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Rabin Plans to Continue Ban On Workers From Territories

by Gil Sedan
and Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin says he is in no rush to end tough restrictions on allowing Palestinians from the administered territories to enter Israel proper.

But the complete ban imposed two weeks ago has been relaxed to permit some Arab workers to reach jobs in sectors of the Israeli economy, such as agriculture, that have been hit hard by labor shortages.

Rabin, who also serves as defense minister, discussed his plan to continue the restrictions April 8 during a special session of the Knesset called to debate the government's response to the recent wave of Palestinian attacks against Jews, which claimed the lives of 15 Israelis last month.

The Knesset debated five no-confidence motions put forth by opposition parties, but it effectively tabled the motions by submitting them to a Knesset committee for future discussion.

Rabin defended his security policy, noting that the closure of the territories apparently has succeeded in its goal of curbing terrorist incidents.

"I hope the Cabinet will decide on April 11 that the closure will continue. I will not define for how long," Rabin told the Knesset.

At the same time, he stressed that the negotiation of a political solution is the only way to resolve the longstanding conflict between Palestinians and Israelis. The quicker a political solution is reached, the quicker the terror will diminish, he said.

Rabin also emphasized the importance of separating Israelis from Palestinians who live in the territories as a way of enhancing Jewish security.

He also said Israel now has a

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Holocaust Museum Chief Asked to Step Down

by Deborah Kalb
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Just weeks before the scheduled opening of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the White House has asked the chairman and vice chairman of the museum's council to leave their posts.

Both the chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, Baltimore builder Harvey Meyerhoff, and the vice chairman, San Francisco

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Clinton Stands Firm on Israel

by Deborah Kalb
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Clinton's meeting here last week with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak demonstrated that intricate diplomacy is essential to overcome the obstacles to resuming the Middle East peace talks.

The Clinton administration is trying to accomplish several things at once in the Middle East, a perpetual trouble spot that has tripped up many past administrations.

As newcomers, Clinton and his foreign policy team are working to gain the trust of both the Israelis and the Arabs. But at the same time, the administration has made a

resumption of the peace talks a high priority, and that has required some diplomatic prod-
ding.

So far, the Israelis are the only Middle East party to accept the joint U.S.-Russian invitation to return for a new round of talks here April 20.

While Syria and Jordan appear ready to resume negotiations, the Palestinians, still embarrassed by Israel's expulsion in December of 415 Moslem fundamentalists from the administered territories, do not want to return to the talks without exacting some concessions from Israel.

Under a compromise worked out in January between Israel
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Warsaw Ghetto Memorial

This monument by the late Polish sculptor Nathan Rapoport on the site of the Warsaw Ghetto serves as an eternal tribute to the heroism and martyrdom of the thousands of Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis during the Warsaw Ghetto uprising 50 years ago. The monument, more than 20 feet high, depicts the partisans who, with handmade explosives and limited arms and ammunition, held off the German Army for weeks until the entire ghetto was reduced to rubble in the spring of 1943. See the Herald's special Yom HaShoah section on Pages 10 and 11 this week for stories about Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.



CAPTIVATED — Kishona Goodman is captivated by her father Rabbi Sol Goodman's message to the audience at the Passover seder for the Jewish Home for the Aged on April 5.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Jewish Community Celebrates Pesach

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

Jews everywhere celebrated Pesach this year with traditional and community seders in honor of "The Holiday of Freedom," marking the Hebrews' deliverance out of Egypt by Moses.

On April 5, the Jewish Home for the Aged was the scene of a large community seder attended by more than 100 residents and their guests. Rabbi Sol Goodman shared the head table with President Sol Zeichner and his wife, Janet, and resident-volunteers.

Each table was filled with plates of fresh foods and kosher wine to be used in an abbrevi-

ated seder. "Since many of the residents are old and don't have the memory to recall the whole ceremony, Rabbi Goodman does a shorter, more informal version," Patricia Dwyer, vice president of public relations, told a visitor.

As Rabbi Goodman lit the first candles of Passover, Rose Fite, a resident, read the Blessing before a hushed audience. Only the sounds of two small boys were discernible from the corner, where Bill and Susan Markson, visiting Bill's father Jesse, were teaching their sons, Jay Benjamin and Sam, the meaning of each food. The boys were more than willing to

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INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE



Bert W. Rosengarter displays his prized possession—a bronzé ink stand made in 1838 by Alphonse Giroux.

Herald photo by Jeannette Hidalgo

Mass. Antique Show has Something for Everyone

by Jeannette Hidalgo
Special to the Herald

"Collecting Antiques is a big treasure hunt and a lot of fun," remarked Bert W. Rosengarter at Lighthouse Promotions annual spring antique show recently in Swansea, Mass.

Rosengarter was one of the dozens of antique enthusiasts who gathered at the Venus de Milo for the show that draws antique collectors and dealers from all over New England every spring.

John Domingos of Lighthouse Promotions coordinates the antique shows.

There was a little bit of everything at the show, with prices ranging from just a few dollars to a few thousand dollars.

Rosengarter, of the Antique Collaborative of Cambridge, showed off a beautiful French 19th century brass plaque of the 12 tribes adorned with colored glass, which he believes to be birthstones. "It's very hard to find antique Judaica," Rosengarter noted. The plaque was the only piece visible at the show. At the same exhibit, Rosengarter proudly displayed what he says is his best piece, A bronzé ink stand in the shape of a horse made by Alphonse Giroux in 1838. Giroux was the designer, manufacturer and outfitter of Louis XVIII, Charles X and the Duchesse de Berry during Napoleon's times.

"This piece would cost three times as much in Paris," noted Rosengarter, who was asking \$950 for the piece.

Every item at the show had its own story, Rosengarter explained. "The price for these things is really moderate, because the skill and the labor involved in making these objects would take today in dollars and cents more than we could afford." The price for some items barely covers the cost of materials.

Corinne Flavin, a collector from Milton, Mass., displayed a variety of interesting pieces including a Madame Alexander doll in need of rubber bands to hold it together. The doll was made in about 1935. She also had a small Eftanbee doll.

A doll house in need of some minor repairs was at Bob Burns' exhibit. The miniature house, which he believes was made circa 1910 in Europe, was found at an estate in Massachusetts' South Shore. Burns is a wholesaler from North Eastham, Mass.

One of the most colorful displays was that of Jackie and Frank Nuccio of Keepers of the

Past in South Hamilton, Mass. Fine china and pottery from Dresden, Meissen, Limoge, Minton, Wedgwood and Dedham were beautifully set up on several tables.

Custom furniture could be seen at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, collector Dorothy Milton's display. A Gateleg table with one drawer was the most expensive piece.

Many exhibitors displayed their antique jewelry in glass cases. Almost anything collectors might be looking for could be found.

Those who missed the show can plan to attend the New Year's Day show, also at the Venus de Milo.



A Gateleg table with one drawer (at right) was one of several custom furniture pieces at the show. Herald photo by Jeannette Hidalgo

Sports Challenge Will Benefit Blind

Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness will hold its first "Sight Saver Sports Challenge" on May 15 at 1 p.m., at New England Health & Racquet Clubs, 15 Catamore Blvd., East Providence, and 2191 Post Road, Warwick.

Businesses, health clubs and open divisions are invited to participate. Teams will be com-

prised of five members competing in five events: target racquetball, obstacle course, wallyball, water relay and basketball shoot.

Entry fees will benefit RISP's vital sight-saving programs. Half of all blindness can be prevented.

For more information, call 738-1150.

Clinton Stands Firm on Israel

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and the United States, Israel agreed to negotiate with all the parties. Washington reportedly has offered the Palestinians a package of concessions, conditioned on a Palestinian agreement to return to the talks.

Assistant Secretary of State Edward Djerejian told Arab journalists in Cairo via satellite last week that "a very significant package of statements, gestures and actions has been elaborated which could and will come into play as soon as the Palestinians make a positive decision to come to the round on April 20."

State Department officials would not comment on the specifics of the offer. But the United States reportedly has asked Israel to consider allowing Jerusalem resident Faisal Hussein to serve as the head of the Palestinian negotiating delegation.

Under the original agreement before the peace talks began in Madrid in October 1991, the Israelis refused to accept Jerusalem residents as official members of the Palestinian delegation, fearing such an arrangement would be interpreted as an indirect Israeli recognition of Palestinian rights in Jerusalem.

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But, while not leaning on

OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

The National Volunteer Week Associates will hold a **celebration reception** to honor directors, coordinators and leaders of volunteers at the Statehouse April 16 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Awards will be given to agencies for excellence in nonprofit management and for model volunteer programs and community service.

The Rhode Island College Programming Board will sponsor a **RIC-EMD 5K Fun Run/Walk** on April 18 to benefit Rhode Island Project/AIDS. Registration begins at 10 a.m. on the day of the race on the RIC campus. For information, call 456-8045.

The Comeback Coalition will meet May 11 and June 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Pawtucket Public Library. The group will coordinate an **Earth Day Volunteer Cleanup** on April 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at Slater Mill Historic Site, Pawtucket. Anyone interested in helping may call Holly Begley at 725-8638.

The Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness is searching for the most beautiful eyes in Rhode Island. To enter the **"Most Beautiful Eyes Contest"** (children 12 and younger or adult category) submit a photo, an entry form and a \$10 fee. Call Prevent Blindness at 738-1150 for an entry form. A "Contest Kickoff" begins April 18 and May 16 at the Warwick Mall from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 738-1150.

Using the circus as its theme, Channel 36 will present its **"Under the Big Top Auction"** April 18 through 23 beginning 7 p.m. each evening. The auction will incorporate a circus theme to place more than 1,000 items up for bid. For more information, call 273-3636.

The Environment Council of Rhode Island will hold its **eighth annual dinner auction** on April 30 beginning 6:30 p.m. at Johnson & Wales Hospitality Center, 1150 Narragansett Blvd., Cranston. Prepaid reservations must be mailed by April 19 to ECRI, P.O. Box 8765, Cranston, R.I. 02920. For more information, call 621-8048.

School teachers, librarians and administrators who are interested in attending this summer's annual **Taft Institute Seminar in government** from June 21 through July 2 should apply by May 1. For more information, call 456-8056.

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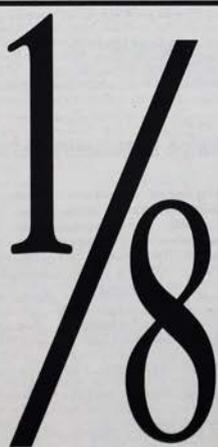
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Two Among 36

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
Solid Waste Management doesn't operate in a warehouse next to the landfill. You find its headquarters right on West Exchange Street next door to the Arts Council, in a fancy space with awnings shading the grand entrance.

Erica Guttman, reduction/recycling program manager, told me about her office's efforts to reduce junk. I had stepped off the street on Friday morn and asked for Erica and for Steve Kaufman. Steve uses

example. Traditional societies make less junk, and then recycle better. They have to. They choose to."

Steve went further. "Our capitalist economy is based on throwing out the old and buying the new."

Steve has "a knack for computers." He can tell from his aerie, this town lighthouse, what's leeching out and what's kept intact by the belts that hold the landfill tight.

"But doesn't that only make the task of biodegrading worse, because air can't get into the piles of throwaway stuff?"

Steve said to me quite frankly, "I suppose that's true."
Erica promised me, "It's only a matter of time. Everything decomposes sooner or later."

"You think?"
"I know."

I tossed out a few big questions. "What is earth, dirt, soil, clay? We call it the good earth, common clay, but does our garbage melt into compost?"

Steve and Erica had a go at that one. They agreed, "Life goes back to the ground. Then things grow in it. Yes."

I put another one out on the table. "The things we value fade and vanish. But the objects they try and get rid of, they go on forever. Life everlasting in the landfill."

And I try to steer our talk toward Jewish values. I chose Erica and Steve because they are Jewish. They send Omar

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computers to keep track of what goes into the landfill. I call it the big dump. On my first visit, we stood at his desk, Erica and I, and had a brief chat.

"Why don't we do this story with a grant to go round the world and hike through dumps in every country on earth? Are we Americans the bad guys in trash crime, or is it our whole species that's at fault?"

