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A LOOK AT JEWISH HUMOR—Rabbi Leslie Gutterman tells a few Jewish jokes at the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood breakfast Sunday. Gutterman examined Jewish humor in a talk before a full house.
Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Jewish Humor Talk Draws Standing-Room-Only Crowd

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter
Those of you who were unable to drag to drag yourselves out of bed Sunday morning lost a chance to witness a barrel of laughs at Temple Beth-El's Brotherhood breakfast. This was the one time that everyone in the Jewish community got the chance to laugh Rabbi Leslie Gutterman out of

the building. Not only did the rabbi have a standing-room-only crowd of parishioners rolling in their seats, he was able to do so while giving everyone a lesson in Jewish wit and wisdom.

"A man in Israel came across a Jew holding a loaf of bread while lying on the railroad tracks. When he asked
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Report Finds Anti-Semitism a Serious Threat

While foreigners have superseded Jews as the chief targets of extreme right-wing or nationalist parties or movements in Western European countries, anti-Semitism remains a serious threat according to a report, "Anti-Semitism in Western Europe: A Focus on Germany, France and Austria," issued by the Anti-Defamation League.

"Although the accent today is on hostility to the foreigner,"

said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director, "anyone who looks and acts differently and who holds or competes for scarce jobs is at Jews easily fit into this category."

Foxman added, "It is no accident that Jewish cemeteries and monuments in these countries are attacked by the same skinhead and extremists groups that attack foreigners."
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Israel Will Allow Red Cross Access to 415 Deportees

by David Landau
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Reversing its previous position, Israel agreed last week to allow officials of the International Red Cross to fly over Israeli-controlled territory to see 415 Moslem fundamentalist activists expelled to Lebanon.
News reports said Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri, who had also refused access through Lebanon, made a similar announcement in Beirut, telling reporters his government would allow Red Cross officials to cross Lebanon's territory on a "one-time-only" basis to visit the deportees.

The Israeli move was announced just before a second U.N. envoy arrived to underline a Dec. 18 Security Council resolution calling on Jerusalem to take back the deportees.

Under the agreement, Red Cross personnel will fly with the help of U.N. peacekeepers from the Israeli-held buffer zone in southern Lebanon for a one-day mission and on a one-time-only basis, the announcement said.

Officials close to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin denied the decision represented a reversal of his previous position on Red Cross visits to the deportees.

They claimed no change had occurred in Rabin's basic policy of refusing to allow aid to transit to the deportees through the buffer zone in the absence of

agreement by Lebanon to facilitate regular supplies through its territory thereafter.

Weather permitting, two Red Cross officials were to fly to the deportees' encampment Jan. 8, boarding a helicopter at the headquarters of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon at Nakoura, just north of the Israeli border with Lebanon.

The Israeli decision was announced as Ambassador Chinnmaya Gharekhan, envoy of U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, flew in for weekend talks about the deportees.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who was to meet with the envoy Jan. 8, said he hoped for progress toward an agreed solution on the deportees issue.

Mailman Wins Right To Wear Yarmulke

by Tom Tugend
LOS ANGELES (JTA) — A Jewish mail carrier near San Diego has won a two-year battle to make his rounds wearing a yarmulke, without covering it with a regulation postal service cap.

In a 12-page decision, the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruled
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Arrest of Hamas Terrorists a Blow

by Gil Sedan
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The arrest of 22 members of a Hamas terrorist gang, coming on the heels of Israel's deportation of 415 Moslem fundamentalists, has dealt a severe blow to the Islamic activists.

NEWS ANALYSIS

But politically, Hamas seems to be stronger than ever.

Even before last week's announcement that the 22 were behind bars, detention, death and flight to Egypt had led to erosion in the ranks of Izz a-Din al-Kassam, the military branch of Hamas.

Experts here now estimate that only 50 or so of the terrorists remain at large and that they, too, are mostly on the run.

But that is only part of the picture. Izz a-Din al-Kassam is a collection of small terrorist squads with only tenuous links among them.

Analysts say that even the relatively small number of members that have evaded arrest can quickly attract new recruits and carry out ad hoc acts of terrorism.

The fact is that despite its recent success in apprehending Hamas gangs, Israel's Shin Bet
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KRIPALU YOGA — Karen Laurienzo teaches a new yoga class Sunday at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island auditorium. Classes focus on relaxation, breath work, posture and concentration.
Herald photo by Omar Bradley

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Group Calls for Measures To Protect Public From Smoke

Following the release of its report on the health risks of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last week, the Rhode Island Coalition on Smoking OR Health (made up of the American Heart Association — Rhode Island Affiliate, the Rhode Island Lung Association, and the American Cancer Society — Rhode Island Division) is calling for all Rhode Islanders to get their hackles up about their exposure to ETS.

The EPA report classifies ETS as a Group A (known human) carcinogen — as asbestos, benzene and radon — and calls for the elimination of

smoking in public places, particularly in schools, day-care centers, workplaces, restaurants, sports arenas and shopping malls.

Rhode Island has recently been proactive in protecting children from exposure to ETS. In July, Rhode Island became the seventh state in the nation to ban all smoking in all Rhode Island schools by students, teachers and staff alike through the "Smoking Restrictions in Schools Act," which was passed in the last legislative session. This new law prohibits smoking in any school building and within 25 feet of any entrance to a school building. It is being phased in for full implementation on Sept. 1, 1994.

The coalition is calling for the following measures to protect the public from exposure to ETS:

- Amendment of the existing

Retirement Exhibit Comes to Library

Concept 2000, Habitat 50 Plus: A Retirement Cottage exhibit designed by Louis Pugliese, will be on display at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, through Jan. 22.

The exhibit includes schematic drawings, photographs and a scale model of a small cottage designed to satisfy the housing needs of couples ap-

proaching retirement age. The exhibit is part of a larger project that will be published in book form in 1994.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during library hours. The library is accessible to people with physical handicaps.

On Jan. 25, the exhibit will move to the William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St.

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CCRI Holding Spring Course Registration

Community College of Rhode Island is holding walk-in registration for its spring course offerings at the college's campuses in Warwick, Lincoln and Providence.

Students may register for courses Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Advisors will be available to answer questions about enrollment, registration procedures, tuition and fees, course descriptions and financial aid.

Late registration runs Jan. 25 through Feb. 5. Classes begin Jan. 25.

For details, call CCRI's Office of Admissions and Records at 825-2125 in Warwick, at 333-7097 in Lincoln and at 455-6017 in Providence.

Flynn To Address Historical Society

The planning director for the city of Cranston will be guest speaker at the Jan. 19 meeting of the Cranston Historical Society.

Kevin Flynn will talk about the city's new development plan and how it will affect historical properties in Cranston. Flynn, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and the University of Rhode Island, is the director of the Rhode Island sector of the American Planning Association.

A short business meeting will precede Flynn's lecture. Refreshments will be served.

Woman of the Year Nominations Sought by Lincoln

Lincoln School will conduct its third annual award program to honor Rhode Island's 1993 Professional Woman of the Year.

Nomination forms are currently being sent to businesses, Chambers of Commerce and trade associations throughout the state with requests that candidates' names be submitted by Jan. 17.

The Lincoln School Professional Woman of the Year Award recognizes and honors the many professional women in Rhode Island whose achievements students may one day emulate. As a school for girls, Lincoln is interested in creating a closer link between women in the professions and the young people who can benefit from their experience and guidance.

The Professional Woman of the Year for 1993 will be honored at a convocation on Feb. 24. A \$1,000 scholarship in her name will help support Lincoln School's Community Scholar Program. The Community Scholar Program seeks talented, academically capable young women who demonstrate leadership potential and motivation.

Anyone wishing to obtain a nomination form may write to Rosemary W. Lenrow, Acting Head, Lincoln School, 301 Butler Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906, or call 331-9696.

OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Rhode Island Blood Center joins President Bush and the American Association of Blood Banks in celebrating National Volunteer Blood Donor Month in January. Blood Center personnel discuss with every prospective donor his or her medical history to find out whether he or she is qualified to donate. In addition, each donor's temperature, iron level, pulse and blood pressure are checked. These measures safeguard the health of the donor as well as the health of the patient who will receive the blood. Currently there is a need for all blood types, and donors in the local area are urged to give blood at an upcoming drive. For more information, call the Blood Center at (800) 283-8385.

Close to 500 undergraduate and graduate students will receive their degrees Jan. 17 during the college's winter commencement ceremonies in Roberts Hall Auditorium. Also scheduled during the ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m., will be the awarding of an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters to Italy's vice president for life for the senate, Paolo Emilio Taviani.

"Do You Have Questions About Your Income Tax?" will be the topic of the monthly business talk Jan. 20 at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence. Michael Aaronson, CPA, will hold a question-and-answer session at 7:30 p.m. at the bookstore. All are welcome.

A cooking class is available at International House, 8 Stimson Ave., Providence, this winter. On Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. instructor Dorothy McCulloch will present "Favorite Recipes from Around the World," a one-night cooking class. Participants will share in the cooking process and will sample a variety of appetizers, an entree and a desert. Enrollment is limited to 10 and registration is required in advance by Jan. 15. The fee for the class which includes materials is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Yearly membership in International House is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for families. For further information, call 421-7181.

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Henry Barnard, Rhode Island College's laboratory school for kindergarten through the sixth grade, will hold an open house for prospective students and their families on Jan. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. Those attending will have an opportunity to meet the school's faculty and visit the classrooms. The school is located on the RIC campus in the Mount Pleasant section of Providence. Barnard is now accepting applications for kindergarten openings which will be filled by lottery for the 1993-94 school year. Deadline is Feb. 5. The school announces that openings also are available in grades two to six. Applications for these grades will be considered in the order received. For more information and/or applications, call 456-8127.

The Pawtucket family YMCA will run a **lifeguard certification program** for those interested in becoming trained and certified in time for summer jobs. The program starts on Jan. 25, and will meet each Monday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. for 10 to 15 weeks, depending on skill level, at the Pawtucket YMCA. Registrations are currently being accepted, and the fee is \$90 for the general public. Participants need to be at least 16 years of age. To register for the program, call the Pawtucket YMCA at 727-7900, or stop by the facility any weekday until 9 p.m. or weekends until 4 p.m. at 20 Summer St., Pawtucket.

BAY STATE NEWS BRIEFS

A late registration is scheduled for **Bristol Community College (BCC)** on Jan. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. Students can register for any BCC course at any site on this special registration nights. Students interested in enrolling at BCC/Taunton or BCC/New Bedford, can also register at BCC's Fall River, Mass., campus in the Hudnall Administration Building Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration by phone for Taunton or New Bedford, Mass., classes can be done by calling (800) 462-0035. For more information or a course brochure, call Continuing Education at the same number.

Cardiac Rehab Program Offered

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island will offer a free educational series of informal one-hour discussions related to heart disease. The program is designed to assist cardiac patients and their families understand and cope with a heart condition.

The series will be held on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. in the hospital's Wood 6 conference room.

Sponsored by Memorial's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, "Be Heart Smart," the series is free of charge. Area resi-

dents who are recovering from a heart attack or heart surgery and their families are invited to attend.

The schedule of topics is as follows: Jan. 22, heart medications; Jan. 29, angina and heart attack, and Feb. 5, when your spouse develops a heart condition: coping strategies that help.

The public is invited to attend this free, informative series. For more information or to register for one or all of the sessions, call Susan Potter, R.N., at 729-2503.

CCRI Announces 19 Telecourses

Community College of Rhode Island will offer 19 telecourses beginning Jan. 24 on WSBE-TV (Channel 36) and various cable channels.

