors:

Thank you, Michael Fink, for the wonderful article entitled, "High Noon," about your son, Reuben. But your article took on a significance you hadn't intended.

As you know, Michael, my daughter Robin, now a mature age of 6, was madly in love with Reuben since their days

in Sara Halper's Pre-K at the Providence Hebrew Day School. I am sure you remember the fuss Robin made each and every time her visit with Reuben had to end. In fact, Robin vowed that she was going to marry Reuben someday.

But, as fate would have it, Robin and Reuben went down separate paths. Robin would occasionally see Reuben and would fondly ask about him whenever our families' paths would cross on the East Side of town.

Then the test of growing up and growing apart happened. Just the other day, Robin and Reuben's paths crossed again. Alas, Robin didn't greet her former flame.

Since I am strong on sentiment, when I saw Reuben's picture appear in the *Herald*, I couldn't resist cutting it out for a keepsake for Robin (and me) to remember her first love. Robin looked at the picture of Reuben and philosophically remarked to me, "Now I will always remember Reuben Fink." A secret tear rolled down my eye. My little girl is growing up!

Cindy Halpern
Providence, R.I.

David Ben-Gurion 1886-1973

by Harold Silverman
President

Congregation Sons of Jacob

David Ben-Gurion died on December 1, 1973, at the age of 87. Jews continue to mourn the loss of one of the greatest statesmen of modern times. Those 87 years — action-packed, history-making years — made David Ben-Gurion world famous. His name is known in every country. Photographs of his face, crowned with a mane of white hair are recognized everywhere. He will always be remembered as a great leader, the architect of the state of Israel and its first prime minister. He is often described as a modern prophet of Israel.

He was never ordinary. As a child David Ben-Gurion stood out: he was thoughtful, keen-minded, analytical, earnest. Action, based on thought and conviction, was the chief characteristic throughout his life. He always knew what was important and never wasted time on the unimportant. Standing firmly on his convictions, working fearlessly for what he believed, never pausing or deviating, fighting against all odds for the future and freedom of his people — that is the life story of David Ben-Gurion.

David Ben-Gurion signed Israel's Declaration of Independence, May 1948. When only 17 he reached the conclusion that in order to live as a free people the Jews must end

their exile and return to their ancient homeland. And at once — as he was to do all his life — he put this theory into practice, going to Eretz Israel as a Halutz (pioneer). His name Hebraized (son of a lion), he joined the Kibbutz Sedjera where he devoted himself to farming. Soon he was persuaded by the Zionist leadership to leave the Kibbutz where farming was his first and lifelong love. The great gifts of leadership could not long be suppressed. He was to dedicate his labors to all the political negotiations and statesmanship so essential to rebuild the old homeland into a new homeland.

B.G., as he was popularly known, realized that in order to attain and maintain the status of free men living in their own country, the Jews of Israel would have to learn to use arms to defend themselves. While on the kibbutz, noting that the Turkish government gave no protection to the Jewish settlers from attacks by marauders, he organized the first defense unit; this developed into Hagana and ultimately into Zahal, Israel's celebrated army.

During the first world war he was instrumental in recruiting young American Jews and forming the "Jewish Legion" to help the British free Palestine from Turkey. In the second world war he persuaded the

British government to let Palestine Jews from the Jewish Brigade fight the Nazis under a Jewish flag. And later he led the political fight against the British who failed to keep the promise given Jews for a national home in Palestine.

The supreme achievement of Ben-Gurion's life was the establishment of the state of Israel.

The people followed his inspired leadership as their ancestors had followed that other David, the king. In 1948 the state of Israel was established, and Ben-Gurion was chosen as prime minister. World Jewry was mobilized to share the burdens of responsibilities.

Ben-Gurion had learned the art of warfare although his sole desire was for peace. When he resigned from office, convinced he had done his job, he and his American wife Paula went to live not in their home in Tel Aviv but in Sdeh Boker, a kibbutz in the Negev, where he lived simply, combining some farm work with his writing of history.

David Ben-Gurion was the embodiment of Jewish courage, faith, pride and dignity. He has been called the living conscience of Israel. In a special memorial session of Israel's cabinet, Premier Golda Meir once spoke of David Ben-Gurion as the nation's chosen one.

May his memory be a blessing.

A man of vision, of dreams — a fighter and builder of Israel.



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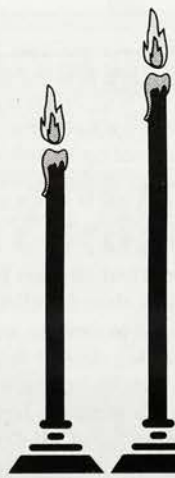
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Bush/Baker: Not Just a Couple of Haimishe Guys

by Rudy Boschwitz

(JTA) — The Israeli elections create the opportunity to renew the spirit of American-Israeli relations.

Many say they are at a low point. The spirit may be, but substantively, I believe the relationship is, and has been, as strong as ever.

Leslie Gelb, the former assistant secretary of state under Jimmy Carter and now an editor of the *New York Times*, summed up American-Israeli relations and the Bush/Baker impact on it by writing, in effect: the lyrics are great, but the music is terrible.

My summary is the same but stated a little differently. The achievements of the Bush/Baker team exceed, by far, the accomplishments of any other American administration since the birth of the state of Israel.

But are President Bush and Secretary of State James Baker a couple of *haimishe* guys who know how to stroke Jewish angst and sensibilities (a full-time job under even good circumstances)? There the answer is clearly "no."

Let's look at the lyrics first, because many of my friends just can't get by the music and recognize, much less appre-

ciate, some very remarkable achievements.

First, of course, is the peace process. For 44 years Israelis have wanted to sit across the table and negotiate with their neighbors. It wasn't achieved before, but it has been now. And all of Israel's preconditions were met. I sat for an hour with Jim Baker in his office in mid-May. "It was like pulling teeth to get the Arabs there," he said. "Everyone of them wanted a freeze on settlements, insisted that Jerusalem be represented on the Palestinian delegation and that Israel commit to territory for peace, and I said 'No.'" Baker told me.

As we spoke, Israelis were (continued on next page)

Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

U.S. Air Pilots Arrive in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV — A new and inspiring sight is now to be seen in the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv. It is that of American air pilots strolling down Allenby Street or stopping at a store to get some of that frozen "Glida" (which is the way they say ice cream in Hebrew). Others stop at the bar where there is a sign, "We speak American."

WEEK OF JULY 23, 1942

Nazi Sink Ships Near Palestine Coast

GENEVA — The German High Command at Berlin issued a claim that a Nazi submarine had sunk a tanker and freighter in the Mediterranean off the coast of Palestine outside Haifa. A total tonnage of 5,000 tons was claimed for the two boats.

Vandals Desecrate Memorial

NEW YORK — Police were on the prowl in Far Rockaway, L.I., for the vandals who besmirched the honor roll of Jewish boys, all members of the Shaaray Tefila Synagogue, who are serving with Uncle Sam. A tablet with the names of the 50 Jewish lads fighting with the armed forces had been smeared with obscene phrases and with the inscription "Hope all Jews get Hitlerized."

Haimishe Guys

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negotiating with 12 Arab countries in other parts of the State Department building on arms control. One of the negotiators was Bradley Gordon, now assistant director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and for five years director of my Mideast senate staff.

The peace process is an extraordinary achievement and the most hopeful sign in the Middle East since Camp David — for which President Carter (another guy not too good with the strokes) deserves much credit, though he was aided by two remarkable statesmen: Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat.

Bush and Baker have had no such assists.

Second, there are multi-lateral talks as well as bilateral negotiations occurring. The Bush/Baker team made it clear that anyone that wanted to play had to establish full diplomatic relations with the state of Israel. Israel, which had often been left out in the cold, suddenly became recognized by Russia, China, India and others and is now truly among the family of the world's nations.

Israel had sought diplomatic acceptance, but historically found diplomatic isolation. It is Bush/Baker that finally provided the muscle to accomplish this fundamental objective that Israel had had since her birth.

By the way, the broad, worldwide recognition — not isolation or rejection — is also reflected in a third great accomplishment: overturning the insidious 1975 U.N. resolution that Zionism is racism. This is something that everyone talked about, but no one else could achieve. To quote Jim Baker: "That took a lot of arm-twisting." Having served as a congressional member of our U.N. delegation, I can attest to the difficulties that were involved.