Erica said, "We set a bad

Wheels of Commerce

(Editor's Note: The following is the first of a two-part reflective piece. Part II will run next week.)

by Harold Bloom
Special to the Herald

By the time the 1930s rolled around, the wheels of commerce in the United States had pretty much evolved from iron-trimmed wooden wagon wheels to rubber-tired steel automotive wheels.

Housewives would wait at their windows at the proper times, and they would call their orders down as the horse slowly clip-clopped along the street.

Nevertheless, there were still some rugged individualists in Providence who carried out their businesses from anarchistic horse-drawn wagons. In fact, a few such conveyances were operating until just before the start of World War II.

I was particularly aware of this mode of commerce, because my Zaided, Joseph Lubin, owned and operated one of these "horse and teams" as he peddled fruits and vegetables in South Providence during the days of my childhood. Two other such produce vendors I remember were Mr. Altman and Mr. Lass.

It is only fair to point out that there were even more primitive wheels of commerce in operation during part of this period — pushcarts! Not the romantic versions you see on "Hester

Street," but rather rickety, grimy, discard-filled carts used by two or three early "recyclers" — the junk men who collected rags, bottles and odd pieces of metal.

Using their own "musclepower" rather than "horsepower," they propelled their carts through town, and delivered their gleanings to the various junk "dealers" on Ash Street (a now-defunct road located one block south of Willard Avenue, off Hilton Street).

From the junk men, I and a couple of my 8- to 10-year-old cohorts would occasionally earn nickles and dimes by bringing them pieces of aluminum, copper and lead, or bottles that we had scavenged from the vacant lot on Willard Avenue, or the dump on Eddy Street.

Getting back to the produce vendors: all three of them

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CRUSHED FOR CONSERVATION—Adam Marks, plant manager for New England Container Recovery Inc., shows what happens to soda cans at their recycling facility in Johnston.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

A Secret Trail

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
"They did something right for a change in Rhode Island. I feel good about the way they used my money." A fellow cyclist said these words as he rolled slowly past me on the East Bay bike path. Everybody says the same thing.

I joined the bandwagon kind of late in the game.

"You retired?" he asked me.

"No way!"

I just grabbed one free afternoon hour among my chores and cruised from Bristol to Warren and back. The way it happened was, I drove to the Bristol Art Museum to cover a show. Workmen had just taken it down. I stepped out into the sunny courtyard among the stone statues of goddesses with missing arms or feet, angels with broken wings, lovers with no faces. Had Abraham stepped into this patio and had a go at false gods?

The sun peeped shyly through the rough clouds. I sneaked around the lovely village square and came upon a bike repair shop that rents two-wheelers. An American '40s model, clunky and patriotically proud like a Plymouth of the period, stands at the entrance like a floor antique. They fixed

me up with a three-speed Japanese model and off I went.

The bike path draws a magic circle around the East Bay. All they did was turn an abandoned railroad track system into a toy mini-road, boy-narrow, snake-slim. It crosses the highways heavy with vehicles and cuts through backyards, curving along the coves, swamps and eelgrass.

I happened to be dressed just right for the early spring day: in a khaki jacket, scarf and cap. A black toy poodle trotted beside me. A pair of twins cruised along before their wheeler mom, in a stroller. A couple of toughs with wide strips of leather strapped around their torsos sped past me.

Though my seat felt hard and my neck got a crick, I just kept on going. Hadn't had so much fun in a long time. Birds chirped and eyed nests waited. Ducks swam by. The salty brine was fine. I sniffed the good moist earth. Even the noises of human voices

drifted out of shacks and bourgeois homesteads like something from another dimension.

I had biked from Hampden Meadows to Bristol as a boy in wartime, on a American bicycle.

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EDITORIAL

It's Not for Us to Say Which Is Right or Wrong

In reply, again, to Rabbi Avi Shafraan's letter this week, the editor would like to clarify a few points of her own.

For the record:
1) Editorials, unless they are signed opinion pieces or letters to the editor, are not "editorial"; they are called "editorial" because they are written by the editor. The editor of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* is Anne Davidson.

2) The rabbi says he was "misstated and then attacked." The editorial to which the rabbi refers ran alongside the opinion piece it criticized, both ran side by side for the public to judge and critique for themselves. If the editorial "attacked" references made in Shafraan's piece, then it was because Shafraan's piece made assertions about and "attacked" the gay community.

3) The reference to pink armbands in last week's editorial was quite deliberate — though not gratuitous and certainly not meant as an insult. It was chosen specifically to point to the rabbi's use of language ("unless it is flaunted, homosexuality is undetectable..."). The reference to the Holocaust was not

used to insult survivors nor to belittle the loss felt by family members who lost loved ones during that tragic time.

Rabbi Shafraan this week lumps homosexuals into the same lot as child molesters, alcoholics, gamblers and drug users. He compares the current lack of legislation for "equal rights" of gays to the fact that "equal rights" also do not give inebriated alcoholics a right to drive, nor child molesters the right to work in day care centers.

In the same paragraph, he also says that he feels "society should have the right to deny someone who flaunts his sexual choice." One would assume he is referring to gays in this statement. Do all gays flaunt their sexual choice? As the rabbi himself said last week, "gays... need not look or act differently from the rest of us."

What about heterosexuals who flaunt their sexual choice? The fact that "most moral folk" wouldn't want gays to be legally protected, to use the rabbi's own words, "is — and should be — of little import to any truly open-minded person."

What this writer objects to most of all in Rabbi Shafraan's latest letter is his liberal use of the words "moral" (twice) and "immoral" (four times). Whether he intends to or not, he has climbed atop a pedestal of heterosexual "moral" judgments to look down upon the "immoral" homosexuals.

Shafraan has lumped the scientific together with his religious beliefs. He states clearly that homosexuality is immoral. But a judgement of the morality of a person's sexuality is not generally a factor in scientific research.

Research abounds on both sides of the issue — is sexuality genetically predetermined or a choice? Rabbi Shafraan cites a number of studies to support his reasoning. But by the same token, just last year, a study asserted there is a gene that determines homosexuality. The *Journal Science* reported an experiment that found that the hypothalamus in the brain of heterosexual men was two times larger than in homosexual men (Simon LeVay of the Salk Institute).

It is not for us to dictate which is right or wrong. The fact is, some people may well choose to be gay; others may be born homosexuals. But who is to say that one person's sexuality is the "right" or "moral" one versus the other?

Rabbi Shafraan's view, while again oversimplified, is his own — just as this editorial reflects the opinions of this writer.

Letters to the EDITOR For the Record ...

To the Editor:

A writer expects to occasionally be misunderstood. To be deliberately and maliciously misrepresented, though, is quite another matter.

In an unsigned editorial in (appropriately enough) the *April Herald*, my opinion on the issue of special legislation to legitimate homosexual lifestyles was entirely misstated and then attacked.

For the record:
1) The contention that homosexuality is essentially a choice and not genetically predetermined is supported by a wealth of sociological and ethnological evidence. *Padgug, 1979; Werks, 1977; Payer, 1984; Hicquinghem, 1978 and Bray, 1982* would be good places to begin checking data. Four of the six presentations at the February, 1987 conference on homosexual behavior at Brown University also were explicitly "nominalist" — i.e. regarded humans as inherently neither homo- nor heterosexual, but simply sexual, and hence open to persuasion in such matters. The fact that "Most gays would disagree" is — and should be — of little import to any truly open-minded person.

2) The concept of "equal rights" does not protect — and never has protected — any and all behavior. Society denies inebriated alcoholics (much more likely genetically predisposed to their behavior than "homosexuals") a right to drive. No one has the right to disturb the public peace late at night. Child molesters should have no right to work in day care centers. Does the *Herald* disagree? Well, I feel that members of society should have the right to deny someone who flaunts his sexual choice of (what they consider an immoral) lifestyle a room in their homes or a position in their schools.

3) I have (I state once again) no comment whatsoever for people practicing homosexuality — nor do I for sinners of

any sort in our time. I wish them the strength to examine and change the choices they have made, but even if they never do, they can still be friends of mine. Can't one feel strongly about, say, gambling or drug use without hating gamblers or drug users? Don't call me hateful, *Herald*, without evidence.

4) It has become common (though no less odious for its frequency) to gratuitously use Nazi metaphors, as insults — and especially gratifying if it is a rabbi (not to mention one who lost many family members in the Holocaust) who is being insulted. My feeling that homosexual behavior should not be legally protected in no way (does it really have to be stated?) implies a desire to have (homosexuals wear pink armbands.) My whole point was that if homosexuals simply keep their lifestyles to themselves, no one else will care what they might be. I just don't want anyone to be legally protected to set what I — and most moral folk — consider a bad example for the more impressionable members of society.

5) If someone I loved announced his belief that he was a "homosexual," I would react precisely as if he had announced that he was a drug user or a bigot. I would talk to him about choosing a more moral path in life, about the incredible ability of the human will to change its apparent destiny. But yet, I would still want any blatant immoral behavior on his part to be unprotected by law. I would love him no less than before his announcement — just as I harbor no ill will toward a stranger who has made immoral choices. Can the *Herald's* editorials understand that my desire to never have to face a loved one caught up in immoral behavior is precisely why I want such behavior to remain legally unprotected?

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Believe in Miracles

At this month's Academy Awards ceremony, the famous Italian film director Federico Fellini was awarded an honorary "Oscar." In his acceptance speech, he said "The visionary is the only true realist."

Maybe so, but the quote was paraphrased from another famous man, Israel's, late Ben Gurion, who once said, "In Israel, in order to be a realist, one has to believe in miracles."

Hans Heimann
Cranston

Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

Bullitt Praises Jewish Tenacity

NEW YORK — The American people have something of "the tenacity of the persecuted Jews," declared William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to France and to Soviet Russia, in a speech before the Pan-European Conference here. In urging a European Federation based on the terms of the Atlantic Charter, he said, "We Americans have a peculiar relationship and obligation to Europe."

WEEK OF APRIL 16, 1943

Exiles to Assist Fighting French

NEW YORK — A group of the most notable Jewish exiles now in the United States have formed a Free French Committee under the auspices of the United Jewish War Effort to raise funds among American Jews for fighting French Relief.

Servicemen Invited to Passover Service

PROVIDENCE — Because of wartime restrictions, Jewish servicemen, who will remain at their posts during the Passover holiday, will be guests of the Providence Army and Navy committee of the Jewish Welfare Board at a community seder to be held Tuesday night, 8 o'clock, at the Jewish Community Center, 65 Benefit Street. Rabbi Israel M. Goldman, of Temple Emanuel, will conduct the Seder Service, assisted by Cantor Jacob Hohenemser and Arthur Einstein.

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OPINIONS

Do You Really Mean 'Never Again?'

by Cecile Surasky

Special to the Herald

And so the endless debate over the origins of homosexuality rages on, once again obscuring the real issues that are at stake in the struggle over civil rights for lesbians and gay men. The real issue is that in this free, democratic country, it is neither just nor reasonable to discriminate against an entire category of people simply because of who they love or desire.

Most who argue that gays and lesbians do not deserve the same civil rights afforded to other citizens justify their arguments by quoting from biblical scriptures. And even though all lesbian and gay civil rights bills have religious exemptions, these religious activists still push to create what is in reality a state religion.

Jews have been able to settle and flourish here, free from the threats of state persecution that haunted us in other parts of the world, precisely because of the constitutional separation of church and state. When Jews push to create legislation based on interpretations of G-d's truth, they risk invoking the specter that has haunted us our entire history. And Jews, more than anyone, should understand the dangers of using religion to scapegoat an entire community of people.

Jews, more than anyone, should understand that there is a relationship between words of hate and intolerance, and actions of hate and intolerance — that one eventually leads to the other. We know that whenever Jews have been attacked, murdered and enslaved, those actions were justified by popular beliefs that "Jews are genetically impure, Jew are different from us, Jews are anti-Christian. There are some nice Jews, but I certainly wouldn't want them in my house or near my children. Why do they always have to flaunt their Jewishness? Why can't they just be like us?"

Jews more than anyone know what it means to be pariahs in their host lands. As gays and lesbians, we, too, are pariahs. Most do not realize that in Rhode Island, gays and lesbians can be kicked out of our apartments or fired from our jobs simply because we are gay or lesbian. We can be denied access to credit or public accommodations.