The telecourses will be shown on Channel 36 and by the Rhode Island Higher Education Cable Television Council in cooperation with the State Interconnect Cable Companies. On cable television the courses will be broadcast on Cox Cable

(Channel 50), Vision Cable (Channel 50), Times Mirror-Dimension (Channel 50), Dimension Cable (Channel 33), Cable TV of East Providence (Channel 50), Full Vision Television (Channel 50), Westerly Cable (Channel 8) and TCI Cable Vision (Channel 58).

For more information on these telecourses, call CCRI's Office of Off-Campus Programs at 333-7126.

Volunteers Sought for Exchange Program

World Heritage, a not-for-profit student exchange organization dedicated to fostering cultural enrichment and intercultural understanding, is seeking volunteers to be area representatives for its program in Rhode Island.

Area representatives serve as liaisons for high school, host families, students and World Heritage offices as well as recruit qualified North American teen-agers to go abroad. Volunteers are reimbursed for

their expenses. For more information, call Leslie collect at (202) 588-8102 or (800) 888-9040 for further information.

World Heritage (formerly Spanish Heritage), is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, public benefit organization. WH is officially designated as an exchange visitor program by the United States Information Agency (USIA).

BCC Is Offering Attleboro Courses

Bristol Community College now offers Attleboro, Mass., residents the opportunity to earn a BCC associate's degree closer to home. Starting this month, BCC will offer the courses for two of its degree programs at its satellite center at Attleboro High School.

Attleboro residents can now earn an associate's degree in liberal studies or business at the Attleboro satellite.

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PLAYTIME — Elaine Lieberman, chairwoman of the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters for the National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section, entertains a child while his mother attends a parent group meeting recently.

Home Preschool Program Comes to Rhode Island

HIPPY, Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, has come to Rhode Island. Parents with limited formal education will learn how to teach their preschool children at home. The program is designed to provide educational enrichment for preschool children right in the home using story books, activities and games. Parents are instructed by paraprofessionals who are themselves parents of young children and who live in the community they serve.

Under direction of coordinator Mary Doyle, M.Ed., training of nine paraprofessionals began in October. Doyle has been involved in early childhood education for 22 years. Volunteers from the Rhode Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women will provide support services.

The communities participating in the program are Paw-

tucket, Central Falls, East Providence and Johnston. Nine paraprofessionals, each assigned to 10 families, will serve a total of 90 families in this first phase.

HIPPY is subsidized by each community's school department and is partly funded by the Hasbro Children's Foundation.

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A New Leadership

Rabbi Leslie Gutterman gives the benediction at the inaugural ceremonies Jan. 5 at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium.

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Letters to the EDITOR



'Thou Shalt Not Kill'

To the Editors:
With great "hoopla," a conviction in the state of Oregon was executed last week.

The so-called "media" had a field day reporting every gruesome detail about the event.

Is it morally right to inflict the death penalty? I think not. The sixth commandment teaches us, "thou shalt not murder." In my own belief, any killing is amoral no matter who does it, the perpetrator or the state who does the executing.

In this case, the convict asked to be hanged because this was, in his opinion, the least painful way to die. Others argued that lethal injection was more humane, if one, in-

deed can use the word "humane" in connection with killing.

In the latter case, a physician has to administer the lethal dose. And how, pray tell, does this reconcile with the oath of Hippocrates?

Hans L. Heimann
Cranston

(Editor's Note: Actually it was reported that Westley Allan Dodd, the convicted child killer, chose the method of death by hanging because he hanged his youngest victim's body after killing him.)

"Dodd has chosen hanging because he wants to be treated equally cruel," the Associated Press reported attorney Timothy Ford said.)

Differences Exist Side by Side

To the Editors:
Rabbi Avi Shafran's letter (Dec. 31 Herald) states I am not entirely coherent because I do not agree with him on several points.

Differences in ritual as well as religious customs have always existed side by side in rabbinical Judaism.

My previous letter (Dec. 17

Herald) made two important points. First, in spite of the rabbi's gloom and negativity, Judaism is on the rise in this country. Our children are well-taught, the long overdue involvement of women has come about and the attendance at our services are within respectful limitations. These are encouraging signs.

The second point — rabbis, college professors, mayors, pip-squeak actors and other Jews who defile our people in the Anglo-secular press, commit an extreme lack of sound judgement, and are in the minority.

Harry J. Kolodny
Pawtucket

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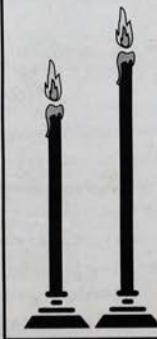
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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

Seized Property Restored

WASHINGTON — Seventeen Allied governments and the French National Committee this week warned the Axis powers that all properties confiscated in the occupied countries will be restored to their rightful owners at the end of the war. While the joint declaration did not specifically mention properties formerly owned by Jews and later "Aryanized," State Department officials, who made the announcement, emphasized that all individuals, corporations or governments looted by the Nazis will benefit.

WEEK OF JAN. 15, 1943

Magnes Opposes Creation of Jewish State In Palestine
NEW YORK — Warning of "the danger of war between Jews and Arabs," Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, urges that America's moral and political authority "be thrown into the balance" to prevent the creation of a Jewish State in Palestine or an Arab State.

Sees Hope for Jews if German Groups Are Split

NEW YORK — To forestall slaughter of all Jews in Europe which the Nazis are expected to undertake as they go down to defeat, the United Nations should begin now to work for a greater cleavage between the Nazis and those Germans who hope to survive the overthrow of the regime, Philip S. Bernstein suggests in The Nation this week.

OPINIONS

NEWS BRIEFS



INTERNATIONAL

BONN (JTA) German government officials have denied knowledge of any commitment to pay billions in reparations to Israel as the successor state to former East Germany. They said financial strains in united Germany would make it very difficult to commit to any major payments beyond Bonn's obligations under the existing reparations agreement with Israel. But the government is ready to deal with any request that might be put forward by Jerusalem, officials said.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel led the world's industrial countries in economic growth over the past two years, according to figures released by the government's Central Bureau of Statistics. Israel's gross domestic product rose in 1991 and 1992 by 6.4 percent, compared with 2.6 percent in France, 2.1 percent in the United States, 1.8 percent in Japan, 1.3 percent in Germany and 0.4 percent in Britain.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Just as Israel appeared to be winning its longtime battle against inflation, a new inflationary threat has emerged: the continued devaluation of the shekel, caused by the U.S. dollar's gaining strength worldwide. The dollar was selling here last week for a record high of 2.792 shekels. As a result of the dollar's climb, the shekel fell in value by 21 percent last year, while the consumer price index rose a meager 9 percent.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Some, but not all, of the Ferris Mora, descendants of Ethiopian Jews who converted to Christianity, are likely to be admitted to Israel under a compromise plan taking shape in a cabinet-level committee.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — A one-building public school district in a Hasidic village in upstate Orange County, N.Y., will remain open despite a court ruling that the school's quasi-religious nature violates the First Amendment, according to the community's attorney. By the ruling by the state Supreme Court's Appellate Division that the Kiryas Joel Village School District breaches the Constitution's provision for separation of church and state will be appealed, said the attorney, George Shebitz.

Letters to the EDITOR



Aliyah Headline was Misleading

To the Editors:

Your choice of headline for a recent (Jan. 7) JTA article in the *Herald* ("1992 was a Bleak Year for Aliyah") is misleading.

"Bleak" is a word often used to connote dreariness — what could possibly be dreary about 75,000 Jews making aliyah to Israel in one year? Are our memories so short that we cannot recall six years ago when only 914 Jews were permitted to leave the Soviet Union?

While the number of Jews leaving the former Soviet Union may be less than last year, their continued exodus is no less a miracle. Each month, thousands leave their homes to begin their lives anew in Israel and here in the United States. This past year, the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Family Service resettled 175 Jews from the former Soviet Union here in Rhode Island — a 32 percent increase over the previous year.

Over the next three to five years, Israel expects 550,000 more Jews; we anticipate over 700 in Rhode Island. This spring, our community will have a unique opportunity and privilege to participate in this miracle through the Continuing Exodus Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

The miracle — and the challenge — continues.

Steve A. Rakitt
Providence

(Editor's Note: The author is the executive director of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.)

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There Is 'Pharaoh' and 'Exile' Today

This week's portion is Shemot, the first portion of the Book of Exodus. Near the beginning of Shemot we read, "Pharaoh charged all his people, saying: 'Every son that is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall keep alive.'"

Pharaoh ordered that the boys be cast into the Nile for he had been informed by his astrologers that a Jewish child would redeem the Jews. In his decree concerning male babies, the fate of the girls shouldn't have been mentioned. In truth, however, Pharaoh's comments concerning the girls was just as harsh as that of the boys.

Pharaoh ordered the Egyptians to drown the boys, causing their physical death. The same Egyptians were also told to keep the girls alive, that is, raise them in the Egyptian way of life, thus causing their spiritual death.

The decree that "every daughter you shall keep alive" is no less harsh than "every son ... you shall cast into the river." To destroy the soul is as bad as to kill the body, in fact worse — for spiritual death has an absolute finality that physical death does not have.

The Nile was one of the Egyptians' gods. The Egyptians worshipped it for it was the source of their livelihood. "Cast the children into the river" indicates the two aspects of the Egyptian exile. There was the physical exile that destroyed the body, and the spiritual exile in which the Jews were cast into the idolatry

and hedonism of Egypt.

The Egyptian exile is the root of all subsequent exiles. The harsh decrees of the first exile are found in every subsequent exile, including our present one.

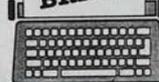
Today, too, there is a "pharaoh." He is found in the prevailing spirit of the times with its pressure to throw Jewish children into the "river" of the customs and practices of our society. Children become immersed in today's "Nile" because of the assumption that this will assure them of a secure livelihood.

Of the first redemption it is said that "by virtue of the righteous women of that generation our ancestors were free from Egypt." What was special about those women? They raised a generation of Jews; they reacted to Pharaoh's decree to throw every newborn son into the river by arguing that no attention should be paid to it. If there is a divine command, it alone must be heeded without calculating possible eventualities. By virtue of these righteous women our ancestors were freed from Egypt.

It is precisely by ignoring the present day Pharaoh's decree that we save our own children and bring about the redemption of the Jewish people as a whole through our righteous Mashiach.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher rebbe by Rabbi Immanuel Schochet. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer and reprinted with permission L'Chaim publications.

NEWS BRIEFS



INTERNATIONAL

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (JTA) — On the same day that a Canadian human rights tribunal in Winnipeg, Manitoba, ordered the Ku Klux Klan to stop using the telephone to promote hatred, the Canadian Liberty Net's telephone hate line was discovered to be back in business in Vancouver. Two operators of Liberty Net were found guilty in Canada of violating an injunction by going to Bellingham, Wash., and using a telephone number there to distribute hate messages that were stopped in Vancouver.

TORONTO (JTA) — Politicians and Jewish groups here are wondering why a large red swastika painted on the Ontario Legislature building was allowed to remain for eight days. In addition, four sites at the nearby campus of the University of Toronto — the Medical Sciences Building, Athletic Center, Hart House and Philosopher's Walk — were similarly defaced around the same time, according to Rabbi Michael Skobac of the University Toronto Hillel.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS



Awards Night

Former U.S. Ambassador to Moscow Robert S. Strauss, second from left, and William A. Shreyer, chairman of Merrill Lynch, second from right, show awards received from the Appeal of Conscience Foundation at a dinner in the New York Hilton. Also seen, from left, are Dwayne O. Andreas, chairman of Archer-Daniels-Midland Corp., who served as dinner chairman; Strauss; Rabbi Arthur Schneider, president of the foundation; Shreyer, and Angier Biddle Duke, chairman of the board of trustees of the foundation, an ecumenical organization of religious and business leaders working to advance freedom of religion around the world.