A fourth achievement, and a wonderful one, was Operation Solomon, the dramatic airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel in which I was so deeply involved as the president's emissary.

What few remember is that this was the second great airlift of Ethiopian Jews. The first was personally arranged by then-Vice President George Bush in 1985 when he made a trip to the Horn of Africa similar to mine of last spring to Ethiopia.

Operation Solomon got done last spring only because George Bush was involved every step of the way and the Ethiopians knew it.

As I sat and negotiated with President Haile Mariam Mengistu, the brutal Ethiopian dictator, I thought what a difference 50 years makes. There we were — a former U.S. senator, high-level personnel from the White House and State Department fully supported by the president — negotiating for the poorest of the poor, the black Ethiopian Jews.

Fifty years ago nobody spoke out for our people in Europe. What a difference 50 years makes, the state of Israel makes, a strong well-organized American Jewish community makes.

But it would not have happened if there were not a president who understood and was willing to take the risks and push it. And when, as I understand it, some at the State Department wanted to abort the mission, Jim Baker wouldn't let them.

Yet some call, or intimate, that the president and secretary of state are anti-Semites. What *chutzpah*.

A fifth achievement is the recent negotiations concerning the Syrian Jews who are now permitted to sell their property and travel with their families out of Syria. This is pretty current and sensitive stuff. But few thought it was any more possible than getting the Arab

Finally, of course, there is the Persian Gulf War and the removal of Israel's most potent opponent, the defense of Israel in its hour of need, and hopefully a decade's delay at least in the introduction of the most sophisticated weaponry to Israel's foes.

Consider also that George Bush is the first president not to look at the Arabs as a monolithic landscape. He built a coalition of Arabs to fight other Arabs, thereby weakening Arab nationalism and the unified threat it can pose to Israel.

I even believe that George Bush is the first president since Kennedy not to have used or threatened to use the availability of U.S. defensive weaponry as a tool to affect Israeli policy, as the Reagan administration did by suspending the sale of F-16s following Israel's 1981 strike on Iraq's nuclear reactor site.

When I spoke to my grandmother about politics, she would always ask me "Ist das gut for die Juden?," a question essential in the old country of her youth. I believe Bush/

The Three Weeks

Ever since the destruction of the Bais Hamikdosh — The Holy Temple in Jerusalem — and the exile from our holy land, Eretz Yisroel, the Jewish people have always faithfully anticipated and yearned for their redemption, the return to Israel and the rebuilding of the Temple through Moshiach Tzedkeinu — the Messiah.

On the 17th day of the Jewish month of Tammuz, 68 C.E., the wall of Jerusalem was breached. Three weeks later, on the 9th day of Av, the Holy Temple was razed. These three weeks have since been called Bain Hamatzorim — days of semi-mourning.

The nine days from the beginning of Av until after Tisha B'Av are called "Nine Days," signifying an even greater period of sadness.

A Mourning Period

As Jews we celebrate, and thereby participate in, the happy events of our history. And as Jews loyal to our heritage, we also mourn the tragic events of our history. The holidays help us strengthen our faith in G-d and our ties to Jewish tradition and Torah. The mourning is to help us abstain from the cause of the sad event.

Thus, these days remind us of the sorrowful happenings of the destruction of the Temple and our present exile, as well as of many other sorrowful events in Jewish history. It is also the time when our thoughts and hopes are raised toward the time when the A-mighty will redeem us, return us to our land, and rebuild the Temple — Bais Hamikdosh — through Moshiach Tzedkeinu, our righteous Messiah.

Tragic Events

of the 17th Day of Tammuz

A. Moses broke the tablets with the Ten Commandments.
B. The daily sacrifices of the Temple were stopped.

Baker deserve a resounding "yes."

But are these a couple of haimishe guys who address Jewish sensitivities well? Regrettably not.

Former U.S. Sen. Rudy Boschwitz is a Republican from Minnesota.

C. The wall of Jerusalem was breached and the city captured.

D. Apustmus, captain of the occupation forces, publicly burned the Torah.

E. An idol was placed in the Bais Hamikdosh.



A Course of Action

"Zion will be redeemed with mishpot and her captives with tzedakah — charity." (Isiah 1-27). "Mishpot," which means "justice" or "law," also refers to Torah study. Thus, the meaning of the biblical verse is that the Jewish people and Zion will be redeemed and rebuilt by the merit of our study of Torah and by our act of giving Tzedakah — charity. It is therefore of great importance that we, during the "Three Weeks" and the "Nine Days," intensify our Torah study and give additional Tzedakah.

The mitzvah of Tzedakah can easily be done by putting some coins into a pushka, charity box. The study of Torah can be accomplished by learning a few passages of the Bible, a mishnah, or a passage from the Code of Jewish Law, etc.

Since the study of Torah and the giving of Tzedakah during these days are related to the rebuilding of Zion — the Temple, it is suggested that this Tzedakah be given to a shul — synagogue, or to a house of Torah study (such as a day school, or yeshiva), each of which is called a "miniature Bais Hamikdosh." Another suggestion is that the study of Torah be in those chapters of

Torah which refer to the subject of the Temple and the redemption of the Jewish people.

It is also advisable that the giving of Tzedakah and the study of Torah be accompanied by Tfilah — prayer, so that the "three pillars of which the world rests" stand beside us to bring about the blessing of the A-mighty, the end of exile, and the coming of Mashiach and rebuilding of the Temple speedily in our days.

The Role of Children

"V'haishiv laiv ovos al bonim" — and (as a preparation to the true redemption through Mashiach) the A-mighty will return (to Him) the hearts of parents through the children.

Children are earnest, natural and receptive to what they are told and to what they feel is the truth. They are ready to act immediately upon sensing that what is presented to them, is indeed, good.

We, the parents, are obligated to provide our children with a full and active Jewish education so that they adapt and incorporate Torah in their lives. Through them we, too, are moved to learn and adapt ourselves to a total Jewish life.

That, in preparation and setting the ground for the coming of Mashiach speedily in our days.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Jewish Democrats and Republicans Pleased with Perot's Pullout

by Cynthia Mann
States News Service

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish Democrats and Republicans alike are hoping that Ross Perot's dramatic withdrawal from the presidential contest will boost the fortunes of their parties' respective presidential candidates.

While each side claims that the Texas billionaire's supporters will now flock to their party, another outcome seems at least as likely: that Perot's backers will feel so betrayed and disappointed that they will opt out of the campaign altogether.

The withdrawal clearly leaves Perot's Jewish support up for grabs. Polls have shown that Democratic nominee Bill Clinton has a solid majority of Jewish votes, and he has worked assiduously in recent weeks to shore up that support. The same surveys, meanwhile, have shown most Jewish Republicans ready to defect to Perot in November.

The Jewish vote had been considered pivotal in a three-way contest, while in the newly configured two-way race, it may decline in importance.

But President Bush, who called Perot's departure a "posi-

tive development," is still widely expected to try hard in the next four months to win back the Jews he lost to Perot over his hard-line policy on Israeli loan guarantees and his perceived insensitivity to Jews.

"As it gets closer to the election, Jewish voters will become more aware of the positive achievement of the Bush administration with respect to Israel," said Cheryl Halpern, co-chairman of the National Jewish Coalition, a Republican group.

Halpern, who stressed she was speaking only for herself, expressed confidence that Perot supporters "will feel there are shared values between the Perot and Bush campaigns and feel comfortable moving over."

But Tom Smerling, head of a dovish Jewish group called Project Nishma, said he doubted such a migration would take place, noting the bitter public feuding between Perot and Bush.

"The animosity had reached such a pitch, it is hard to imagine Perot supporters returning to the Bush fold," he said.

Democratic Party Chairman Ron Brown told reporters shortly after the Perot announce-

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Red Cross Says its Inaction During Holocaust Was its 'Greatest Failure'

Red Cross inaction during the Holocaust represented its "greatest failure, one which still causes soul-searching in Geneva today," Red Cross officials said.

According to the World Jewish Congress, a 12-page article to appear in next month's *Red Cross/Red Crescent* magazine, the official journal of the international organization, concedes, "what little was achieved for Jews in German concentration camps seems insignificant compared to the scale of Hitler's Final Solution."

The magazine represents the international Red Cross movement which comprises three components: the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); the individual national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the International Federation acting as the umbrella body for these national societies.