The litany is long and endless; a lesbian in a 10-year relationship is taken to an emergency room after a seizure and her partner is denied entry because they are not legally married.

A gay man loses his job when his longtime lover is sick with AIDS and she stays home to care for him; he is not enti-

For the Record ...

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And can he or she finally accept all of my words for what they say, and not what he or she imagines they must mean? If so, thank you.

Rabbi Avi Shafren
Providence

led to a single day of family sick leave because in the eyes of the law, they are not a family.

A divorced mother loses custody of her children — even though they want to live with her, because the judge is informed that she is a lesbian. We could go on and on but these are the daily facts of the lives of millions of lesbians and gay men. This is why we fight for civil rights.

Jews more than anyone should know that actively campaigning to deny others their civil rights is not a morally neutral act. To say "But I would never discriminate against them or deny them their humanity" is to miss the point entirely.

As Jews, we know that the denial of rights is merely the prelude to the denial of humanity. And those who believe that someone is less than human, believe also that there are no moral consequences when they harass, assault or murder them. Hence the epidemic of anti-gay and lesbian violence that silently plagues this country.

Every year, thousands of people are the victims of anti-gay violence; they are punched, beaten, raped and even killed simply because they are perceived to be gay or lesbian.

Many of the perpetrators, usually pairs or groups of young men, often part of skin-head or neo-Nazi groups, see nothing wrong with their actions because they don't believe that gays or lesbians are fully human. Their religion teaches them so. Their military teaches them so. Their state that denies civil rights to gays and lesbians teaches them so.

It is a pogrom mentality, a mentality that Jews are all too familiar with. And as with the pogroms of Eastern Europe, the violence continues to escalate because those in power are deafeningly silent. They do not speak out to condemn the violence or the bigotry. Their silence says, "G-d did not create us all equally. It is all right because they are not members of our community."

Homosexuals' and Jews' shared history of violent persecution gives them a special bond. Gays and lesbians stood side by side with Jews in the boxcars headed for Hitler's death camps. Homosexuals were burned alive along with Jews during the Spanish Inquisition.

Gay men and Jews languish in Russian prisons, and today in Germany, homosexuals are daily victims of crimes of hate as are Jews and foreigners. Many Jewish gays and lesbians have been doubly victimized, cast out by a world that sees us as immoral because we are Jews, cast out by our Jewish families who see us as immoral because we are gays and lesbians.

As gays and lesbians and as Jews, this is the world that we see each day:

- On network television, an American Klan leader, trying to go "mainstream," openly calls for the execution of all homosexuals.

- After weeks of harassment, skinheads in Oregon firebomb the home of a disabled gay man and a black lesbian. The victims are burned alive in the fire.

- A white supremacist church in Colorado distributes a booklet entitled *Death Penalty for Homosexuals as Prescribed in the Bible* similar to a pamphlet it has distributed targeting the Jewish Anti-Defamation League.

- Discharge proceedings are initiated against a former "Marine of the Year," a 10-year veteran with a superior performance record, simply because he is gay. Thousands like him are discharged, many dishonorably. They lose pensions, pride, their careers, sometimes their lives.

- Tom Metzger's White Aryan Resistance calls for the quarantining of all gays.

And we could go on and on and on...

And despite this common bond of persecution, we are sad to know that a small number of Jews today also share a common sentiment with the Ku Klux Klan, white supremacist groups and neo-Nazis.

We are saddened and concerned that their common bond is a denial of the full humanity of gays and lesbians, so much so that they feel we do not deserve equal civil or human rights. They say, like the Klan, like neo-Nazis, that we are immoral, abhorrent, the cause of moral decay. They say we deserve to be pariahs because the homosexual act is wrong.

We say to those fellow Jews that gays and lesbians are but one of many in a long line of history's scapegoats. And when we are denied recognition as citizens, and as hu-

mans, most Jews know that they are not far behind us.

Today, the Jewish leaders in Oregon and Colorado are among the most outspoken critics of the campaigns to roll back civil rights for gays and lesbians.

All across the country, the religious right is waging a campaign that scapegoats gays and lesbians — a campaign that says that gays are richer, better-educated, and more powerful than heterosexuals. A campaign that says that gays and lesbians may be nice people but that they are immoral because they are breaking G-d's laws. A campaign that says that gays and lesbians are out to indoctrinate children, are mentally unstable. A campaign that uses slick propaganda films featuring pseudo-scientists talking about the inherent immorality of gays and lesbians. A campaign that is accompanied by a sharp rise in anti-gay violence wherever it goes. A campaign that sounds eerily familiar to Jews.

Less than a year ago, the editors of Oregon's largest newspaper, *The Oregonian*, published a 12-part editorial entitled "Oregon's Inquisition." The series was written in response to Proposition 9, an anti-gay initiative that would have changed the state constitution to outlaw lesbian and gay civil rights and would have required the public school system to teach that homosexuality is an abnormal behavior on par with pedophilia and sadomasochism — an attitude identical to one expressed recently in the pages of this newspaper.

On Oct. 29, 1992, the editors wrote:

Correction

Last week's candlelighting time was one hour too late. The time should have read 7:02 p.m. We apologize for the error and for any inconvenience this may have caused our readers.

"Why title these editorials 'Oregon's Inquisition?' we have been asked. Measure 9 promises behavior much like that of the 13th century fanatics behind the medieval Inquisition. Consider:

- Both insist on an unwavering church doctrine.

- Both brand those thought to be wayward as sinners.

- Both transform these heretics into enemies of the state.

- Both seek to purify the state and to make those who are different unwelcome or endangered.

- Both penalize non-heretics who support the outcasts' behavior.

- Both seek out heretics and those who defend them without waiting for complaints and evidence of a problem.

- Both include punishments such as public censure and loss of property or privilege — in the modern case jobs, contracts, licenses, ...

- Those who want to resist this medieval morality will vote no on 9."

And so wrote the editors of *The Oregonian*. Although they and virtually every major institution in Oregon came out against the bill, including Oregon's Jewish Federation, Republican party and Catholic Diocese, 43 percent of the voters in Oregon voted for it. Those who organized the campaign have learned to tone down their language, but their goals are the same. They've

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Deaths by Arabs Have Died Down

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's move to seal off Israel proper from the administered territories ap-

pears to have achieved its goal of stemming the bloody wave of violence that claimed 15 Israeli lives last month.

No Palestinian attacks on Israelis were reported last week-end.

But the heightened tension in the territories resulted in the tragic killing of one Jewish settler in the West Bank. A policeman was shot to death by Israeli soldiers after he failed to obey orders to stop at two roadblocks.

The dead man, Eitan Massika, had left his home in Ma'aleh Efraim on the night of April 2 and picked up three hitchhiking soldiers on his way west toward Tel Aviv.

Massika, 31, ignored soldiers' orders to stop at one roadblock, apparently suspecting they were Arabs. The soldiers notified the next roadblock ahead about the "suspicious" car.

When he also failed to stop at the second roadblock, soldiers fired at the car, killing Massika and wounding two of his hitchhiking passengers.

According to an initial army investigation, the soldiers acted according to regulations, firing at a vehicle that refused to stop at roadblocks.

Dean of Rabbinical School Resigns

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Joel Roth, dean of the Jewish Theological Seminary's rabbinical school, has resigned in the wake of a scandal that has derailed the career of the Conservative movement's most prominent interpreter of Jewish law and tradition.

Roth resigned from the position March 29, several days after allegedly making a sexually explicit statement to a student at the seminary's West Coast affiliate, the Los Angeles-based University of Judaism.

Roth was one of six members of a committee interviewing a candidate for admission to the rabbinical school. According to an eyewitness, he made sexually suggestive remarks to the male student, leaving the other committee members stunned and angry.

"He said inappropriate things to the student," said Rabbi Eliot Dorff, the university provost and a member of the committee conducting the interview. Roth has "some deep-seated problems for which he needs help," Dorff said.

Roth did not return phone calls, and a family member, reached at home, said he was unavailable for comment.

But Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, the seminary's chancellor, said Roth resigned "because he felt he was becoming increasingly

ineffective in his post as dean and was concerned it would impair the school, as well as the seminary."

The incident is significant in part because Roth has been a leading opponent of the Conservative movement taking a more liberalized approach on matters of sexuality. He recently led a campaign in the movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards to prohibit the ordination of gay and lesbian rabbis.

It is also not the first time Roth has been accused of sexual impropriety. In fact, the Los Angeles incident occurred after a month in which Roth was surrounded by a storm of controversy over a much earlier incident in which he allegedly harassed a student sexually.

That incident, which allegedly occurred nine years ago, was brought to the attention of everyone at JTS through an unsigned letter distributed at the seminary five weeks ago.

Roth served as dean of the seminary's rabbinical school for several years until 1984, when he stepped down.

Rabin Plans

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unique opportunity to end its dependency on Palestinian labor.

But the ban on Palestinians entering Israel has been partially lifted in recent days, with some 3,000 Arab workers allowed to enter Israel proper April 8.

Many stayed at home, though, apparently nervous about being the first to return to work.

The relaxation in restrictions was in response to the pressing needs of Israeli employers, particularly in agriculture, who rely on cheap manual Palestinian labor.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir proposed several measures to tighten control over Palestinian workers, which she said would be presented to the cabinet. Among the proposals were:

- Requiring Israeli employers to pay minimum wage to any worker, regardless of whether he is Israeli or Palestinian. The move would reduce the attractiveness of employing Arabs from the territories.
- Granting work permits to individual Palestinians, as opposed to group permits now given to contractors. The measure would help enable more effective supervision over who enters Israel.
- More vigilant police enforcement of the regulations, including punishment of offending Israeli employers.

These proposed measures are expected to reduce drastically the number of Palestinians allowed to work in Israel, even after the total ban is gradually lifted in stages.

But Rabin's aim to separate Palestinians from Jews has come under criticism not only from Arab leaders in the territories, but also from the political opposition.



NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Lubavitcher rebbe's 91st birthday recently was celebrated by his Hasidim and admirers in an array of special events held around the world. For his adoring followers, the birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson on April 2 was especially meaningful, since it was just over a year ago that he suffered a stroke so debilitating that he was not seen in public for six months and still has not regained the ability to speak.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Participants in the first international consultation between Jews and representatives of Eastern Orthodox Christianity concluded their meeting in Athens by saying there was a need for further gatherings "for an improved knowledge of the two traditions." They said that racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia must be addressed at future conferences, according to their closing communique.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Sniper fire punctuated the Hebrew prayers and Ladino songs, as the Sarajevo Jewish community center held a seder last week for 200 people, among them the president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, religious leaders of the Moslem, Catholic and Orthodox communities and representatives of American Jewry.

The seder was held on the afternoon of the first day of Passover, because a shaky cease-fire provided no protection for those who would venture out into the Bosnian night. No children asked the four questions or searched for the afikomen; all Jewish children were evacuated months ago.

INTERNATIONAL

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) — British Holocaust-denier David Irving, refused entry to Australia following strong protests by the Jewish community, has said he will not only successfully overcome an Australian ban but will add New Zealand to his tour schedule. Speaking on New Zealand national radio, Irving said, "I will be very surprised if the Jewish community of New Zealand is foolish enough to try to come out and get me banned" there. In an interview with another station, Radio Pacific, Irving said he intends "to follow through with a number of libel suits" against Australian Jews who opposed his visit.

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NEWS BRIEFS



INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (ITA) — Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz says he and the Jewish Agency will cooperate fully with a police investigation into alleged financial irregularities at the agency. The investigation was triggered by a formal complaint from Likud Knesset member Limor Livnat following a report by the Jewish Agency comptroller on the agency's financial affairs that was made public in February. The report was prompted, in part, by highly publicized charges that Dinitz misused Jewish Agency credit cards, including for personal business. The charges were an embarrassment to the agency, which is the largest recipient of funds collected in the United States by the United Jewish Appeal and elsewhere by Keren Hayesod.

JERUSALEM (ITA) — Riots broke out during the Passover holiday in fervently Orthodox neighborhoods of the city in protest over archeological excavations of caves in northern Jerusalem where Jews were supposedly buried in ancient times. The April 7 protests were triggered after several dozen Orthodox residents inspected a just-completed dig in Pisgat Ze'ev and were forced away from the site by police who were summoned by workers from the Israel Antiquities Authority.

