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REUNION — The Ulpan Akiva Group reunite at Myrna Dress' house, (left to right) Arthur and Barbara Sheer, Cantor Steven and Myrna Dress, Barbara Checkoway, Steve Toltz and Melissa and Jonathan Dress.

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Ulpan Akiva Students Rekindle Israeli Memories

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

If Myrna Dress' tasty falafel and savory tabouli were as good as she had in Israel last summer, then it is easy to understand why her friends united Sunday in her Sharon, Mass., home to rekindle memories of their stay there. During her stay in Israel, Myrna and her husband Steve, cantor of Temple Israel in Sharon, along with their two children, Jonathan, 4, and Melissa, 7½, experienced some of the most rewarding moments of their lives in the Ulpan Akiva program in Netanya.

The program was named after Rabbi Akiva, a renowned sage with a zeal for knowledge. In spite of his advanced age,

according to Cantor Dress. The founder/director, Shulamith Katzelnelson, was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize earlier this year for promoting a program aimed at uniting people through language and culture.

Indeed, many of Myrna's friends recounted stories of their Arab and Russian friends who shared the same classroom, their mere presence adding to the significance of learning.

For Barbara Checkoway of Framingham, Mass., it was an ironic experience to travel thousands of miles to Israel to meet Myrna, whom she had never met before in her life. Barbara's sister-in-law, who lives in Haifa, Israel, is Myrna's third cousin.

Arthur Sheer, an investor

from Stamford, Conn., and his wife Barbara were moved by the presence of Jews from Russia, Eastern Europe and Ethiopia concentrated in one small patch of land they now called home.

Steven Toltz, a Massachusetts high school math teacher from Seabrook, N.H., appreciated the total process of immersing the students with not only language, but culture as well.

Myrna shared a story about her visit to a refugee absorption center where she met Ethiopian children who had learned Hebrew in only five months. The people there were extremely warm and friendly to her and her children, personifying the love and friendship

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An Understated Legacy

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

It was while I was studying for my bar mitzvah that I met Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen. He stood at military alert, ramrod straight. He spoke up as a direct witness for the right and the plight of the Jews of Europe.

Upon his retirement, I used to sit next to him on the Hope Street bus. He talked with low-key charm and modest mien.

I visited him in the Home and was stunned by the purity,

the clean spirit in his person. The slight smile and light pressure of his hand seemed to reach out in blessing.

At the rabbi's funeral, even the plain pine box — a mute sermon and understated legacy — said something not stark but gentle to the congregation.

Rabbi Bohnen had requested that no eulogy be given. But some words he sent to his wife Eleanor in May of 1945 still serve a purpose for us. This test-

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On a Spiritual Journey Through Israel

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

The last thing Mark Patinkin expected to see in Israel was a tall, dark, African tribesman from Ethiopia expressing deep kinship with him, but that's exactly what he and his wife, Heidi, saw. Their trials and tribulations were intimately shared with a large crowd after Shabbat services at Temple Beth-El.

Mark explained that their trip evolved out of a spiritual desire to become one with Jews everywhere.

Heidi recounted the grim tale of how a Jordanian woman had smuggled a bomb aboard an El-Al flight to Israel that killed countless passengers and prompted the airport to intensify security for all boarders. Although Heidi isn't Jewish, she decided to raise their children accordingly, because of the emphasis on family and spirituality.

"One of my most unforgettable moments was standing amongst Jews in a kibbutz on the Lebanese border within

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Israelis Back Measured Response To Neo-Nazi Violence in Germany

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israelis, for the most part, are supporting their government's measured response to the surge of neo-Nazi violence in Germany.

The angry demonstrations that accompanied earlier national debates on accepting German reparations and launching diplomatic relations with Bonn are this time absent from the scene.

A protest by Labor Knesset member Avi Yehezkel outside the German Embassy last

week, alongside a poster with the words "Never again" remained a lonely vigil.

Close economic and security links between the two countries appear to have led to a national consensus behind a government decision earlier last week to limit action to a strong verbal condemnation of the right-wing extremist violence that has accelerated in Germany in recent weeks.

The decision overrode calls for stronger action that came

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Showman Grobard Brings His Act to Torat Yisrael

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

Twenty-seven years ago, a young Jewish entertainer was forced to play 21 shows a week for \$1.25 a show at the Schechter Cinema Theatre in Miami. He sang in more than 15 languages, mastered the accordion and cracked snappy jokes in the purest sense of vaudeville. Nothing mattered more to the showman than to see people leave with smiles on their faces which is why Avram Grobard is still one of

the best one-man acts around.

Driving more than 200 miles from Watchung, N.J., Saturday to fill in for another group that cancelled because of illness was only one of the amazing feats Grobard performed. Without breaking stride, he opened his show with "Tfila," (The Prayer) before singing a smorgasbord of popular songs in many languages to the delight of a large audience at the Temple Torat Yisrael auditorium.

If Grobard seemed confi-

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ONE-MAN SHOW — Avram Grobard (right) performs at the Temple Torat Yisrael auditorium in Cranston on Saturday. Cantor Shimon Gewirtz was one of the many at the performance.

Herald photos by Omar Bradley



INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Memorial Ceremony Will Honor Children Bryant Presents Tax Symposium

The next meeting of The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for parents who have suffered the death of a child, will be held on Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Brendan's Church Hall, 33 Turner Ave.,

East Providence.

This will be a special candle-light memorial ceremony and dinner meeting. Members are asked to bring a candle, any size, shape or color, and candleholder.

A special slide viewing of "Our Children Remembered" will be presented. Members are also asked to bring a picture of their child to display on the sharing table.

The cost of the dinner is \$7 per person; siblings are admitted free. Reservations should be made by calling Judy at 437-0855.

BCC Slates Free Planetarium Show

The Bristol Community College Planetarium will host an open house and show on Dec. 16. There will be three presentations at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations are required.

Interested groups (five or less people) and individuals should call the college to reserve seats as soon as possible. No walk-ins will be accepted because of the limited seating.

The college offers private shows for groups and organizations for a minimal fee.

To reserve seats for the open shows, or for more information on private shows, contact the college at (508) 678-2811, ext. 2207.

The Center for Management Development (CMD) at Bryant College is hosting a one-day, informational program on Dec. 12, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Designed for tax professionals, the program will provide the latest practical and current programming on tax laws and issues. It features presentations on all aspects of business formation, collection, valuation and compensation issues with accounting and legal professionals leading concurrent sessions throughout the day.

The concurrent morning sessions are as follows:

• 9 to 10:15 a.m. — "Dealing More Effectively with the IRS" and "Successful Business Formation."

• 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. — "Dealing More Effectively with the IRS" (continued), "Successful Business Formation" (continued), "Focus on S Corporations" and "Voluntary Tax Practice Review."

The noon luncheon will feature Robert J. Kerr, founder and principal of Engenuity Associates, a firm that provides professional quality engineering services to small businesses. His topic is "Total Quality Management as Applied to the Professional Organization: Beyond Billable Hours."

The concurrent afternoon sessions are:

• 1:30 to 3 p.m. — "Audit," "Valuation" and "Compensa-

tion."

• 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. — "Rhode Island Taxes," "Estate Planning" and "S Corporations."

Participants in the program are eligible for eight hours of continuing education credit through the Center for Management Development.

The \$125 cost of the program includes registration, lunch, refreshments and materials.

To register and for further information, call Barbara Slater at the center at 232-6323.



Save the Bay is calling out to local communities for volunteer help on its petition drive. The need is for both circulators and signers of a petition that calls for the government of Rhode Island to guarantee that Narragansett Bay and its rivers will be safe for swimming, fishing and other public use by the end of the year 2000. For more information, contact Dana Cross at Save the Bay, 272-3540.

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Historian Doug Reynolds of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor will give a slide-illustrated talk entitled "The Uses of History in the Blackstone Valley" on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Library on Old River Road in Lincoln. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, call 273-2250.

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Rhode Island owners of junk cars may donate a vehicle in any condition to the National Kidney Foundation of Rhode Island. In return, they can deduct the car's fair market value on their income tax. Call the Kidney Foundation's toll-free number, (800) 542-4001, or 331-9757 in Providence, for more information.

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Rhode Islanders are encouraged to know the warning signs of cancer, which, if detected early, can often be treated. Anyone with symptoms more than two weeks should consult a doctor promptly. Questions about cancer can be answered by the staff at the Cancer Information Service, (800) 4-CANCER.



Each summer, ZooCamp offers kids ages 6 to 12 an opportunity to learn about wildlife. Now, kids can also participate in WinterCamp during three days of their February school vacation period. Campers learn about such topics as hibernation, winter survival, habitats and tracking animals during the winter. For more information, call the Roger Williams Park Zoo education department at 785-3510.

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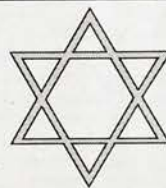
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FEATURE

That Reminds Me
of a Story ...by Rabbi Hershy Worch
Special to the Herald

A man walked out of his house, "Hmm," he thought, "Nice day." He turned left outside the gate and fell into an uncovered manhole in the road.

Some time later, he was discharged from the hospital. Turning left outside the gate, he noticed the manhole had still not been covered over. "Hmm ... dangerous," he thought, and fell down it.

Three months later, still on crutches, he hobbled out of the house to check on the manhole cover situation. To his shock and dismay, it had still not been replaced. He leant over it just to check.

Yes indeed! There it was still wide open. The bottom of the hole wasn't even visible it was so deep. He was outraged.

"A person might fall down there," he thought, "just like I did."

He took a few steps back, squinting to see how noticeable it was to any passerby. "Unless you knew it was there, you'd never know it," he said to himself.

He made up his mind to do something about it. But unfortunately, just before he could do anything he fell into the hole again.

When he asked the doctor to explain what was going wrong, the doctor told him.

For more about holes in the road, switching choices and other Jewish lifecycle events, call Rabbi Hershy Worch at 729-1606.

Lansky and the Gangster Life

by Louise Lieberman
Special to the Herald

"It gave Meyer deep satisfaction to be considered an intellectual — someone who had power in his head. But in his heart, the power that counted with Meyer Lansky came from being tough."

BOOK
REVIEW

Meyer Lansky was a gangster, a gambler, a friend of fiendish criminals, but he was also a man who wanted a family with solid traditional values. Meyer Lansky thought of himself as a man with pride in his Jewishness, who disrupted pro-Nazi meetings in New York by throwing firecrackers and starting fights.

But as he was demonstrating his staunch Jewishness by violence, he was also rejecting the Hebrew school and bar mitzvah route for his two sons.

As author Robert Lacey writes in this compelling biography called *Little Man*, Meyer Lansky believed that "The little Jew going to shul in his skullcap was not an object of respect. The little Jew who beat up Nazis was."

Little Man is a look at this enigma. As an immigrant youngster in school, Meyer was bright, well-read and an achiever.

He probably would have been given a scholarship to college if he had not been sidetracked by the street-corner gambling in his neighborhood. Whereas, previously, he had enjoyed spending his spare time in libraries, he now spent that time using his mathematical cleverness to figure the odds.

Lacey describes in detail the personal life of this short man who became a big man in American crime. What makes this biography so interesting is that the author takes the

reader into Lansky's home, into his family problems and into his dreams. The text is a combination of first-hand interviews, reports and United States documents.

We learn that although Meyer Lansky was harassed constantly by government agents, other government agents were secretly recruiting him to secure the New York waterfront against sabotage.

We follow Israel's Law of Return as it plays an important role in Lansky's fate. The chapter describing Lansky's plan to flee Israel under the noses of the F.B.I., his furtive flight and his ultimate detention on board the plane is far more exciting than fiction.

This book is subtitled *Meyer Lansky and the Gangster Life*. Indeed, the author does tell us about the daily life in this gangster's world, but even more, the author tells us about the daily life of a gangster who knew what his life really should have been and could have been. Don't miss reading this one!

Louise M. Lieberman is the librarian for Congregation Mishkon Tefila in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

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An Understated Legacy

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timony stands as a reminder not to neglect the noble virtue of human sympathy.

"... the experience I had upon visiting the concentration camp of Dachau. You must have seen articles about it in the paper, but nothing you can put in words would adequately describe what I saw there. The human mind refuses to believe what the eyes see. All the stories of Nazi horror are underestimated rather than exaggerated. We saw freight cars with bodies in them. These bodies were skeletons with skin on them. The people had been transported from one camp to another and it had taken about a month for the train to make the trip. In all that time, they had not been fed. They were lying in grotesque positions, just as they had died. Many were naked, others in thin clothing. But all were horrible.

"We entered the camp itself

and saw the living. The Jews were the worst off. Many of them looked worse than the dead. They cried as they saw us. I spoke to a large group of Jews. I don't remember what I said, I was under such a mental strain, but Eli Heinberg [Rabbi Bohnen's aide] tells me he cried as I spoke. Some of the people were crying all the time we were there. I don't know how they didn't all go mad.