Pro-Israel Circles Pleased With Assignments

by Deborah Kalb

States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — More committee assignments in the new 103rd Congress were made last week, and advocates for Israel seem pleased overall by the results.

On the Senate side, newcomers Russell Feingold (D-Wis.) and Harlan Mathews (D-Tenn.) were named to the Foreign Relations Committee.

"Feingold will be an interesting one to watch," said Mark Pelavin, director of the American Jewish Congress Washington office.

Feingold, who is Jewish, defeated Republican incumbent Robert Kastner, who was supported by many pro-Israel political action committees. The Jewish vote was split between the two.

While the new senator's foreign policy positions are not clear to all Jewish leaders, most think his appointment to foreign relations is a good one.

"Feingold will be a good, strong, pro-Israel voice on the committee," said Pelavin of AJCongress.

Feingold, who also will be serving on the Agriculture Committee, "took a very strong pro-Israel stance during the election," said Lewis Roth, spokesman for the National Jewish Democratic Council. "People will find him a powerful advocate."

Another new Jewish senator, Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) was named to the powerful Appropriations Committee, which makes decisions on, among other things, foreign aid to Israel.

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Hamas Terrorists

(Continued from Page 1) security service is faced with unsolved killings.

Still at large are the murderers of three Israeli soldiers in Gaza on Dec. 7, reservist Yuval Tutjani in Hebron on Dec. 12, Border Police Sgt. Maj. Nissim Toledano on Dec. 13 and Shin Bet agent Haim Nahmani in Jerusalem on Jan. 3.

Hamas claimed responsibility for all of those attacks.

Hamas' organizational structure has undoubtedly suffered a setback since Israel expelled most of its top officials to Lebanon. In the absence of most of the movement's leadership, Moslem colleges and mosques no longer offer as safe a shelter for terrorists.

But the success of the Israeli offensive has not weakened the position of the Hamas in the Palestinian community.

Three weeks after the expulsions of the Moslem fundamentalist activists, secular and religious Palestinians alike have rallied behind the deportees, exerting pressure on Palestinian negotiators to stay away from the Middle East peace talks.

This popular support will undoubtedly make the remnant leadership's task of replenishing the ranks of Hamas all that much easier.



INTERNATIONAL

American business leader Elmer Winter predicts record growth in the Israeli economy during 1993, coupled with a drop in the inflation rate to below 10 percent — "the lowest in 20 years." Winter, chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel and a sometime critic of Israel's past sluggishness in moving to a market economy, said he is "upbeat" about recent developments.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's transport minister is awaiting a report from the Shin Bet domestic security agency on how a man managed to enter a guarded area of Ben-Gurion Airport and stow himself away on an El Al plane bound for Nairobi, Kenya. The incident, regarded as a serious breach of both airport security and airline discipline, has caused major consternation at both Ben-Gurion and El Al, which are generally regarded as having among the tightest security in the airline industry.

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TEL AVIV — Roni Abramson has been appointed to the position of executive director of B'nai B'rith District 14 (Israel), it was announced recently by District President Avigdor Warsha. Abramson, 44, a native of Jerusalem, was formerly managing director of the Israel Chamber Orchestra.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — The University of New Haven has announced the postponement of a controversial branch campus that it had planned to open in the West Bank. The change in plans is due to "heightened political tensions in the region during the past couple of weeks," the university's president, Lawrence DeNardis, said in a statement last week.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — Leaders of Reform Judaism have announced they will ask constituents to refrain from holding meetings in Colorado unless the state reverses a recent amendment that bars ordinances protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination. The amendment raises "dangerous warning signals" for historically conscious Jews," said a statement issued last week by Melvin Merians, chairman of the board of trustees, and Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of Reform Judaism in North America.



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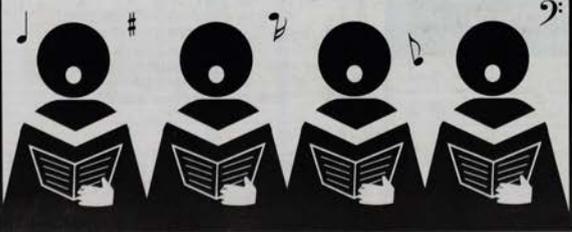
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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Jewish Leaders 'Clear the Air' With Clinton's Pick for State

by Deborah Kalb
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Secretary of State-designate Warren Christopher met here last week with a small group of Jewish organizational leaders, in a session one official called "very positive."

The meeting represented a clearing of the air between Christopher and Jewish leaders, after a period during which some in the Jewish community had expressed concern about the prospective secretary's commitment to a strong U.S.-Israel relationship.

"We found that the meeting dispelled some of the concerns," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, one of the participants in the meeting.

"We discussed a wide variety of concerns and found him very

responsive," he said.

Others attending the meeting were Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), who hosted the Jan. 6 session; Lester Pollack, the new chairman of the Conference of Presidents; Monte Friedkin, vice president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and Liz Schroyer, AIPAC's political director.

Lieberman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Christopher asked him to set up the meeting.

"He was reaching out. He knew there was concern in the pro-Israel community," the senator said. Christopher, he added, was "quite warm and forthcoming."

After the session, Pollack and Hoenlein met with Anthony Lake, whom President-elect Bill Clinton has named to chair his National Security Council, and Samuel Berger.

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Some 300 Jewish Students Gather in Israel 'To Make a Difference'

by Michele Chabin

ARAD, Israel (JTA) — "We're here to make a difference," said Dasee Berkowitz, one of 300 students from 40 countries attending last week's World Gathering of the World Union of Jewish Students.

Berkowitz, a 20-year-old student at Barnard College in New York, was not just spouting platitudes. A year ago, she and other Jewish students decided to create an organization that would bring Jewish young people back to their roots.

Today, their organization, called Lights in Action, disseminates information about

Judaism, Zionism and Jewish culture to 50,000 American college students.

"We had to do something to reignite the flame of Jewish pride and identity, and this is what we came up with," said Berkowitz, sitting in the packed auditorium of the Arad Community Center, where much of the conference took place.

"You see all these students? Each one is working in his or her community, trying to foster Jewish continuity."

Jewish leaders agree that at a time when assimilation is at an all-time high and anti-Semitism is rampant, such students

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Knesset Disciplines Arab Member

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset voted Jan. 6 to restrict an Arab member's freedom for three months following his alleged incitement of Palestinians to violence.

By a narrow 54-48 majority, the lawmakers partially deprived Hashem Mahmud of his parliamentary privileges for calling on Palestinians in Gaza three weeks ago to fight against Israel's hold on the territories "using all possible means."

The action means that Mahmud, a member of the formerly Communist Hadash party, temporarily loses his right as a Knesset member to visit most public institutions, including closed military zones in the administered territories.

The vote, which was held by secret ballot, was a blow to the government coalition, which unsuccessfully sought to ward off a majority for the motion. Indeed, some members of the Labor and Shas parties crossed lines to vote in favor of disciplining Mahmud.

But the parliamentary loss has broader implications.

It threatens to erode the tacit support for the Labor-led coalition provided by five Arab

Knesset members of the Hadash and Arab Democratic Party, whose backing has given the prime minister a more comfortable parliamentary margin.

That support was already under strain because of Israeli Arab opposition to the Dec. 17 deportation of 415 Moslem fundamentalist activists to Lebanon.

Mahmud said the vote marked "a black day for the Knesset." He said he would appeal the move to the High Court of Justice.



Proclaiming Solidarity

Mayor David Dinkins holds a proclamation designating a "Day of Solidarity With the People of Bosnia" in New York at a City Hall ceremony with Rabbi Arthur Schneier (left), president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, and Muhamed Sacirbey, Bosnia's representative at the United Nations. The worldwide event had been called for by leaders of the Muslim, Croatian Roman Catholic and Serbian Orthodox religious communities at an unprecedented religious summit in Switzerland in November arranged by Rabbi Schneier, who presided there and at a meeting in the United Nations on the "Day of Solidarity" addressed by religious leaders and international political figures, including the U.N.'s undersecretary for political affairs.

President-elect Clinton wrote to Rabbi Schneier: "I believe that the sustained influence of religious leaders can make a difference in this tragedy and I salute those who are trying to do so in so extraordinarily difficult circumstances in the former Yugoslavia."

Other messages of support came from Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders.

Mailman Wins Right to Wear Yarmulke

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that forcing Howard Singer to put a cap over the yarmulke violated civil rights laws prohibiting religious discrimination.

The U.S. Postal Service had fought Singer's request to wear the yarmulke uncovered because it clashed with the agency's uniform dress code.

In its decision, which was one year in the making, the EEOC also ruled that postal authorities could not request outside substantiation when employees make religious requests. Singer's supervisors had asked Singer's rabbi to write a letter explaining why it was necessary to wear a yarmulke at work.

Singer, 51, who has worked for 12 years at the La Jolla post office near San Diego, hailed the federal ruling as "striking a blow for religious freedom."

The ruling will also be binding in future cases involving observant Jewish postal workers and will affect other postal workers wishing to wear religious garments.

A year ago, a Sikh postal employee won permission to wear a turban while delivering letters. Singer, who told reporters that he was a Reform Jew leaning toward Conservative, said that he began wearing a yarmulke two years ago to protest difficulties in getting religious holidays off and what he considered to be general anti-Semitism in his

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post office.
Morris Casuto, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, said he had warned postal authorities all along that they were reacting to Singer's request in an inflexible manner.

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Around Town

STORY BY DOROTHEA SNYDER



An Inspiring Human Story

If you've missed the series, "Israel, A Nation Is Born," which aired over the past four weeks on Channel 36, the last segment can be seen on Saturday night at 10 p.m.

Better than that, viewers have a second chance to catch the entire five-part television chronicle of the birth and development of the Jewish state, when it begins on WCBH/Channel 2 on Monday, Jan. 25 at 10 p.m. for five consecutive weeks.

Abba Eban, the distinguished Israeli statesman who made a significant contribution to Israel's emergence as a world power, narrates the series, which highlights rare archival footage and inter-

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views with many principal policy makers, including Presidents Harry Truman and Richard Nixon and world leaders Winston Churchill, David Ben Gurion, Golda Meir, Menachem Begin, Anwar Sadat, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and B. Boutros Ghali, among others.

The driving force behind the documentary is Dr. Zvi Almog, chairman of the executive committee of Israel Heritage (Moresheet Israel, Inc.)

In a phone interview from his New York office, Almog said during the '80s until '86 or '87, he was appalled how the media in this country had a one-sided depiction of Israel.

"Not only was I appalled by the fact that it wasn't the Israel I had known, but I was totally distressed by the fact that here is the greatest occurrence in this century as registered by Winston Churchill, who said that the creation of the state of Israel is an event in world history unlike any event in magnitude of the last 2,000 years.

"I've always asked where did we miss and why is it that when it comes to the creation of the state of Israel, no depiction is shown on television, the most permanent instrument to influence people's understanding of what has gone on.

"That motivated me to find a way to do it," said Almog.

His initial idea was a one-hour presentation of "Israel, A Nation Is Born," but after completion, he felt the need to carry the series right to the present.