BONN (ITA) — A federal court has upheld a ban imposed by the government several months ago against three right-wing neo-Nazi organizations. The Federal Administrative Court here rejected on April 8 an appeal submitted by the group against the ban imposed by Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters. The court ruled the ban was legal, since all three groups had demonstrated their attachment to Nazi ideology and values.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (ITA) — The United States will review a host of Cold War sanctions applied against Russia, including the trade restrictions imposed by the 1974 Jackson-Vanik Amendment, President Clinton announced last week after a summit meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Russia has long sought to gain most-favored-nation trade status with the United States, but under Jackson-Vanik, America linked the trade benefit to Russia's emigration policies.

Both Sides Submit Conclusions In Investigation

by Aaron London
American Israelite

CINCINNATI (ITA) — Lawyers for convicted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk told the U.S. Court of Appeals here that the U.S. government's conduct in the case against their client "included repeated misrepresentations" that were "probably intentional."

The charges were contained in a 167-page document submitted to the court two weeks ago as part of the investigation into alleged misconduct by the U.S. Department of Justice in its effort to have Demjanjuk deported.

Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel in 1986, where he was sentenced to death for crimes committed as "Ivan the Terrible," the notorious Treblinka death camp guard.

The 72-year-old former Cleveland auto worker is awaiting a decision on his appeal of the sentence.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided last June to reopen the case and appointed a special master, U.S. District Judge Thomas Wiseman Jr. of Nashville, to look into allegations that the U.S. government had withheld exculpatory evidence regarding Demjanjuk.

The Justice Department also

Both Rabin and Shamir Face Charge They Ignored Call to Fire GSS Head

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (ITA) — A television report that both Prime Ministers Yitzhak Shamir and Yitzhak Rabin ignored recommendations to fire the head of the General Security Service has created a political sensation here.

In addition, both Attorney General Yosef Harish and Advocate General Dorit Benish issued a joint statement last weekend denying an insinuation in the same report that they had recommended that the official be fired.

Although the report disclosed little new information and no changes were expected at the head of the GSS, known as the Shin Bet, public discussion alone of an official in such a sensitive position is enough to capture headlines in local media.

Both Rabin and the Cabinet rejected charges about shortcomings in the performance of the Shin Bet director, whose identity is not allowed to be revealed by the media.

Rabin termed the report an old story and said its broadcast now was "irresponsible and harmful in the war against terror."

Newspaper reporters noted that the recommendation to remove the official was 2 years old and speculated that either the political opposition or a power struggle within the secret service was behind the issue being raised anew.

The entire affair over the Shin Bet head began three years ago, when anonymous letters received at the office of



Can You Help Us?

This unidentified photograph was donated to the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, so we presume that the ladies might have been connected with that organization. We also presume that the man might be a dignitary of the city or state. Contact the association at 331-1360 if you have a clue.

Holocaust Museum Chief

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businessman William Lowenberg, have been asked to remain until April 30.

The museum's dedication ceremonies are scheduled for April 22, and it will open to the public on April 26.

The council serves as a development arm of the museum, which was constructed with over \$150 million in private funds. Though built with private funds, the museum stands on donated public land and is in the process of being turned over to the U.S. government.

Meyerhoff has been devoted to the museum. Sources said he had donated about \$6 million toward its construction.

"Mr. Lowenberg and I fully

understand and respect the president's desire to appoint new council leadership," Meyerhoff said in a statement last week. "We will continue to work with the White House and the new leadership to ensure a smooth transition and successful start-up of museum operations."

Meyerhoff said he and Lowenberg were asked to remain on the council after they step down from their posts.

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FEATURE



A Room With A View

Ari Heckman displays his winning *Herald* Passover Art Contest entry at the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald's* awards ceremony at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on April 1.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley



Two Among 36

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with his camera to meet Adam Marx, who is Jewish. I bring up "tikken olam," the care of the world G-d gave unto us.

Erica said, "I'm half Jewish, and it's the wrong side. My dad was always an environmentalist, my mom's Presbyterian."

But they get a kick out of relating their work to Jewish tradition and custom. Didn't our fathers or grandfathers gather rags, old bottles, scrap metal?

We let a week go by to recycle our ideas and get together again the next Friday morning. Erica and Steve, with their assistant, John Trevor, set up a slide show about the landfill, and spilled the contents of a blue recycling basket upon a grand table. They carefully explained the tasks they take on.

People with gloved hands separate our bags of litter — at least in sample doses, for study. Magnets pick metals, glass is bashed for re-use. Paper gets shredded, leaves



Remembering Russell

(1958-1982)

by Cindy Halpern
Special to the Herald

When you were 7, you were playing outside in the yard with your friends. I saw you play baseball, swinging the bat and running to base.

When you were 10, the doctors operated on your feet so you could play baseball just a little longer. You went to Fenway Park with your legs in casts to watch a triple header.

When you were 12, your baseball bat was no longer needed. Instead, you needed a wheelchair. But you still watched the Sox lose again on TV with your Dad at your side. Your homework would be neglected so you could

watch your sports: football, hockey, baseball and basketball, too.

You read *Sports Illustrated* and dreamed about becoming a sportscaster. You wanted to become another Howard Cosell.

Your dream came true! In college, you became the announcer for the girls basketball team. Your eyes gleamed with excitement.

But you graduated college and could no longer be the announcer for the team. The gleam in your eye faded and the food on your plate remained untouched.

One day in March, you died while on a breathing machine. At your funeral, the girls basketball team mourned at yourasket.

Maybe in heaven, there is a basketball team in need of an announcer.

can heat up compost piles.

Erica's narration told about what percentage of our junk can serve a purpose and take on new life. Plastic lumber is reborn as a garden bench. She speaks with authority and commitment. She could do this on television; it would make a great show. But nobody would sponsor it. She critic our bad habits of overpackaging, relying

on fake ads, buying low-quality goods that don't last.

"We let young people know how to find local places that want your old clothes and give them to people who need them. We want cobblers in malls," she adds. They keep a file drawer of foodscraps and worms, to make fresh garden component.

In the end, I thought, Steve and Erica could be among the 36 just people who save the world from itself. I said that to them. "The whole of American society is against you. Everybody says, 'buy,' you say, 'fix.' You can't win."

Steve said, "It is a moral thing."

Erica said, "We fight for

everybody to win. We're just trying to make the best of things."

This crew cheered me up. I didn't know anyone cared. Three Jewish people who work for the landfill let us catch a glimpse of hope on the horizon.

Stuie

(1963-1978)

by Cindy Halpern
Special to the Herald

(Author's Note: This was the funeral eulogy I wrote for my youngest brother the day he died. But it was never read at his funeral because I never shared it with anyone. I would feel privileged to be allowed to share it with your readers now. After all, love is timeless.)

He was my brother, I loved him so.

He was my brother, he loved me.

He was my brother, who had dreams and wishes that never came true.

He would save his money for future dreams, little he knew he would die so soon.

He loved spring and birds, but didn't care for bees.

He was a scholar, although he hated school's strict rules. He had ambition, he had hope, he had a spirit that was his own.

But what he didn't have was time. G-d with his mighty hand took my little brother away — for what reason I know not, and may never understand.

But G-d must have loved my brother, Stuie, for Stuie was a little boy of 15, with a man's mind, but he was still a little boy of 15 who will never become a man.

But, he leaves behind a sister named Cindy who loved him, but didn't say it often enough. He leaves behind a memory of his life — a memory that will never be forgotten!

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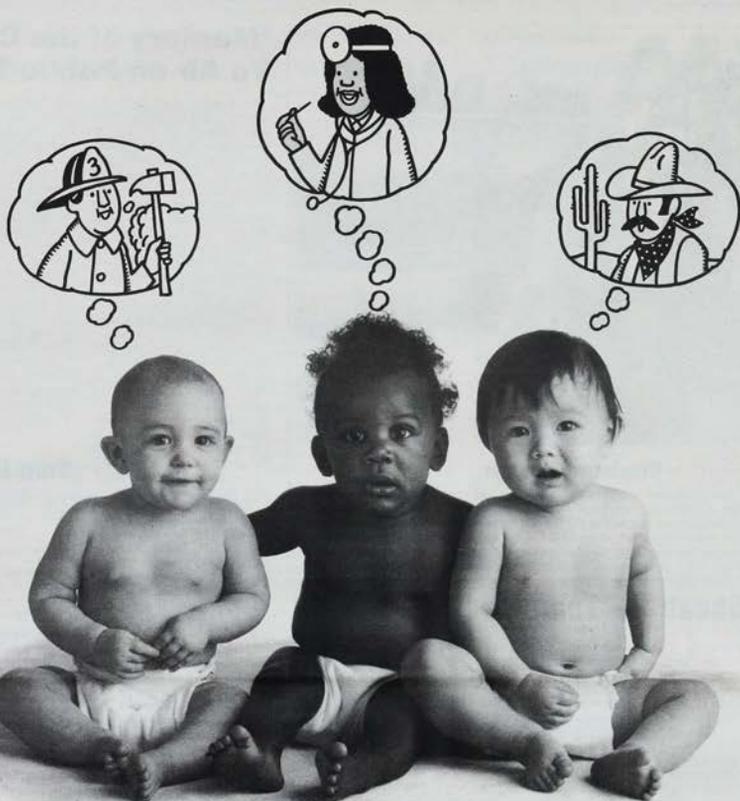
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Art Lovers

Natanya Raskin, 10, checks out her artwork at the *Herald* Passover Art Contest at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on April 1 with her younger brother.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley



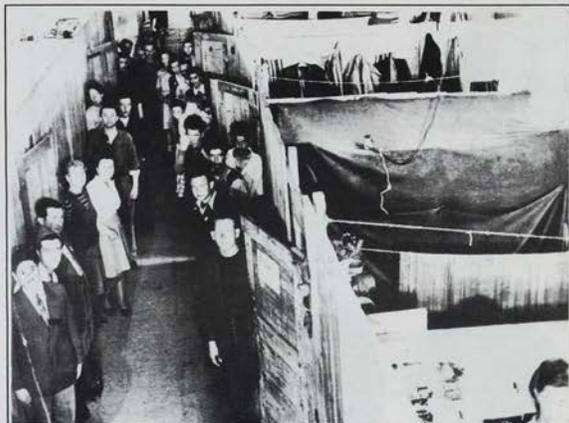
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Holocaust Remembrance Day



Displaced Persons

For the hundreds of thousands of Holocaust survivors who crowded displaced persons camps like this one in Salzburg, Austria, in the years following World War II, the Joint Distribution Committee (known to many as the "Joint") represented a lifeline of hope. Thousands of tons of food and clothing were shipped to Europe and an army of professionals was mobilized to provide medical services, rehabilitation programs and emigration assistance in a massive relief effort in which more than \$300 million was expended from 1945 to 1950.

Yom HaShoah — Tears Are Not Enough

by Rabbi Jerome Epstein

Few events in human history elicit the same sense of sorrow, horror and shared revulsion evoked by the Holocaust. Born of hatred — nurtured by insanity on one hand and apathy on the other — the Shoah devoured an entire generation of Jews and scarred the minds and bodies of those who were fortunate enough to escape with their lives.

Yom HaShoah, observed this year on April 18, is a time for remembering this horrible event and for mourning its victims. We recall with sadness the destruction not only of living Jews but of generations of Jews who will never be born. It is right that we cry; it is right that our community sponsor programs dealing with every aspect of the Holocaust, loudly reiterating the atrocities committed against our people.

In the face of revisionism, and in response to those who urge us to forget the past and move forward, we must stand up and reaffirm the value of remembering. But we must be clear ourselves as to why we continue to open our wounds. We must know why we cry and why we ask our young people — who have no first-hand experience of the Shoah themselves — to come and cry with us.

Our children may remind us that some 50 years have passed, that there are now new "causes," new issues on which to speak out. We must restrain our impulse to lash out at these children, admonishing them that they are being insensitive and separating themselves

from their people.

Our challenge is not to silence their voices but rather to create for them, and for ourselves, a very real connection between the past and the present — to bind together our history and our future.