"There were thousands and thousands of prisoners in the camp. Most looked terrible, and as I said, the Jews were the worst. Even the others prisoners who suffered miseries themselves could not get over the horrible treatment meted out to the Jews. I shall never forget what I saw, and in my nightmares the scenes will recur."

Excerpt from a letter written by Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen to his wife on May 1, 1945 when the 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division liberated Dachau.

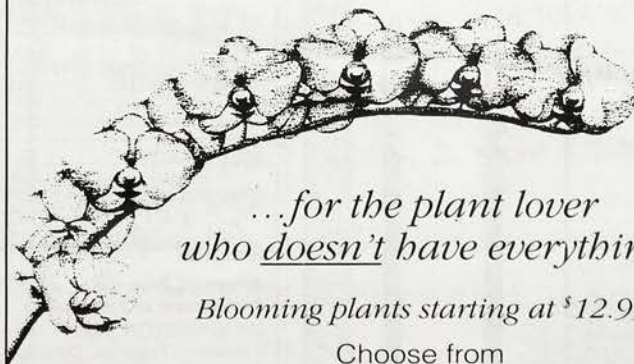
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OPINIONS

A Small Tribute to a Great Lady

To The Editors:

On Oct. 20 at 7:30 in the morning, the telephone rang, just before I was leaving to school. From the tears in Mom's eyes, I knew my friend Mrs. Haskell Frank had died at the age of 91.



Belle Frank

I still do not know how my day in school went, it is still a daze to me. Yes, she was my friend, my piano teacher, and my penmanship teacher at the age of 91. I'm only 13.

I want to tell the world that Mrs. Frank was not just a common human being. She had a purpose in this world, as the rabbi said in his eulogy, "She was a mentor and very special."

She was someone who you feel blessed and proud to know. She loved so much, in particular the poor, the elderly and the children.

Her accomplishments and achievements are endless.

From Woman of the Year in 1983 to championships in golf, to art, music, community services, organizations, her wisdom, her courage and especially her heart — to her heart I give my small tribute.

We miss her so much, we lost so much, the community lost so much.

Letters to the EDITOR



From a very modest Catholic family, I had the honor of sitting at her table for a Chanukah party for children only, children of her family and her close friends. I will never forget it — it was happy, beautiful and almost holy. We were all served like royalty, to be truthful, on a silver platter!

The music stopped at the Jewish Home for the Aged, where she played for her friends for so many years. It stopped in my home also, even the piano sounds different now.

She was an inspiration to us all.

Remembering my last visit with Mrs. Frank, I played our game.

I got one more Dove Ice Cream Rondo. She knew it, for she gave me a wink and said, "Do well, I love you darling."

My sister Kelly, who has been with me under Mrs. Frank's wing, said it best, "She was our Jewish grandmother."

To her family, who she loved and worshipped, I send my sincere condolences.

Mark P. Viana
Rumford

We Lost a Great and Gifted Teacher

To The Editors:

The community lost a great and gifted teacher last week with the death of Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen. To many, Rabbi Bohnen will be remembered as the rabbi who officiated at their bar mitzvah, wedding or

other life-cycle event. To me, Rabbi Bohnen was first and foremost a teacher who sought to impart knowledge and encourage both intellectual and personal growth within generations of young people.

I was a member of the last generation of teen-agers who studied with Rabbi Bohnen in his formal capacity as rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, we young people who entered our teen years during the late '60s.

Rabbi Bohnen was among the first to reach out to us in a way that was both educational and understanding. When our confirmation class expressed concern that the standard curriculum was not "relevant," Rabbi Bohnen brought in a new text dealing with the Jewish perspective on such topics as Vietnam, racism and pollution. He showed us that Judaism had much to teach and would always be relevant.

The best example of Rabbi Bohnen's commitment to young adults is that this man who worked seven days a week spent his "day of rest" teaching a Shabbat afternoon study group in his home.

My fondest memory of Rabbi Bohnen will always be not atop a pulpit nor beneath a chuppah, but rather, sitting at the head of an old table in a dim-lighted basement surrounded by a score of teen-agers, teaching us by both text and personal example to question, to learn, to care. In short, to be better Jews and better people.

Jerome H. Kritz
Wakefield

A Second Strike of Lightning

To The Editors:

The old cliché that lightning does not strike twice seems also to be a fallacy. Let me explain.

Last May I was attacked in a letter to the editor of *The Providence Journal* in which the writer states that he hates Jews and Italians, that he is indeed a "fanatical Nazi," as he put it. He also takes me to task for interrupting a speech by Pat Buchanan (I was not even near there).

In a follow-up letter written to me, he gives his opinion about Jews and Italians. The Jews, he argues, are parasites, but adds, perhaps as a compliment, "intellectual parasites" doomed to be booted out of country after country, while the Italians are born to be criminals.

Mr. Hatemonger voices the opinion that both (the Jews as well as the Italians) cannot help it, it is inborn, in their genes and their DNA. Thank you Dr. Sigmund Freud...

Chapter Two. A month ago or so, I wrote a letter to the editor of the *Journal* (your readers will know by now how much I write to the various editors) expressing my opinions

about the Maastricht treaty, which, eventually, will create something like the United States of Europe, envisioned in the 1930s by Count Coudenhove Callegari. My opinion was that the French had every right to fear their German neighbors who attacked them during the French-Prussian War in 1871, during the war that was supposed "to end all wars" in 1914, and then, of course, in 1939. In no way did I mention my religious affiliation, namely being a Jew (and mighty proud of it, I might add).

Enter a Mr. Thomas Hunter in yet another letter to the *Journal*. He calls me a "Jewish irredentist" whose mind wallows in hatred. I have a closed mind, the writer adds, and I seem to be willing to squander the opportunity of a united Europe by indulging myself in an orgy of irredentism. Jewish, irredentism, of course.

While I do not blame *The Providence Journal* for printing this rebuttal of my letter to them, I nevertheless want to add once more my 2 cents' worth of opinion.

Hans L. Heimann
Cranston

What 'Community' Is All About

To The Editors:

A very dear friend of mine has nearly recovered from a bout with pneumonia and there are many stories I could write about that would tell of her courage and endurance in battling her sickness.

But the subject of my letter is the Orthodox community of Pawtucket and Providence to which my friend belongs.

The many sociology courses I took in college and in graduate school did not prepare me for what I would observe during my friend's illness. The night my friend was rushed to the hospital, a good samaritan took my friend's children into her home in the middle of the night.

The Rebitzen of Pawtucket offered words of empathy and wisdom to my friend as well as

an apple kugel she lovingly made for the family's Sabbath meal.

A devoted friend opened her home and heart to my friend's children for an overnight stay and several extended afternoon visits; she made homemade soup that nourished my friend on her road to recovery.

I learned about the existence of the N'S Shei Chesed, an organization comprised of women committed to performing mitzvah. Members of this organization worked as a team in preparing a Sabbath meal for my friend's family.

There were many callers who reached out to my friend with words of concern and friendship. My friend felt consoled during her nightmarish illness because of the many kind people who took time out from their busy day to remember a sick friend.

May G-d bless all the individuals who not only performed the mitzvah of helping my friend and her family, but who also provided me with an education about what the word "community" really means.

Cindy Halpern
Providence

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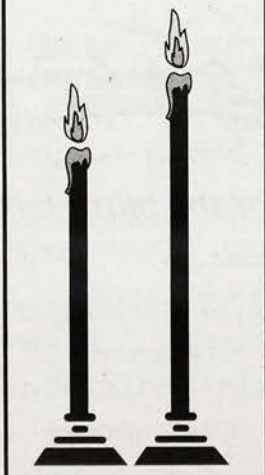
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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

Roosevelt Promises Punishment of Perpetrators

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Franklin Delano Roosevelt this week assured a delegation of representatives of leading Jewish organizations in the United States that the perpetrators of the crimes against the Jews and other civilian populations would be brought to strict accountability.

WEEK OF DEC. 11, 1942

Rabbi Nathan Tarragin Resigns Post

Rabbi Nathan Tarragin this week announced his resignation as spiritual leader of the Congregation Sons of Abraham. In conversations with a Herald reporter he evaded answering questions concerning his future plans.

Half of Appeal Quota is Pledged

More than \$45,000 has been pledged thus far in the United Jewish Appeal campaign in Providence to raise \$100,000, it was announced this week by Benjamin N. Kane, chairman of the Initial Gifts committee.

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

One's True Home

This week's Torah portion, Vayishlach, relates Jacob's statement that, "I have sojourned — garti — with Laban."

The great commentator Rashi notes that the word "garti" has the numerical equivalent of 613. Thus, by using the word "garti," Jacob implied that, "Though I sojourned with the wicked Laban, I have observed the 613 mitzvot."

"Sojourned" implies that Jacob lived as a stranger with his father-in-law. All aspects of Laban, all the physical objects of oxen, donkeys, flocks, men-servants and handmaids, were to Jacob no more than garti —

journey to the eternal world of truth.

By keeping his material concerns in a state of "strangeness," Jacob assured not only that they would not interfere with his spiritual life, but also that a dimension of spirituality would be infused even into the material — transforming matter into something spiritual and holy.

The Torah and its instructions are everlasting, relevant to every Jew in all times and places. The lesson of the above is as follows:

Every Jew must realize that although his environment, the world, may hardly be perfect, each individual can prepare himself and everything related to him for the complete re-



something alien, strange, transitory. They were not his true self.

Where was Jacob not a stranger? Where did he not merely sojourn, but live? His true home was his soul and its involvement in studying Torah and performing mitzvot.

Once, Rabbi Dov Ber, the Maggid of Mezritch, was asked why his home was furnished so sparsely; it contained only a table and chairs which converted into a bed at night.

The Maggid explained, "At home, one needs everything. On a journey, though, it doesn't matter if the temporary dwelling and furniture are not so beautiful; and after all, it is just a journey." And for him, his life was just a transition, a

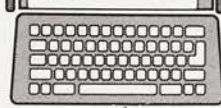
demption.

This preparation is by means of "I have sojourned with Laban": the realization that all of this world is no more than garti — furnishings and baggage that one needs on a journey.

No matter what the duration of a person's life, whether 70, 80 or 120, these years are no more than a stranger's temporary sojourn. From this perspective, the physical is not in conflict with the spiritual. In fact, this attitude will result in having prosperity even in the physical sense.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer with permission of L'Chaim publications.

NEWS BRIEFS



INTERNATIONAL

TORONTO (JTA) — Shalom Cohen, Israel's new consul general here, has sent a conciliatory signal to hundreds of draft-age emigres who have not fulfilled mandatory service in the Israeli Defense Force and are considered by some of their countrymen as draft dodgers or, even worse, deserters.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — As incidents of anti-Semitism increase globally, researchers and experts from 17 Jewish communities around the world gathered two weeks ago at Tel Aviv University to discuss ways of monitoring the growing phenomenon in a coordinated effort.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was operated on Dec. 3 for the removal of a growth in his large intestines. Doctors at the Sheba Medical Center in Tel Aviv said last week that the 77-year-old Shamir's condition was "good" and that he was recovering comfortably from the surgery. Shamir was admitted to the hospital early last week suffering from fatigue.



Mezuzah

At dedication ceremonies for the Zippori Museum, Ludwig Jesselson (foreground), sponsor of Jewish National Fund's land-reclamation work for the Zippori National Park, places a mezuzah at the museum entrance. Joining him is Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman, head of Yeshivat Migdal Ohr in Migdal Ha'Emek.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Senators Lobby E.C. To Fight Anti-Israel Measures in U.N.

by Cynthia Mann
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A bipartisan group of U.S. senators has sent letters to European Community leaders urging them to end the "Israel-bashing" in the United Nations.

Thirteen senators, spearheaded by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), two weeks ago called on the E.C. leaders to help avert what has become the routine annual passage of 30 anti-Israel resolutions. The measures are scheduled to come up this month in the U.N. General Assembly.

The "anti-Israel resolutions" have passed each year in the United Nations, with the specific objective of condemning and embarrassing the government of Israel, and "we believe the resolutions are unjustified," the senators wrote.

The letters were sent to British Foreign Minister Douglas Hurd, who currently chairs the E.C. Council of Ministers, and Danish Foreign Min-

ister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, who will replace Hurd on Jan. 1.

The lawmakers argued the resolutions would fly in the face of the "tangible steps" taken by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to accelerate the Middle East peace process and, "at this delicate stage," would "only harm the talks."

"In our opinion, Israel should be commended for its commitment to the peace talks, rather than openly condemned in resolutions at the General Assembly," they wrote.

The senators also called for Israel to be included in a regional working group, which is a prerequisite for full participation in the multilateral organization.