Authored by Rebecca Irvin, deputy head of communications at the ICRC, the article examines the activities of the Red Cross during the second world war and identifies some of its successful operations but notes the ICRC "was powerless to stop the systematic killing of gypsies, homosexuals, communists, pacifists and,

most infamously of all, the 6 million Jews who perished in Nazi concentration camps."

"So why did the Red Cross, one of the oldest and most respected humanitarian organizations in the world fail to speak out publicly against the barbarity?" the article asks.

According to Irvin, "the committee was convinced that a public appeal would achieve nothing. They also feared a denunciation would endanger, possibly end, its work with Allied prisoners of war in Germany."

The current deputy director of the ICRC, Francois Bugnion, reproaches the committee members for having "lacked firmness and conviction of their own moral strengths," adding, "they were convinced of their impotence."

He noted, "From the autumn of 1942 onwards, it was clear that the ICRC had enough information to be aware of the genocide." The ICRC "should have issued a strong appeal to the very highest level of the Nazi government," Bugnion argued, as "the only way to prove that an appeal would have failed would have been to try."

After the war, Nazi criminals falsely made use of Red Cross travel documents to escape capture. "Adolf Eichmann, Joseph Mengele and Klaus Barbie all escaped to South America using Red Cross documents," the article noted. "Clearly, the ICRC was deceived by these people who were fleeing justice under false identity papers obtained from local authorities. The ICRC would never have given them the travel documents if it had known their true identity."

The World Jewish Congress said the Red Cross, while taking an honest look at its past, could during this period of self-examination right a present-day injustice — admit Israel's National Society, Magan David Adom, into the federation and Red Cross movement.

Principally as a result of Arab pressure, the Israeli National Society has not been admitted into the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement out of refusal to recognize its Red Star of David as a valid protective emblem.

The congress announced it was mobilizing an international campaign among its member communities in 84 countries to secure admission of Israel's National Society, the MDA, into the Red Cross movement.

"Israel's exclusion from this international movement is a continued act of blatant discrimination," Congress executive director, Elan Steinberg said.

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Union for Traditional Judaism Offers New Home for Conservatives, Orthodox

by Jonathan Mark

The New York Jewish Week
NEW YORK (JTA) — An interdenominational merger of two rabbinical groups, uniting several hundred right-wing Conservative rabbis and left-wing Orthodox rabbis, will soon be formalized under the umbrella of the Union for Traditional Judaism, according to a union official.

Rabbi Ronald Price, executive vice president of the union, said at the group's recent conference in Mount Vernon, N.Y., that an agreement to bring the Fellowship of Traditional Orthodox Rabbis into the union will be announced shortly.

Although it was the group's ninth convention, it was only its second since asserting its 1990 declaration of independence from the Conservative movement.

The theme of the gathering was best expressed by Rabbi David Novak, a union vice president. "We have to do something that indicates we

are willing to step out of our political boundaries," he said, "to embrace Jews" that are "philosophically, virtually indistinguishable from us."

Some members of the forthcoming rabbinical association said it will be a home for those who are committed to *halacha* (Jewish law) but remain frustrated by denominational politics, extremist trends and the collapse of the center within Orthodox and Conservative Judaism.

"Our spiritual center has shifted to a new location," said Novak, who was ordained as a Conservative rabbi. The "remnants" of right-wing Conservatives and left-wing Orthodox Jews "realize that their spiritual home now has to be in a new place that they have to begin, with G-d's help, to construct themselves."

According to Price, the union has 8,000 family memberships and 350 member rabbis; the fellowship has between 50 and 100 rabbis.

The Union of Traditional

Conservative Judaism was founded in 1983 by rabbis and scholars seeking to be a conservative influence within the Conservative movement. The founders were particularly dismayed by what they said was the steady erosion, laxity and democratization of the Conservative halachic process, particularly regarding the ordination of women.

In the spring of 1990, the union dropped the Conservative label and established a new seminary, the Institute for Traditional Judaism, that only ordains men.

The institute is led by Rabbi David Weiss Halivni, the internationally renowned talmudic scholar, who is the spiritual mentor of the union. Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel and Harvard University Yiddish Professor Ruth Wisse are among the institute's academic advisers.

There are 17 rabbinical students at the ITJ, which just concluded its first year of operation.

Conference Held in Paris



An international conference, "Educating for Tolerance: The Case of Resurgent Antisemitism," under the joint sponsorship of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Simon Wiesenthal Center, was recently held at UNESCO world headquarters in Paris.

Among the leaders who participated in the Conference were: Vernon Walters, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations (standing); Federico Mayor, director general of UNESCO; Rita Süssmuth, president of the German Parliament; Per Ahlmark, former deputy prime minister of Sweden; Archbishop Jorge Mejia, chairman of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace at the Vatican, and famed Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal.

Pictured with Ambassador Walters are (from left): Shimon Samuels, European director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center; Rabbi Marvin Hier, center dean and founder; Simon Wiesenthal; Federico Mayor, and Sylvie Corrin-Zyss, attorney on behalf of the Corrin family.

Gore Welcomed by AIPAC, Fails to Mention Israel

by Cynthia Mann
States News Service

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Democratic Party's vice presidential nominee got a resounding welcome July 13 at a reception for delegates to the party's convention here that was sponsored by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), who has a staunchly pro-Israel record, was introduced by committee leaders with extravagant accolades.

"He is a great leader and one of the best friends of the pro-Israel community," said David Steiner, president of the pro-Israel lobby.

But Gore then proceeded to deliver a speech that made no mention of Israel, surprising many listeners.

Instead, in one of his first official appearances at the convention, Gore issued a standard rallying cry aimed at galvanizing the rank and file to work for new presidential leadership.

"The stakes are very high, make no mistake about that," the senator said. "The words of the Scripture are true. Where there is no vision, people shall perish."

"Part of the legacy of the failed leadership of the Bush-Quayle administration is that so many Americans have been tempted to give up," Gore said.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, called the failure to mention Israel "a bad oversight or a mistake in judgment."

But he said it is far from irreparable, "given Gore's outstanding record and the strong [pro-Israel] party platform."

Hoenlein said he had heard

the speech was not about Israel to avoid the appearance before a national audience of pandering. "That's not the way to address a vital issue," he said. But "I don't believe Al Gore is reluctant to be out-front on Israel."

Sources inside Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton's presidential campaign said the Gore speech was meant to be broad and to energize Democrats to "roll up their sleeves" and go to work for the cause. It did not have to spell out Gore's "credentials" on Israel because they are so well-known, they said.

In a recent appearance on the ABC News program "This Week With David Brinkley," Gore refused to be drawn into some of Israel's sensitive political intricacies and reiterated the party's support for the Arab-Israeli peace process.

"The future of Israel and the occupied territories will be for the parties to determine," he said. "Our policy should not be to make that decision in Washington but to create the conditions that are conducive to the parties themselves."

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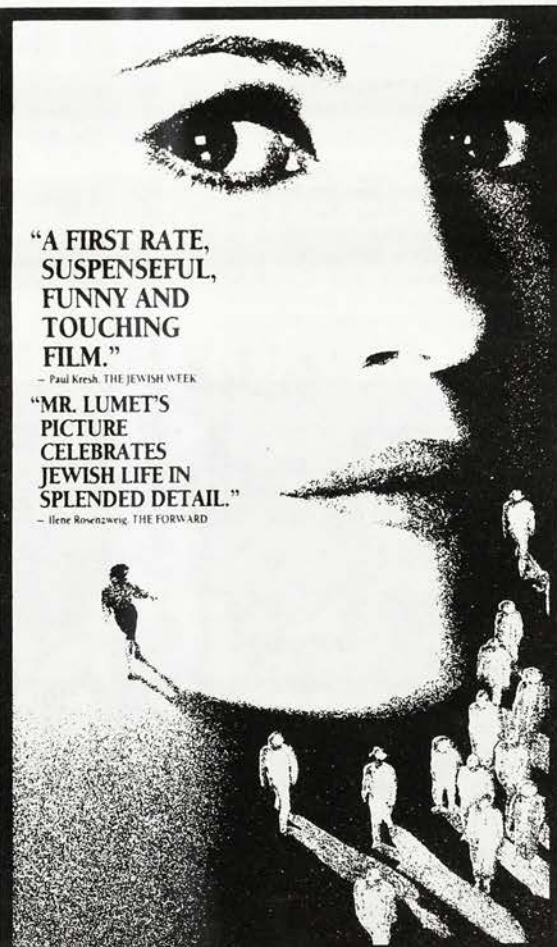
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AROUND TOWN

Story by Dorothea Snyder

All Things Are Attainable

"This has been a heck of a year for me! It's been the most exciting year of my life!" exclaimed Dr. Charles Kelman, whose string of accomplishments is enough to bowl one over.