For, in reality, if we cry for the victims of the Holocaust without feeling revulsion at the "ethnic cleansing" now taking place in the former Yugoslavia; if we recoil from the horrible image of Jews pent up like animals in Nazi concentration camps without losing sleep over the situation in Bosnia, where thousands of Muslims have been raped, murdered and tortured; if we weep at the sight of emaciated Jews with shrunken bodies and lifeless eyes without feeling a sense of loss at the sight of half-dead children in Somalia and the Sudan; then we have not learned the lesson our suffering should have taught.

We recently celebrated the holiday of Passover. While at that time we were enjoined to eat and drink and rejoice in our freedom, we were told also to invite all who are hungry to come and eat, and we were instructed to consider ourselves as if we, too, had been slaves in Egypt. These are more than colorful phrases — they are calls to action, to involvement, and to justice.

Human life is a valuable commodity. In the face of mass death — such as that taking place in Bosnia — we may lose sight of the inestimable value of one soul. Certainly, those who placed a bomb in New York's World Trade Center placed little value on the life of the individuals. Death tolls have become a matter of statistics — not of shared grieving. We have become immune to

horror.

Just as the diary of Anne Frank forced countless readers to discern a personal face beneath the numbing slaughter of the Holocaust, so, too, must we now find a way not to lose sight of the horror of continued injustice.

No one group can go it alone. Nor should we have to. We all need — and we are entitled to receive — the co-operation and assistance of others, whether it be the Swedish government taking steps to save the Danish Jewish community from destruction during World War II or the Jewish community in the United States working together with the black community to counter the threat presented by white supremacists.

In the face of insanity, one cannot counter with apathy. If we cannot love one another, we can at least try to protect one another from irrational hatred and arbitrary violence. The Torah commands us to "teach our children." And indeed, we must teach them about the horrors of the Holocaust.

But if we do not seize this opportunity to teach them equally about our responsibility — as human beings — to speak out against the destruction of other groups as well, then not only will we not have fulfilled the biblical injunction, but we also will have violated the dictates of our communal conscience and the essence of our religious teachings.

Let us remember, but let us also act.

The author is the executive vice president of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the association of 800 Conservative congregations in North America.

'Memory of the Camps' To Air on Public TV

Forty-eight years ago this month, Allied troops marching into Germany at the end of World War II found evidence of atrocities which have tortured the world's conscience ever since.

As these troops entered Nazi concentration camps and faced the horrors of gas chambers, medical experimentation labs, crematoria, and haunted, starving survivors, they made a film record of what they saw.

The resulting film was never broadcast. It was never even completed.

"Frontline" gave the film, titled "Memory of the Camps," its first world broadcast in 1985. It became one of the most acclaimed and highest rated documentaries in "Frontline's" history. On April 20, at 9 p.m. (check local listings), the program will be rebroadcast as part of National Holocaust Remembrance Week.

This film had been in a vault at the Imperial War Museum in London for 40 years," says David Fanning, executive producer of "Frontline." "It's not only an important historical record, but it's also a riveting firsthand depiction of events which haunt us still."

"Memory of the Camps" was compiled in 1945 by both British and American film crews working directly for the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe. Editing was done mostly under the supervision of the British Ministry of Information, some of it under the direction of Alfred Hitchcock, who directed work during the summer of 1945.

It is not entirely clear what role Hitchcock played in the development of the film. This is partly because the film was never completely finished. One reel of the original six, made by the Russians who liberated Auschwitz, was in the Soviet Union. There was a written narration, but it had never been recorded.

"Frontline" has taken the original pictures, in their original order, and added that narration — in order to present the film as close to its original form as possible. Colin Wills and Richard Crossman collaborated on the narration script, and Wills wrote the final draft.

"Memory of the Camps" includes scenes from Dachau, Auschwitz and Buchenwald, as well as other camps whose names are not so well known. Some of the horrors documented took place literally moments before the troops and film crews arrived as Nazi soldiers hurried to cover the evidence of what they had done in the face of oncoming Allied forces.

"Obviously, the filmmakers in 1945 felt that the pictures they had told their own story," says Fanning. "And the film is shocking. It will be difficult for many people to watch. But there is a line of commentary on the narration script which

accompanies the old film, which says the filmmakers hope an audience may absorb what is hoped will be a dreadful lesson."

"Memory of the Camps" is narrated by Trevor Howard. The producer for "Frontline" is Stephanie Tepper.

"Frontline" is produced by a consortium of public television stations: KCTS Seattle, WGBH Boston, WNET New York, WPBT Miami, WTVS Detroit.

Funding for "Frontline" is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and public television viewers.

"Frontline" is closed captioned for deaf and hard of hearing viewers.

The executive producer of "Frontline" is David Fanning.

Yom HaShoah

by Lenka Rose

Survivor, Auschwitz-Birkenau Bergen-Belsen

In Remembrance,

Let us remember and never forget the 6 million Jewish people who lost their lives during the Holocaust.

They were brutally, systematically killed by the Nazis in Germany.

The old and the young deemed useless were reduced to nameless corpses.

Survivors bear witness to the most horrendous indignity and crime known to man, at the hands of beasts, the likes of a Dr. Josef Mengele and Adolf Eichmann.

The enormous fury and violence; heaped upon our people, during the Nazi reign. The survivor has a difficult time dealing with the loss of loved ones, its madness and pain.

Today, the demons of the past,

are waking up fast, so fast, that the bowels of time, are shaking up, to a feast, to say the least.

They are coming out, spreading hate, violence, bloodshed all over the world.

If we fail to read the "writing on the wall," we will surely fall.

Educate our children, their parents and their families; bring them up to-date to assure our fate.

The scars of this tragedy and the dark chapter in our history she'll serve as a guardian in the Jewish psyche.

The sky above goes on with its splendor. Sadly, some nations on earth hungry for power fail to see its wonder.

Remember!

Get the facts!
Read the Herald!

Let the community know about your organization's functions. Announce them in the Herald.

50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Jagoliner Writes Holocaust Remembrance Service

An inspirational Holocaust remembrance service has been compiled and written by Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner for use at Temple Shalom's annual Yom HaShoah service, which will take place in the Main Sanctuary on April 18 at 11 a.m. The theme of the 1993 service will be the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

On April 19, 1943, some 60,000 Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto, who had survived two years of starvation, disease and deportation, fought their heavily armed Nazi oppressors. By May 8, the ghetto had been burned to the ground and only a few Jews survived.

This service will pay tribute to these ghetto fighters. Participants will light six memorial

candles in memory of the 6 million Jews who perished, a seventh candle for all the righteous of other religions and nationalities, who perished, offer readings and works from the Warsaw Ghetto as well as read works honoring the courageous men, women and children of the ghetto.

In speaking of this annual service, Rabbi Jagoliner said, "If there is anything as horrifying as the Holocaust, it is forgetting it ever happened. The lives and deaths of all those who perished needlessly and senselessly will never be dimmed by time."

The entire community is cordially invited to participate in this service.

Remembering the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

by Morris Gastfreund

Special to the Herald

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the Holocaust commemoration, I believe that it is appropriate to look from a historical perspective upon conditions and possibilities for rescue which existed at that time.

Analyses from a historical perspective indicate that 6 million would have never perished solely because of the evils of the Nazis; rather the Nazis were able to carry through their atrocities because of the indifference, and in some cases, the collaboration of the rest of the world.

Many victims of the Nazis went to their death because the British and the Americans deliberately withheld any rescue attempt.

Based upon historical documents never before open to public scrutiny, Rhode Island Sen. Claiborne Pell stated in 1987 that he was convinced "there was an unwritten agreement among the World War II Allies to leave the Jews to Hitler."

This era was, perhaps, the darkest period in the history of mankind. There was to be no savior, as Emil Zola of the 20th century who would point his finger to stir the conscience of mankind with the cry "Accus?" The entire civilized world shares the guilt of genocide, for it was guilty of almost as great a crime — the crime of silence.

It is with deep sorrow that I must also point an accusing finger at the Jews of the non-European countries during World War II and particularly at the United States. Some time ago I read the findings of a nonpartisan commission chaired by the late Arthur Goldberg, former Supreme Court justice which examined the actions — or perhaps more appropriately — inactions of American Jewish organizations and their leadership during the Holocaust.

Gore To Deliver Keynote Address at N.Y. Memorial

Vice President Al Gore will be the keynote speaker at the nation's largest commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on April 18 at 1 p.m. in the Paramount, Madison Square Garden, New York City.

Exactly 50 years to the day after the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto rose up against the German occupying forces in the first major civilian revolt against Nazi military forces during World War II, more than 6,000 survivors of Nazi concentration camps, members of resistance groups and their families will gather to observe Yom HaShoah — Holocaust Remembrance Day.

An estimated 1 million people will attend similar memorial communities throughout the United States, in Israel, Poland and other lands. Gov. Mario Cuomo has proclaimed April 18 "Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Day" in New York state.

At the ceremonies in New York, a color guard from the 3rd U.S. Infantry, carrying the flags of the American military units that liberated the concentration camps at the close of World War II, will present the colors and lead in the singing of the national anthem, accompanied by the United States



Vice President Al Gore

Army Band.

Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization (WAGRO), will chair the program.

"We are deeply honored," Meed said in announcing the vice president's participation, "that Al Gore, a lifelong friend and supporter of the Jewish community and of Israel, has agreed to join us on this historic occasion and lead us in saluting the heroism of the

Revolution in the Warsaw Ghetto: Jews Take Up Arms

by Antony Polonsky

WALTHAM, Mass. (ITA) — Fifty years ago, on the eve of Passover, April 19, 1943, 750 inadequately armed young men and women of the Jewish Fighting Organization, headed by a 25-year-old Zionist youth leader, Mordechai Anielewicz, began the first major act of Jewish resistance against the Nazis.

The proclamation announcing their intention to take up arms appealed to the Polish and European insurrectionary tradition:

Poles, Citizens, Soldiers of Freedom...

Every doorstep in the ghetto has become a stronghold and will remain a stronghold until the end! All of us will probably perish in the fight, but we will never surrender! We, like you, burn with the desire to punish the enemy for his crimes, with the desire for vengeance. It is a fight for your freedom as well as for ours, for your human dignity as well as for ours!

The uprising, which lasted three weeks, had little military significance. The German commander reported 16 German troops killed and 81 wounded.

Yet it constituted a revolution in Jewish thinking. It was both the abandonment of the traditional prohibition against the taking of human life and the rejection of the survival strategy which had dominated Jewish life for nearly 2,000 years since the destruction of the second temple.

This strategy was predicted

Warsaw Ghetto fighters and in honoring the memory of the 6 million who perished at the hands of the Nazis.

"On this solemn occasion," he added, "it is our sacred obligation to insure that the horror and shame of the unspeakable acts committed 50 years ago are never forgotten, never repeated."

The commemorative services also will include:

- The 100-voice Workmen's Circle Chorus under the direction of Zalmen Mlotek, performing Songs of the Ghetto.
- A performance by the Abraham Joshua Heschel School choir, directed by Jay Danzig.
- Solemn candlelighting ceremonies conducted by women survivors of the Holocaust and the second generation of survivors.

• The chanting of *Kel Mole Rachamin* — the traditional memorial for the dead.

• The recitation of the *Kaddish* — the prayer for the dead — by the entire assembly.

Cosponsors of the event are the United Commemoration Committee of Metropolitan New York, New York Holocaust Memorial Commission, New York Jewish Community Relations Council, American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, WAGRO and Workmen's Circle.

In his last letter to the outside world, written on March 11, 1944, a week before his hiding place on the "Aryan" side was discovered, he described in detail the various forms of resistance in ghetto.

He cited the collection of materials on Nazi atrocities, the creation of clandestine schools, the fostering of cultural activities and the organization of welfare relief.

Only one paragraph was devoted to armed opposition, and, although he did refer to it as "the superb epic of Jewish resistance," it was clear that he considered other nonviolent forms of opposition at least as impressive.

We can appreciate the dilemma of those who hoped, however mistakenly, to salvage something, to avoid total annihilation. Yet it is the fighters of the ghetto whom we salute. Like Ringelblum, Anielewicz left a final letter, written four days after the beginning of the uprising to Yitzhak Zuckerman, his deputy on the "Aryan" side. He wrote:

"I am unable to describe to you the conditions in which the Jews are currently forced to live. Only a few individuals will endure it; sooner or later, the rest will die... Be well, my friend. Perhaps we will see one another again. The most important thing is that my life's dream has come true. Jewish self-defense in the ghetto has been realized. Jewish retaliation and resistance has become a fact. I have been witness to the heroic battle of the Jewish fighters."