Israel has been excluded from its rightful place in the Asian regional group by members of the League of Arab States and therefore is unable to hold key committee chairmanships or serve as a rotating member of the U.N. Security Council.

As a result, the Jewish state has applied for temporary membership in the "Western European and Others" regional group.

The senators' effort was lauded last week by the American Jewish Committee, which in recent months has petitioned ambassadors and foreign ministers of key member countries for what it called "Israel's rightful place in the community of nations."

"Israel-bashing is an intolerable vestige of the Cold War, and the continued petty denials of Israel's nationhood in the U.N. degrade that institution and hinder its effectiveness," said Jason Isaacson, AJCommittee director of government and international affairs.

Last year, the General Assembly revoked Resolution 3379, which had denigrated Zionism as racism.

Crown Heights Peace Shattered Again as Black Man Is Beaten by Hasidim

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen
NEW YORK (JTA) —

The uneasy peace in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn has been shattered once again.

A Lubavitch yeshiva student has been charged with assaulting and violating the civil rights of a black homeless man, who was beaten by a group of Hasidim Nov. 30 behind the world headquarters of the Lubavitch movement.

The Lubavitch community and the police gave sharply different accounts of the incident.

According to Lubavitch reports, Ralph Nimmons, 25, was injured after he broke into the "kollel," or graduate-level yeshiva. A group of about 20 young men confronted Nimmons as he left the building, but they said he resisted violently when they tried to hold him while waiting for the police to arrive.

Police, on the other hand, said they found nothing to indicate that Nimmons had been involved in a crime, and that he was behind the main building at 770 Eastern Parkway rummaging for discarded clothes at about midnight when he was confronted by a Lubavitch man.

Police said Moishe Katzman, 24, asked Nimmons what he was doing and told him he was going to hold him for the police. Within a few minutes, about 20 Hasidic men arrived and tried to restrain Nimmons.

In the ensuing struggle, the group hit Nimmons with a small baseball bat and possibly a two-way radio, and hurled racial insults at him. Police also recovered a black coat, black hat and a yarmulke at the site.

Katzman has been charged with violating the Federal Civil Rights Act, second-degree assault, which is a felony, possession of a weapon and aggravated harassment.

The incident has been classified as a bias crime because racial slurs were shouted at Nimmons, New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said at a news conference. Kelly said the classification was based on statements taken from Nimmons and at least two witnesses.

More than 200 Lubavitchers protested the arrest outside the local police precinct Dec. 1, calling it politically motivated, while dozens of cops in riot gear watched them warily from behind police barricades.

Jewish Groups Call for Removal of Outspoken Baseball Team Owner

by Aaron London
The American Israelite

CINCINNATI (JTA) — Jewish groups are up in arms over Marge Schott, the Cincinnati Reds owner whose allegedly racist and anti-Semitic remarks have prompted calls for her removal from baseball.

The American Jewish Committee has called on Schott to resign from baseball and the Anti-Defamation League has called for her suspension by her fellow owners.

"If Ms. Schott remains in baseball, the commitment of the institution to reject bigotry and discrimination will be compromised," said a statement by the AJCommittee.

Similarly, ADL National Director Abraham Foxman said major league baseball "must make it clear that sentiments such as those reportedly

expressed by Schott are not an acceptable part of our national pastime."

The major league executive council, baseball's ruling body in the absence of a commissioner, has discussed suspending Schott from baseball for life or forcing her to sell the Reds, according to news reports.

In a telephone conference call last week, the council decided to appoint a panel to investigate the remarks attributed to Schott. In response to the national outcry, the group met in advance of the annual winter meeting of owners next week in Louisville, Ky., where all 28 teams will be represented.

The outcry began several weeks ago, when a deposition in a suit filed against her by a former employee revealed that

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INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli government is considering a plan that sharply limits the number of West Bank settlements qualifying for tax breaks and other special benefits. Jewish communities outside the pre-1967 borders that remain entitled to these concessions are singled out in a proposal submitted to the Cabinet on Dec. 2 by a government committee headed by Shimon Shevas, director-general of the prime minister's office.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — A total of 7,664 immigrants arrived in Israel during November, the highest monthly total this calendar year. Immigration from the republics of the former Soviet Union actually dipped a bit, totaling 6,544 arrivals, compared to 6,832 in October and 6,725 in September.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — An announcement last week that Israel's ambassador to Washington, Zalman Shoval, will end his tour of duty Feb. 5 puts an end to an embarrassing spate of reports surrounding his departure date.

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ROME (JTA) — Pope John Paul II has called on representatives of all religions in Europe — Christians, Jews, Moslems and others — to join together for a day of fasting and prayer for peace, particularly for an end to the war in Bosnia. The prayer gathering is scheduled for Jan. 9 to 10 in Assisi, Italy.

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ATHENS (JTA) — In the first demonstration of its kind, Greek Jews have taken to the streets to protest a surge of racism and anti-Semitism in Germany. Holding candles and wearing buttons reading "Never again," 1,500 Jews gathered Dec. 2 outside the German embassy in Athens to hear communal leader Nissim Nais call on Bonn to combat the "horrible and dangerous situation which is once more quite openly created in Germany."

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — A bill to legalize prostitution has moved forward a notch amid strong opposition from Orthodox members of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government. On Dec. 2, the Israeli parliament passed a preliminary reading of legislation giving prostitutes legal protection and allowing them to move their trade indoors from the streets.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Scholar: Situation in Germany Worse Than Perceived

JERUSALEM — Germany's Nazi past has not been totally eradicated, and the situation involving the rise in neo-Nazi activities in Germany today is much worse than people realize, according to a political scientist from the Free University of Berlin who is now visiting at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"These times remind us of the beginnings of the Weimar Republic," said Professor Abraham Ashkenasi, an American-born academic who teaches international politics at the Berlin institution.

Ashkenasi was in Jerusalem last week under the auspices of The Hebrew University's Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, where he is a frequent guest researcher. He spoke Dec. 2 at the university on the neo-Nazi phenomenon in Germany in a talk sponsored by the Davis Institute.

Ashkenasi, who has written about ethnic divisions in Germany as well as in Israel and other places, said that there is in Germany a nationalist tradition of blaming outsiders for problems and domestic failures — a tradition which played such a tragic role during the era of the Weimar Republic.

East Germany is seriously unstable economically and socially — a situation exacerbated by the presence of hundreds of thousands of foreign nationals in Germany. Further, the economic picture is not getting better but rather is worsening in the East, said Ashkenasi.

The situation, therefore, particularly in the East, is highly dangerous, he said. "There are places in the East that one who looks foreign should not enter."

Ashkenasi said that the right-wing violence is not perceived for now in Germany as being particularly threatening to the Jewish community.

Although individuals within the German government have spoken out forcefully against the new right-wing violence, the government as a whole must adopt strong policies to counter this trend, said Ashkenasi, particularly among the young. The churches also have not taken as forceful a stand as they ought to, he said.

Improvement in the economic situation, an increase in the number of social workers among the young, and a strong educational program to reshape the thinking of youth — all of these are needed, said Ashkenasi.

He added that he had less than full confidence in the capability of the security services and justice system to impose security measures, particularly, since there is reported strong rightist sentiment among the elite police units.

Ashkenasi said that it would be a mistake for Israel to break contacts with Germany over the rise of fascist incidents there.



Lester Pollack

Pollack Is Elected Conference Chairman

Lester Pollack, president of the Jewish Community Centers Association, has been elected chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Pollack, 59, was unanimously chosen last week to serve a one-year term beginning Jan. 1. He succeeds Shoshana S. Cardin of Baltimore, who is completing a second one-year term as Presidents Conference chairman.

Long active in Jewish communal affairs, Pollack is a past president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. He currently chairs the international affairs committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and is a member of the executive committee of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). He is the founding chairman and chief executive officer of the Center for Middle East Research, chairman of the board of directors of Tel Aviv University's Trilateral Peace Project and vice chairman of the Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education. Pollack also serves on the board of the American Zionist Youth Federation, Council of Jewish Federations, HIAS and UJA-Federation of Greater New York.

Jewish Vote Made A Difference In Clinton Victory, Study Finds

by Cynthia Mann
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish Democrats may be small in number, but they made a difference in the presidential election of Bill Clinton, according to an analysis released last week by the National Jewish Democratic Council.

While Jews make up only 2.4 percent of the U.S. population, they accounted for 4 percent of the overall vote in November and up to 7 percent of Clinton's vote nationwide, the council said.

Jews accounted for between 0.9 and 1.1 percent of President Bush's national vote.

Clinton beat Bush by 5.5 million votes. With Jews casting somewhere between 2.8 million and 3.1 million votes, Jewish Democrats "theoretically could be attributed with providing 50.9 percent to 55.8 percent of his overall margin of victory," the council said.

The study found Jewish Democrats also theoretically provided the winning margin for Clinton in two key state races, Georgia and New Jersey.

In New York, Jews accounted for 26 to 29 percent of Clinton's total votes, or theoretically 85.6 percent of his margin of victory there.

The Jewish vote accounted for up to 8.5 percent of Clinton's total vote in Connecticut, up to 9.7 percent in California, up to 11 percent in Maryland and up to 10.7 percent of his

vote in Massachusetts.

The NJDC analysis "underscores the fact that Jewish Democrats continue to play a vital role in Democratic politics far disproportionate to their numbers," said Steve Gutow, the council's executive director.

To determine its findings, the council used polling data compiled both by Voter Research and Surveys Inc., a consortium used by the major media organizations, and by the American Jewish Congress. The two outfits had slightly different figures.

The Voter Research data showed that Jews gave 78 percent of their vote to Clinton and 12 percent to Bush. AJCongress found in its exit polling a breakdown of 85 percent for Clinton and 10 percent for Bush.

Lee Shapiro, director of media services at Voter Research, said her firm's data had been revised to show that Clinton

garnered 80 percent of the Jewish vote, and Bush won 11 percent. The margin of error was 8 percentage points, she said.

She also defended the research group's national Jewish sampling, which has been criticized by some for being too small to be meaningful.

"It is big enough to make a statement about the way [Jews] voted," she said, though she cautioned it should not be broken down further, by age, income or other subgroups.

The Voter Research findings were based on a nationwide survey of 15,232 voters. Of these, 7,730 agreed to reveal their religion, and 278 of these said they were Jewish.

Council spokesman Lewis Roth said that his "numbers hold up" under the latest revisions by Voter Research.

The AJCongress sample was of 3,076 Jews at more than 100 sites in 10 states and the District of Columbia. Martin Hochbaum, AJCongress director of national affairs, said the data were preliminary and that final figures would be released early next year after further evaluation.

Knesset Gives Preliminary OK To Bill On Contact With PLO

by David Landau
and Lisa Clayton

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset gave preliminary approval last week to a bill lifting a 6-year-old ban on contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The bill passed its first reading by a razor-thin margin of

37-36. It now goes to committee and must pass two more readings in the house before becoming law.

In introducing the bill Dec. 2, Justice Minister David Libai stressed the move implies no change in the government's opposition to a direct PLO role in

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Around Town

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In Awe of Nature

Look at this fish here," Sybil Miller says pointing to a tube fish. "It lies horizontally like this so it gets lost in the leaves."

We're not on location, peering into a gigantic fish tank at the Boston Aquarium, but eyeing a magnificent poster held by my two guides into the world of the sea.

Three years ago, while reading a South African magazine, Michael Miller came across a write-up of a Swaziland artist who created the most beautiful African black-and-white drawings.

They sent for three of her drawings. So enthralled were Sybil and Michael with her amazing detail, they wrote back to say how happy they'd be to represent her if she didn't have an agent.

As luck would have it, the Millers became her agents. "Looking

at the drawings, I thought how interesting it would be to educationally identify every aspect of poster," recalls. "I artist and asked if all the animals were authentic or some imaginary."

Everything is as it appears in nature, the artist told her. Sybil requested the poster be sent with every animal written on it. The idea was to develop an educational key to accompany the poster. The first four-poster set was African Fantasy, African Nights, African Markets and Children of Africa.

"From the same artist," says Sybil, "we received an environmental poster, a beautiful statement on the endangered earth and seas, together with an educational key and the countries of origin." The poster was also turned into a jigsaw puzzle.

"We like to think they're works of art," the Millers feel. The artist's home is in the bush country. Her works, they say, show the contrast of western civilization alongside tribal life.

"A social studies teacher would have quite a lot to discuss here... typical huts, forests, industries, growing up in Swaziland, an independent black country with a king."

Sybil and Michael's business has mushroomed these past three years as well as their love of nature and ecology. "We also decided to find different artists who could complete the marvelous puzzle of the world's many ecological habitats for us."

The first section of their posters is devoted to Africa and social studies.

The other, Environment and Endangered Species, led to the introduction of the sea with the Coral Kingdom series

designed by a diver and underwater photographer.