Until the series, Almog had no ex-



ENTERING THE FAMILY OF NATIONS — Ambassador Abba Eban and United Jewish Appeal chairman Edward Warburg, left, and Nelson Rockefeller, right, hoist the Israeli flag at Rockefeller Center after Israel's admission into the United Nations in May, 1949.

tended background in film production. Earlier attempts to bring news program nationwide weren't successful, but that didn't discourage him. "My heart was always involved in trying to influence larger masses with what I felt was difficult to bring to the consciousness of American people."

Almog's perseverance rewarded him. Aired over British TV on co-producing Channel 4, his program received an enormous rating, the highest for a documentary in the country, he said.

"This is the first time a program about Israel isn't merely a program about Israel. We have gotten exclusive rights to the usage of an interview with Harry Truman on the issue of why he recog-

nized Israel, and this is part and parcel of the program," he said. Almog was also pleased that Columbia Pictures was holding the copyright. "They were very generous in offering us the exclusive use of it."

Keynoting exclusive interviews on issues concerning Israel with Henry Kissinger, President Carter, President Bush, and President-elect Clinton, Almog referred to the active participation of Israeli Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres, who gave "some rather unusual disclosures" concerning peace talks with King Hussein of Jordan.

"Israel is the star, and Abba Eban is the one who tells the story," Almog said. "Because of the enormous amount

of material given by archives from all over, we have succeeded, as the critics say, to put together a very fast moving depiction of five decades of a new state in the middle of the Middle East.

"We have spared no effort to go in and hear what the opinions were of each and every segment that were involved in all sides — Israelis, Arabs, Egyptians, Palestinians and American leadership."

Dr. Zvi Almog was born in Palestine; his background and education, he said, is primarily in the United States.

He has been active in communal life as executive directors of Jewish community centers in the United States

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and Canada, having served as executive director of the federation of Tidewater, Va.

The greatest achievement of "Israel, A Nation Is Born," Almog said, is that it "focuses on diverse perspectives. With Abba Eban acting as the viewer's guide, political luminaries, soldiers and civilians — Arab and Israeli — recount their experiences and impressions.

"For the first time, a documentary about Israel attempts to reconcile these disparate points of view and present a coherent depiction of the road to peace."

Ambassador Eban described the series as a depiction of the turbulent and dramatic history of Israel, through the conflicts and tensions of five decades, climaxing in the brighter prospects of Arab-Israeli peace at the present time.

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"The film highlights the involvement of the world powers and of mass opinion in the life of Israel and the Arab peoples.

"My own personal witness of these events," Ambassador Eban said, "forms the context of an inspiring human story."

"Israel, A Nation Is Born," is produced by Israel Heritage, in association with 13/WNET in New York, which provided editorial oversight for the series. The visual history of Israel can be ordered by calling 800-533-8857).



A HISTORIC VISIT — Ambassador Abba Eban, right, greets Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and Paula Ben Gurion as they arrive in Washington, D.C. in 1951 — the only U.S. visit Ben Gurion made during Eban's United Nations tenure.



BUILDING SUPPORT FOR A YOUNG NATION — Ambassador Abba Eban and Dr. Vera Weizmann, wife of Israel's President Chaim Weizmann, meet with President Harry Truman at the White House, Jan. 7, 1953.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

"Suites for Sundays" at the Gov. Henry Lippitt House Museum will begin Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. with Mychal Gendron and Susan Thomas playing classical guitar and flute. The program continues on Feb. 28 with the Mair-Davis Duo, artists-in-residence at Roger Williams University, performing chamber music ranging from Vivaldi to Beethoven. Programs will also be held March 28 and April 25. A social hour will follow each concert. Tickets for the series are \$27; individual concerts are \$9 and sold at the door. For more information, call 453-0688.

Bill Klensk Collages (a sabbatical exhibition) will be on display Jan. 19 to Feb. 10 in the Main Gallery at the University of Rhode Island Fine Arts Center. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 792-2775 or 792-2131.

Zeiterion Theatre's Travelogue Series presents "Canada's National Parks" on Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the New Bedford, Mass., theater. Ed Lark, travelogue producer, will present and narrate in person his latest feature-length film which focuses on the wonders of the national parks of Canada. Tickets cost \$5 each and are available at the Zeiterion Box Office. For information, call the box office at (508) 994-2900.

The Zeiterion Theatre's Happily Ever After, Saturday youth series will present "The Velveteen Rabbit" on Jan. 23 at 10:30 a.m. presented by Theatreworks/USA. Tickets cost \$5, general admission. Group rates are available. For more information, call the Zeiterion Box Office at (508) 994-2900.



"Dancing at Lughnasa"

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Chorale To Present Children's Concert

On Jan. 31, the Zamir Chorale of Boston under the direction of Joshua Jacobson will present an educational and entertaining program of Jewish music geared to children ages 7 to 12 at Hebrew College, 43 Hawes St., Brookline, Mass., at 2 p.m.

The one-hour program includes performances from the Chorale's repertoire of Jewish music, explanations about the structure and history of the music being presented and special surprises.

The children are seated on the floor, close up to the singers, and are encouraged to participate in many of the performance activities. Seats are provided in the rear of the hall for parents and teachers.

Zamir's recordings, T-shirts and other merchandise will be available for sale at the concert.

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The American Band of Providence will present its annual young people's concert with the theme, "Machines, Dinosaurs and Other Monsters" on Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium at Rhode Island College in Providence.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

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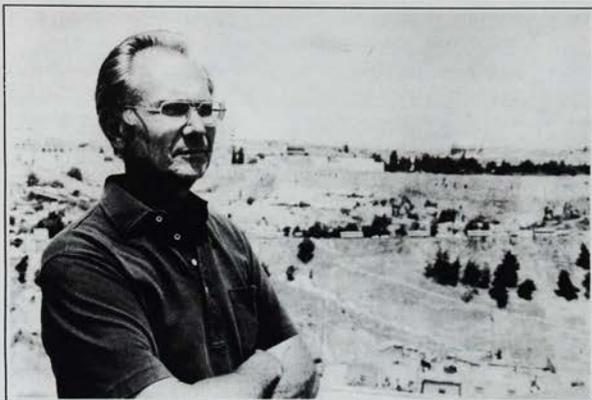
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FEATURE



A PERSONAL JOURNEY — Producer/correspondent Michael Ambrosio will examine the Israeli-occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza in a "Frontline" special to be aired Jan. 26 at 9 p.m. on WSBE-TV (Channel 36) in Providence and WGHB in Boston.

Program Journeys Into Occupied Lands

As the Arab-Israeli peace talks enter their seventh round of negotiations, "Frontline" examines the issue which

holds the key to peace: The land of the West Bank and Gaza.

In "Frontline's" "Journey to the Occupied Lands," a 90-minute special airing Jan. 26 at 9 p.m. (check local listings), producer-correspondent Michael Ambrosio examines the Israeli-occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza in a personal journey that explores the bitter and complex issues of land ownership, the scope and future of the Israeli settlements, the realities of Israeli military justice, and daily life under Israeli occupation.

Ambrosio spent nearly three years interviewing Palestinians and Israelis: farmers, settlers, planners and military authorities. Together with producer-director Gillian Barnes, Ambrosio filmed throughout Israel and the occupied territories to piece together a story of conflicting claims fought acre by acre and sometimes room by room.

"These people live in separate communities that are so close to each other, they have to coexist as neighbors if not as friends," says Ambrosio. "I

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From Knights to Tramps

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

We just crossed the street to a house almost the twin of ours — same bricks, gables, doors and arches, knobs and banners. Antoinette Downing called the Steve and Karen Markovitz place "a charming, romantic English country cottage," and put a snapshot of it in her guide to East Side neighborhoods.

Anyway, in this finest foyer in the Memorial mews, Steve's cousin Ken Weinstein gathered a group of old friends to dine in the house he'd been married in. His Jewish Herald now has to be flown to Minnesota, but Ken keeps in touch and migrates back himself on special occasions.

By the hearth sat David Targan, a Brown stargazer and a true knight. Really, the astronomer was decorated with sash and fancy buckle, the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator, by a grateful Portugal for his work in East Timor.

Also moving among the guests, Carol Olshansky came by from around the corner. She used to live a few houses downhill on Memorial. This was a homecoming for Carol, too.

Susan, a Gledien Norman brought her sister Meredith from New York to join the motley Ken crew. For those of you who barely had to stir, like a furry creature blinking a little during hibernation, it was indeed a mini weekend in the English countryside.

Saturday night we motored downhill to North Main Street for a program by the Ocean State Chamber Orchestra. My wife's cousin Perry Rosenthal played the cello — in a black turtleneck, not a tux. They presented for the first time in Rhode Island a "Study for String Orchestra" by Paul Haas, composed in Terezin in the depth of dark despair.

Just after the performance, during an intermission, Perry talked about the piece with Dazzle Devove Gidley, a piano teacher. "It's music that packs a real meaning. It tells a story you have to think about," said Dazzle.

"Lugubrious," was the word Perry used for the program. "Hey, neat word," I countered.

"Sounds like Bartok," sniffed Channing Gray, *Journal* music critic.

"More like Stravinsky," said my wife.

Gilles Dery of WCRB told the audience at St. John's Episcopal Church about how the score was discovered at the concentration camp. Inmates of the notorious Czech "Red Cross showplace" did their art for visitors, then were sent off to be gassed.

After the Haas piece, Hillary Nicholson, a lovely soloist in a shining red evening gown, sang the words to a lyrical Shelley love poem, a melody by O. Respighi.

It couldn't erase the memory of existential power that came from the Haas fragment, the sense of dread, hope and nostalgia. Images of Terezin came to my mind.

Sunday afternoon I drank Turkish coffee in a demitasse at Cafe Delite. Rabbi Chaim, Susan and baby Shira had the boot beside mine. They were toasting Shira's first birthday. We talked about Shabbat Shira. "King Solomon knew the languages of animals. He talked the worms into cutting the stones for the temple. And his dad, King David wrote and composed songs about the beauty of nature, G-d's designs. Then we celebrate the first stirrings of the trees at Tu B'shvat."

You can jet a path through the skies to get a new point of view on things. Or you can just stay close to your own pines and maples and store up your energy. Midwinter works just as well either way.

If I had ever met "The Little Tramp," I would have asked the usual question: "Tell me the truth — are you Jewish?" Richard Attenborough's film bio, a rich, old-fashioned tribute, poses the problem. Charlie admits that his half-brother Sid is Jewish. But he tells a 1938 Nazi guest at Paramount: "I cannot claim that honor."

He introduces Paulette Goddard his next-to-Oona wife, as "Miss Levy," and they make the anti-Nazi satire "The Great Dictator" together. But Chaplin never did deal directly with his past. "Just watch my movies," he tells his biographer as he dodges personal inquiry.

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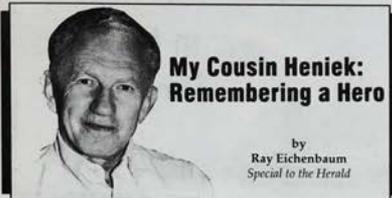
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FEATURE



My Cousin Heniek: Remembering a Hero

by
Ray Eichenbaum
Special to the Herald

I am a lover of good music. It does not have to be the classics or opera. It can be jazz or country music, or even the Beatles, but it has to strike a chord in me.

My penchant for music goes back to the time when I learned to play the piano in my early childhood in Lodz, Poland. But particularly, I can go back to a moment in time when my appreciation for things musical started.