The belief that there are circumstances in which death is

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

The Church House Inn, 122 Fountain Street, Providence, will feature **Winston Grennan SKA Rocks Band** April 16 at 10 p.m. The performance will include selections from his new album, "Across the Border." For information, call (401) 351-5505.

The **Ragabash Puppet Theatre** will perform at the Museum of Natural History, Roger Williams Park on April 16 at 11:55 and 2:15 p.m. The performance, "Puppet Tales & Traditions," will feature puppetry from around the world. For more information, call the museum at 785-9457.

The Rhode Island School of Design will present **Tibet Day**, a daylong celebration April 17 in conjunction with the exhibition "Circle of Peace: The Tibetan Sand Mandala." The event, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the RISD auditorium, 2 Canal St., will feature a Tibetan bazaar with crafts, books and food for sale, films and a lecture by Professor Robert A.F. Thurman. Admission is free. For more information, call 454-6347.

The Langston Hughes Center for the Arts invites the public to attend "**Hey Little Walter**" April 16 at 7:30 p.m. and April 17 at 3 p.m. 1 Hilton St., Providence. For more information, call 454-5422.

The Providence Performing Arts Center will present "**The Clarinet Kings**," featuring virtuoso Ken Pepowski, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at 220 Weybosset St., Providence. For more information, call 421-AR15.

Music on the Hill will present pianist **Peter Basquin** April 18 at 4 p.m. at St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich. Basquin, a Montreal International Competition winner, will perform selections by Bach, Chopin and Liszt. For more information, call 884-8765.

The Providence College Dance Company will perform **Children's Dance Show** April 18 at 2 and 3 p.m. The demonstration, entitled "Making Dances," is created for children ages 3 to 12. For more information, call 865-2327.

Lloyd Kaplan's "Aristocrats" will perform light jazz in the restaurant of the Providence Marriott every Friday and Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. throughout April.



'City of Angels'

Judith Gilson as Gabby Stine and Elmer Gardiner as Buddy Fidler rehearse a scene from "City of Angels," coming to Trinity Arts Center (113 Camp St., Providence) for two consecutive weekends, April 22, 23, 24 and 25 and April 29, 30, May 1 and 2. Tickets for the musical cost \$7, \$8 and \$9; children younger than 12 are admitted for \$3. For more information, call 463-7293 or 751-6480.

Former Muscovite to Show Works

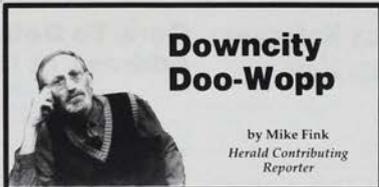
Masha Ryskin, 20-year-old former native of Moscow, will show her collection of paintings at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Gallery 401 this month. Ryskin, a graduate of the prestigious Moscow School of Art, is currently in her second year at the Rhode Island School of Design. She has received a number of awards and has had shows in the former Soviet Union, United States and East Germany.

Gallery 401, located at the center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, rarely considers

gallery's committee was so impressed with Ryskin's ability to visually express herself and convey her experiences as a new American through her art, they made an exception.

The opening reception for the artist will be held on April 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Her paintings will be in the gallery through May 28. Gallery 401 is open to the public during the following hours: Monday through Thursday, 3 to 10 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Saturdays.

Contact Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800 for details.



Downcity Doo-Wopp

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Harvey B. Robbins — "lots of bees in my name" — went to high school in Roxbury and keeps an accent from over the state border. "The school back then in the '50s was 40 percent black, 40 percent Jewish, and the rest Irish or Italian. The new sounds of rock 'n' roll knocked me over. I would stand in front of my mirror and practice the dance steps. I was shy, but still, I did OK at the hops."

The manager of the Downcity Doo-Wopp festival, running from April 26 to May 1, told me how he fell in love with be-bop. "With a group of friends, we formed a group and sang up a storm. We even cut a record. Somebody from New York promised to produce and distribute the disc. He kept stalling, we waited. At last we went to the big city and found the thing covered with dust on a shelf, put away like our dead hopes for fame and fortune."

"I took up other things, like sports writing. I got very involved with environmental, ecological issues, to rescue a farm. The idea of forming a hall of fame for the musical stars of my youth came back to haunt me. I got to know some of the guys like Roy Orbison, Bo Diddley. Fifties artists had managers who took what they could and left them stranded later in their lives with next to nothing. Fans forgot. At the very least they deserve some honor and a bit of prestige."

Harvey looks at you with sincere deep-set eyes. He's a compact person, neat and in a suit with a paisley tie. You can't help but trust him and like him, with his gentle, low-key intensity.

We meet and have a chat in the empty lobby of the Vet's Auditorium. I had stalked through the hall not many years ago when the place lay in shambles. Now it shines and beats like the cultural heart of our town.

If you go to concerts you probably greet people and listen rather than look within this

marvelous space. When you stand alone or with one companion, you smile and take in the World War II murals, the county emblems, the Roger Williams logo, the Grecian goddesses and gilt columns and scrolls, the whole marvelous mishmash.

Harvey says, "The acoustics rival any structure in America, even the prod Kennedy Center." His dream is to make Providence, and the Vet's palace, the core of the '50s legend. His plan folds in a parade of antique cars, a celebration of diner foods, a display of collectibles, a screening of classic films.

His cohorts called me to help choose and introduce a '50s film. "A lot of movies come out in a decade. How would I pick out just one? You got older faces like Bette Davis in 'Storm Center,' Dietrich in 'Rancho Notorious' or Crawford in 'Johnny Guitar.' You got new faces like Audrey Hepburn in 'Roman Holiday,' Claire Bloom in Chaplin's 'Limelight,' Leslie Caron in 'Lili.'" I got up from my chair and acted out the plot of 'Lili,' the puppets coming to life and dancing with the war orphan on a yellow brick road. I even sang the theme song, "The Song of Love is a Song of Woe."

"Like the way you sum it up better than the movie itself," said Harvey. For me, the '50s brought new expressions, and also new repressions, under the McCarthy influence. Harvey thought 'A Place in the Sun' too heavy. "Blackboard Jungle" might do, or 'Rock Around the Clock.'

I say to him, "Harvey, how old are you?"

"I'm not tellin' but about the same as you."

A few years younger, I'd say. Harvey Robbins comes bobbin' with all the zest of springtime. Here's a toast to Doo-Wopp and all it means to him, to the Vet's, to the young at heart.

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The URI Symphony Orchestra will celebrate Tchaikovsky's 100th anniversary with a concert on April 18 at 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. For more information, call 792-2431.

Rhode Island College will stage Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" April 22 through 25 at Roberts Hall. For time and ticket information, call 456-8105.

The Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art presents "Lunch: Suitable for Deframing," poetry readings by Jan Baker and Stuart Blazer, April 23 at 12:12 p.m., 224 Benefit St. The event is free with price of entry to the museum.

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will exhibit "Early Modern Textiles: From Arts and Crafts to Art Deco" April 22 through Aug. 29 at 456 Huntington Ave., Boston. For more information, call (617) 536-3315.

The Colonial Theatre, 262 Washington St., Boston, will spotlight "Tommy Tune Funnies" April 27 through May 2. For more information, call (617) 931-2787.

The Ocean State Chamber Orchestra will feature "Music for the Fun of It!" April 24 at 8 p.m. at Cathedral of St. John, 271 North Main St., Providence. For more information, call 781-3499.

Radio Show Turns Spotlight on Intolerance

In 1992, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported that Massachusetts ranked fifth in the nation in the number of recorded anti-Semitic offenses. At the same time, college campuses here and across the country are seeing a disturbing rise in hate-related incidents. This month, "Arts & Ideas," WGBH Radio's weekly public affairs series, turns the spotlight on intolerance through a series of documentary presentations that explore how discrimination thwarts our ability to work together "as a nation and as a global community."

"Intolerance is a subject that none of us can afford," says Maria Rivero, WGBH Radio manager. "Through these programs we hope to offer a renewed appreciation that beyond the differences that threaten to divide us, there are common ties that bind us all."

On April 18 at 5 p.m. on 89.7 FM, "Arts & Ideas" latest production, "Anti-Semitism: Where Does It Fit In?" discusses anti-Semitism, race discrimination and political correctness with Harvard Law Professor Charles Ogletree leading a highly charged panel discussion about hypothetical incidents on a university campus.

Then on April 25 at 5 p.m., "Anna Deaver Smith: In Her Own Words" will give listeners a chance to hear what questions issues of racism and awareness in a new way, through an artist whose work is both innovative and provocative. The hour-long program produced by WGBH Radio presents thought-provoking conversation from one of the most exciting artists working in theater today. "In Her Own Words" features excerpts from Smith's original one-woman show "Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Other Identities" about last year's violent clash between African Americans and Hasidic Jews in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. The Obie Award-winning show received critical acclaim and was a sell-out at the Tony Award-winning American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge.

Also this month on "Voices," WGBH Radio's daily public affairs short format series, producer/host Connie Blaszczyk discusses anti-Semitism with area high school students, parents and members of the Anti-Defamation League. This month, "Voices" will air Monday through Saturday at 4:55 p.m. and Sundays at 3:55 p.m. on 89.7 FM.



'Robin Hood'

Song, action and adventure highlight the American Family Theater production of "Robin Hood," April 17 at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the 1 p.m. performance cost \$9.50 for adults, \$6.50 for children, and are on sale now. For more information, call the box office at 421-ARTS.

Special Probes the History of Anti-Semitism

They are "the other," says a Muslim intellectual, picking a timeless epithet. "They are not us."

His comment could easily have come from a Christian in medieval Europe, a 19th-century nationalist or a racist in the 20th century. In this instance, "the other" is the Jew, and the label reflects the imperishable roots of anti-Semitism, a virulent prejudice once again on the rise in politically troubled regions of the world.

"The Longest Hatred," a 2½-hour special airing April 21 at 9 p.m. on WGBH/Channel 2 and Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) stations nationwide during Days of Remembrance Week, marks television's first documentary analysis of the history of anti-Semitism.

Divided into three segments, the special explores the insidious attitude that often casts Jews as "permanent outsiders and threats to society." The program repeats April 25 at 9 p.m. on WGBX/Channel 44, WSBG/Channel 36 plans to air the special some time in May.

"Anti-Semitism is but one example of racism and intolerance toward a group perceived as outsiders — the other, one from whom you could withhold society's full consideration and rights because he or she did not belong," says WGBH executive producer Zvi Dorner. "Historically the Jews

were the perfect 'other,' They stood out from the community because of their dress, customs and religion. Exiled from their land, they were foreigners wherever they went."

While this attitude reached its full horror in Nazi Germany during World War II, anti-Semitism did not begin or end with the Holocaust. Drawing on interviews with Semites and anti-Semites, as well as with prominent scholars in Europe, America and the Middle East, "The Longest Hatred" traces anti-Semitism from its earliest manifestations in antiquity to the recent ominous outbreaks in Germany, Russia and elsewhere.

Ironically, the word "anti-Semitism" itself reflects a twisted view of Jews. The term "Semites" was invented by pseudo-scientists in the 19th century in an effort to attribute inferior racial qualities to Jews, Arabs and others in order to justify discrimination against them. This view came to be an integral part of Nazi ideology.

"The Longest Hatred" is divided into three parts: "From the Cross to the Swastika" traces the troubled relations between Judaism and Christianity from Roman times to the present.

"Enemies of the People" demonstrates that wherever

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Survivor Will 'Sing to Remember' April 19

Shoshana Kalisch, a former prisoner of Auschwitz concentration camp, will perform what has been called an "uplifting and life-affirming" concert titled "A Survivor Sings to Remember" at 7:30 p.m., April 19 in Grant Recital Hall on Young Orchard Avenue.

Kalisch is author of "I Was Singing," a collection of songs written in concentration camps and ghettos during World War II. The concert, sponsored by Brown's Hillel Foundation, is open to the public. An admission fee of \$5 will be collected at the door.