But first, let me introduce Dr. Kelman to you if you haven't already seen him on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, The Barbara Walters Show, The Merv Griffin Show, The David Letterman Show, The Oprah Winfrey Show or...

Perhaps you caught the jazz saxophonist in concert with Lionel Hampton and Dizzy Gillespie, or in concert at Carnegie Hall, Las Vegas, Atlantic City with The Spinners, Glen Campbell, James Darren, Regis Philbin and other headliners.

Or still, perhaps you or someone you know had a cataract removal procedure performed by Dr. Kelman.

You see, the Doctor title isn't just a musical moniker. He's a real life doctor, a New York City ophthalmologist, who in 1962 devised the cryoprobe, a freezing instrument for the extraction of cataracts within their capsules.

That became the most widely-used method for cataract removal in the world until about 1978. Then, it was supplanted by extracapsular cataract extraction with irrigation and aspiration, a technique introduced by Dr. Kelman and used by a majority of cataract surgeons today.

In 1963 Dr. Kelman pioneered the use of freezing for the repair of retinal detachments. In 1967, he introduced Kelman phacoemulsification, the impetus for today's out-patient surgery.

"The most exciting year" of Dr. Kelman's life has brought him the Distinguished Service Award from Tufts University and the Inventor of the Year Award from The New York Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law Association for his development of the Kelman phacoemulsification procedure.

Last month he was one of eight to receive the nation's highest technology award, the 1992 National Medal of Technology by President Bush in the White House Rose Garden.

My introduction to Dr. Kelman didn't come about by way of sharing a guest spot with him on the Johnny Carson Show, or being his back-up singer in Atlantic City, or being one of the seven others to receive a Medal of Technology in the White House Rose Garden.

It was by the way of a new musical, *The Marrano*, composed by Dr. Kelman.

Last week, *The Marrano* made its world premiere in North Dartmouth at U. Mass's Massachusetts Repertory Theatre. The script, inspired by Simon Wiesenthal's book, *Sails Of Hope*, explores the theory that Christopher Columbus was Jewish.

I met Dr. Kelman briefly after last Friday night's performance; he had just arrived after a three-hour flight delay from New York. I postponed our scheduled interview for the next morning over the phone.

His office had sent a myriad of articles written about him over the years. I got a kick out of the titles, "Doctor leads a double life," "Dr. Charles Kelman, An eye & ear man of note (s)," "Cast an eye at doc's sax appeal."

Obviously, the press had recognized this multi-talented personality!

How can one single individual have multiple capabilities? Dr. Kelman, wonderfully modest in manner and tone, professes "a capacity to work this way."

"It's not talent," he says. "It's hard work!"

At a very young age, Dr. Kelman was filled with musical ambitions. He was a regular on the Horn & Hardart Children's Hour at six playing the harmonica.

Growing up, he aspired to be a

famous musician and songwriter. His inventor father had another idea in mind. "Fine, but first you'll become a doctor."

His father was a very bright man, Dr. Kelman told a news reporter. "In fact, I would say he was a genius. My father wanted me to use my talents for the good of humanity."

"He hoped I'd become a research physician and scientist. I'm glad I listened to him. If I had followed my own dictates, I would never have gotten into medicine."

When Dr. Kelman was given The Distinguished Service Award from Tufts, he reminded his listeners that he had initially been turned down by the college. In fact, his high school principal told him he wasn't college material and wouldn't give him a letter of recommendation.



Dr. Charles Kelman, renowned New York ophthalmologist, jazz musician, composer, author, and more. Photo Martha Swope.

The point Dr. Kelman says he made in his Tufts speech is that "All children are born creative. Watch a child playing with his toys, and you see how creative he is."

"He tries this and he tries that. He puts blocks where they don't belong. He does all kinds of things."

"Then he gets to school where he learns if he's right 90% of the time, he gets an A; 80% of the time, a B; 70% of the time, a C; 20% of the time, he gets a note to his mother."

"Creative people don't mind being wrong. They can be wrong 8 or 9 out of 10 times, but if that one time they're right turns out to be something creative or unusual, it's a wonderful thing!"

"Somehow, I didn't mind making mistakes when I grew up. I didn't mind getting a 70 average in high school because I was trying this and trying that, and experimenting here and there."

"I think that's the difference between most people. They block out their creativity in order to memorize things and succeed in life. Those who made their mark by being creative found out they weren't the greatest memorizers in school."

The evolution of *The Marrano* proves another point, said Dr. Kelman.

"The world is a circle. When you help other people, you really end up helping yourself."

Five years ago, Dr. Kelman auditioned back-up singers for his one-man show as stand-up comic and singer in Atlantic City. He was opening for either Glen Campbell or The Spinners.

He thought one girl had a lot of talent and pizzazz, but the director didn't like her. "I prevailed upon him to hire her because I thought she had something special. He did, and she

was fine in the show."

Years later, Dr. Kelman met her again when he needed a singer to record a song. He told her he was dying to write a musical; she told him of a man who needed help with a musical.

That was Mel Mandell. "I liked his idea of a story about Christopher Columbus. Instead of bringing in so much about Columbus, I tried to bring in material about the Marranos and Simon Wiesenthal's story. Little by little we came up with a pretty good book. Mark Bramble came in as director."

"The whole thing happened," he says, "because I did a favor way back for a girl when she was auditioning!"

Mel Mandell worked seven years on *The Marrano*. Dr. Charles Kelman got involved 10 months ago and wrote all the music.

Most of the music was written on a portable keyboard high in the sky on airplanes taking him to cities, where he lectured to doctors on how to perform his specialized surgery.

Asked why *The Marrano* premiered at the Massachusetts Repertory Theatre, Dr. Kelman said, "Again my life has always been entwined between medicine and entertainment and show business."

With the show almost finished, Dr. Kelman attended a meeting in Spain, where he played the music for an ophthalmologist, who told him he knew a London show producer, Ashley Herman.

"He came to the United States, heard the music and said, 'Let's put it on in a workshop production and see how it looks, and then maybe we'll take it to London.'"

"Again it was through the back door, my meeting an ophthalmologist who knew Ashley Herman."

By this coming weekend, *The Marrano* will have been seen by several New York, Florida and Chicago theatre owners and producers.

"Hopefully," says Dr. Kelman, "one of them will say this production is good for their audiences."

And hopefully, one day the beautiful music and staging of *The Marrano* will make its way to Broadway, where Dr. K. indicated I'd have front-row seats. (And an eye exam I threw in.)

"And that, too," he quips, "and a helicopter ride." Dr. Kelman pilots a helicopter. No end in sight to what this amazing superhero does!

One could write a book about Dr. Charles Kelman... but it's already been done by none other than Dr. Kelman, author of *Through My Eyes*.

His biography begins with a quote by T. F. Buxton:

"I hold a doctrine to which I owe not much, but indeed all the little I ever had — namely that with ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable."

The Marrano at Massachusetts Repertory Theatre through July 26. Showtime through Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 7 p.m. Matinees Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00. (508) 999-8893.



A scene from *The Marrano* at Massachusetts Repertory Theatre, UMass-Dartmouth, through July 26. From left are Michael Lange, Sarah Downs, Mark McGrath, and George Charbonneau. Above is Ed Dixon.

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Photo essays by Sue Owrutsky ("As It Is Written"), a photographic essay on Orthodox Jewish life in the United States, and Igor Leykin ("Vitebsk, Byelorussia, 1990"), an intimate recording of the decay in this once vital community, will be shown through Aug. 30 at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center at 333 Nathantown Street, Newton Centre, MA. Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sun 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (617) 965-7410.

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The natural features of Providence - its location at the head of Narragansett Bay, its rivers and hills - as well as its prominence as a maritime, industrial and financial center made the city a frequent and attractive subject for paintings, prints, and drawings from the late 18th through the early 20th centuries. "Picturing Providence 1790-1930," an exhibition on view at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design from July 17 through Aug. 29, traces the city's route from a bustling port to a powerful financial center through panoramic scenes in oil and watercolor, streetscapes, maps and "bird's-eye" engravings.

The exhibition, drawn from several Rhode Island collections, offers an introduction to the Providence Riverfront Festival in early September by

providing a historical overview of Providence's ever-changing waterfront.