This incident involved my cousin Heniek, the oldest son of my mother's brother Rubin. Heniek, born Henryk Worobiejczyk, was five years older than I, and he was my idol. There was something about him — his self-assured almost brash mannerisms, his confidence and poise in everything he attempted to do — that made me adore him and also envy him.

Since he was five years my elder, he hardly paid any attention to me. This made me suffer quite a bit.

But back to the music. My earliest venture into something musical happened when I was

perhaps 7 years old, and watched Heniek practice on the large piano. And it was the "Serenade" of Franz Schubert, a well-known and much practiced piano piece, that he was playing. I loved this music so much that I repeatedly observed the movement of his fingers on the keyboard and memorized it quite well. Then later, when no one was around, I proceeded to play the whole piece from memory. A good ear for music must have helped, too. Naturally, for this achievement I was very much praised by my family, who must have thought that they had a young, musical genius in their midst.

Yes, my cousin Heniek was "Geruthen," which is a Yiddish expression for a thing well-done, or a tasty dish which came out well from the oven. He was good at everything: school work, athletic endeavors, girls liked him. Although not very good-looking — his face was pale and his skin sort of delicate with many freckles — his verve for life and great confidence made

him a leader. And we all followed, and did not resent him.

He was the first one who rode a bicycle among us; he was the team captain who chose the sides for teams when we played soccer.

He hardly noticed me, and many times I would bitterly cry when he did not take me on his side, but I loved him nevertheless. If my beloved sister Bronia was the "spiritual" idol in my youth, Heniek was the one I would follow in any other situation. And we were a very close-knit family.



And so it came to pass that in the year 1939, after the outbreak of the second world war, our family had to split up. Most of my uncles on my mother's side with their families, which included my cousin Heniek, ran away to Warsaw, while we had to stay in Lodz to take care of my elderly grandparents who would not travel.

Until the Warsaw ghetto was sealed off from the outside world, we heard from our fam-

ily there quite regularly. The news of Heniek was that he was active in the Zionist organizations, and even held an important position in the ghetto administration, which was quite remarkable for a youth of 19.

But with the onset of the Russo-German war, and the beginning of the brutal work of the Einsatz Kommandos in Russia, all news from Warsaw was cut. We received one last letter saying that they were alive, but after that there was only deathly silence.

You can imagine my astonishment and surprise when I met, a few years ago, an aunt of Heniek on his mother's side — one Lola Weinberg — who now resides in Israel. After embraces and tears, she told me the story about my dearest cousin Heniek.

No, Heniek did not survive, but he was one of the heroes of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, the 50th anniversary of which we will commemorate in 1993.

Lola told me that Heniek was enrolled quite early in the revolt movement led by Mordechai Anielewicz. Due to his Aryan looks, he was assigned to the gun-running mission, to provide the ghetto fighters with weapons to fight the Nazis.

Thus, Heniek would scale the walls of the ghetto at night, and mix with the Polish population during daytime to acquire any available weapons at exorbitant prices. He would buy old muskets, revolvers, any kind of rifles, not

only from the Polish underground but also from some criminal elements as well.

It was not easy to obtain such items then. Invariably, he would then come back to the ghetto by scaling the walls at the old Jewish cemetery, which was part of the ghetto.

Anyway, one day someone on the Aryan side betrayed him, and the Nazis were "staked out" for him when he returned from one of his successful buying trips. He was caught at the wall, tortured to disclose names of others in the uprising, which he did not do, and then shot to death.

In addition, the Nazis let his body lie there for two days while waiting in hiding for other Jews to claim his body. But no one came, so they buried Heniek right there at the cemetery wall.

No perished my favored cousin Heniek whom I adored. I always knew that he'd be a hero, but to know that he died a martyr's death in the Warsaw uprising makes me very proud indeed.

I only despair when I think of him and of what he could have achieved in other circumstances, for he had such potential for greatness.

I shall forever be grateful to my cousin Heniek for playing the Schubert "Serenade" on the piano so beautifully. I give him full credit for getting me "hooked" on good music. That he perished so young, albeit a hero's death, was a great loss for me and for all mankind.

Program Journeys Into Occupied Lands

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wanted to know how the issues that really concerned people living in the occupied territories would be affected by the peace talks.

An important discovery in "Journey to the Occupied Lands" is the scope of the Israeli settlements. Amid the Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza, there are now 100,000 Jewish settlers — with as many as 50,000 more to arrive when buildings under construction are completed.

This report will examine how changes in Israeli law have spurred the growth of settlements by allowing Israel to claim private land as "state land." "The government which is occupying a territory has the right and duty to use government land," says Plea Albeck, Israeli deputy minister of justice and the drafter of the laws defining "state land."

"All the settlements are illegal," responds Dr. Suad Amiry, an architect and Palestinian negotiator in the peace talks.

Israeli settlements are large and growing — despite the recently announced "freeze." Meanwhile, Palestinians say they are living on communities which are unable to expand, and in many cases, losing land to new settlements.

"Four-fifths of the land of this village is taken by the Israelis," says Mahmoud Samara, a villager of Bil'in who has lost land. "Palestine was ruled by the Turkish, and

they didn't take the land. The British ruled this country, and they didn't take the land. The Jordanians also ruled and didn't take the land. But the Israelis, as you see, they took the land from its owners."

In conversations with Israeli settlers, Ambrosino poses the fundamental question: If peace talks lead to Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories, what will become of the settlements and their residents?

"Quite frankly, I have no problem living with Arab neighbors," says Naomi Toplew, an American settler in Kamei Shomron, one hour from Tel Aviv in the heart of Biblical Israel. "However, I feel it is our right to this land. So any scenario that would involve us having to leave our home, this part of Israel, would be unacceptable."

Who, then, would have jurisdiction over the settlements? Dr. Suad Amiry says the Palestinians "consider all settlements illegal" and that during any interim period of self-rule the settlements "will certainly be under Palestinian jurisdiction."

However, Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval tells Ambrosino the settlements "will continue to run their own affairs and be linked to the state of Israel in practice" during the period of Palestinian self-government.

"Journey to the Occupied Lands" also will examine life under military occupation — from the web of identity papers and travel, work and "entrance" permits required over the past two decades of occupation to regulations making it hard to start companies, to build factories or to trade freely outside the country. The program will explore the sharply opposing expectations of change if self-rule is given the Palestinians, the most crucial issue of the peace talks for the residents of the occupied territories.

Finally, "Journey to the Occupied Lands" will conclude in Jerusalem, the ultimate battleground in the dispute over land and heritage, and the one which holds the most difficult challenge for the future. The world considers East Jerusalem

as occupied territory. But it has 130,000 settlers — more than in the West Bank and Gaza combined — and the city's size has been tripled by simply annexing neighboring land, mostly taken from Arab villages. In this way, Israel has sharply altered the population balance to insure that Jerusalem will never be anything but a Jewish city.

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Eisenstadt and Kaye Are Married

Arlene Ellen Eisenstadt and Robert Mark Kaye were married on Oct. 25 at the Dove Canyon Country Club in Dove Canyon, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Eisenstadt of Warwick. She is the regional marketing director for The O'Connor Group's West Coast Regional Malls.

Donna Neufeld, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Rene Shreder, Myra Peck and Susan Ash were bridesmaids. Lisa Neufeld was flower girl.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Kaye of Sarasota, Fla. He serves as the vice president, director of operations for the Breckenridge Group, overseeing restaurant operations.

Edward Kaye, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Herb Scheffler, Dr. Peter Rosenberg and Martin Kraft were ushers. Marc Neufeld was ring bearer.

The couple honeymooned in Lana'i and Maui, Hawaii. They reside in Laguna Niguel, Calif.



Michele and Tobias Lederberg

Lichtenstein and Lederberg Wed

Michele B. Lichtenstein, daughter of Susan and Sande Lichtenstein of Rye, N.Y., was married Nov. 29 to Tobias M. Lederberg, son of Victoria and Seymour Lederberg of Providence. Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman performed the ceremony at Waveny House, New Canaan, Conn.

The couple was attended by Cara and Stacy Lichtenstein, sisters of the bride, Sarah Lederberg Stone, sister of the bridegroom, Craig Lichtenstein, brother of the bride, and Jordan Stone, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

The bride and bridegroom were escorted to the chuppah by their parents.

Professor Calvin Goldscheider read the Aramaic text of the marriage contract.

The bride is in her final year at the Boston University School of Law where she expects to receive a master's degree in public health along with a law degree in May. She graduated from Brown University with honors in Judaic studies. Her father is the senior partner in Lichtenstein & Shindel, a law firm in Mamaroneck, N.Y. Her mother teaches mathematics in Rye Neck Middle School.

The bridegroom is in his final year at the Boston University School of Law where he is edi-

tor in chief of the *International Law Journal*. He graduated cum laude from Harvard University with a special concentration in American material culture. His father is associate dean of biology and medicine and professor of biology at Brown University. His mother is a judge on the Providence Municipal Court and professor of psychology at Rhode Island College. He is the grandson of the late Rabbi and Mrs. Zwi H. Lederberg of Tel Aviv.

The couple lives in Allston, Mass., and will move to Providence in May.

Halsbands Announce Birth of 1st Child

Laura and Jeffrey J. Halsband announce the birth of their first child, daughter, Deborah Lynne, born on Dec. 16. Deborah's mother is the former Laura Lee Jacobs.

The grandparents are Martha

Jacobs of Cranston and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Halsband of Warwick. Paternal great-grandmother is Anna Halsband.

Deborah Lynne has been named for her late grandfather Donald Jacobs and great-grandfather Lester Aptel.

Lavines Announce Birth of a Son

Jennifer and Jeffrey Lavine of Pawtucket announce the birth of their son, Joshua Zachary, on Nov. 30.

Maternal grandparents are Beatrice and Seymour Weissman of New York City. Paternal grandparents of Barbara and Jerrold Lavine of Providence.

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Goldens Announce Birth of Daughter

Barry and Ellen (Antin) Golden of Cranston announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Eddyie Avra, on Dec. 20.

Eddyie is named in memory of her maternal grandfather, Edwin Antin.

She is the granddaughter of Gertrude Antin of Cranston, Gloria Golden of Cranston and Harvey Golden of Phoenix, Ariz.

Eddyie was welcomed home by her brother, Mitchell.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Temple and Church Join To Honor Dr. Martin King

This year's Martin Luther King weekend will feature black-Jewish dialogue and a cultural exchange between Temple Emanu-El and the Olney Street Baptist Church.

"We need to share more positive experiences together," claims Barney Heath of Temple Emanu-El's Social Action Committee. "The whole community benefits from these kinds of events."

Temple Emanu-El has invited members of the church to join them in a special Friday night service, to be held on Jan. 15 in the temple's main sanctuary from 7:30 to 9:30

p.m.

The service and program to follow will feature a special tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King. Black-Jewish community relations will be discussed. Also, the Temple Emanu-El Choir and the Olney Street Baptist Church Choir will perform.

In return, the Olney Street Baptist Church has invited temple members to join them in their Sunday morning service, Jan. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition, a special program is planned for children 15 and under.



FULL HOUSE — A large crowd listens as Rabbi Leslie Gutterman talks about "Jewish Jokes — What We Laugh at: A Semi-Serious Look at Jewish Humor" Sunday at Temple Beth-El.

Herald Photo by Omar Bradley

Emanu-El Offers Adult Courses

The Temple Emanu-El Institute of Jewish Studies begins its second semester on Jan. 19 with a full array of 15 courses for adults.

"The community is welcome to participate in this blend of familiar and new courses. New offerings include a look at 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly' in the portrayal of Jews in Hollywood films.