"We've had a wonderful time with him in developing both the posters and extensive educational key that tells the symbiotic relationship of a lot of these little animals," Sybil says with delight, her finger again pointing to the minutest and largest figures in the "Wonders of the Sea" poster.

"See this bubble in the poster. In this magnified drop of sea water are the microscopic animals that start the food chain: plankton, protozoa, diatoms, algae,

to preserve it and treat it with awe," express the Millers.

Speaking passionately about the effects of an oil spill in the water, Sybil says. "Look at this poster which shows the birds from the Arctic to the Temperate Zone.

"An oil spill affects land animals, polar bears, seals, porpoises. It affects these huge whales who live one and a half miles below the surface.

"It affects the kelp that synthesize and make air in the water which these mammals need. And if that's destroyed, this whole chain of life gets destroyed."

The Millers and their three children

At this point in time, Color Fantasy has nine posters all drawn in black and white so that their customers can color the posters "the way they feel about the subject matters."

That results in a range of individual interpretation and variance of hues.

"Besides enjoying the artistic and creative aspects of coloring this poster," Sybil says, "you're learning the names of everything and increasing your awareness of how the world lives, how everything is interrelated, how the land connects to the sea, how the sea connects to the cosmos, and how we as humans are part of the land and the sea."

A former kindergarten teacher who dabbled in painting and drawing, Sybil appreciates the value of their posters as real educational components.

Not long ago, she gave some to a teacher of ESL (English as a Second Language) kids. "As a project, the subject matter of the posters encourages speech and interchange of ideas with so many animals to identify.

"When you think of kids studying from different parts of the world, concern about the world and its environment is a very unifying concept."

Among the posters' merits, too, are the excellent quality of recycled paper the Millers use. "It makes for a product worthy of framing and displaying, which so many people do."

Their product has also become worthy of wearing. They developed a T-shirt line packaged with paints. Ideas and possibilities keep flowing for the Millers.

Asking what came first, art or nature, Sybil replies, "I always adored nature. I've always been in awe of nature. It's a feeling of belonging to this great world — wherever you're from. If the Amazon rain forest is damaged, science is damaged, and so are we."

Artwork taken from Color Fantasy's "Coral Kingdom" poster, one of Michael and Sybil Miller's latest series.



Michael and Sybil Miller of Color Fantasy hold their "Wonders of the Sea" poster that depicts denizens of the sea.

shrimp brine, jellyfish and crab larvae."

She sparkles with enthusiasm about the fascinating research that has enriched their own learning experiences about animal life from the top of the water to fathoms below.

Recently, the URI Office of Marine Programs invited Sybil and Michael to present their unique posters to teachers of fourth- to 12th-grade children at a meeting.

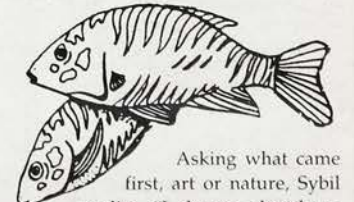
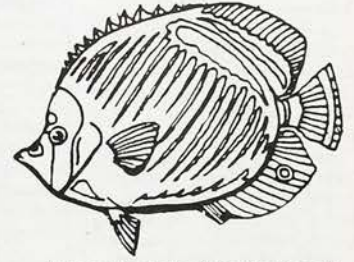
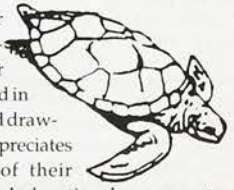
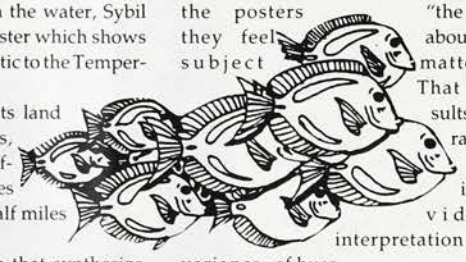
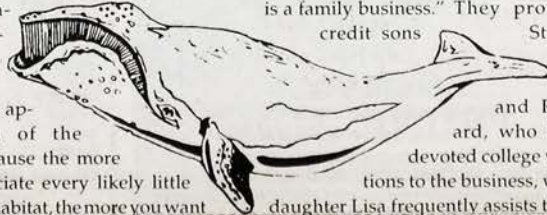
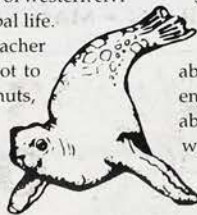
"We have become taken up with the idea of inspiring children and adults to gain a real appreciation of the world, because the more you appreciate every likely little ecological habitat, the more you want

came to the United States from Johannesburg 13 years ago. Michael was financial director of Foster Parents Plan for 10 years until his business acumen was needed by Color Fantasy, their company's name.

"Michael is very creative. He gets ideas, then leaves me holding the baby," Sybil laughs, noting that while Michael handles business matters, she steers the way for product development.

"Sometimes, things seem too big to handle," the Millers say. "Our business is a family business." They proudly credit sons

and Richard, who have devoted college vacations to the business, while daughter Lisa frequently assists them.



ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

International House of Rhode Island is sponsoring a **day trip to the Henri Matisse exhibit** at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City on Dec. 11. The bus will leave from International House, 8 Stimson Ave., Providence, at 7 a.m. and return by 11 p.m. The fee for the trip is \$48 per person for members, \$55 for nonmembers, and includes the bus fare, a snack and entrance fees. Reservations are limited to 47 people. For more information, call 421-7181.

"**The Nutcracker**" leads off the Festival Ballet's 16th season Dec. 11 to 13 at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Performed to the accompaniment of the Festival Orchestra, this year marks the 100th anniversary of Tchaikovsky's famous score. For ticket information, call 467-4236.

The Dance Theatre and Josh Hilberman will present "**Duets for Tap Dancer and Piano**" Dec. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, Roger Williams University in Bristol. General admission is \$5, students and seniors are admitted for \$3. For reservations, call 254-3624 or 254-3626.

The exhibit room at the Providence Public Library, 225 Washington St., currently features the talents of local artist Chao Vang and her **Hmong Pa Ndau needlework exhibit**. The exhibit will remain at the library until Dec. 18 and is available for viewing during regular library hours.

The John Hope Settlement House presents **Jazz & Sass**, a jazz concert featuring Rhode Island native Rose Weaver, on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Marriott Ballroom. The show includes a celebrity auction and cabaret-style refreshments. The cost is \$35 per person. Proceeds will support John Hope's campaign to improve and expand its facilities. For more information, call 421-6993.

Lunchart with Cora Lee Gibbs is set for Dec. 18 at 12:15 p.m. at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art, 225 Benefit St., Providence. Gibbs, curator of education at the Newport Art Museum, will discuss "Signs of the Season in a South German Altarpiece." Admission is free with the price of entry to the museum.

Cain and Abel in Upstate New York

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"Excuse me, sonny, but ... are you Jewish?" That's what I asked Bruce Sinofsky, who spoke to the Cable Car audience Saturday night after the screening of "Brother's Keeper."

"Of course I am, and so is my co-filmmaker Joe Berlinger. We got the title of our nonfiction film from the Torah tale of Cain and Abel."

He didn't look it in his black leather jacket with the Mobil Gas logo pin in its lapel.

I told Bruce, "That's Pegasus, the Greek symbol for poetry. Your movie moves along at a steady and careful pace, and then it lifts off the ground into realms of the spirit. It's a beautiful work, mazel tov."

Bruce told the cinema crowd some details about putting the nonfiction piece together. "Don't call it a documentary. Distributors hate that word. They figure audiences won't pay to see stuff labelled with that poison word. Just call it

nonfiction.

"We wanted to share the plot with you, to follow the present, the day-to-day suspense of a courtroom drama. We read in *The New York Times* a short report about an elderly



farmer accused of suffocating his brother-bedmate. We took it from there."

Somebody on the sofas of Cable Car asked, "Do you think he did it?"

Bruce shook his head. "I won't tell you. You talk about it, play jury, reach your own verdict. That's why we made our movie, to get you thinking on your own. Hollywood wanted to turn the story into

fiction with famous superstars. We wanted to live with these rural people and get to know them as they are and as they live."

The highest value of "Brother's Keeper" lay in the patience, persistence and gentle, genuine concern for others, revealed by the camera, the voices, the pride of the artists, like David and Jonathan, another pair of Biblical brothers of the spirit.

These Jewish city boys make you take a fresh look at country people. The Ward brothers, a whole pack of them, live in filth and poverty. But the milk they sell is the cleanest and best in the county. They welcome their new friends Joe and Bruce into their home. They bring out the spirit of helping and supporting neighbors,

among people who dwell nearby and rally to defend the strange, nearly feral family of "boys."

The group that stayed to meet the author of "Brother's Keeper" clapped, cheered, spoke and heard. The film left you with many deep questions about guilt and innocence, about freedom and responsibility. You watch a pig butchered and skinned. A 4-year-old farmboy watches with you, within the film. You and the camera watch brothers squirm on the witness stand as lie, truth, love, fear and dread hold court along with you and them.

It's there in Genesis. It's also there in the minds of two Jewish boys who leave the big town and make a wonderful work of art in the sticks.



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FEATURE

Quilt Symbolizes AIDS Struggle

by Tj Feldman
Special to the Herald

In October of 1989, I worked at the quilt for the first time. Two months later I wrote an article about the experience because it took me that long to find words to articulate what I wanted to say.

When I wrote the first article I left out that the quilt was started in memory of my cousin, Marvin Feldman, who died of complications resulting from AIDS in 1986.

Cleve Jones, the quilt's founder, made the first panel for Marvin in February, 1987 as a way of dealing with the loss of his best friend.

In October of 1987, the first 1,000 panels were displayed on the Ellipse.

Two years later, the number of panels had increased more than tenfold to nearly 11,000, and today the quilt contains roughly 27,000 panels and was displayed on the land in between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial because it would not have fit on the Ellipse.

In fact, 1989 was supposed to be the last time the quilt would be displayed in its entirety because of its size, but the quilt's popularity and a great deal of hard work enabled it to return to Washington this year.

For the first time, the quilt display included panels from

17 of the 29 foreign countries that have NAMES chapters. Seeing the panels from abroad served to drive home the point that AIDS is a global problem, not just an American problem.

I think what touched me most was the discovery that there are 25 panels for Ryan White. America came to know and love Ryan White during his battle with AIDS and his fight with the state of Indiana just to attend school.

The best part about the quilt is that every panel carries the same weight as every other no matter who it is for. The panels that consistently move me to tears are those for little children. The suffering that AIDS causes is tragic, but when it affects innocent children it is that much more tragic.

The quilt teaches us a lesson about love and about not forgetting the people you care for. Indeed, the quilt does not represent all those who've died of AIDS, but its size is a fair representation of the tremendous battle that we must fight in order to bring about the day when no more lives will be affected by AIDS. I only hope that day comes soon.

It has been difficult to write this column as the impact of the quilt cannot be put into words. One of the quilt pins reads, "See it and understand." Seeing the quilt truly is the only way to grasp its very powerful message.

Tj Feldman is a student at the University of Hartford, majoring in communications. She was born and raised in Providence.

Have an opinion?
Express it in a letter to
the HERALD.



Begin Tribute

Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and TV journalist Barbara Walters gave moving tributes to the late prime minister of Israel, Menachem Begin, at the Aliza Begin Humanitarian Award Dinner Dance last month, sponsored by the American Friends of the Aliza Begin Hospital/Assaf Harofeh Medical Center. Both Wiesel and Walters recalled fond, personal memories of one of Israel's most dynamic leaders. They were joined by Benny Begin, the son of the late prime minister. All three guest speakers evoked a feeling of true friendship with one another and with this vital Israeli institution. Pictured at the benefit are: (from left) Kenneth Kronen, chairman of American Friends of AHMC, with wife Dr. Jeri Kronen, Benny Begin, his sister Hassia Begin Milo and her husband Matti Milo.

Knesset Gives Preliminary OK

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Middle East peace negotiations.

Moreover, he said, Jerusalem expects the United States will continue to exclude the PLO from the peace talks.

But politicians of the opposition Likud bloc differed sharply during parliamentary debate on the bill.

Knesset member Binyamin Netanyahu said the move was tantamount to government endorsement of "a body whose declared purpose is the destruction of Israel."

He said it would pave the way for a resumption of talks

between the United States and the PLO and "undermine the basis of Israel's objection to the creation of a Palestinian state."

But Laborites argued that there is no "national security" justification for the ban and that it contravenes the principles of democracy.

The ban on meetings with the PLO "has nothing to do with state security and places restrictions on the freedom of the individual," Libai told foreign correspondents shortly before submitting the bill to the Knesset plenum.

Jewish Groups Call for Removal

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she made racially and ethnically demeaning comments, including the use of the word "nigger" and the term "money-grubbing Jews."