During the summer (through Aug. 31), the Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence, is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. General admission is \$2 for adults 19 and over; \$1 for senior citizens; and 25 cents for children 5 to 18. Admission is waived on Saturdays. Group rates are available and voluntary donations welcome. The museum receives partial support for its activities and programs from an Institutional Support Grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and from the Institute of Museum Services, a federal agency which offers operating and program support to select museums nationwide.

Anne Frank Musical Comes to Newport

Tour Newport will present the Beechwood Theatre Company in a benefit performance of "Yours, Anne," the musical based on the life and writings of Anne Frank on Aug. 23. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Anne Frank Center in New York City, which sponsors the Anne Frank exhibit all across the United States.

The performance will be held at Belcourt Castle in Newport. The ticket price includes a 3 p.m. tour of the castle, the 4 p.m. performance and a wine-and-cheese reception immediately following to meet the artists.

The Beechwood Theatre Company has most recently performed "Yours, Anne" to an international audience at Rockefeller Plaza in New York for the installation of the new Board of Governors of the Anne Frank Center.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and children under 10 are admitted free of charge. For reservation information, call 848-7830 or (800) 828-0000 outside Rhode Island.

Whale Discovery Center Comes to Plymouth

The Whale Discovery Center, an adjunct of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, is New England's first hands-on museum devoted to the world's largest mammal.

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wood's portrayal of whales through the years in the museum's theater. Movies from "Moby Dick" to "Star Trek IV" are shown.

According to Anthony Zane, director of The New Bedford Whaling Museum, "the Whale Discovery Center was designed to focus the public's attention on the magnificence of these giant creatures and the imperative need by all of us to learn how to preserve them."

The Whale Discovery Center is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last ticket sold at 4:30) and weekends from December through May. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3.75 children 6 through 12, and \$4.50 seniors (62+). Group rates are available. For more information call (508) 747-0015.



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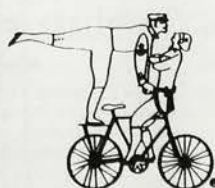
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Roiff Weds Adelman



Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Adelman

Temple Emanu-El in Providence was the setting for the June 21 wedding of Dr. Laura G. Roiff and Harlin Adelman. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roiff of Cranston, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Rae Young of Cranston. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Adelman of Beachwood, Ohio and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Cohen, also of Beachwood, and Mrs. Shirley Adelman of South Euclid, Ohio.

Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Cantor Brian Mayer officiated at the ceremony, which was immediately followed by a reception at the Omni Biltmore Hotel in Providence.

Serving as matron of honor was the bride's sister, Susan Bergen. Attendants were Beth

Winkler and Ellen Adelman, sisters of the groom, and Dr. Marion Brown. Best man for his brother-in-law was Paul Winkler. Ushers were the groom's brother-in-law, Stuart S. Bergen, James Whitcomb, and Rick Zappala.

The bride is a graduate of Boston University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, and is a senior resident in pediatric dentistry in Cleveland. The groom, a graduate of Boston University and Boston University School of Law, is an associate with the law firm of Benesch, Friedlander, Copland and Aronoff in Cleveland.

The couple honeymooned in Portugal, and will reside in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Local Optometrist Honored

Dr. Irving A. Fradkin, a Fall River optometrist, has been named to the 1992-1993 edition of "Who's Who in Israel and Jewish Personalities All Over The World." This prestigious publication is edited in Tel-Aviv and includes up-to-



Dr. Irving Fradkin

date entries of about 3,000 noteworthy Israelis, as well as hundreds of biographies of Jewish public figures all over the world. He is the first person in the Fall River area to receive this honor.

Fradkin, who was born in Chelsea, Mass. in 1921, is the husband of Charlotte Sheinfeld and is the father of Marlene Silverman, Robert and Dr. Russell Fradkin. He is an optometrist in private practice in Fall River.

Fradkin has held many positions of leadership in the community including that of president of the Fall River Jewish Community Council, vice-president of Fall River United Jewish Appeal, chairman of Israel Bonds, area coordinator for the National Conference of Christians and Jews and co-chairman of Interfaith Council of Greater Fall River. He has received much acclaim for founding the Citizens Scholarship Foundation.

Arnold, Shaulson Engaged



Jerry and Sheila Shaulson of Cranston announce the engagement of their son, Joseph, to Beth Arnold, daughter of Bernie and Karyl Arnold of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Beth, a 1985 graduate of Northern Highlands Regional High School, is a recipient of a Bachelor of Arts degree and a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently working in Manhattan as an apprentice landscape architect.

Joseph, a 1983 honors graduate of Cranston High School West, received his Bachelor of Science degree, magna cum laude, from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and received his Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and his MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Joseph is an associate with the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom in Manhattan.

Beth is the granddaughter of Dan and Lee Arnold of Manhattan and Joseph is the grandson of William and Etta Gerstenblatt of Cranston.

A November wedding is planned.

Katz And Chaika To Wed

The engagement is announced of Aliona Katz of Providence, daughter of Mr. Slava and Dr. Elena Katz of Westport, Conn., to Daniel Ethan Chaika, also of Providence, son of Mr. William and Dr. Elaine Chaika of Foster.

She is a graduate of Staples High School, Westport, and Rhode Island School of Design. He is a graduate of Moses Brown, Providence College, and Suffolk University School of Law and practices law with the firm of Chaika and Chaika.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Dobrov of Abakan, Russia, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Mikhail Katz of Moscow, Russia. He is the grandson of Mrs. Rose Ostrach of Delray Beach, Fla., and the late Harry Ostrach and of Mr. and Mrs. Sol N. Chaika of Cranston, R.I.

An October 11 wedding is planned at Touro Synagogue, Newport.



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JCCRI Events Planned for July 24-30

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, is a valuable resource to members of the community, young and old alike. Whether it be a place to exercise, to attend enrichment classes, to learn English or to enjoy fine art, the Center offers a wide variety of exciting programming. The following list highlights activities that will be held during the upcoming week. For further information, call 861-8800 and ask for the person indicated.

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 noon until 3:45. A women's group meets every Tuesday morning from 11:15 to noon. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played on Thursdays from 12:45 until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays

begin with tea, coffee and breakfast cake at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs. This week will include the following activities and programs:

July 24 - VCR program, "Class of the 20th Century - 1952-1955," 11 a.m.

July 26 - VCR program, "The Man Who Made Radio," Part 2, 11 a.m.

July 27 through July 31 - Yiddish Eldercamp - no programs, mealsite open except for Tuesday (trip).

July 28 - Chicken barbecue on the Gosman Campus of the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center. Betty Silberman will entertain with Klezmer music. Leave the JCCRI at 9:30 a.m.; return approximately 4 p.m. Golden Age Club members \$4.50, nonmembers \$5.50. The event is sponsored by Campus Retired Men.

For further information or details, call Sandy Bass.

JCCRI Singles

The Great Impasta specializes in tasty seafood and Italian selections. Join other singles on July 26 at 4:30 p.m. for dinner. The restaurant is located on 1201 Warwick Avenue. Call Laura at (5 to 9 p.m.) for reservations.

Hillel Unveils Action Plan for Campuses, Communities

The Hillel National Task Force on the 1990 CJF Population Survey has issued its report, "A Defining Moment: The Campus Community in the 21st Century." Task Force chairman, Dr. Seymour Martin Lipset, calls it a "planning document and call to action" for American Jewry.

Noting that "85 percent of young American Jews will be on college campuses in the next decade," the Hillel National Task Force on the 1990 CJF Population Survey and the Campus convened this spring to analyze and interpret the survey, with specific reference to strategic policy and planning implications for future campus work.

"It is imperative that we 'mass market' Jewish quality to this concentrated population," said B'nai B'rith Hillel International Director Richard M. Joel. "We cannot afford to miss this unique opportunity, when these students are relatively accessible and easy to locate."

"College years are a time of decision, when individuals make personal as well as professional commitments," observed Joel. "Two student constituencies must receive serious attention: programs should be designed to reach students who identify as Jews but who are marginally involved in Jewish activity — the apparent majority of Jews on campus today. In addition, student

leaders who are already involved in Jewish activities must be provided with high impact, intensive Jewish programming and leadership development opportunities. Nothing less than the viability of future generations of American Jewry is at stake."

Other national imperatives outlined by the report's editor, Dr. Ruth Fredman Cernea, include:

- Enabling students to assume as much responsibility ("ownership") for campus programs as possible.