"Jewish Views on the Afterlife and Immortality" will be explored by Rabbi Alvan Kaufner.

A special course, in conjunction with the Jewish Family Service, will be offered on "Aging Parents — Process and Problems."

"Current Perspectives on Modern Israel" will be given by two top federation staff people. Recent and classic rabbinic responses to perplexing questions, such as abortion, will be the topic of a course on "Response Literature."

Themes of tribal destiny and struggles of David's kingship will be two of the institute's biblical offerings.

In addition, Hebrew courses from reading to conversation to advanced Hebrew will be offered. For the active and talented student, there is Israeli dancing and Choral Club.

'Rosh Chodesh' Is Topic of Women's Forum at JCCRI

Dvoira Worch will lead a discussion on the traditions and rituals associated with the beginning of the month — "Rosh Chodesh" — in a women's forum, to be held from 11:15 a.m. to noon on Jan. 19, under the kosher meal-site program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence.

Other meal-site features for the coming week include a showing of Whoopi Goldberg's comical movie, "Sister Act," at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 15; and Elizabeth Taylor's famous performance in the '50s version of "Father of the Bride," Part 1, at 10:45 a.m. on Jan. 17. (Part 2 will be shown at the same time one week later.) And for political history buffs, the VCR program, "The Biography of F.D.R.," will be shown on Jan. 22, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Jewish Humor Talk Draws

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the man what he was doing, the Jew said he was committing suicide. Why are you holding the loaf of bread?" he inquired.

"Because you starve to death waiting for one of these trains to come," he complained.

Irwin Lederman, president of the temple Brotherhood, never imagined he'd have more people than chairs or plates or cups of coffee, but the community had the last laugh when more than 200 people literally stormed the hall spontaneously. The large

crowd formed a line that stretched out the door as they waited to be served eggs, lox, fried onions and bagels before the show began.

The rabbi explained that Jewish humor emanated from experiences radicalized by humiliation, bitterness and

cynicism. What society may view as logic, Jews invert into absurdity by twisting reality inside out.

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Members of the social seniors of Warwick will go to Wright's Farm in Harrisville on Jan. 21 for lunch.

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For more information, contact Sally Goldman.

From Knights to Tramps

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The most gripping part of the movie lay in this riddle of the great artist's soul. J. Edgar Hoover watched Hollywood from Washington, in wait to grab Chaplain for having a Jewish agenda. But Chaplain gets the last laugh. What did they used to say in his day? "Happiness is the Best Revenge."

JCCRI Kosher Meal Site

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's kosher meal-site program invites seniors to join in a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon weekly, Sunday through Friday. Doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour.

Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. Seniors can try their hand at bridge on Monday afternoon from noon until 3:45 a.m.

On Tuesday a Women's Forum is held from 11:15 a.m. to noon and a bingo game runs from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, the Men's Group meets from 11:15 a.m. to noon, "Friend to Friend" meets Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon, and bingo is played from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

Shabbat traditions are observed on Friday, Sunday begins with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs.

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Feb. 24: Special meeting at Touro Hall for members only.

March 10: Two for dinner at West Valley Inn with guest M. Charles Bakst.

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March 24: Nomination of officers, entertainment and a hot dog and bean dinner (free).

April 28: Old-timers testimonial brunch for members only.

Members are asked to offer to drive old-timers who may need a ride.

May 26: Installation of officers dinner at Touro Hall.

June 12: Dinner at Venus de Milo.

All of the above for members only. Members are asked to bring a few cans of food to each meeting at Touro Hall, to be donated to people in the area who need some help.



BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST — May Buckley, a kitchen worker, dishes out eggs and onions at the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood's breakfast Sunday. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

Dvorah Dayan Meeting Set

The next meeting of the Dvorah Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will be held on Jan. 18 at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Florence Silver, 27 Tatt Ave.

Members are reminded that Tess Hassenfeld is still accept-

ing membership dues and Roslyn Hirsch will mail your greeting cards if you call her at 274-1156.

The guest for the evening will be Florence Markoff, noted voice on Rhode Island radio for many years. She will speak on the theme: "There's A Word For It."

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COWORKERS — Toby Galli (standing), an outreach social worker for the elderly at Jewish Family Service (JFS) who works with the Lifeline program, and Maxine Richman, also an outreach social worker at the JFS and coordinator of the Lifeline program, are busy working at the JFS Waterman Street office. *Herald photo by Kammie Kettelle*

JFS Program Providing Clients with Independence and Sense of Security

by Kammie Kettelle
 Herald Assistant Editor

A program run by Jewish Family Service is offering older members of the community a little peace of mind. Known as Lifeline, this personal-response program connected to telephone lines gives its clients around-the-clock assistance and a sense of greater independence.

"It gives me a sense of security and I feel I have someone with me at all times," said Betty, a widow who is nearly 80 years old. She has some medical problems, but still lives on her own. Because her children live out of state, Betty decided to enroll in the program — a choice she said has given her newfound independence.

Betty wears a pendant that can be activated with the push of a button if any type of emergency arises. Trained personnel receive the call and try to make voice contact. If help is needed, they will contact a pre-designated responder already chosen by the subscriber, or send an ambulance or the police.

Maxine Richman, coordinator of the Lifeline program at JFS and an outreach social worker for the elderly, works to help older people improve and maintain the quality of their lives.

Richman said participants do not have to pay for the equipment. However, they do pay for monitoring on the basis of a sliding scale and a one-time fee for installation. The program's initial funding was provided by the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and The Miriam Foundation.

"It is an extremely worthwhile program in the overall field of enabling someone to be independent as long as possible," she said.

Richman told the story of a man who had to plead with his elderly father to get him to enroll in the program. Later, she said, his father had a change of heart. According to Richman, he said, "I feel like a benevolent being is watching over me."

There is a wide range of people — from age 30 to 99 — who are in the program, she said. "It is a spectrum of people who have very busy lives and are involved in the community, to the people who are wheelchair-bound and couldn't remain on their own without the Lifeline program."

Toby Galli, also an outreach social worker for JFS who works with the Lifeline program, compared the program to

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Basketball's Second Half Opens

by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

The second half of basketball at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island opened with many players missing from the league since last reported.

Veteran Lou Pulner, Steve Abrams, rookie Zeus Barrios and Joe Cohen were out with injuries; veteran Dale Wallick was en route from a previous engagement in Florida and was unable to be there for the tap off.

Game one featured Jamie Cohen's team against Paul Formal's team. Both teams finished the first half with identical records of three wins and three losses.

Cohen's team prevailed with Jamie scorching the nets with 27 points and "Mr. Consistent" Gary Greenberg's 18. Cohen connected on four three-pointers and went 4-5 from the charity stripe. Formal got another solid performance from veteran (Charlie Husle) Steve Litwin with 14 points and 3-4 from the charity stripe. Jon Brandt, just back from an old-timers game,

contributed 10 points in a losing battle.

The nightcap featured Jon Weitzner's 5-1 squad against a decimated team that coach Steve Groag managed to put on the floor. Their big gun Lou Pulner was out with an injury and journeyman Jim Gadol signed a one-game contract to fill the middle for Groag's team. Gadol poured in 26 points in a losing effort.

Standings as of Jan. 11

| | Won | Lost |
|----------|-----|------|
| Weitzner | 6 | 1 |
| Cohen | 4 | 3 |
| Formal | 3 | 4 |
| Groag | 1 | 6 |

Players of the Week:

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Gary Greenberg | 18 points |
| Jim Gadol | 27 points |

Scoring Leaders

| Player | Average |
|----------------|---------|
| Dave Baskin | 24.6 |
| Lou Pulner | 22.5 |
| Gary Greenberg | 17.5 |
| Jamie Cohen | 16.5 |
| Steve Litwin | 16.5 |



High Hopes

George Gradboys, former chairman and chief executive of Citizens Bank, speaks of his hopes for the future to a crowd at Temple Beth-El in Providence Friday. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

Week 16 of Bowling

| Team Standings | Won | Lost |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Baker Furniture | 39 | 21 |
| Trinkle Design | 38 | 22 |
| Tooth Fairies | 33 | 27 |
| Halperin & Lax | 31 | 29 |
| Come Screen With Me | 31 | 29 |
| Nathan Kaufman Co. | 30.5 | 29.5 |
| Howies Hammers | 30.5 | 29.5 |
| Goldstein Electric | 30 | 30 |
| Nathan Kaufman #2 | 27 | 33 |
| Shamrocks | 26 | 34 |
| Standard Glass | 26 | 34 |
| Oakland Mobil | 18 | 42 |

Team 2; Game 2 third-place team vs. fourth-place team, 2:30 p.m., court 1.

Feb. 22: Game 3 - Winner game 2 vs. first-place team, 5:30 p.m.

March 7: Championship game winner game 1 and game 3.

March 14: All-star games, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

League 3

Team 1, *Basta*; Team 2, *Brier and Brier*; Team 3, *Licht & Semonoff*; Team 4, *RA Law*, and Team 5, *W.G.C. Olympics Club*.

Jan. 14: Team 2 vs. Team 4, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 17: Team 3 vs. Team 4, 3:30; Team 1 vs. Team 2, 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 19: Team 5 vs. Team 2, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 21: Team 3 vs. Team 1, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 24: Team 4 vs. Team 1, 3:30 p.m.; Team 5 vs. Team 3, 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 26: Team 2 vs. Team 3, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 28: Team 4 vs. Team 5, 6:30 p.m. (Continued on Next Page)

The Beth-El League enjoyed a two-week hiatus during the holiday season. Bowling resumed Jan. 7.

The mid-season banquet will be held at Lincoln Greyhound Park on Jan. 25. Cocktail hour will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7. A race will be named for the Beth-El league that evening.

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Top Ten Averages

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Rick Dressler | 187.5 |
| Benny Diaz | 186.3 |
| Mike Sugarman | 181.6 |
| David Robinson | 176.4 |
| Sy Brooks | 176.2 |
| Harry Rose | 176.1 |
| Richard Fain | 170.4 |
| Barry Rotenberg | 169.0 |
| Elliot Goldstein | 169.0 |
| Paul Knasin | 168.3 |

JCCRI Basketball Schedule

League 1

Team 1, *Intown Laundries*; 2, *General Fabric Co.*; 3, *Rosie's Rags*; Team 4, *Hochst Celanese*; 5, *De Simone & Leach*, and 6, *Abrams & Verri*.

Jan. 17: Team 1 vs. Team 4, 12:15 p.m., court 1; Team 2 vs. Team 6, 12:15 p.m., court 2; Team 3 vs. Team 5, 1:30 p.m., court 2.

Jan. 24: Team 1 vs. Team 6, 12:15 p.m., court 1; Team 4 vs. Team 5, 12:15 p.m., court 2; Team 2 vs. Team 3, 1:30 p.m., court 2.

Jan. 31: Team 3 vs. Team 6, 12:15 p.m., court 1; Team 2 vs. Team 4, 12:15 p.m., court 2; Team 1 vs. Team 5, 1:30 p.m., court 2.

Feb. 6: Team 1 vs. Team 3, 2:15 p.m., court 1; Team 5 vs. Team 2, 12:15 p.m., court 2; Team 6 vs. Team 4, 1:30 p.m., court 2.

Feb. 14: NO GAMES.
Feb. 21: Same as Jan. 10
Feb. 28: Same as Jan. 17.
March 7: Same as Jan. 24.
March 14: All-star games, 1:15 to 1:45 p.m.