In Schott's deposition, she either acknowledged or did not deny using such terms.

In more recent interviews with the press, she says she has never meant any harm by these remarks, but she has gotten increasingly hazy about whether she actually said them.

In an interview with ESPN, the sports cable channel, she also acknowledged that she kept a Nazi swastika armband in her home, but said she "never thought of it as anything offensive."

"I don't know the big deal about it," she added.

In an interview with *The New York Times*, she referred to some of her controversial comments as "joke terms."

"I'm not a racist; I've never meant any harm," she said. "I'm so sick of all this. It's discouraging. I wish they'd stop all this falseness."

Earlier this month, recalling that she had family members in Germany during World War II, she said "Hitler was good in the beginning, but he went too far."

Schott met Nov. 20 with local black and Jewish communal leaders and denied allegations of the slurs attributed to her. But she acknowledged there might have been offense.

"If I said anything to offend anyone, it was never my intention and I apologize for any hurt it may have caused," Schott said in a statement following the three-hour meeting at the Reds Riverfront Stadium offices.

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Andrea and Michael Shapiro

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Rubin and Shapiro Marry

Andrea E. Rubin of Salem, Mass., and Michael Shapiro of Middleton, Mass., were united in marriage on Oct. 24 at the Potowamut Country Club in East Greenwich. Rabbi George Astrachan officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the country club.

The bride is the daughter of Carl Rubin of Cranston and Barbara Rubin of West Warwick. The bridegroom is the son of Maurice Shapiro of Peabody, Mass., and Dolly Shapiro of Middleton, Mass.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Lynn Michaels was maid of honor, and Michelle Goldsmith, Susan Weiner, Karen Chalifour and Jane Perlman served as bridesmaids.

Paul Chalifour, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, served as best man. Ushers were David Rubin, brother of the bride, Robert Bemis, Christopher Lindstrom and Neil Gold.

Satloff Honored at Florida Meeting

Dr. David Satloff of Pawtucket was a featured speaker at the October meeting of the International College of Craniomandibular Orthopedics (ICCMO), in Orlando, Fla.

The scope of Satloff's lecture dealt with the biomechanical and neurological basis of pain, and the various 21st century treatments that are available to people in pain.

Satloff has investigated laser therapy throughout this country and in Israel and Germany. His research has shown that laser therapy reduces pain for a number of reasons, but principally by the modulation of serotonin — the body's key mediator of pain.

Satloff was named regent of the New England area of the International College of Craniomandibular Orthopedics and was feted with a luncheon in his honor.

Gates and Tierney Wed

Allison J. Gates was given in marriage by her parents to Michael C. Tierney in a ceremony at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., on Oct. 4. Judge Jeffrey Alprin officiated. A reception followed at the hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Gates of Providence and granddaughter of Selma Pilavin Robinson of Providence and the late Albert Pilavin and the late Rita and Irving Gertsacov of Providence.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Tierney of Pittsford, N.Y., and grandson of the late Mary and Joseph Olszewski of Pawtucket and the late Mary and Maurice Tierney of Boston.

Lisa Bigney was matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Karen Bass, Ericka Berry, Nancy Cohen, Mary Foster, Samantha Nixon, Karyn Samdperil, Tracey Tierney, sister of the bridegroom, and Elaine Tierney, sister-in-law of the bridegroom.

The best man was Christopher Van Erp. Ushers were Eric and Andrew Gates, brothers of the bride, Mark and Maurice Tierney, brothers of the bridegroom, Michael Bigney, brother-in-law of the bride, Dr. Michael Racke and Thomas Schmalzbauer.

The bride is a graduate of Moses Brown School and George Washington University. Until her marriage, she was a high school math teacher at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. Currently, she is studying to become an actuary.

The bridegroom is a graduate of James E. Sperry High School, the University of Buffalo and Catholic University of America, where he received a master's degree in psychology. He is employed at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.



Allison Tierney

The couple visited the Canary Islands and Europe on their honeymoon. They live in Washington, D.C.

Son Born to Strauss

David and Laurie Strauss of East Greenwich announce the birth of their son, Matthew Dean, on Oct. 21. Matthew joins his big sister, Chelsea.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Adrienne Weber of Tamarac, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Sylvia Strauss of Warwick.

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MEMORIES — Little Melissa Dress, 7, shows off her photo album from Israel.
Herald photo by Omar Bradley

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Ulpan Akiva Students Rekindle Israeli Memories

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among all Jews regardless of their origin.

Despite daily media reports of sporadic violence, no one felt uncomfortable amid their Arab classmates whom they eventually befriended. In fact, Barbara Checkoway showed the group a letter she had just received from two Arab teachers from Nablus.

Cantor Dress discovered the program at the Hebrew College in Brookline, Mass., which has its own Ulpan program but isn't as intensive as Ulpan Akiva's program. In its 41 years of existence, Ulpan Akiva has successfully graduated 63,000 students from more than 128 countries teaching strictly Hebrew and Arabic. It is one of three ulpans set up by the Adult Education Division of the Ministry of Education to cope with the influx of immigrating Jews.

While guests enjoyed superb Middle Eastern cuisine that included tabouli, falafel, kugel, hummus, pita bread and salad, Melissa Dress showed me her photo album. It contained scenes from a fantasyland — she and Jonathan atop a camel, sitting in the foreground overlooking the Western Wall, bathing at a pristine beach and rid-

ing a donkey in the Judean hills — painting a picture of absolute beauty.

Literally thousands of Jews worldwide make the pilgrimage.

If you or your family is interested in re-discovering your homeland, contact Cantor Steve Dress at Temple Israel at (617) 784-3986 and witness why Ulpan Akiva "is like a bridge over stormy waters," uniting people of all creeds and colors.

Children's Chess Tourney Set at JCCRI

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Children's Chess Club, under the tutelage of Ed Gonsalves, will host the center's first Invitational Chess Tournament on Dec. 16 from 3:45 to 6 p.m.

Chess players from the JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, will match wits with students from Baldwin and Cunningham Schools in Pawtucket and the Henry Barnard School in Providence, led by instructor Roger Bonin.

Trophies and awards will be presented.

Contact Alisa Yanow at 861-8800 for more information.

Shabbaton Set for Dec. 18 to 20

Approximately 50 fifth-through eighth-graders from all over Rhode Island and Massachusetts will be visiting Pawtucket the weekend of December 18 to 20 for a Junior NCSY Shabbaton at Congregation Ohave Sholam, East Avenue at Glenwood.

The Shabbaton is a chance for Jewish youth from varied backgrounds to get together, have fun and experience something new in their Jewishness at the same time.

The theme for the shabbaton will be "Chanukah: Miracles and Divine Providence," and will include housing, three shabbos meals, games, spirited singing, an oneg shabbos on Friday night, sports and Sunday breakfast.

The entire community is invited to join the NCSYers on Dec. 19 at 4 p.m. for Shalos Seudas, the third meal of Shabbos at Congregation Ohave Sholam.

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SPORTS

Beth-El Bowling League Still Striking Fun



by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

The Beth-El bowling league is alive and well. Long an institution in Rhode Island and the community, Beth-El meets Thursday evenings at Lang's Bowlarama at 9:15 p.m.

President Myer Jarcho said there are currently 48 bowlers.

Season Average

Rick Dressler 186.3, Benny Diaz 185.7, Mike Sugerman 180.0, Sy Brooks 177.4, Harry Rose 175.0, David Robinson 174.5, Paul Knasin 171.4, Barry Rotenberg 170.5, Richard Fain 170.5 and Elliott Goldstein 168.0.

Also: Howie Wasser 166.9, Larry Steingold 164.7, Jeff Cutler 164.3, Barry Dressler 163.9, Len Berk 163.4, Myer Jarcho 162.4, John Murphy 162.4, Joe Goodman 161.3, Fred Lury 160.4 and Marvin Lax 159.8.

Also: Steve Gergel 158.1, Mel Fleischer 157.6, Jason Blank 156.9, Mark Steiman 155.3, Ed McKiernan 155.1, Norman Tobin 152.8, Brian Ackerman 151.5, Steve Hirsch 151.3 and Burt Goldstein 151.2.

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Also: Jordan Horowitz 143.7, A. Gilstein 142.0, Ed

Gordon 139.9, Harold Halzel 137.0, Fred Kass 133.4, Elliot Slack 132.0, Stanley Kaplan 124.7, Alan Field 124.0, and Chris Xiarios 119.4.

Substitutes

Herb Glick 160.4, Richard Slack 158.3, Fred Diaz 140.6, Merl Rodyn 139.5, Andy Brown 131.3, Fred Barboza 117.0.

High Score Game

357 Mike Sugerman, 255 Benny Diaz, 254 Sy Brooks, 251 Jeff Cutler and 245 Barry Rotenberg.

High Score Series

677 Benny Diaz, 667 Sy Brooks, 621 Rick Dressler, 612 Mike Sugerman and 506 John Murphy.

High Average

186.3 Rick Dressler, 185.7 Benny Diaz, 180.0 Mike Sugerman, 177.4 Sy Brooks and 175.0 Harry Rose

High Handicap Game

283 Jeff Cutler, 282 Benny Diaz, 278 Barry Rappoport, 273 Mike Sugerman and 267 Mark Steiman.

High Handicap Series

755 Benny Diaz, 739 Sy Brooks, 707 Jeff Goldberg, 706 Mark Steiman, and 698 John Murphy.

Team Standings

	Won	Lost	%
1. # 6 - Baker Furniture	31	17	.645
2. # 2 - Trinkle Design	29	19	.604
3. # 9 - Halperin & Lax	28	20	.583
4. # 8 - Come Screen With Me	27	21	.562
5. # 3 - Tooth Fairies	25	23	.520
6. #12 - Nathan Kaufman Co. #2	25	23	.520
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10. # 5 - Howie's Hammers	22	26	.458
11. # 1 - Standard Glass	21	27	.437
12. #11 - Oakland Mobil	14	34	.291

JCCRI Men's League Basketball

Results of Games Played Nov. 30

Weitzner 50, Formal 45
Cohen 52, Groag 51

Week three found Capt. Jon Weitzner's ball club keeping its undefeated record in tact. They posted a hard-fought 50-45 victory over Capt. Paul Formal's squad.

Dave Malkin pumped in 23 points, including 11-15 from the free-throw line.

Steve Abrams had another strong outing, scoring 18 points and going 10-16 from the charity stripe.

Steve Litwin and Dave Baskin scored 15 and 14 points in a losing cause. Litwin shot a perfect 2 for 2 from the charity line.

Capt. Jamie Cohen's squad was victorious over Capt. Steve Groag's team. Cohen got balanced scoring and another consistent performance from center Gary Greenberg. Groag has certainly been unfortunate in his team's last two losses. Veteran Lou Pulner pumped in 17 points in a losing cause.

Standings as of Nov. 30

Team	Won	Lost
Weitzner	3	0
Cohen	2	1
Formal	1	2
Groag	0	3

Scoring Leaders

(Minimum Two Games)

Player	Games	Points	Average
Dave Baskin	2	52	26
Steve Litwin	2	44	22
Lou Pulner	3	59	19.6
Gary Greenberg	3	46	15.3
Jamie Cohen	3	38	12.6

Players of the Week

Dave Malkin 23 points

Steve Abrams 18 points

Through three weeks, the most consistent player has been Gary Greenberg.

League News

Former commissioner Jeff Goldberg, current commissioner Elliot Goldstein, and Herald Editor Anne Davidson

are pleased to announce that the Men's League Finals at the

Reid Calls it from the Sunshine State



Eric Reid

by Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

It seems like yesterday that Eric Reid's voice was heard all over New England. Whether it be master of ceremonies at the Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame, announcing Brown University football, or working with Chuck Wilson on the call-in-sports talk show, Reid and New England sports broadcasting became synonymous.

You can sit back and close your eyes — Reid is calling the Pawtucket Red Sox games and

JCCRI will now be called the Rhode Island Jewish Herald Classic. The Herald looks forward to covering this community event in March.

the Paw Sox are on their way to the Governor's Cup. Reid puts you right at the ballpark. You can sense the feel, the smell, the ball hitting the catcher's mitt, the sound of a fastball being rocketed over the wall. The excitement from the crowd. Reid puts you there.

It's the fall and Reid has shifted gears to call Brown University football. He has studied his facts and once again, if you close your eyes and listen closely to your radio, Reid takes you to the stadium. He puts you on the 50-yard line. He gives scores, results, action, the weather and occasionally the price of popcorn.

Shift gears and join Eric Reid at the Providence Civic Center. Do you remember the roller-coaster ride to the Final Four? Reid was the Friar's voice in 1987 and once again if you couldn't get a ticket to the game, Reid could take you to it. Reid and his excitement and enthusiasm took his listening audience to heights not heard since the Chris Clark years.