- Involving community leaders, as well as faculty, in creative partnerships with Hillel.

- Substantially increasing program funds and the number of quality professionals serving campus agencies.

- Strengthening the collective culture of campus work through continuing professional education and a commitment to implementing quality assurance measures.

- Researching all issues that affect Jewish campus life on a continuing and centralized basis, with the results disseminated regularly.

The task force report presents findings on demographics and Jewish identity of the Jewish student population, identifies areas of concern and special needs, and lists planning materials available from the B'nai B'rith Hillel National Center.

Touro Hosts Seed Program

Touro Synagogue of Newport will be hosting a series of special free guest lectures as part of the national S.E.E.D. program, announced Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro.

This project is being jointly sponsored by the synagogue's Adult Education Committee, in conjunction with the National Torah Umesorah organization and the Providence-based New England Rabbinical College. Rabbi Moshe Feuer is coordinating this program with Rabbi Shapiro.

The lectures will be open to the public, in the Touro Community Center, on Sundays at 10 a.m. (July 26, Aug. 2 and 16) and Wednesday evenings, in the main sanctuary, at 7 p.m. (July 29, Aug. 5, 12 and 19).

These lectures will touch on a broad spectrum of Jewish themes and will be presented by several scholars associated with the Providence Yeshiva Gedola. Rabbi Eliezer Gibber, Rosh Yeshiva (Dean) of the college will be one of the featured speakers.

For further information, contact the Touro office at 847-4794.

Sons of Jacob Announces Events

July 24 — Twenty-three days in Tammuz. Candlelighting is 7:52 p.m.

July 25 — Twenty-four days in the month of Tammuz. The Torah reading is Parshas Pinchas. Today we will be blessing the coming month of Menachem AV, which falls on July 31. The Molad occurs on July 29 evening (Thursday according to Jewish observing) at 11:07 p.m. and 37 seconds.

Morning services are at 8:30 a.m. followed by our customary Kiddush, given this week

by Mr. and Mrs. Israel Schwartz who will be leaving for Israel in a few short weeks — Go safely!!

Shabbos is over today at 8:59 p.m. Havdalah is at 9 p.m.

July 26 — Morning services at 7:45 a.m. Today we will have a "Friendly Gathering" with the Schwartzes. Please join us!!

Morning services for Monday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m. and for Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:45 a.m. For Friday, Rosh Chodesh, we will begin at 6:15 a.m.

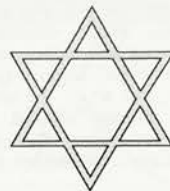
B'nai B'rith Welcomes Rabin's Call for Peace

B'nai B'rith greeted warmly Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's inaugural Knesset address, stressing the Jewish state's determination to seek peace with its Arab neighbors.

"We are pleased that Mr. Rabin and his newly installed government have moved so quickly to invite Arab leaders to pursue peace," said B'nai B'rith's International president, Kent E. Schiner.

"We are buoyed by the general mood, and Secretary of State [James] Baker's renewed involvement in the peace process. We are hopeful that the

response from Syria, Jordan and the Palestinians will be positive, and that progress will soon be achieved towards autonomy and a final settlement."



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AJCongress Hails Monitoring Foreign Gifts to Universities

American Jewish Congress President Robert K. Lifton recently hailed passage of a provision requiring American universities to report large gifts from foreign sources. The legislation requires that any college or university receiving Federal grants report to the government any foreign gift or contract of more than \$250,000. The report must note any conditions attached to the gift.

Lifton called the provision "an important means of preventing intrusions upon academic freedom by foreign sources that attempt to tie political or propaganda strings to their monetary gifts." Noting that the "American Jewish Congress began the fight for this legislation in 1982," Lifton said that he was "pleased to see that Congress

recognizes the value of this reporting requirement and reauthorizes the provision this year."

He added that Rep. Nita Lowey should be commended for her leadership in maintaining this provision, and that he looks forward to rapid approval of the bill by President Bush.

Correspondents Wanted

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Yad Vashem to Inaugurate its 'Valley'

Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust and Remembrance Authority, will formally inaugurate and open to the public its major new educational project and facility — "The Valley of the Destroyed Communities" — this year during the Sukkot Festival on 6½ acres of its grounds of the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem.

The Inaugural Ceremonies, in which more than 3,000 people, including foreign dignitaries coming from 25 countries on all continents, will participate, will be held over a three-day period beginning on Oct. 13. It will commemorate the destruction of more than 5,000 flourishing Jewish communities in Europe: shtetls, villages, towns and cities.

This announcement was made recently by Eli Zborowski, chairman of the International Society of Yad Vashem, as well as its main branch, the American Society for Yad Vashem (The societies, which function worldwide, raised more than \$12 million to construct "The Valley").

In making the announcement, Zborowski said, "World Jewry cannot rest on its laurels simply because we have been

largely successful in sensitizing a major part of the civilized world to the Nazi atrocities which resulted in the deaths of six million men, women and children, horrendous as that was."

He also stressed "The Valley's" significance in the past and future of Jews.

"It is also incumbent upon us to impress upon the world — Jews and non-Jews alike — that Hitler succeeded in destroying the major core of an entire civilization, a Jewish civilization rich in a heritage encompassing our spiritual values, our culture and a way of life which stressed morality and human value. That civilization in that part of the world is never to return. The "Valley" is a memorial that embodies the heart and soul of our past. It is the place to which future generations of Jews will come to pay homage to the spirit and vitality of Jewish life," Zborowski said.

"The Valley," an open-air, walk-through exhibit of rock formation, had been dug out among the hills surrounding the memorial site. Every destroyed Jewish community will have its name engraved in

stone on rock formations, some of which are over 30 feet high. Its history will be housed in the Beit Ha Kehillot, the House of Communities, where any visitor can quickly learn every bit of available historical information on any given community. Thus, future generations of visitors — whether they consist of descendants of survivors, scholars or others eager for information on what transpired during the most fateful days in Jewish History — can learn more of the life, the problems, the sufferings and the sacrifices of those who perished.

Yad Vashem was established in 1953 by a vote of the Knesset of Israel. It is the Jewish people's central memorial to the Holocaust, the world's most complete repository of documents and exhibits detailing the destruction of European Jewry. It has been called "the monument of a nation's grief."

For more information on how to participate in this historic event, call Linda Greenman at the American Society for Yad Vashem at (212) 564-9606.

Yiddishcamp to Offer Language, Literature Courses for Limited Group

The seventh annual Yiddishcamp, cosponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, will be held from July 27 to 31 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the JCC/RI, 401 Elm-grove Ave., in Providence. This nationally recognized program has attracted more than 300 adults over the last six years. This year's enrollment is limited to 60 participants.

Classes in Yiddish language and literature, in three levels, and courses in history and culture of Eastern European Jewry will be offered. Staff for Yiddishcamp includes a talented group of professionals. Among the teachers are Eva Gutman, Dr. David Kaplan, Lea Eliahs and Varda Stieglitz.

New scheduling will allow students to participate in an abbreviated program which can end at 1:30 p.m. The morning Yiddish language and literature classes will run from

10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. (Students should bring a dairy brown-bag lunch. Coffee will be provided.) Afternoon lecture will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., there will be such activities as cooking, Eastern European folk dancing and discussions based on Yiddish theater videos. This modified schedule can accommodate adults who maintain varied personal and work schedules. Use of the JCC/RI pool is available to Yiddishcampers throughout the week.

Cost for the week will remain at \$42 as it has been for the past three years. Carpools, if necessary, may be arranged. Yiddishcamp is open to adult lovers of Yiddish and Yiddishkeit of all ages. For applications and for more information, write or call Ruth Page at the BJE/RI, 130 Session St., Providence, R.I. 02906; 331-0956.

Katzovicz

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ple don't relish Judaism, and it's hard to understand why. Part of what was important to me about bringing the movement to Providence was the opportunity to involve local people who might not otherwise have done so themselves. It offers a new way to connect with Judaism."

When Karen graduated from Wheeler, she handed the presidency of Young Judaea over to Miriam Greenblatt, who also served as regional president this past year.

At the mid-winter convention this year, Providence sent the largest club, and they sponsored the largest overnight.

"It felt good to know that I had made a lasting impact," Katzovicz said.

Also, she met some Young Judaeans at college this year, and felt an instant bond.

"I think that made my connection with the people at school even stronger," Katzovicz said.

Also, she worked at a Young Judaea convention and overnight this year.