League 2

Team 1, *Fleet*; 2, *Sunbeamer*; 3, *Engle Tire Co.*; Team 4, *Wine & Spirits*, and 5, *K's Shoes*.

Jan. 17: Team 5 Practice, 8 p.m., court 1; Team 3 vs. Team 4, 2:30 p.m., court 1; Team 1 vs. Team 2, 2:30 p.m., court 2.

Jan. 18: Team 4 Practice, 8 p.m., court 1; Team 5 vs. Team 2, 5:30 p.m., court 2.

Jan. 20: Team 3 vs. Team 1, 8 p.m., court 2.

Jan. 24: Team 2 Practice,

1:30 p.m., court 1, Team 4 vs. Team 1, 2:30 p.m., court 1; Team 5 vs. Team 3, 2:30 p.m., court 2.

Jan. 26: Team 2 vs. Team 3, 5:30 p.m., court 2.

Jan. 28: Team 1 Practice, 5:30 p.m., court 1; Team 4 vs. Team 5, 5:30 p.m., court 2.

Jan. 31: Team 3 Practice, 1:30 p.m., court 1; Team 1 vs. Team 5, 2:30 p.m., court 2; Team 2 vs. Team 4, 2:30 p.m., court 1.

Feb. 1: Team 5 Practice, 5:30 p.m., court 1; Team 1 vs. Team 2, 5:30 p.m., court 2.

Feb. 3: Team 3 vs. Team 4, 5:30 p.m., court 2.

Feb. 7: Team 4 Practice, 1:30 p.m., court 1; Team 3 vs. Team 1, 2:30 p.m., court 1; Team 5 vs. Team 2, 2:30 p.m., court 2.

Feb. 8: Team 2 Practice, 5:30 p.m., court 1; Team 5 vs. Team 3, 5:30 p.m., court 2.

Feb. 10: Team 4 vs. Team 1, 5:30 p.m., court 2.

Playoffs Schedule

Feb. 14 to 20: NO GAMES
Feb. 21: First-place team practice, 1:30 p.m., court 1; Game 1 second-place team vs. fifth-place team, 2:30 p.m.,

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REASSURANCE — Max, 82, lives alone and all his relatives live out of state. Still a very active person, he participates in the Jewish Family Service (JFS) Lifeline program because he said it makes him feel as if there is someone there with him all the time. "I don't worry a bit," he added.

Herald photo by Kammie Kettelle

JFS Program

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an insurance policy. She spoke of numerous people who decided to participate in the program after they already had some type of emergency.

Sarah, who is in her early 80s, is wheelchair-bound be-

cause of serious hip injuries and has asthma. Her grandson persuaded her to enroll in the program, knowing it would

"It gives me a sense of security and I feel I have someone with me at all times."

— Betty, who subscribes to the Lifeline program

give their family peace of mind. "I am a very independent person," she said, adding that she keeps a kosher home and still cooks all her meals herself. Her leg on the side of her body with the damaged hip cannot

have any pressure all; while an operation would cure this problem, her asthma prevents her from having the operation.

Sarah said if there ever was a time the program was worth it, it was the day that she fell in her bathroom.

"I used to think it was a waste of money ... [but] it is worth every cent and then some," she said.

Audrey and Bernie Beider are volunteers for the Lifeline program. Audrey, a board member of Jewish Family Service, said her husband volunteers installing the machines.

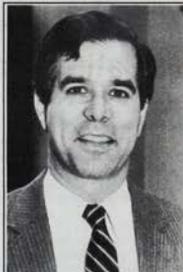
"It is a very gratifying feeling to know you are giving somebody the means to communi-

Family Values Will Highlight Rabbis' Conference

The Rabbinical Council of America will hold its annual midwinter conference in five metropolitan centers on Jan. 27. Rabbi Moshe J. Yeres of Congregation Ohav Zedek, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., conference chairman, announced that parallel sessions will be held in New York, Chicago, Miami, Boston and Los Angeles.

The conference's theme is "Jewish Family Values." Each session will be addressed by a leading halachic authority. They will each have a panel session with the participation of scholars and experts in different areas of family life.

In Boston, Rabbi Mordechai Willig, a rosh yeshiva at Yeshiva University, will deliver the halachic dissertation.



Richard A. Licht

Licht To Address Hadassah Nurses

"Anti-Semitism in the Workplace" will be the topic discussed at the Hadassah Nurses Council meeting on Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Rhode Island Hospital. Chairman of the Rhode Island Chapter, Anti-Defamation League, Richard A. Licht, will be the guest speaker.

Licht, a lawyer, past lieutenant governor, and R.I. state senator, is well-known for his accomplishments in both government organizations and civic affiliations. He served as chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees; served on several Rhode Island task forces and advisory councils, and chaired the Rhode Island Commission on Religious, Racial and Ethnic Harassment. He was a member of many executive and legislative commissions.

Licht has received many distinguished awards, including David Ben-Gurion Award; Outstanding Young Man of Rhode Island; Distinguished Services to the Hispanic Community; Outstanding Public Service Award as well as several recognition awards and governmental service awards.

The program is open and free to the public. Courtesy coupons for parking will be available. For information, call Betty Levitt 724-7186 or 463-3636.

Basketball

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- Feb. 7: Team 1 vs. Team 5 3:30 p.m.; Team 2 vs. Team 4 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9: Team 3 vs. Team 4 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11: Team 1 vs. Team 2 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21: Team 5 vs. Team 2 3:30 p.m.; Team 1 vs. Team 3 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23: Team 4 vs. Team 1 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25: Team 5 vs. Team 3 6:30 p.m.

- Playoffs:**
- Feb. 28: Game 1 - Second place vs. fifth place, 3:30 p.m.; Game 2 - third place vs. fourth place, 4:30 p.m.
 - March 2: Game 3 - Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2, 6:30 p.m.
 - March 7: FINALS - Game 3 Winner vs. first place, 4:30 p.m.
 - March 8: Game 2 - same teams, 6:30 p.m.
 - March 14: IF NECESSARY Game 3 - same teams, 4:30 p.m.

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Yoga Instructor Leads Class on Path to Inner Peace

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

The lean, young woman slowly arched her back up until her body resembled a contorted creature similar to a dog, as she gradually pushed the other way breathing outward. This was only one of the many ways Karen Laurienzo, a kripalu yoga instructor, attempted to show her Sunday afternoon class at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island how to relax.

Originally, the class had been slated for a small room at the end of the hall, but when more than 20 people showed up, Jay Snyder, program director at the center, was forced to move it into the auditorium. It was a pleasant surprise for Karen, who had been worried about attracting potential students on a Sunday afternoon. Yet many people showed a genuine interest to use yoga as a way to relieve themselves of stress and tension, which is exactly what Laurienzo would do.

A certified yoga instructor from the Kripalu Center in Lenox, Mass., where she underwent one month of intensive training under Yogi Anrit Desai, Laurienzo has been involved with Hatha yoga for more than 18 years, during

which she has mastered the art of breathing and therapeutic body movements. Her students have included everyone from a 2-year-old neighbor's daughter to 70-year-old Gertrude Gleklen, who looked as frisky as a cat during the warm-up exercises.

During a phone interview, Laurienzo explained that yoga is more than just a stretch and sweat exercise program, but a blending of body and spirit to maximize strength and flexibility. Not only was she excited by the day's turnout, but the enthusiasm in everyone's eyes was a thing of beauty for her. She wasted no time in seizing the opportunity to take the class on a journey into inner peace and harmony as soft, transcendental music flowed through the auditorium.

She invites anyone interested to attend her classes which meet Sunday afternoons from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8. For more information, call her at 453-5439.

New Minyan Developed at Temple Emanu-El

Within the past few months, temple members and the clergy have met to discuss ways to meet the diverse needs of the congregation. Part of the discussion has resulted in the development of an additional, alternative Shabbat morning service.

Temple Emanu-El's Shabbat Minyan Chavurah has scheduled its first three services for Feb. 13, March 13 and April 17.

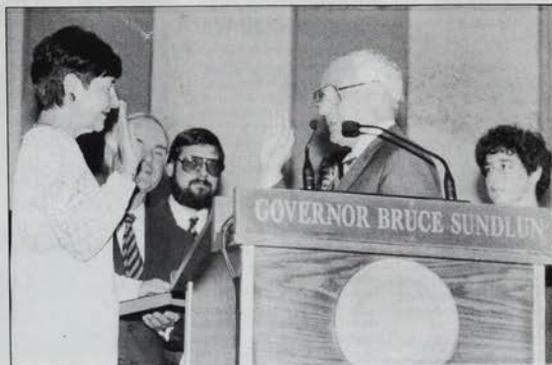
These services will be held in the temple from 10 a.m. to noon, in addition to the main service.

Junior Congregation will also be held for school-aged children.

The service will be traditional, yet informal, egalitarian, community lead and participatory. Although the service is geared to adults and young adults, children are welcome to participate. Plans are under way to provide child care for part of the time.

The temple welcomes input and suggestions in developing the minyan format. If you have skills to help lead the service, read Torah or Haftorah, give D'Vrai Torah, or want to learn how, call the temple.

For more information, call Leah Hersh at 725-4779.



The Oath of Office

Nancy J. Mayer is sworn in as the new state treasurer by Gov. Bruce Sundlun Jan. 5 while her husband Bill looks on. Mayer, a Republican, succeeded Anthony J. Solomon, a Democrat.

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School Beat

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Discovery Week To Begin at Lincoln

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Many programs involve field trips; all of them involve students of different grades working together on projects that will be intellectually stimulating, challenging and fun.

Titled "Discovery Week," the projects will involve stu-

dents in everything from lending a hand to Habitat for Humanity, from the realities of being old in America to American movie musicals, and many more topics.

Students signed up during the first week of December, and programs are now ready to get under way.

It will all come together on the afternoon of Jan. 22, when each group will make a presentation to the entire school. Parents, alumnae and friends of the school are invited to attend the presentation.

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OBITUARIES

HALIDE SUMRA LIBERMAN
PROVIDENCE — Halide S. Liberman, 53, formerly of Olive St., died Dec. 28 in the Rhode Island Medical Center General Hospital, Cranston.

Born in Ankara, Turkey, she was the daughter of Resat and Tuncel Hakimoglu of Turkey. A resident of Providence for 10 years, she was formerly of Attleboro, Mass., for 20 years.

In addition to her parents, she leaves two daughters, Tuncel Cryan of Attleboro and Tamara Parker of Midland, Mich.; a sister, Oya Milgrim of Honolulu, Hawaii, and two grandchildren.

A private funeral was held Dec. 29. Arrangements were made by the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel.

J.B. SCHECHTER

PROVIDENCE — Jon B. Schechter of 19 Overhill Rd., who owned United Distillers until retiring in 1975, died Jan. 11 at home. He was the husband of Marlene (Rich) Schechter.

Born in Russia, a son of the late David and Pauline (Brookenthal) Schechter, he lived most of his life in Providence.

Schechter was a distiller most of his life, producing alcoholic beverages for private label sales. After closing his business, he became a comptroller in his son's law firm.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and carried out counterintelligence assignments for the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the CIA. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island.

Schechter also was a member of the Temple Emanu-El Men's Club, the Redwood and Overseas Lodges of Masons and B'nai B'rith.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, David A. Schechter of Providence.

The funeral service was held Jan. 13 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Rescue from the Mist of Civil War

As battles for territory and political power spread throughout the former Soviet Union, the Jewish Agency is rescuing Jews from civil war and flying them to safety in Israel.