His descriptions were concise, accurate and uplifting.

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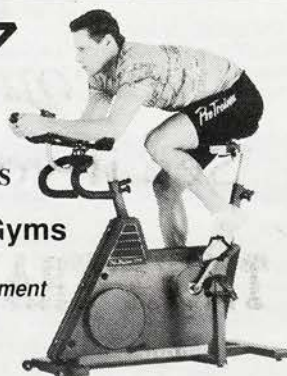
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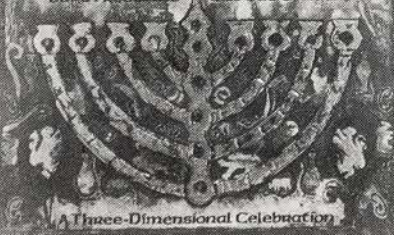
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A youngster in one of Moscow's newly established Jewish schools gets hands-on Hebrew instruction from Israeli teacher Chani Asraf. Thanks to Operation Exodus funding, the Jewish Agency is encouraging immigration to Israel with teachers and educational materials sent to the former Soviet Union.

Photo courtesy of UJA Press Syndicate/Richard Lobell

JCCRI Takes to the Slopes

The JCCRI's Outdoor Club and Club 456 will both be going on skiing trips this December. On Dec. 27, the Outdoor Club will be traveling to Wachusett Mountain in Massachusetts. Skiers should bring a lunch and some spending money, and meet at the JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, no later than 6:15 a.m., Sunday morning.

A deluxe motorcoach will leave at 6:30 a.m. and return at about 6 p.m.

The cost for this trip is \$45 for club members and \$55 for nonmembers.

On Dec. 28, in the middle of school vacation, Club 456 will hit the slopes at Yawgoo Valley in Exeter.

Skiers will meet at the JCCRI at 11:30 a.m. and return at about 6 p.m. The price of this trip is \$35 for Club 456 members and \$40 for nonmembers; snacks will be provided.

Prices for both trips include transportation, lift ticket and rentals. Skiers on the Yawgoo valley trip may also take a free beginners lesson. RSVP to Alisa Yanow before Dec. 14 as limited space is available.

Children's Chorus To Entertain Women's Group

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home will hold a meeting on Dec. 16 in the Martin Chase Auditorium. Dessert will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by the program and meeting at 1 p.m.

The children's chorus of the Alperin Schechter Day School will entertain with Chanukah songs.

Cecelia Katz is in charge of hospitality. Betty Levy will preside.

Yoga, Massage Therapy Classes Being Offered

The Health and Physical Education Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, is offering two new adult classes to improve the body and mind.

A massage therapy class will be offered at the JCCRI by licensed massage therapist Alexander Tatevosyants. Massage therapy will be available Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays. Fees for sessions will be \$25 for a half hour, \$33 for 45 minutes, and \$40 for one hour (health club nonmembers add \$5 to each fee).

Through Dec. 19, Dr. Tatevosyants will offer a free, 20-minute introductory massage. All sessions must be reserved in advance.

The center is also offering a class in Hatha Yoga. Karen Laurienzo, a certified Kripalu Yoga instructor will teach the class.

This nine-week course will begin on Jan. 10. Classes may be taken on Sundays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. or Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The fee is \$50 for full members, \$65 for supporting members, and \$80 for nonmembers. The first class is free.

For information regarding the yoga and massage therapy classes, contact Jay Snyder at 861-8800.

Contest Winners To Be Honored at Herald Party at the JCCRI

Winners of the Rhode Island Jewish Herald's 10th annual Chanukah Art Contest will be honored at an Awards Party on Dec. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the lobby of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

Prizes for first-, second- and third-place winners in three age groups will be awarded, as well as honorable mentions. The party will feature the winning artwork on display and tasty kosher snacks for everyone.

For more information, call the Editor at 724-0200.

JCCRI Presents 'Don't Call Me Junior'

The Fall Theatre Production, put on by the Children's and Youth Departments of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, will present "Don't Call Me Junior" on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the center.

Tickets are \$1.50 each and

will be available at the reception desk or at the door on the night of the show.

Following the performance, there will be a "Meet the Cast" ice cream party for \$1 per person. Call Ruby Shalansky or April Peters at 861-8800 for more information.

Reid Calls it from the Sunshine State

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You could feel the excitement coming through the radio during that electrifying season. Ernie Pop Lewis beating Georgetown, Billy Donovan performing his on-court magic, Rick Pitino and his sideline antics, Reid told you what, where and sometimes even when something great was going to happen.

Eric Reid is your consummate professional. He has paid his dues. Eric Reid enters his fifth season as a Miami Heat broadcaster. This is his second season as a play-by-play announcer with the Heat. Reid will call 66 regular season games for WBFS-TV and Sportschannel Florida. Last year, the 35-year-old Reid handled play-by-play for the Heat on WQAM radio. He spent his first three years in Miami as the Heat's color analyst.

Prior to joining the Heat, Reid spent six seasons broadcasting Providence College basketball including play-by-play in his final three seasons there. Eric did play-by-play for the Big East Network, and hosted Boston Red Sox pre- and post-game shows on NESN. In addition, he was the host and writer of "This Week in the Big East," a half-hour weekly television show.

Reid has also done TV play-by-play of Sunbelt Conference basketball and did TV play-by-play on Sportschannel Florida for University of Miami football. Eric Reid began his broadcast career as the radio voice of Cornell University basketball and football.

A 1979 graduate of Ithaca College, Reid resides in North Miami Beach. When Reid was named Heat play-by-play man, he didn't spend his time dunking basketballs in exhilaration. Instead, he went to work studying tapes of NBA broadcasters who do simulcasts (TV and radio at the same time).

"I always felt that working hard has helped me get where I am," he told the Herald. Reid's dream has been to do NBA play-by-play.

Eric Reid will be living his dream in the broadcast booth with Dr. Jack Ramsey (hall of famer).

"Listening to guys like Jim Durham, formerly with the bulls, or Joe Tait, Cleveland's announcer, has really prepared me," he added.

One of the things that you notice about Eric Reid is that he is genuine. He really loves what he is doing. He has the opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the great sports heroes from the past and present. He is not cocky, he is not arrogant. He is Eric Reid down-to-earth, always available to talk to and lend a helping hand.

In this business "you have to be lucky," Reid said. "I have been both lucky and hard working."

Both Billy Cunningham and Lewis Schaffel were instrumental in Reid coming to Miami. Reid applied for an announcing job with the New Jersey Nets when then Nets-partner Schaffel was the general manager.

After Schaffel came to Miami, he called Reid. Schaffel was interested in Reid for play-by-play, but when the Heat opted for a simulcast arrangement, Schaffel went with Sam Smith who had done simulcasts in San Antonio for seven years. Reid was offered color. "I wasn't sure I wanted to do analysis, but I would have been foolish not to take the job," Reid said.

So far, Reid has delivered.

Reid will always remember his early days in Miami. He had a commitment to NESN for Red Sox baseball as well as BC football. In October 1988, Reid finished his commitments, left New England and eight days later did his first Heat telecast.

Eric enjoys being part of something new. The Heat is an expansion team on the rise. He enjoys Heat players such as Ron Seikaly with whom he can share Big East stories. Former Celtic Brian Shaw veteran John Salley and players Glen Rice, Bimbo Coles, Steve Smith, Willie Burton and Keith Askins will hopefully make the Heat rise in Miami.

At interview time, Eric had the pleasure of seeing the Heat beat our beloved Celtics, and he wasted no time fiddlin' and diddlin' to remind me, I didn't diddle and daddle about the 16 championship banners. Swish!

Study Night Set at Beth Sholom

An evening of study and socializing with other couples is being offered Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. at Congregation Beth Sholom's Livingroom Limud.

The topic for the evening's study is "Me, G-d and the IRS," focusing on a very seasonal topic.

Rabbi Chaim Marder and Jay Rosenstein, CPA, will deal with what Judaism (and the IRS) have to say about taxes, what

the basic parameters of a Jew's charity obligations are, and how that affects one's tax standing.

Refreshments will be served.

The evening will take place in the home of one of Beth Sholom's members. For more information, call 331-9393, Tuesdays through Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or leave a message — someone will return the call.

Live Music and Mystical Insights Featured at Ohawe Sholam

Congregation Ohawe Sholam, at East Avenue and Glenwood in Pawtucket, will host a Chanukah party on Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The party will feature live Jewish music, latkes, historical and mystical insights into Chanukah by Rabbi Hershey Worch, games and surprises.

Suggested donation at the door is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children, with a special family rate of \$10. All are invited to share in the warmth and light of Chanukah at "the Pawtucket shul."

The congregation will also host "A Taste of Shabbos" dinner on the evening of Dec. 25.

Services will begin at 4 p.m., with the dinner following at 5 p.m.

The first dinner in this series was a sell-out success, with more than 80 people in attendance.

The cover charge of \$10 for adults, \$5 for children or students, or \$30 family rate (\$25 for member families) includes a home-cooked, traditional Friday-night meal, zemiros (Shabbos songs), hasidic stories, and the warm, accepting spirit of Shabbos.

Special diets can be accommodated. Reservations are required by Dec. 20 by calling 729-1606 or 723-2669.

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Gewirtz To Present 'Bible to Broadway'

With the celebration of Chanukah about to begin, the Providence Hadassah Group will hold its Chanukah meeting Dec. 14 at Highland Court.



Ilana Gewirtz

The dessert and coffee hour will start at 12:30 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting.

One of the high points of the afternoon will be the drawing of three lucky people who will

receive prizes for first-, second- and third-place winning tickets.

Chairwoman Gert Gordon reports that ticket sales have been excellent and should help the group's contribution to the Hadassah Medical Organization.

The highlight of the day will be entertainment provided by Ilana Gewirtz, who will present her show "From Bible to Broadway."

Since the early age of 5, music has been an integral part of Gewirtz's life. Besides singing classical, folk, pop and jazz, she has taught music in public and private schools as well as conducted various choruses.

For many years, Gewirtz has performed with her husband, Cantor Shimon Gewirtz, appearing on national and local television programs.

This multitalented performer also plays the piano, flute and does recordings. Her program explores the musical treasures of our people. All are welcome.

For additional information, call Eunice Greenfield, president at 943-3760.

Chanukah Party Set at Emanu-El

The community is invited to Temple Emanu-El for its third annual "M'Laveh Malkah Chanukah Party" on Dec. 19, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

This year, the temple celebrates the 25th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification. A special program of dance and song is offered by the Temple's Israeli Dance Troupe and Choral Club. Also slated to perform are students from the Temple Religious School and the Alperin Schechter Day School.

A dairy supper, including latkes and dessert, will be served. For the children, a meaningful activity is planned.

Be sure to bring your "Hanukkah" and two candles to participate in the communal candlelighting which will immediately follow Havdalah.

Also, you are asked to donate non-perishable food (cans or boxes), to be delivered by the Temple to the soup kitchen located at the Cathedral of St. John.

In two years, the M'Laveh Malkah Chanukah party has already become a popular and cherished community tradition.

For reservations (which are necessary) or more information, call 331-1616.

'A Shabbat Experience'

"A Shabbat Experience" at Congregation Beth Shalom offers congregants the chance to spend a meaningful Friday evening with family and friends.

Rabbi Chaim Marder, families and friends will meet for an evening of food, song, story

and study. The cost of the Shabbat dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, with a maximum \$25 for a family.

If you are interested in attending, call 331-9393 by noon Dec. 15 (leave a message if no one answers; your call will be returned). Shabbat home hospitality is available for those outside of walking distance to the synagogue. Beth Shalom is located at 275 Camp St. on the East Side of Providence.

Vacation Camps at the JCCRI

December Vacation Camp at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, offers a variety of programs for preschoolers to eighth-graders from Dec. 21 to 31.

Although there will be no formal programs or camps on Dec. 25, the center will remain open for family fun.

Pre-registration is due by Dec. 18; no spaces will be held without payment and registration form.

For information, contact April Peters or Alisa Yanow at 861-8800.

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A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY — Mark and Heidi Patinkin share their Israeli experiences with a large audience at Temple Beth-El Friday. Herald photo by Omar Bradley

On a Spiritual Journey Through Israel

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earshot of exploding shells and coming to realize what the people of Israel are up against," he explained. However, despite the omnipresent danger, Mark discovered little crime and domestic violence in Israel.

A visitor from New York,

Little Ones To Sing For The Seniors

On Dec. 17, those attending the kosher meal-site program at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence will be treated to songs by the third-graders from Alperin Schechter Day School.

The combination birthday and Chanukah party will begin at noon, with a lunch menu of tossed salad, baked fish, potato latkes with sour cream and mixed vegetables.

The children will entertain during lunch and then join the seniors for birthday cake and ice cream. A \$1 donation is appreciated.