"It was lots of fun to be back, see friends, and make new ones. It was nice to see that not much has changed, but it was definitely tough to be more on the sidelines," Katzovicz said.

However, always positive, she simply sees college as a new experience, and the next stage of Young Judaea. This year she learned about a university continuation called Hamagshimim. With the confidence and drive that she gained in high school, she and a friend are thinking of starting a chapter at Bryn Mawr.

Orthodox Union's Role in Rich's Scandal, Nestle's Kosher Switch Is Questioned

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the nation's largest kosher food certifier, is facing tough questions about whether it used strong-arm tactics on two of America's largest candy makers and about the role it played in the scandal that rocked food giant Rich Products Corp., the Kosher Busi-

ness newsletter reported this month.

In stories about the imminent switch to the Orthodox Union's certification by candy maker Nestle USA and the huge scandal surrounding Rich Products, the newsletter revealed details of behind-the-scenes actions by the union.

"The OU has the reputation of being the premier kosher certifying agency," says Alan D. Abbey, publisher of *Kosher Business*, adding that the stories present "a side of the OU most people never see."

Government investigators said "a major breakdown" in quality-control by Rich and the union played a role in the massive fraud apparently perpetrated for years at Rich. Rich was charged with using a dairy ingredient in foods labeled as pareve, which should contain

neither meat nor dairy products.

"If the OU didn't know what was going on, it wasn't doing the job it should as a kosher certifier," Abbey said. "If they knew that's even more of a problem."

The union has won the right to supervise candy products made by Nestle's, and Hershey Chocolate U.S.A. will soon place the union symbol on candy products, which are already under its supervision. Kosher food industry sources said the union pressured Nestle's to switch to its certification.

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BJE Celebrates the Year in Jewish Education

The Bureau of Jewish Education celebrated its 40th anniversary with its awards ceremony and annual meeting on May 14. The program, attended by more than 200 people, featured the presentation of awards, certificates and scholarships to a select group of teachers and students.

A feature of the annual meeting was the installation of the 1992-93 board and officers of the bureau, conducted by Jerry Foster, a past president. In her installation, she described important points of the history of the bureau and noted how its current leadership and programs reflect the development of the agency over its 40 years.

Each year, the Perelman Family Endowment of the bureau recognizes excellence in the development of new curriculum projects. This year's awardees were Carol K. Ingall, former executive director of the BJE, now teaching at Harry Elkin Midrasha, and Susan Adler of the Alperin Schechter Day School. Ingall's curriculum, entitled "Who is a Jewish Hero," is a high school unit using heroes to teach Jewish values. Adler's curriculum, "Kindness to Animals," is a unit integrating Jewish values with the teaching of Hebrew language skills.

The Edward and Florence W. Goldberg Memorial Awards, recognizing creative teaching, were given to: Hana Berman for "Summer Sefer Program," a library program at Temple Torat Yisrael; Rabbi Martin Fried for "Parashat Kedoshim," a text study and video unit he directed at Providence Hebrew Day School; Helena Friedmann for "Lettuce Ketchup on Our Jewish Heroes," a family-education project she initiated at Temple Hahonim; Ruth Imber for Sephardic Journey, a unit on Sephardic Jewry she taught to students and parents at Temple Sinai; Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer for "Holocaust Penny Project," a Holocaust education project of the Bazarsky School; Marcia Kaunfer and Lorilyn for "Waterways," an integrated Judaic/General Studies curriculum they implemented at Alperin Schechter Day School, and the Temple Beth El Religious School Staff for "Gemilut Hasadim."

The bureau also recognized a group of eight teachers for their completion of the Morim program, a yearlong commitment to professional growth through workshops and mentoring. Sandra Abrams (Temple Sinai), Meryl Levinson Dzik (B'nai Israel), Marlo Harrison (Temple Sinai), Megan Karten (Temple Beth El), Julie Kortick (Temple Torat Yisrael), Connie Liss (Temple Emanu-El and JCC Preschool), Shelley Parness (Temple Emanu-El) and Karyn Samdperil (BJE Special Education Program) were this year's participants. The mentors of the program, Cathy Berkowitz, Minna Ellison, Lyn Jakubowicz, Marcia Kaunfer, Rabbi



SECOND TERM — Jerry Foster installs Alice Goldstein for her second year as president of the Bureau of Jewish Education.



TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE — Deborah Helbraun, teacher at Temple Beth El, was presented a Teachers' Certificate. Pictured above is Rabbi Chaim Marder, chairperson of the BJE Teacher Training Advisory Committee, and Bob Young, chairperson of the Certification Subcommittee, presenting the certificate to Helbraun.

Arnold D. Samlan, Penney Stein and Barbara Zenofsky, were also recognized for their involvement in the success of the program.

The bureau has an active teachers' certification program. This year, Deborah Helbraun of Temple Beth El was granted certification. The teacher creativity and training programs are all coordinated by Minna Ellison, bureau educational serv-

ices coordinator.

A high point of the evening was the recognition of high school and college students who will participate in Israel programs this year under the auspices of the BJE Israel Desk, under the direction of Ruth Page. The 44 students participating in 27 different programs were recognized during the evening and were awarded grants from the Leonard I. Sal-

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manson Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. In addition, one teacher, Fraidel Segal of Alperin Schechter Day School and Agudas Achim in Attleboro, Mass., received a grant to enable her to study in Israel this summer.

A number of Israel awards were given on the basis of special achievement and merit. This year, Joram Borenstein received the Youth Leadership Award, Sam Kaplan received the Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman Scholarship Award and Danielle Sarao was given the Lillian and Sidney Ross Award.



This year's annual meeting was co-chaired by Judy Greenblatt and Lynn Rubenson. The awards ceremony was chaired by Terry Lavalla.

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OBITUARIES

IRENE COKELY

WARWICK — Irene Cokely, 90, of 2426 Post Rd., died July 14 at Kent County Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Merton Cokely.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Annie (Maker) Kotler, she moved to Warwick 65 years ago.

She leaves a son, Kenneth Cokely of Warwick; a daughter, Selma Lamensdorf of Westport, Conn.; three sisters, Zelda Hansen of East Providence, Florence Paull and Cora Schenck, both of Warwick; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Max Kotler, Albert Kotler and Mollie Kotler.

A graveside service was held July 16 at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BESSIE R. GELFOND

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Bessie "Betty" R. Gelfond, 92, of 180 Bryant Lane, died July 18 at St. Luke's Hospital in that city.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Aaron and Miriam (Greenstein) Goldman, she had been a New Bedford resident for over 30 years having previously lived in Dorchester, Fall River and Brockton.

She was the wife of the late Max Gelfond.

Gelfond was a member of Congregation Ahavath Achim in New Bedford and Hadassah.

She is survived by two sons, David Gelfond of New London, Conn., and Alvin Gelfond of Philadelphia, Pa., a daughter, Elaine Gelfond of Weymouth, Mass.; two sisters, Bella Porter of Brookline, Mass., and Marion Goldman of Brighton, Mass.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 19 at the graveside at the Chevra Kadusha Society of Boston Cemetery in Woburn, Mass.

Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. (corner of Doyle), Providence, R.I.

PHILIP PAIGE

PROVIDENCE — Philip Paige, 89, of 102 Colonial Road, founder and owner of the former Paige-Young Furniture Store for 43 years before retiring in 1981, died July 13 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth "Lee" (Young) Paige.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Simon and Sophie (Kazarchian) Paige, he settled in Montreal as a child.

He was a member of the Jewish Legion of Canada, and served in Palestine in 1918. In 1919, he moved to Worcester, Mass., and in 1934 to Providence.

He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom-Sons of Zion. During World War II, he served in the Rhode Island National Guard.

Paige leaves two daughters, Ruth Levin of Providence, and Hope Finkel of Niantic, Conn.; a son, Morton Paige of Cranston; a sister, Sally Baum of West Palm Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Donald and Max Paige, both in Fla.; eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held July 15 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

FREDA FAYE RABOLD

PROVIDENCE — Freda Faye Rabold, 78, of 35 Eighth St., a professional entertainer and acrobatic comedienne who performed throughout the East Coast for 40 years before retiring in 1975, and a bookkeeper

for the School House Candy Co., Pawtucket, for 25 years before retiring in 1980, died July 15 at the home of her daughter. She was the widow of Frank Rabold Jr.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Clara (Geller) Weisenger.