Hundreds of Jews from Abkhazia, the breakaway region of the Republic of Georgia, have reached Israel on freedom flights funded by UJA/Federation Operation Exodus.

Most recently, 54 Jewish refugees from Sukhumi, capital of Abkhazia, arrived in Israel on a special Jewish Agency flight.

In Tajikistan, the Moslem republic bordering Afghanistan, civil war has erupted between the communist government and the anti-communist "democratic" forces who have formed a coalition with the Moslem fundamentalists.

Jewish Leaders

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Lake's designated deputy, Hoenlein characterized the meetings as "very open" and said they included talk about the Jewish leaders' concerns. Many of these center around Christopher's and Lake's work in the Carter administration State Department, which is perceived as having been tough on Israel.

Hoenlein said the Clinton appointees "believe the concerns were unfounded."

The Jewish leaders left the meeting with Christopher "reassured," he said, that the pro-Israel positions espoused by Clinton during the campaign "would characterize the foreign policy of the administration."

Hoenlein said Christopher planned to meet soon with the entire Conference of Presidents, an umbrella group of 50 national Jewish secular and religious organizations.

"Mr. Christopher assured us of his desire to be accessible and have positive, ongoing communications," he said.



A NEW LIFE — Jews rescued by the Jewish Agency from civil war in Duchanbe, Tajikistan (a Moslem republic of the former Soviet Union), arrive in Israel. Photo courtesy of UJA/DR. Gathrie

Some 300 Jewish Students Gather 'To Make a Difference'

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dent activists are at a premium.

Judging from the impressive list of speakers who addressed the participants, the students' efforts were taken seriously.

"You are the future of the Jewish people," Ignatz Bubis, the head of the Jewish community in Germany, told the gathering during the Jan. 3 opening-night ceremony.

"We are again experiencing anti-Semitic incidents in Germany, and throughout Europe," Bubis said. "But I have faith in the young people."

"Last month, six young people organized a huge demonstration against anti-Semitism and violence against foreigners. I'm proud to say that three of the six were Jewish," he said.

Sometimes being a leader requires personal sacrifice, said Hebrew University Professor Barry Chazan. "We need a whole new generation of Jewish leaders, and that will mean that a lot of you will have to throw away your law books and medical texts."

"We desperately need Jewish teachers and communal workers who know about Judaism," he said. "I know many of you don't want to be Jewish

teachers, but neither did Jeremiah."

"But G-d said, 'Go wherever I send you.' And he did."

Dr. Ahmed Tibi, chairman of the Association of Arab Academics, called on the youths to maintain an open mind with regard to the peace process and the Palestinians.

"For many years, Arabs refused to speak to Israelis. They refused to negotiate. But in the past two to three years, the Arab world has undergone an ideological revolution."

Tibi said the Palestine Liber-

ation Organization "has openly declared its willingness to talk directly with the Israeli government and its representatives. Regrettably, these calls have not yet been answered."

"In the meantime, victims are falling on both sides," he said.

Though the vast majority of students rejected many of Tibi's claims, including his assertion that East Jerusalem is occupied territory, they admired what they termed his courage in coming to speak to a group of student Zionists.

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Anti-Semitism

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Jewish communities have a stake in combating ultra-nationalist/anti-foreigner violence wherever it breaks out.

The ADL report, prepared by Robert Goldmann, the league's European representative, concludes that the present political situation in Western Europe "calls for new strategies, above all for partnership with agencies of government with responsibility for the safety and rights of all citizens, and with many human rights groups with shared interests. ...

Today's work against anti-Semitism cannot be successfully fought as if 1933 had come back. It is a different climate, with a different array of both targets and allies, and strategy must be shaped accordingly."

In the section on problems in Germany, the report states, "Jews look at Germany as the country where anti-Semitism needs to be watched and fought most avidly. When, as in recent months, it manifests itself in connection with extreme right-wing and neo-Nazi attacks on foreigners, it is seen as the most serious resurgence of the hateful bigotry that ravaged Europe and decimated Jewish 50 years ago."

"Yet while it is appropriate to be vigilant, and to speak out and act accordingly, Jewish interests demand thoughtful analysis along with passionate concern. Such analysis shows vast and fortunate differences between the current situation and the 1920s and '30s."

France is another country where the "threat of foreigners" is of great concern. The ADL document traces the rise of Jean-Marie LePen's Front National party in France, warning that it captured 14 percent of the vote in recent national elections for regional and local offices. While LePen denies he is an anti-Semite, the report concludes that those sensitive to political rhetoric understand that "LePen and others who carry his message are dangerous."

The same concern is expressed about the ascendancy of Austria's Joerg Haider, the head of Freiheitliche Partei Osterreichs. The report states that "Haider is a young, attractive political leader who admires Adolf Hitler's employment policy."

Foxman noted, "Never mind that Hitler achieved full employment through forced labor and totalitarian rule." He added, "Austria is saddled with a large segment of xenophobic, nostalgic and anti-Semitic people and the countervailing forces are weak."

The report contains brief summaries about four other countries: Great Britain, where anti-Semitism is at the lowest ebb in Western Europe; Italy, until recently there has been little overt manifestation of anti-Semitism; Belgium, strident haterongering against foreigners could easily be directed against Jews, and Spain, now with low levels of anti-Semitism.

Copies of the document are available from the ADL Public Relations Department.

Pro-Israel Circles Are Pleased With Congressional Assignments

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"Feinstein will certainly be a pro-Israel voice on appropriations. She will be an important addition to that committee," said Jess Hordes, Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League.

Feinstein also was named to the Judiciary Committee, along with Carol Moseley Braun (D-Ill.), a move which places two women on the formerly all-male panel.

"The Feinstein appointment on judiciary is a terrific one," said Roth of the Democratic committee. He said the confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas "showed the need for diversity."

The third new Jewish senator, Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), will be serving on the Environment and Banking committees.

On the House side, pro-Israel forces are pleased by the addition of three Jewish representatives to the Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East.

They are Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), a veteran in the House and longtime Israel supporter, and two newcomers: Peter Deutsch (D-Fla.) and David Levy (R-N.Y.).

Their addition to the overall Foreign Affairs Committee helps offset the departure of such pro-Israel stalwarts as Mel Levine (D-Calif.) and Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.), who both lost election bids. Another loss was Rep. Lawrence Smith (D-Fla.), a staunch supporter of Israel who served on the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations.

"We knew going into this

Congress that a lot of the pro-Israel champions — Levine, Solarz, Smith — would be back," said Pelavin of AJCongress. "We will look to others to assume leadership roles."

Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Ind.), who is taking the reins as chairman of the overall Foreign Affairs Committee, is also retaining the chairmanship of the Middle East subcommittee.

According to Jonathan Jacoby, president of Americans for Peace Now, this is a "very good sign," because it shows that Hamilton "will give a high priority to Middle East issues."

While some in the pro-Israel lobby have given only lukewarm praise to Hamilton, Jacoby sees him as "extraordinarily well-versed in Israel/Arab affairs and a strong supporter of Israel and the peace process."

The new ranking Republican on the Foreign Affairs Committee is Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), who is Jewish.

"Gilman's ascension as ranking member is an extremely positive development for our community," said Gary Hiller, congressional affairs director of the National Jewish coalition, a Republican group.

"Gilman has consistently been in the forefront of issues of concern," Hiller said. "His importance to our community is in his ability to garner support given his credibility and integrity among his colleagues."

"The new lineup of members on the Republican side" of the Middle East subcommittee "bodes very well for issues of concern for our community," Hiller said.

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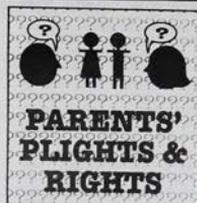
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The public school she attends completed several tests within the past year or so. We wanted to have a second opinion from someone not connected with the school department. We met with a school administrator and were told that we could have an independent evaluation. We were shown a list of three names. We are wondering whether we must select one of the three names given to us or whether we can select anyone else.

In the Dark

Dear in the Dark:

I'll try to shed some light on the situation. There is some illuminating information which may brighten your day. It is indeed appropriate that you first elected to have the district conduct its own evaluations.

You have raised two concerns which parents often voice: Is their child making appropriate progress and is the special education program meeting their needs. Actually, these concerns are highly related.

First, it is important to establish what appropriate progress means in your daughter's case. Most school officials agree that a child who evidences average intelligence would achieve about one academic year of progress. However, there are many factors, in addition to intelligence, which will affect a child's rate of progress. The criteria used to judge the rate of progress needs to be established.

Usually, some combination of formal and informal testing, skill mastery and daily work is used. If the child's rate of progress is in question, then it is reasonable to explore whether the current program is meeting her needs.

Certainly, one procedure for exploring these concerns is through an independent educational evaluation (a second opinion). Federal regulations (34 CFR 300.503 (b)) now incorporated within the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (1990) include procedural safeguards originally set forth in the Education for All Handicapped Children's Act (1975) which provide parents with the right to an independent educational evaluation (IEE) at public expense when the parents disagree with an evaluation conducted by the district.

The regulations specify that an independent evaluator must have at least the same qualifica-

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Stress

Therapist: It's Often Self-Imposed

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter

The next time you feel exasperated from overwork, loss of sleep, helplessness from the job or frustration with your life in general, don't push the panic button. You're probably only suffering from self-imposed stress and simply need someone to speak to about it. R.Y. Donowitz, a certified clinical counselor, tries to help people overcome this malady.

He explained that it's not unusual for most people to become caught up by the everyday rigors of meeting high expectations, deadlines and goals. But stress is a condition that can wreck your life if left

untreated. It has been discovered as a cause of lack of sleep, poor eating habits and breakdown of one's immune system, he explained.

Donowitz has been a trained professional for more than 10 years with experience at Woonsocket's Tri-Hab and Fuller Memorial Hospital at the adolescent unit. He firmly believes that people can change their view on life when they do their homework on themselves.

Aside from his duties as a clinical therapist, Donowitz is also a teacher at the Providence Hebrew Day School during the week, but usually conducts his consultations in the evenings and weekends by appointment only.



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tions as the district's evaluators. Parents, upon request, can obtain a list of qualified evaluators. Federal policy and case law have further established that while districts may provide parents with a list of evaluators in a given geographic area, the list must be "exhaustive." That is, the list must include all persons within a geographic area who are qualified to conduct IEEs. A given "geographic area" has not been defined, specifically. It is reasonable to assume that parents in Rhode Island can select qualified evaluators in Rhode Island, nearby Connecticut and Massachusetts. In special cases, evaluators from more distant locations may be used. Independent evaluators cannot work for the district (conflict of interest).

Thus, you can select a qualified evaluator who is not on the district's list. It is especially important that you identify what activities will constitute an independent evaluation (i.e. parental interview, school observations, teacher interviews, specific areas tested), whether the evaluator(s) is willing to specify the nature and degree of the child's disability,

whether the evaluator(s) will develop recommendations, and whether the evaluator(s) will meet with the district's personnel to represent the best interests of the child.

Be sure to clarify for the evaluator the nature of your concerns. Ultimately, the evaluator may determine that "reasonable" progress has been made, and that the district's evaluations were appropriate.

Should the evaluator determine that your daughter's progress and program are of serious concern, a meeting should be held with your daughter's special education team to discuss the situation.

Dr. Imber is a professor of special education at Rhode Island College, as past president of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, a member of the professional advisory board for the Rhode Island Learning Disabilities Association, and president of Psychoeducational Consultants Inc. Questions about learning and behavioral problems can be directed to him at 145 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. 02906: (421-4004). All communication will be held strictly confidential.

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