VCR programs and movies offered over the next week will include Part 2 of "Teveya," in Yiddish with English subtitles, to be shown on Dec. 11 at 11:15 a.m.; "Columbus: the Final Voyage," on Dec. 13 at 11 a.m., and a program featuring Victor Borge, entitled "Victor Borge: Then and Now," Part 1, scheduled for Dec. 18, from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

Mike Ginsberg, explained that in spite of the Arab-Israeli conflict, he felt "in control" of his situation because he could fight back. Indeed, more Jews are emigrating back to Israel than ever before, causing overcrowding and unemployment. Yet, Israel is the only country that doesn't set quotas — as does the United States — thus ensuring a homeland for its people.

Ironically, Israel had refused to resettle Ethiopians who have been practicing an ancient form of Judaism for more than 2,500 years because of internal problems in Africa, but all that has changed. The world has suddenly become a very dangerous place for Jews everywhere, Mark reiterated.

The tall Ethiopian chief had explained that Africans called his people the "strange ones" and he felt more at home in Israel than his own country. Not one Ethiopian Jew has ever returned to Africa.

Throughout the speech, Mark referred to the Israelis as "warm, energetic and stubborn." Their ability to carve out a civilization from virtually nothing, he said, is a tribute to their undying faith.

At Ammo Hill in Jerusalem

stands a monument to the thousands of young Israeli soldiers — many of whom were Holocaust survivors — who died valiantly to retake that part of the city away from the Jordanians in the '67 war. It is their ultimate sacrifice that has allowed Israel to open up occupied territory for the new influx of Russian Jews who have the same look of hope in their eyes as the Holocaust survivors did in 1947. Life is full of ironic twists.

Mark and Heidi had many stories to share, but the most touching experience was the tree-planting ceremony which they participated in on the Judean Hills. The ceremony symbolized new life amid the emptiness of the desert.

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MA-OZ TZUR — The Temple Emanu-El Choral Club will entertain guests Dec. 18.

Bresler To Perform at Chanukah Party

Bresler's Klezmer Hotshots will perform at the Johnson & Wales University Hillel Chanukah party on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Xavier Gym.

Admission for all with Johnson & Wales ID is free with a \$5 grab-bag gift, \$3 and a grab-bag gift without ID.

For more information, call Randi, coordinator of outreach services for the Rhode Island Hillel Council, at 272-3475.

'Occupied' Territories Subject at Habonim

The provocative issue of whether Israel should maintain or relinquish the "occupied" territories of the West Bank and the Gaza strip will be explored by guest speaker Rabbi Yechiel M. Leiter at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., as part of an ongoing adult education forum.

Rabbi Leiter is currently the executive director of the foreign desk of Yesha, an umbrella organization and

lobby group for Jewish settlers in the territories. The Hebrew word "yesha" means "salvation" or "deliverance." It is the contention of Yesha that Israel's salvation lies in maintaining Judea, Samaria and Gaza as integral parts of the state of Israel.

The opposing view has been that Israel must trade land to achieve peace, in particular withdrawing from the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Everyone is welcome to attend this evening of controversy at Temple Habonim. For more information, call the temple office, 245-6536.

Elderly Services Provide Support, Peace of Mind

According to Jewish Family Service's executive director, Paul L. Segal, winter vacations can pose a dilemma for adult children who have taken on the role of their elderly relative's caregiver.

"Many adults, who have looked forward to the time in their lives when they can winter in warmer climates are conflicted about leaving, fearing that their loved one will not be well cared for. JFS' services to the elderly can help," he says. "Our programs can offer peace of mind for those leaving and direct support for the elderly who remain."

Jewish Family Service is able to hook up the elderly to numerous resources. The JFS kosher meal site in Cranston offers a hot lunch as well as a variety of programs and activities five days a week.

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Group Sets Meeting, Election of Officers

The Chased Schel Amess Association, Lincoln Park Cemetery, will hold its annual meeting, election and installation of officers on Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in the Bohnen Vestry, 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

There will be a collation following the installation. The public is invited.

assistance in light household tasks, such as marketing or food preparation, for those elderly who need help to remain living independently.

JFS administers Lifeline, an emergency medical response system that brings medical help in moments. The agency also acts as a referral source to other programs that are not agency sponsored, such as those offered by the Department of Elderly Affairs.

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Picon Stars in Yiddish Film at U. of Hartford

"Mamele," the famous 1938 film starring Molly Picon, will be shown by the University of Hartford's Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies on Dec. 13. There will be two screenings, at 1 and 3:15 p.m., in Wilde Auditorium, Harry Jack Gray Center.

The annual screening of a Yiddish film by the Greenberg Center is made possible by the David Waltman Fund which was established in honor of the late Mr. Waltman's 100th birthday.

Based on a play by Maurice Schwartz, "Mamele," which has English subtitles, is set in Lodz, revealing prewar Polish-Jewish life in all its diversity. Molly Picon sings and acts her way through the stages of a woman's life from childhood to old age.

In this Polish-made film, Picon performs what became her theme song, "Abi gezunt."

For further information, call (203) 768-4964.

JCCRI Kosher Meal Site

The doors of the kosher meal site 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. 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.

Seniors Set Last Meeting of the Season

The regular meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild will be held on Dec. 15 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue in Cranston. This will be the last meeting for the season and bulletins will be mailed out in March 1993 for the start of a new season.

Deadline for the Chanukah luncheon on Dec. 22 will be Dec. 10. Those planning should ensure that all moneys due are mailed in by the Dec. 10 deadline, as seating is limited.

An afternoon of food, entertainment and door prizes is planned.

Plane tickets to Florida will be given out at this meeting. Also, table numbers for the Chanukah luncheon will be supplied to all who attend this meeting.

The balance of all money

due for the Florida trip must be paid in full on or before this meeting. All necessary particulars for the above notices will be announced at the Dec. 15 meeting.

Showman Grobard Brings His Act

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dent, it would be an understatement — he took complete control of the audience, teasing them with funny jokes and slick songs. It's no wonder his former world-renowned nightclub, El-Avram, became a hangout for George Carlin, Jackie Mason and Richard Pryor, who entertained U.N. Ambassador Hiam Herzog, Israeli prime ministers and countless others.

Grobard returned to Israel to entertain soldiers on the Sinai

Peninsula in the Yom Kippur War.

A skilled musician who learned music at the Julliard School in New York, Grobard also commands a surprisingly strong baritone voice that vacillates from alto to soprano when required — a talent that landed him concerts in Carnegie Hall twice and the Village Gate.

Grobard was born and raised in Tel Aviv, Israel, where he began taking music lessons before serving as a paratrooper with the Air Force in 1956. After the 1967 war, he came to Miami to pursue a career in show business where he successfully climbed to stardom in New York as the owner of El-Avram in Greenwich Village.

It was in New York where Grobard perfected his act which often included belly-dancers and famous comedians who opened up for him. He classifies himself as a master of all languages when it comes to songs and often takes requests.

Despite the bitterly cold wind that blew outside, everyone seemed to appreciate the talent and warmth that Grobard shared within.

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'HELLO LITTLE STRANGER' — Students from the Providence Hebrew Day School last week sing a number as part of the "Generation to Generation" project which girls from the school produced entirely on their own.

Herald photo by Kammie Kettelle

Hebrew Day Students Explore Women's Lives

Students from the Providence Hebrew Day School and The Harry Elkin Midrasha were busy last week preparing for the Dec. 5 and 6 song-and-dance spectacular "Generation to Generation." Girls from grade five and up had been working on this project, which explores women's lives from birth to death, since the beginning of November.

Rochie Feinsod, Zehava Feuer and Rachel Rashkin were producers and directors of the event. Feinsod said she came up with the idea of basing the production on the life cycle after she heard a song about the process.

"Generation to Generation," meant for women only as its audience, was complete with costumes, props and scenery which the students worked on themselves. Also, all the re-



Bashi Lipson narrates the program at the Hebrew Day School last week.

Herald photo by Kammie Kettelle

hersals and preparation were done during after-school time and Sundays. Feinsod choreographed the dancers and Feuer and Rachel Rashkin both led the choir and performed on the piano. At the beginning of the evening a slide show complemented by the song "Hello Little Stranger" that Feuer produced, was shown.

Numerous solos were performed during the evening by Anna Boyskich, Rivka Gibber, Ruchama Gibber, Aviva Jakubowicz, Rochel Jakubowicz, Shayna Schafer, Chava Shafran, Penina Strajcher, Galina Mordukhovich, Sara Pliskin, Batsheva Wilson and Freda Winkelman.

All the proceeds from the event benefited the Ladies Auxillary of the New England Rabbinical College.

— Kammie Kettelle

Elderly Services Provide Support

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JFS is also able to arrange regular support for the isolated elderly. During the weekends, when most agencies and offices are closed, JFS provides a telephone assurance program. At a predetermined time on Sunday, a volunteer from the Rhode Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women, calls an elderly client participating in the program. A JFS staff member is on call in case there is an emergency.

"The benefits to the elderly are numerous and serve to maintain a quality of life for those living at home. The benefits to the adult caretaker are more subtle, but just as important. Adult children, many of whom are retired themselves, can still take their vacations. They can leave with the knowledge and confidence that someone is in regular touch with their loved one and that they would be contacted in an emergency," according to JFS staff member Toby Galli.

For further information about JFS' services to the elderly, call the agency at 331-1244.

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How To Cook a Turkey — ASDS Kindergarten-Style

Thanksgiving has come and gone, but kindergarten students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School will have more than leftovers to help them remember the holiday.

These students have prepared a special cookbook, with their personal ideas on how to cook a turkey. Here are some of their suggestions:

• "I guess you could cook it until dark ... until the oven beeped."

• "I would go to a store and buy a turkey. Then I would bring it home. I would put some sauce on it. I would cook it in the bottom of the oven for one hour."

• "I would say, 'Mom, I need

help!"

• "I would put the turkey in the pot. Then I would put some spices on it. I would cook it for one hour."

• "First I would get a bow and arrow and kill it. Then I would take the skin off. I would put some pepper and oil on it. I would stuff it with some tomato and sweet potatoes. I would cook it for 100 hours."

• "I would wash it. Then I would put some sauce on it to make it taste good. I think I would cook it for 10 minutes."

• "I would go get a turkey. I would cut off its tail. Then I would bring it to my home. I would cook it for 23 minutes."

Mass. Group To Sponsor Singles Dance

A winter singles dance, sponsored by the Adult Singles Group of Congregation Kehilath Israel, is set for Dec. 24 at 7:45 p.m. in the Rabbi Louis M. Epstein Auditorium, 384 Harvard St., Brookline, Mass.

Free Municipal parking is available (enter by the Fuller Street entrance). The Mike Segal Orchestra will be featured. Complimentary coffee

and pastries will be served. Enter the hall by the Williams Street entrance. All proceeds will go to the Congregation Kehilath Israel Program Fund. The dance is hosted by Chester A. Rubin.

For further information, call the congregation office at (617) 277-9155.

Admission is \$8, for ages 39 and older.

Drama Group Stages 'The Odd Couple'

Students in the Middle School Drama Elective Program entertained their peers as they performed an animated, spirited and thoroughly enjoyable reading of Neil Simon's play, "The Odd Couple."

The cast included Ilan Goodman, Speed; Matthew Peiser, Murray; Ari Missry, Roy; Alex Portnoy, Vinnie; Jacob Feldman, Oscar Madison; Benjamin Rotenberg, Felix Ungar; Amy Lynne Jaccanno, Gwendolyn Pigeon, and Julia Volynsky, Cecily Pigeon. Stage

management, script supervision and sound were all under the able direction of David Dudek.

"I never had a cast that was more suited to the roles they played. They really captured the spirit of the characters! It was also good to see young people using sophisticated material and enjoying it. The students threw themselves into the project and worked very hard. I think it was a great success," said Deborah Miller, the middle school teacher who facilitates the drama group

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OBITUARIES

GEORGE KATZ

EAST PROVIDENCE — George Katz, 86, of 20 Argyle Ave., the first executive director of Big Brothers of Rhode Island, and director of development for Big Brothers of America for 10 years in Philadelphia, died Dec. 4 at home. He was the husband of Eve (Cohen) Katz.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Sophie (Tchuchman) Katz, he lived in Ventnor, N.J., from 1963-77, when he worked in Philadelphia.

He traveled throughout the United States to establish Big Brother agencies. He had earlier been assistant director of the former Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island for six years. For one year he directed the Downtown Jewish Orphanage of Philadelphia, and returned to Rhode Island to become a probation officer for several years. He then became chief intake supervisor for the Rhode Island Juvenile Court.