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FRIEND SHIP IS COMING — The "Friend Ship," a festival of the Canadian Atlantic provinces' culture and heritage, will be docking in Fall River, Mass., on April 21 and Boston on April 22 and 23. Admission to the ship is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The ABCs of Traveling with Children

Travel can be a fun and exciting way for families to learn a little bit more about the world around us. It is estimated that each year 30 million Americans travel abroad but traveling with small children can be very trying — especially when a parent wants to keep them from getting restless. Travel experts at El Al Israel Airlines offer the following tips and services for parents traveling with children.

Helpful Tips:

- Gradually adjust the child's sleeping schedule prior to departure if traveling through different time zones.
- Dress the child in loose, easy to change, comfortable clothing and shoes. It is best to have the child dress in layers of clothing to adjust to different temperature changes in flight.
- The child should wear an

identification tag that includes his or her name and home address. Information on where you will be staying during your trip should also be included on the identification tag.

- During landing and take-off, give babies a bottle to help alleviate pressure in their ears.
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dio channel contains special children's programming.

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Remembering the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

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for one purpose — to defend the honor of the Jewish people and in the valiant struggle, many Nazis paid with their lives for their attempt at liquidation of Judaism.

The ideals upon which the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was based are found in three basic concepts which are recurrent in Judaism: 1) "kidush hashem," martyrdom; 2) "emunah," faith; and 3) "gevurah," heroism. We must always remember the Warsaw ghetto martyrs who perished, "al kidush hashem," in martyrdom, with the "emunah" that a better world will follow their death, and we must remember the "gevurah," with which the

Atlantic Provinces of Canada Sail South to Fall River

The Atlantic Provinces of Canada — Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador — will sail south and dock in Fall River, Mass., on April 21. The M/S Scotia Prince, a 1,500-passenger ferry temporarily renamed "Friend Ship," will arrive loaded with celebrities, entertainers and 400 representatives of every kind of vacation possible in the Atlantic Provinces. Open to the public and free of charge, the travel show's hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The purpose of the Friend Ship visit is to tell the people of New England what there is to see and do on a vacation in the Atlantic Provinces of Canada this spring and summer.

Helping make the point will be musical entertainers, animated characters and, for the children, the storybook character Anne of Anne of Green Gables fame. There will be experts on whale and bird watching, ecotourism, hiking and bicycling and all the other recreational pursuits that this region of Canada is most famous for.

For anyone who cannot make it to Fall River, the ship also will be in Boston Harbor on April 22 and 23 as well.

The Friend Ship, also known as the Sea Seal Project, is part of a \$10 million tourism marketing campaign designed to make travel and tourism the largest industry in the Atlantic Provinces by the year 2000. It

is funded by a federal/provincial legislative act called the Canada-Atlantic Provinces Cooperation Agreement on International Tourism Marketing.

Seventy percent of the campaign is directed at the United States which, as the region's largest market, provides some \$247 million in tourism revenues annually in Atlantic Canada, most of it from New England and the Atlantic seaboard. The Friend Ship mission, which includes visits to Baltimore and Philadelphia as well as Boston and Fall River, will cost roughly \$2.5 million.

Completing the sea-going travel show is an extensive consumer advertising campaign using the theme "A Coast of Difference." Designed to highlight the variety of vacation opportunities in the Atlantic Provinces, full-color, full-page ads will appear in U.S. national magazines and newspapers in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

"We are particularly excited about bringing the Atlantic Provinces to Boston," said Marion Burris, president of the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick and chair of the Atlantic Canada Tourism Caucus. "The Atlantic Provinces offer the perfect tourism product for the 1990's — the great outdoors, ecotourism, hiking, skiing and whale watching, plus friendly people in a welcoming, secure and very affordable environment."

Warsaw Ghetto has been liquidated, the Polish Jews and its leaders are dead. And the world which looks on passively is, in its way, dead too."

Szmuel Zygelbojm, a Jewish socialist member of the Polish National Council, committed suicide in London two weeks after the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto. Zygelbojm had attempted to focus worldwide attention to the annihilation of Europe's Jews. Despondent over the failure of his own efforts and the inaction of the free world, he took his own life.

In his final letter he wrote: "By passive observation of the murder of defenseless millions and of the maltreatment of children, women and old men the countries of the free world have become the criminals' accomplices. As I was unable to do anything during my life, perhaps by my death I shall contribute to breaking down that indifference."

Today, 50 years later, let's hope the lessons of history will not be forgotten, particularly in anti-Semitism throughout the world. American Jewry must remain ever vigilant and united — and above all, not intimidated into passiveness — in order to prevent another Holocaust.

Morris Gafstreich is writing from Ramat-Gan, Israel.

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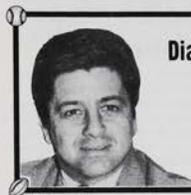
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Diaz Maintains Lead, Rose Ponders Retirement

by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

As early as April 5, Harry Rose was on his hot streak. The veteran was inching closer to the top spot in the Beth-El Bowling League and, as reported, felt he was in a groove. Rick Dressler was in a funk and tumbling fast. Benny Diaz continued to stand like a rock, virtually putting a stranglehold on the top spot.

When last interviewed, Dressler found his groove and reclaimed second place. Harry Rose was despondent and refused all publicity shots at a recent interview. The interview was limited and responses were in one-word answers (barely discernible). Harry, snap out of it.

Dressler reminded me that although Diaz has been on top, he hasn't been there since the opening bell. I am glad somebody is paying attention to this column. It is my understanding that the league news is heard and read about in Florida. The most recent article was seen wrapped around a Florida specialty gift fish.

Mike Sugerman continues his consistency and has vaulted into third place. Dave Robinson has not been heard from lately and although still in fifth place, his grip is quickly loosening.

League races are tightening. A very strange occurrence has

been taking place. The scientific firm of I Dunn Know Y has been investigating the superhuman efforts that teams bowling against the Kaufman #2 team have been experiencing. It seems that every team that bowls against them becomes world beaters.

Remarks from the Kaufman team regarding this experience were not fit to print. Suffice to say it wasn't happy birthday.

Top Five Bowlers

Benny Diaz	184.9
Rick Dressler	184.7
Mike Sugerman	184.0
Harry Rose	183.9
Dave Robinson	179.1

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Mike Sugerman — 89 pins over average, Marc Karnes — 61 pins over average.

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Goldstein Electric	28	20
Standard Glass	27	21
Nathan Kaufman #2	26	22
Halperin & Lux	24	24
Shamrocks	23	25
Oakland Mobil	18	30
Howie's Hammers	15.5	32.5
Nathan Kaufman Co.	8.5	39.5

Wheels of Commerce

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maintained quasi-regular routes in and around South Providence on schedules that were known to neighborhood housewives. Many of these counted on the peddlers to provide fresh produce without the need for the ladies to bundle up the children, dress for the outdoor weather, and make the time-consuming trip to the store.

Generally, the regularity of the peddlers' routes was such that housewives would wait at their windows at the proper times, and they would call their orders down as the horse slowly clip-clopped along the street.

Some days, however, a peddler might be early, late or decide to try a new street. For such situations, if the peddler felt that the sound of horse-shoes on pavement would not be sufficient to attract customers' attention, he would call out an announcement of his wares.

My Zaidee, for instance, would sing-song a loud "fruits and vegetables, fresh fruits and vegetables" a number of times, or for variation, name his produce — red, ripe tomatoes; new potatoes; cu-u-u-ucumbers, etc. Mr. Lass, who was a

very large man with a stentorian voice, had a unique call that I still remember. His "hey, look 'em over!" would drown out any other sounds on the street.

When not peddling, my Zaidee kept his horse and wagon on the rear portion of his property at 66 to 68 Bishop Street in Providence, where the horse was stabled in a large barn, next to which the wagon was parked. Access to these accommodations was via an alley (now reconstructed as Alphonso and Janes streets).

It seems to me that Messrs. Lass and Altman, both of whom lived on Willard Avenue, stabled their horses in the row of stables that lay behind the group of stores on the north side of Willard opposite Hilton.

See part II in next week's Herald.

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? — Suzi Davidson converses with her friend, Carol Millman, who came to listen to her speak on scientific theories about the parting of the Red Sea at the Brown/RISD Hill Friday.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Parting of the Red Sea: Meteorology or Miracle?

by Omar Bradley

Herald Assistant Editor
The parting of the Red Sea by G-d through Moses has to be one of the most dramatic and spectacular of all recorded miracles documented within the Torah and Old Testament. However, to this day, it would take another miracle to get any two people to agree on how it happened. This unenviable task was the topic of discussion for Brown students Suzi Davidson and Andrew Barodach at the Brown/RISD Hill house Friday evening.

In order to satisfy a paper on "Physical Processes and Their Environmental Consequences" for her geology class, Davidson came across a revealing story. Nathan Paldour, a scientist, had come upon a meteorological theory on how the Red Sea may have been parted. Delving further, she discovered that another scientist, Gerald Friedman, had a geological theory as well.

Sitting before a small audience, Davidson, an engineering major, admitted that she chose the Red Sea miracle because of the serious impact it had on her life as a Jew, in the Torah and the books of Moses, and moreover, its significance to Passover.

In her well-detailed lecture — using graphs, maps and drawings — Davidson maintained that a series of cataclysmic events including a volcanic eruption of Mt. Terra Santa might have been instru-

mental in parting the Red Sea. If so, the activity may have resulted in creation of a tsunami (a great sea wave produced by submarine earth movement or volcanic eruption) that would have uncovered the sea floor.

She claimed that scientists calculated that the volcanic eruption took place about 3,500 years ago and discovered traces of geological fragments familiar to only the Terra Santa vicinity.

On the other hand, Doran Noff and Nathan Paldour supported a meteorological theory involving high eastern winds which might have created a tunnel of air forcing the waters to part. However, both theories failed to answer how such conditions could sustain themselves long enough for thousands of Hebrews to pass safely across the sea floor.

Davidson, showing her saavy, refused to admit or deny a miracle had taken place and stated that both scientists refused to do likewise.

But if Davidson's talk was thought-provoking, Barodach's

was consoling, appealing to religion and theology. Although Barodach's lecture was free of visual aids, he successfully painted a spiritual picture of how miracles were incorporated into nature by G-d.

"Miracles are part of the creative order of things that may have been out of the order and were built into nature," Barodach quoted Greek philosopher, Nhamanides. The daily rising of the sun is, in itself, a miracle, according to the philosopher.

Barodach, who majors in medieval history, quoted heavily from Midrashic texts. The Red Sea miracle may have been part of a divine plan occurring only for that time and place in history, he said.

Aside from the parting of the waters, numerous miracles appeared that day — 12 paths opened for each tribe, water was transparent between the tribes, and mothers of children could pluck fruit out of the walls of water, to mention a few.

Yet, the destruction of the

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Bob Gold (left) and Rev. Ed Thompson helped to serve the matzah ball soup at the Passover seder at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on April 6. *Herald photo by Omar Brasley*

What's Cooking?

Group Plans Ross Dinner

The Alperin Schechter Day School Endowment Fund dinner in honor of Darrell Ross is set for 6 p.m. on April 22.

Planning the event are Co-chairs: Jeffrey and Karen Jacober, Audrey and Gary Licht, Susan and Edward Odessa, and Stanley and Mindy Wachtenheim. The com-

mittee also includes Daniel Kaplan, Joel Roseman, Minna Ellison and Dianne Newman, ex officio.

The Endowment Fund Dinner will be held at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Tatt Ave., Providence.

Minimum donation for the dinner is \$125 per person. All donations to Alperin Schechter in honor of Darrell Ross will be welcome and will help the school continue its work. For more information, call the school at 751-2470.

When you announce the birth of a child why not include a black and white photo?

Clarification

The National Council of Jewish Women's Community Service Award luncheon will be held May 10 at the Marriott Hotel (see story in next week's *Herald*). A photo on Page 14 last week implied that the lunch took place March 30. That date was a kickoff coffee.

We regret the error.

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Sisterhood Celebrates Women in Rabbinate

The year 1992 marks the 20th anniversary of the ordination of the first female rabbi. Since that time, the number of women rabbis has increased dramatically in the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist branches of Judaism, and this year, it has been estimated that women comprise about half the graduating classes of new rabbis outside of Orthodoxy.

