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The U.S. Holocaust Museum: The Power of Bearing Witness

by Fredda Sacharow
Jewish Exponent

WASHINGTON (JTA) — If you stand in the Hall of Witness at the new United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and feel unsettled, disoriented or overwhelmed, architect James Ingo Freed will have done his job.

The space is vast. You look at the wide stairway leading to the second floor, with its sides converging at the top, and think of the railroad tracks to Auschwitz.

The brick shapes of the doorways surrounding you evoke the openings in the floor, running the length of the hall, reminds you that a vast, manmade earthquake ruptured Europe six decades ago.

The room's materials are cold: steel, concrete, granite. The feeling here is one of hollowness, of something nameless and terrible looming.

If you come away from this place shaken, thinking you probably won't return soon, but feeling right that you made the decision to invest the time, project director Michael Berenbaum will have done his job.

"I want people to say, 'It's not a place I want to come back to, but I'm proud of myself for being here,'" says Berenbaum, the author, historian and former newspaperman who has overseen every step of the museum since before its October 1988 groundbreaking.

President Clinton and Noble Peace laureate Elie Wiesel are (Continued on Page 23)

Local Survivors Make the Trip to Washington, D.C.

by Anne S. Davidson
Herald Editor

Survivors of the Holocaust from Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts and others connected with the community have made the emotional journey to Washington, D.C., this week to attend the dedication of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The

"I must go because this is the last goodbye to my people."

— Judith Sternberg Newman

dedication falls the same week as Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, which was Sunday, and the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which was Monday.

Rhode Islanders Rhans Heimann, Judith Sternberg Newman and Cindy Halpern, the daughter of a survivor, are currently at the nation's capital with family and friends.

Heimann, who spent much of World War II in concentration camps in Italy, is attending this week's events with his wife, Mildred, a native Rhode Islander. "It's going to be a very emotional experience," Heimann told the Herald last (Continued on Page 9)

Programs of Jewish Interest Fare Well in Clinton Budget

by Deborah Kalb
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Clinton's 1994 budget, sent to Capitol Hill two weeks ago, keeps funding for various programs of Jewish interest at the same or higher funding levels than the current fiscal year.

Although country-by-country expenditures in the foreign aid section of the budget were not spelled out, aid to Israel is expected to remain at its current annual level of \$3 billion.

Clinton and his foreign policy team have said on numerous occasions that aid to Israel, (Continued on Page 6)



A Light of Hope

Little Robin Hanphill holds her Yahrzeit candle in memory of the victims of the Holocaust Sunday at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum during Yom HaShoah ceremonies. Herald photo by Omar Bradley

ADL West Coast Offices Searched; Agency Could Face Felony Charges

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination League, the major national Jewish organization committed to fighting racism and anti-Semitism, could face multiple felony charges for eavesdropping and other illegal activities carried out as part of an alleged nationwide intelligence network. (Continued on Page 7)

San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith said April 9 that ADL employees involved in intelligence gathering could face felony counts for eavesdropping, tax violations, conspiracy and receiving confidential files. The Los Angeles Times reported.

ADL is suspected of keeping tabs on more than 950, 000 individuals. (Continued on Page 7)

Group Demands Investigations of ADL

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee is asking for local, federal and congressional investigations of the Anti-Defamation League, in the wake of charges that the veteran Jewish defense agency has maintained a national intelligence network to keep tabs on some 950 groups and 12,000 individuals.

Documents released in conjunction with police searches of ADL offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles indicate that among those surveyed are thousands of ADC members, said Albert Mokhiber, president of the Arab American organization.

"The facts in this case far surpass even the greatest fears that we may have had about Israeli (Continued on Page 8)



Marching In Memory

Members representing several religious denominations, including Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Cantor Brian Mayer of Temple Emanu-El and Father Jude McGeough of St. Martha's Church, march down Sessions Street toward the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum on April 18 in Providence. Herald photo by Omar Bradley

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

School To Hold Auction Elderhostel Program Offered

St. Dunstan's Preparatory School is holding its first Goods and Services Auction on April 23 at 7 p.m. at St. Martin's Great Hall, Orchard Place, Providence.