Rabold was a member of the American Guild of Variety Artists. She was a member of the Sisterhood of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh. She was a member of the Hamilton House Bridge Club.

She leaves a daughter, Joan Connell of Acton, Mass., with whom she made her home; two sons, Frank Rabold of Pace, Fla., and Gary Rabold of Midland, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held July 17 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Pawtucket Memorial Park, Warwick.

HAZEL WARD

PROVIDENCE — Hazel Ward, 99, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died July 15 at the home. She was the wife of the late Isaac Ward.

Born in Woonsocket, a daughter of the late Harris and Ella (Goldstein) Fellman, she lived in Providence for 10 years. She previously lived in Miami Beach, Fla., and Brooklyn, N.Y.

She leaves two nieces, Elaine Fellman Goodman of Providence, Yvette Goldberg of Randolph, Mass., and two nephews, Dr. Harvey Fellman of Woonsocket, and Harris Fellman of New Hampshire.

A graveside service was held July 15 at Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery, Woonsocket. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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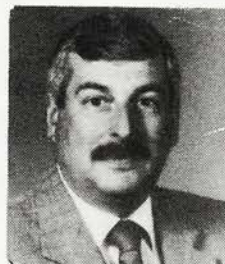
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Israel Suspends Building Starts

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The new Labor government has announced a two-week suspension of all building starts in Israel proper and the territories, while it reviews current housing policy.

The move is designed to facilitate the government's new approach to the building of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, without specifically singling out the settlements at this time.

In a related move, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer has issued orders that contracts on 5,000 housing starts due to have been signed in the coming days be voided. This despite the fact that these starts were approved by the previous government and that the infrastructure for them is already in place.

Jewish activists in the territories termed the move "a declaration of war" on the Jewish settlement movement.

The Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza issued a statement decrying the decision as a "gross violation of government norms of conduct and a surrender to

ongoing pressure from the left and from the Palestinians."

Benny Katzover, head of the Samaria district council, said other settlement activity had also already fallen victim to the ministry's new policy.

He said caravans and mobile homes due to have been delivered recently had been effectively frozen, and that companies supplying them had been told to stand by and await orders from the government.

Ben-Eliezer was due to confer with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat at the end of last week on the broader fiscal implications for the government of canceling building contracts in the territories.

In his Knesset appearance July 13, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin indicated that the government's policy of freezing the construction of "political settlements" would be less than total.

There would be necessary building to accommodate natural growth and the population's needs, he said, and the government would do "nothing illegal" by way of voiding contracts that were legally irrevocable.

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Renaissance Man

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on his life, his goals, and the next, drifting into philosophical ponderings on the universe.

"I think that modern Judaism doesn't really work without the modern philosophy of science," he said, explaining that teacher Maimonides' classic Jewish law begins with the Aristotelian notion that circular motion is perfect. "Orthodox Judaism hasn't really paid attention to the developments on science. Anyone who has would find it extremely exciting to understand the Torah in the light of quantum physics — the relationship of energy and mass, space and time."

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Describing Hasidism, he calls it "boisterous, noisy, unruly and happy. So I'm hoping to bring some of that boisterous spirit of music to Pawtucket."

Stressing the ancient Jewish idea that "the children will fix us," Worch says he also wants to "raise people's awareness of how precious the children are and how easy it is to be abusive."

Now divorced, Worch has six children. Yaakov, 13, Kalman, 12, Sheindy, 10, Shmuel, 8, Bayla, 7, and Meshulam, 6, will visit him regularly from New York.

So Hershy Worch — father, rabbi, philosopher, poet, painter, photographer, musician is truly a Renaissance man.

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BUSINESS PROFILES

After 5 Years, Avanti Design Is Still Going Strong

by Anne S. Davidson
Herald Editor

The year is 1987. Joyce Lombardi is a young, single woman about to embark on her first business venture — a hair salon in a new shopping plaza on the east side of Pawtucket.

But by 1989, her salon, Avanti Design, was so well-known and well-liked that it was named one of the four best salons in the country by *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

"It was a real break," Lombardi told the *Herald* last week, as she prepares for her fifth anniversary, Aug. 24. Business had been fine before the magazine ran the story in October 1989, but it "was an incredible thing for business," she said.

Lombardi owes her success to the "special things" she and her staff of 10 provide for her customers. Recently, she said, the salon expanded its hours,

from 7:30 a.m. to "whenever." "We don't have a closing time. When we're done, we're done," she said, adding that it's usually between 8 and 9 p.m. when the shop closes. It also now stays open on Mondays, and may receive the go-ahead to open Sundays as well.

Another aspect of her "service-oriented" business is that Lombardi has a "never-say-no policy. I don't think I've ever turned anyone away in my life," she said. "We also guarantee 100 percent every single service or product."

Attesting to her success is her staff of 10, five of whom started the company with her five years ago. And when a new stylist comes on staff, it's after a rigorous training session. She handpicks students from cosmetology schools and starts them as apprentices while still in school. When they graduate,

she employs them full-time as her assistants for two years before they can become full-fledged stylists. "It's quite a training program, but believe me, it's necessary," Lombardi said.

Avanti Design has emerged from the recession relatively unscathed. By changing her hours and being extremely accommodating, Lombardi said the salon did not suffer. "The single most important thing is to know the trends," she said. "This business is so fast-moving. I think you have to stay ahead of it and stay flexible and offer something that other businesses don't offer."

Lombardi is venturing into another aspect of hair care — she wants to provide hair pieces to chemotherapy patients and hopes to get things moving in about two months. "I expect this to be a big thing," she said.

A Rhode Island native, Lombardi grew up in North Providence and attended North Providence High School and a local cosmetology school. She also attended the Jingles International School in London as part of a continuing education program. She is currently engaged to be married. She has two children — Tanya, 19, a student at the University of Rhode Island, and Jason, 16, a



Joyce Lombardi, owner of Avanti Designs Hair Salon in Pawtucket, consults with Elaine Partridge.

junior at La Salle Academy.

This takes me away from my family so much. "It's an incredible commitment, but it's my life and I'm committed," she

said.

Avanti Design is located at 727 East Ave. in Pawtucket.

Jewish Democrats and Republicans Pleased

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ment recently that his pullout will be a boon to the Clinton ticket.

The latest poll prior to the Perot bombshell already showed Clinton numbers were climbing, up to 45 percent, compared to 28 percent for Bush and 20 percent for Perot.

Brown said Clinton should win the hearts of Perot supporters because they want change, and Clinton is the only credible agent of change.

"Americans want change desperately," he said. "George Bush can't be the candidate of change. He is the epitome of the status quo."

Though Perot refused to endorse Clinton, he did claim in his announcement that the Democratic Party "has revitalized itself," a vote of confidence that may ultimately translate into new Clinton supporters.

But it is not clear whether his followers, many of whom

are deeply disappointed, share that view.

Joe Wouk, self-styled West Coast Jewish liaison to the Perot campaign, said he felt betrayed.

"It's a disaster for the country," he said. "I really don't know what to do next."

Rabbi A. James Rudin, national director of interreligious affairs at the American Jewish Committee, said he was worried about all of the alienation that had been channeled for the past few months into the Perot campaign.

"Now it doesn't have an outlet," he said, "and what I'm afraid of is that many of the declared Ross Perot voters, if they sit it out, will be a disservice to American democracy."

"We're not going to send his check back," AJCommittee spokesman David Saltman added half-jokingly. Saltman was referring to the recent \$100,000 contribution Perot made to the agency following an appearance last spring.

Steve Gutow, executive director of the National Jewish Democratic Council, expressed confidence that Perot's absence would be a boon for the Democratic ticket.

"Both Perot and Clinton represent change, and the vast majority want change," he said.

"My guess is that Bill Clinton will have the most overwhelming number of Jewish votes in history," he added.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, believes the situation is very fluid now.

He said a "great antipathy" prevails among Jews supporting Bush because of Middle East policies that are perceived to tilt against Israel.

"While Ross Perot was in the race, some of that manifested itself in support for Perot. It will be interesting to see if that support now goes to Clinton," he said.

Saperstein said Bush will try

to recoup his lost Jewish support in the coming month with an anticipated visit by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and a new deal on loan guarantees.

"That gives Clinton a month before Rabin comes to try and (translate) that disappointment with Bush into support for him," said Saperstein. If Clinton "doesn't do that before the Rabin visit, Bush could capture a significant portion of that Perot support."

(JTA staff writer Larry Yudelson contributed to this report.)

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