On April 19 at 8 p.m. in Temple Beth-El's Silverstein Meeting Hall, a panel of three women rabbis will discuss their experiences as ground-breakers in what has traditionally been seen as a male role. Rabbis Pamela Barnash of Temple Shaare Tefilah in Norwood, Mass., and Rabbi Elana Kanter of the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence will consider their positions as female spiritual leaders within the Conservative movement.

A member of the graduating class of 1993, Deborah Helbraun will share her experience as a rabbinical student within the Reform movement, as well as her expectations for the future.

Has the presence of women in the rabbinate altered Judaism or its rituals, and if so, how? Are the sometimes unrealistic demands upon the time and emotions of a rabbi unsympathetic to traditional family structure? Are female rabbis fully integrated within Jewish life, or are issues such as the

barrier of the glass ceiling or different pay for equal work also concerns for women in the rabbinate? Finally, what impact, if any, has Orthodoxy's reluctance to integrate women fully into religious practice had on its sister branches? These and other questions will be addressed by the panel.

The Sisterhood invites guests for dessert and coffee beginning at 7 p.m., followed by a brief open-board meeting and finally, the above-mentioned program, which will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

This program is sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El and is open to all. Deborah Johnson and Judy Mintzer are co-chairwomen.



Heinz Sandelowski

Sandelowski Will Address Guild

The regular meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild will be held on April 20 at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue, Cranston.

Heinz Sandelowski will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild.

Sandelowski, who was born and raised in Germany, lived through the Holocaust. He lost his entire family in the Holocaust. Sandelowski is married and now lives in Providence. He travels all over New England as a speaker.

The group will also discuss the future trips scheduled for the coming seasons.

The annual summer vacation at the Pines Hotel in the Catskills will be on Aug. 1. This will be for seven nights and eight days. There will be three meals daily, with plenty of activities all day, dancing and entertainment nightly, plus two shows every evening. Those planning to take the trip are advised to make reservations as soon as possible.

On Aug. 31, the guild will take a land and cruise trip to Alaska. The trip will include plenty of beautiful scenery, food and entertainment aboard the Princess Line ship.

Anyone interested in any of the above trips can call either Pearl Stayman at 738-0225 or Eta Swerling at 463-7166 for the rates or other information.

The guild's annual luncheon and installation of officers is planned for June 22. All the details will be given at this meeting.

Bridging Gap Is Topic at Brunch

Norman Orosdenker, an attorney will Licht & Seminoff and a member of the Community Relations Council, will be the featured speaker April 18 at the Jewish Community Council of South County's brunch.

His topic will be "Bridging the Gap in Rhode Island — Jews, Blacks, Hispanics and Asians."

The brunch, which begins at 9:30 a.m., will take place at Tavern Hall Club, at the corner of Route 138 and South Road in Kingston.

Contact Harriet Estrin at 783-8773 for more information.

Do you have a topic of a speaker you would like to hear? Can you volunteer to host a brunch? Call Roz Gaines at 783-7373.

Blind Are Offered Free Publications

The Jewish Heritage for the Blind announces the availability of three publications: *The Braille Passover Haggadah*, *The O.U. Passover Directory* (abridged) in large print and braille, and the *Updated Directory of Organizations* providing cassette tapes of Torah, Jewish culture and music (large print).

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

'The Widow's Mite' Is JCCRI's Spring Theatre Production

The Children's Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will present its spring production entitled 'The Widow's Mite' on April 21.

The performance, directed by Tony Annicone, will begin at 7 p.m.; tickets, sold at the door, costs \$1.50 per person.

The actors and actresses will

sign autographs after the show at 7:45 p.m. at a Meet-the-Cast Ice Cream Social; the fee for the social is \$1.

The production will be held in the social hall of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Contact April Pevens at 861-8800 for more information.



Artistically Inclined

Zoe Bell, 6, (from left), Brian Weinstein, 6, and Amanda Baron, 6, are all winners in the Herald Passover Art Contest on April 1 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Meal Site Will Feature Speakers

Two speakers will be featured next week under the kosher meal-site program offered by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. On April 20, from 10:45 a.m. to noon, seniors are

invited to hear a review of current health care issues by Ann Clark, who will discuss up-to-date medical information and answer questions on the health care system — and on April 23, from 11:15 a.m. to noon, Rabbi Arnold Samlan, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, will speak about current conditions and issues in Israel.

VCR movies and programs for the week of April 16 through 23.

On April 16 there will be a VCR movie (to be announced); April 18 from 11 a.m. to noon, Part 1 of "Hello, Dolly," starring Barbara Streisand and Walter Matthau.

Meteorology or Miracle?

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Egyptian army caused one spectator to question the sanctity of the miracle. "How could G-d destroy so many human lives?" the spectator asked Barodach.

Barodach then referred to the brutal way the Egyptians had used Hebrew bones to build their temples and persecuted the Hebrews in open defiance of G-d's will, leaving Moses no choice.

Regardless of what point of view one held, the parting of the Red Sea will no doubt provide a source of scientific and theological speculation for ages to come.

Jewish Community Celebrates Pesach

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sample the fresh matzo and other seder foods that lay before them.

In fact, everything was served piping hot from the oven to anxious residents and guests who dined on delicious matzah ball soup and baked chicken dinner.

Around the corner, at the home of Alex Tabenkin, three generations of Soviet Jewry celebrated a special family reunion under the same roof. The Isakovichs, the Tabenkin and Rysins paid tribute to deceased relatives who had kept the memory of Pesach alive despite Russian opposition years past. For Alex and Marina Rysin, it was their first Passover in America, having only arrived a month ago.

At the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, a freak accident almost kept Lola Schwartz, the executive director, from making it to the community seder held there on April 6. But luckily, what looked like a disaster turned out all right, as more than 100 people celebrated with Rabbi Sol Goodman and family.

In the kitchen, Bob Gold and Ed Thompson made sure that everything not only smelled good but was kept hot — especially the matzah ball soup, which came prepared from a kosher kitchen like the rest of the seder foods. All in all, Pesach '93 was celebrated with tradition and reverence throughout the Jewish community.

Local Student Named to Dean's List at Hartford

TJ (Tina) Feldman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Mancoll and the late Arnold Feldman, of Narragansett and a student at the University of Hartford, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1992 semester. She was inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Honors Society on March 26.

TJ has contributed columns to the Herald since she was a junior at the Lincoln School in Providence.

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MATZAH BOY — Jay Benjamin Markson, 4, gets a good taste of matzah at the Passover seder at the Jewish Home for the Aged on April 5 while his mother, Susan, looks on.

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OBITUARIES

FRANK BROWN

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Frank Brown, 76, of 3500 Galt Ocean Drive, died April 20 at Holy Cross Hospital. He was the husband of Mildred (Bazar) Brown.

Born in Bristol, a son of the late Jacob and Catherine (Peck) Brown, he lived in Cranston until moving to Fort Lauderdale in 1979. He had a summer home in Cranston.

Brown was a past president and former owner of the Bazar Mfg. Co. from 1949 until retiring in 1978. He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, the Knights of Pythias and the Dokies.

He was an honorary life member of the Fashion Jewelers Association of America. He was a former member of the Manufacturing Jewelers and Silversmiths Association, and a former member of the Providence Jewelers Club.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Steven Brown of Pompano Beach; two daughters, Merrillyn Shlesinger, and Sandra Garfinkel, both of Cranston; a sister, Minnie Manchester of Bristol, and three grandchildren. He was brother of the late Hattie Brown and Eva Cherlin.

The funeral service was held April 14 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

FANNIE KATZ

PROVIDENCE — Fannie Katz, 96, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hillside Avenue, died April 7 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Harry Katz.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Harris and Anna (Rosenfield) Falcofsky.

Katz was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the Pioneer Women.

She leaves two sons, Lester Katz of Providence, and Irving Katz of Tampa, Fla.; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was April 9 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

RACHEL WEISMAN

Rachel Meira Weisman, 8 months old, died on March 20 after a lengthy illness at Fairfax, Va., Children's Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, Nancy and Robert Weisman; brothers Aaron and Gillon of Bethesda, Md.; grandparents, Gebe and William Weisman of Tulsa, Okla., and Harold and Ada Winsten of Providence. She was the granddaughter of the late Anita Winsten.

'Never Again?'

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taken this campaign on the road and initiatives asking voters to roll back lesbian and gay civil rights are being put on ballots across the country. Even in Rhode Island, a bill was introduced this year to deny protection to gays and lesbians under current civil rights laws.

In a world plagued by violence, bigotry, poverty and hate, one has to wonder about the zealous efforts on the part of some religious extremists to scapegoat and vilify gays and lesbians.

While people in this country are starving, being executed on street corners in inner cities, or living without shelter on urban streets, these extremists spend thousands of dollars and countless hours trying to legislate against us simply because they don't like who we love and who we desire. If anything, this is the true perversity.

As Professor Ellen Umansky has said: "Who are we to declare that the way in which G-d has created a certain people is an abomination, and who are we to deny other human beings the joys of companionship on the grounds that their needs are not identical to the majority?"

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Seder Servant

Rabbi Sol Goodman displays matzah and the foods of Pesach at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island community seder April 6 in the auditorium.

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Seth Konoff, 11, took first place in the Herald Passover Art Contest with his detailed drawing above at the awards ceremony at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on April 1.

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ELEGANCE— Cynthia Huttman and Karen Maguire pose in an elegant model apartment at Villa Del Rio in Warwick.

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The Seder Table

Herald Editor Anne Davidson studies Benjamin Konoff's winning drawing of his family's seder table at the Herald Passover Art Contest awards party at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on April 1.

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A Closer LOOK
BUSINESS PROFILES

Complex Has All the Comforts of Home

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

The Villa Del Rio apartment complex is one of the best-kept secrets on the Pawtuxet River in Warwick, says Manager Karen McGuire-Chasey, who runs the 400-unit complex with Cynthia Huttman, the assistant resident manager.

"People have no idea of what we have until they drive back here," Huttman said. Both women command a panoramic view of their domain, which is located directly behind the Warwick Mall between Route 2 on the west and Route 95 to the east. Yet it's their strategic location that makes Villa Del Rio ideal for the majority of its tenants — retired seniors and working professionals.

Just ask Ida Moss, a resident of 14 years, who was quick to point out that if anything were awry at Villa Del Rio, she would be the first to let the management know about it.

During a recent visit, calls for assistance by residents and work orders were handled efficiently and quickly by Huttman and Chasey. "It can be very stressful," Chasey said, "because you deal with people all the time and there's always a crisis."

But both women, who live within the complex, accentuated the positives: "I love living

here. It's a great way to meet people and our residents are lovely people — the finest in Rhode Island," Chasey said.

Huttman pointed out that each floor has its own laundry and residents have access to elevators. A closed-circuit security system screens visitors. Yet residents enjoy peace and safety thanks to a courtesy patrol and several policemen who call Villa Del Rio their home.

Although Villa Del Rio is a luxury apartment complex, its key to success is the ability to get things done quickly thanks to a combination of good management and great rapport with its maintenance staff headed by Irving Wright. Chasey claims that having a crew that lives within the complex is vital to address the needs of the tenants. "If there's a problem, we deal with it out front until it's resolved," Chasey said.

But like all tenants, each employee is screened and scrutinized for past records of misconduct or violations, Huttman added.

A Secret Trail

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And when other teenage boys stayed in their driveways shooting basketballs into the hoops and nets, I had rolled downhill and uphill to circle round the statues and fish ponds in Swan Point Cemetery or Butler Hospital at the Seekonk. I always went my own way, humming my own tunes.

Biking is a little like flying. And like a bird or a bat, I go not at midday, but among the shadows or under the clouds, when fewest people crowd round. The bike path whispers a secret trail, a line that lets you look at the same old thing in a new way, like a line of poetry that rhymes and makes you smile.

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preferable to defeat and dishonor has since permeated the civic culture of the Jewish state and has had a transforming effect on Jewish thinking in the diaspora.

The emergence of the Jews from powerlessness, their return to the stage of history, has not always been comfortable to live with.

In taking up arms, the young Jews of the ghetto acted nobly, but at the expense of becoming more like the rest of humanity.

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