He was also a community relations director and fund-raiser for Miriam Hospital. He was a volunteer worker with Hospice Care of Rhode Island, and with the United Way. He was a volunteer with the Jewish Community Center in Providence, working in athletics and as a basketball coach with young

boys. He was one of the founders of Little League Baseball in the Providence area. In 1991 he was inducted into the Rhode Island Jewish Hall of Fame for his work in teaching, playing, and coaching basketball, football and baseball.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, Providence.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Steve Kass, a WHJJ radio talk show host, of Providence, and John Katz, media critic for *Rolling Stone* magazine and former executive director of CBS Morning News, of Montclair, N.J.; a daughter, Jane Richter of Malden, Mass. and eight grandchildren.

The funeral service was Dec. 6 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard at Butler avenues, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

BERNARD W. PALLACK

Bernard A. Pallack of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Watertown, Mass., died on Nov. 22.

He was with Jewel Co. until his retirement in 1980. He then moved to Florida and was very active with community activities. He served as president of his condo, president of the Boston Club, master of Delray

Lodge #171 and president of the Master Masons of Kings. He was a member of Touro Fraternal.

He is survived by his wife Roslyn; daughter Lois Goldberg; son Henry Pallack; sister Sara Levy; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

E. HAROLD DICK

PROVIDENCE — E. Harold Dick, 79, of 195 Sessions St., a lawyer in Providence for 55 years, and a partner in the firm of Dick-Hague Ltd. for the past 20 years, died Dec. 4 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Charlotte S. (Weiner) Dick.

Born in Medway, Mass., a son of the late Samuel and Rose (Friedman) Dick, he lived in Providence for 70 years.

Dick was a member of Temple Emanu-El, and a past president of its Men's Club.

He was a 1934 graduate of the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island, and a 1937 graduate of the Boston University Law School. He was a member of the Ledgemont Country Club, the Aurora Civic Club and the Turks Head Club.

Dick was a member of the Rhode Island Bar and the American Bar associations. He had been counsel for the Provi-

dence Teachers Union. He was involved in many civic and philanthropic organizations.

He leaves two sons, Bob of Laguna Beach, Calif., and Stanley of Mill Valley, Calif.; a sister, Lillian Bomes of Providence, and three grandchildren. He was brother of the late Sylvia Abrams.

The funeral service was held Dec. 7 at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

FRANCES TOBIN

CRANSTON — Frances Tobin, 86, of 66 Preston Drive, died Dec. 7 at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence.

She was the wife of the late Michael Tobin.

Born in Lynn, Mass., she had been a Cranston resident for 25 years.

She was the daughter of the late Morris and Rose (Feldman) Litvack.

She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston; the Cranston Chapter of Hadassah; the Juvenile Aids, and she was a volunteer at the Miriam Hospital in Providence.

She is survived by a son, Richard P. Tobin of Marblehead, Mass.; a daughter, Barbara Shulkin of Cranston, with whom she made her home; a sister Eve Newman of Malden, Mass., and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Pride of Lynn Cemetery, Lynn, Mass., on Dec. 8. Ar-

rangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ISRAEL COHEN

LAUDERHILL, Fla. — Israel Cohen, 86, of 5500 N.W. 69th Ave., Lauderhill, Fla., died Dec. 3 at Universal Medical Center in Plantation, Fla.

He was the husband of Helen (Peiros) Cohen and the late Anne (Kaufman) Cohen. He was born in Fall River, Mass., a son of the late William and Sarah (Schwartz) Cohen and had been a resident of Fall River until he moved to Florida 12 years ago.

He was a 1927 graduate of Fordham University.

A registered pharmacist for 10 years at the former Mulvaney's Drug Store in Fall River, he retired in 1978. He had previously been proprietor of a used-car disposal business.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El of Fall River and of the Fall River Masonic Lodge.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Paula Zais of East Providence, and Ellin O'Hara of Nashua, N.H.; two sisters, Lottie Cohen of Stamford, Conn., and Ruth Cohen of Fall River; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Anne Dwork, and Lester and Benjamin Cohen.

Graveside funeral services took place at Temple Beth-El Cemetery in Fall River on Dec. 6 and were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

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Rabbis Condemn Mortuary's Refusal To Assist Moslem Family

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — An association of Orthodox rabbis has strongly condemned a mortuary that refused to assist a Moslem family on the grounds that it only served Jewish clients.

The case involves Fuad and Fatme Albahri, whose first son was stillborn at a Los Angeles hospital in September 1991.

According to the couple, Albahri, a Jordanian national, and his wife, a Palestinian, were too distraught to handle the mortuary arrangements themselves and asked relatives in San Diego to arrange for the transportation and storage of the baby's body.

The San Diego relatives were advised to contact the Malinow & Silverman mortuary in Los Angeles. On their fifth call, a mortuary employee allegedly told them that "We don't pick up Moslem children. We only pick up Jews."

Malinow & Silverman, which was founded as a family enterprise in 1927, was sold eight years ago to Texas-based Service Corporation, Inc., the largest American funeral corporation, with mortuaries, funeral parlors and cemeteries across the country.

A Service Corporation spokesman acknowledged that Malinow & Silverman only performed services for Jews, and that such a restriction was legal as long as other mortuaries were available.

But the Albahris claim that they made it clear they were asking only for the pickup, storage and refrigeration of the dead baby, and would later arrange for a Moslem religious service on their own.

Two weeks ago, the Rabbinical Council of California, an association of Orthodox rabbis in Southern California, sharply condemned the action and attitude of the mortuary.

In a unanimous resolution by its members, the Rabbinical Council stated that it wished to clarify "the erroneous impression that Jewish tradition prohibits a Jewish mortuary from assisting in the burial of a non-Jew."

"In fact, the Talmud and subsequent law codes explicitly require that Jews assist in the burial of non-Jews," the statement continued, an act which "promotes a more peaceful world."

The Albahri family has now filed a \$4 million lawsuit against Malinow & Silverman as compensation for their pain and suffering.

Their lawyer, Michael Linfield, said that the mortuary's action violated California's anti-discrimination law and professional codes and that he was seeking a court injunction to prevent such discrimination against non-Jews in the future.

Linfield added that attempts to settle the case out of court over the past year had failed.

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Stop Hate

Bishop Krister Stendahl (left), Church of Sweden, a scholar on Christian-Jewish relations, delivered the keynote address at the Stop Hate Conference held on Nov. 17 at the Ray Conference Center in Providence. The conference, cosponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Governor's Commission on Religious, Racial and Ethnic Harassment, was well attended by representative members of business, government, social service and religious groups who comprise Rhode Island's culturally diverse population. Seen above with the bishop are conference moderator Jane Redmont, author, and executive director of NCCJ-Boston; Norman G. Orodienker, Esq., chairman of the Governor's Commission on Racial, Religious and Ethnic Harassment; Charlotte I. Penn, executive director of NCCJ-Providence and David A. Duffy, president, Duffy & Shanley, Inc. and chairman of NCCJ-Providence.

Family Sports Carnival Set at the JCCRI

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will hold a family sports carnival on Dec. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The carnival will feature events for all ages including the basketball toss, football throw and broad jump.

Tickets of 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar will be used to support the center.

Contact Jay Snyder or Elliott Goldstein at 861-8800 for further information.

Clarification

Due to incorrect information provided to the *Herald*, an announcement in last week's paper erroneously stated that a special grandparents story and crafts hour will be held Dec. 12 at the JCCRI.

The correct date is Dec. 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The center is closed, as usual, on Saturday.

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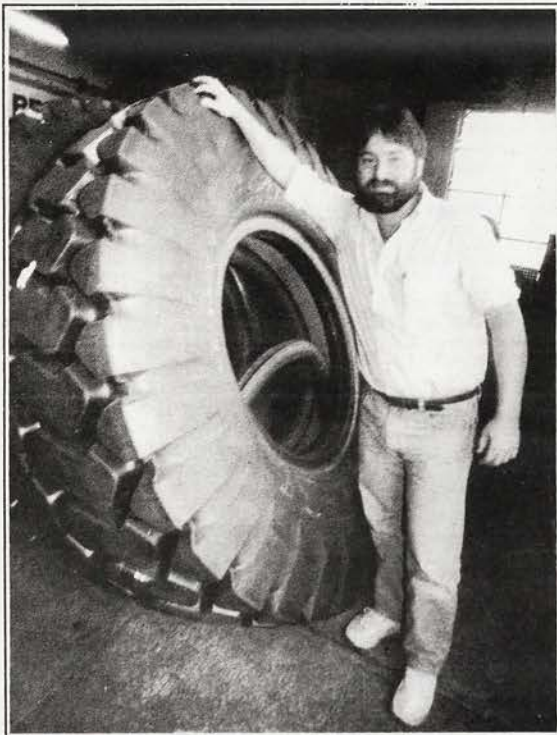
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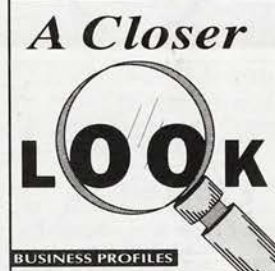
by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter

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Israelis Back Measured Response

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from both sides of the political spectrum, ranging from a call by the opposition Likud bloc to sever diplomatic ties with Bonn to a coalition member's proposal to urge a boycott of Germany by Israelis and Jews worldwide.

In a special parliamentary debate last week, speakers registered abhorrence at the spread of right-wing extremism in Germany and called for tougher measures by Bonn in combating it. A similar appeal was being considered by Israeli towns and villages that have "twinning" links with German municipalities.

Some calls for more vigorous Israeli action came under attack as "populist and xenophobic" by one of Israel's best-known writers.

Amos Oz, a recent recipient of a prestigious German literary prize, opposed a proposal by Education Minister Shulamit Aloni, which she later toned down, for a Jewish boycott of Germany unless Bonn cracked down on the violence.

But Oz reserved the brunt of his attack for Isser Harel, a former chief of the Shin Bet do-

mestic security service, who suggested Israel arrange for the "physical elimination" of neo-Nazi leaders in Germany.

Harel is associated with one of the most dramatic Israeli responses to the legacy of the Holocaust. He was instrumental in the 1960 capture and transfer to Israel for trial of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, who was later executed.

Oz, identified with the left side of the Israeli political spectrum, said the way to combat anti-Semitic and xenophobic excesses is through education and the personal courage of individuals of good will.

On the Israeli scene, he said voices should be raised in protest at proposals made by

right-wing groups for "transfer" of Arabs from Israel and the administered territories to other Arab countries.

The writer two months ago received Germany's most important literary award, the Peace Prize, at the Frankfurt Book Fair, before an audience that included President Richard von Weizsacker.

Israelis found painful memories of the Holocaust evoked two weeks ago by a German television documentary that interspersed shots of Auschwitz and other concentration camps in footage of recent attacks against foreigners and Jewish memorials.

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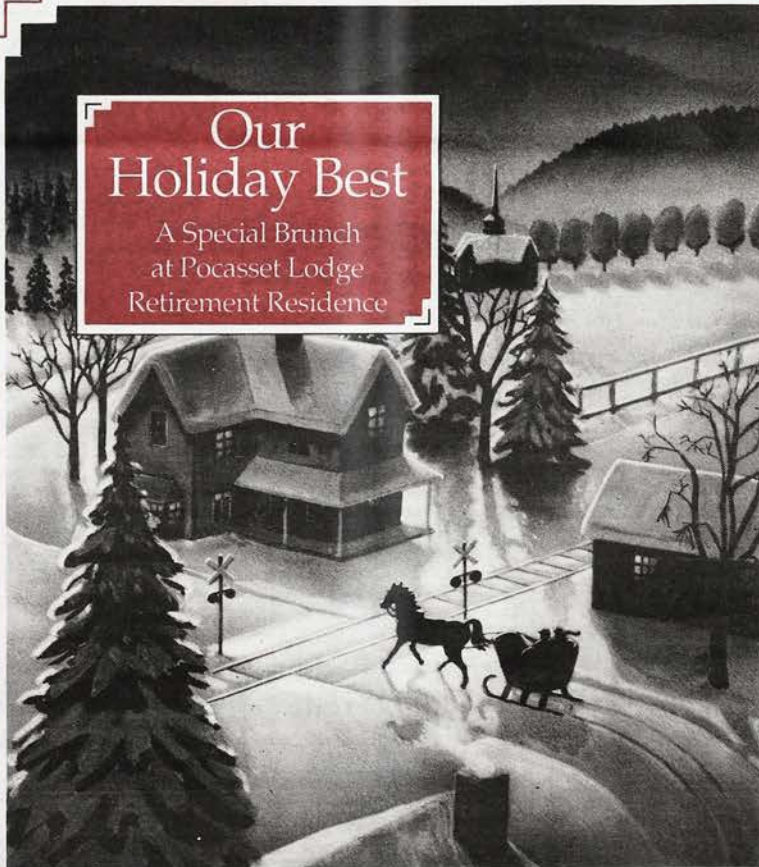
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