Items have been donated from many local businesses, restaurants and individuals. Examples include antiques, giftware, original artwork, hand-knit sweaters, services from local lawyers, physicians and dentists, a 35 mm camera, tickets to local cinemas, etc. Prices of items range from \$5 to \$500.

Included in the ticket price is a raffle for a weekend for two in Newport. You need not be present to win. Also included in the price of the ticket is a free 8-inch by 10-inch color portrait (at a local studio) with no sitting fee or other charges.

Raffle tickets cost \$7 per person or \$10 per couple. Admission is free. Advance tickets are available at the school which is located at 220 University Ave., Providence.

St. Dunstan's Preparatory School is a nonsectarian, non-profit school dedicated to serving the individual needs of children with unique learning styles. Students often experience success at St. Dunstan's for the first time in their lives.

This year, Cathy Ray has donated her time as honorary chairwoman. Chairwoman for this event is Bonnie Jaffe, parent of Brandon Winkler, a third grader at the school.

For further information, contact the school at 421-4414 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Rhode Islanders age 60 and older can make plans to attend one of more than 1,000 Elderhostel programs at colleges and universities across the United States, Canada and more than 40 countries overseas.

Maureen Maigret, director of the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA) noted, "The Elderhostel program gives seniors a chance to experience college life by taking courses, living on campus and taking part in student activities designed for them."

Tuition for Elderhostel programs is about \$350 at participating institutions in New England. Tuition fees include registration, six nights lodging, meals, courses and a full slate of social events. Transportation costs are not included.

There are six scholarships available for Rhode Island elders who need financial assistance to attend an Elderhostel

program. Seniors interested in applying for an Elderhostel scholarship, termed "hostelships," should write to Elderhostel, R.I. Department of Elderly Affairs, 160 Pine St., Providence, R.I. 02903-3708, Attention: Larry Grimaldi.

The application letter should describe why the senior would like to be considered for a hostelship.

There is a \$50 preregistration fee required for enrollment in an Elderhostel program. This fee is not included in a hostelship. The Elderhostel scholarship is intended for use at New England institutions through March 31, 1994.

Elderhostel catalogs are available at local libraries or can be obtained by sending a postcard to Elderhostel Catalog, 80 Boylston St., Suite 400, Boston, Mass. 02116.

For information, call Larry Grimaldi at 277-2800.



Susan Stamborg, special correspondent for National Public Radio, will speak at URI's College of Continuing Education on April 23 at 8 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available. URI/CCE is located at 199 Promenade St., Providence.

Free on-the-spot sketches of children by artist Ivy Lylew Duffy will be featured April 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence.

Providence College and its Asian Studies Program will sponsor an Asian American Arts Conference April 23 through 25. The goal of the conference is to promote understanding and cultural diversity among members of all races. For more information, call 865-2520 or 865-2700.

"Are You Being Served?" a workshop on the new Rhode Island Historical Society at Shepard's, including presentations and discussions on making a museum of Rhode Island history, will be held April 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (bring a bag lunch) at Aldrich House, 110 Berenolent St., Providence. For reservations, call 331-8575.

Northeast Feline Fanciers will present its 32nd annual cat show on April 24 and 25 at the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink, Phenix Avenue, Cranston, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. For more information, call 467-7712 or 942-7971.

Blithewold Mansion and Gardens, 101 Ferry Road, Bristol, will honor the beauty and wonder of trees at its fourth annual Arbor Day celebration. For more information, call 253-2707.

Galway Kinnell, Pulitzer Prize winner and American Book Award recipient, will read from his work at the William L. Bergeron Memorial Poetry Program on April 25 at 6 p.m. at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanossett Cross Road.

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island invites young visitors to attend The Worm Returns, a celebration and exploration about earthworms, on April 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 726-2591.

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Library Holding Fine-Free Week

In celebration of National Library Week, April 19 to 24, the Providence Public Library is holding a fine-free week.

During this week, overdue library materials will be accepted without fines at the Central Library, 225 Washington St. and all nine branch locations: Fox Point, 90 Ives St.; Smith Hill, 31 Candace St.; South Providence, 441 Prairie Ave.; Mt. Pleasant, 315 Academy Ave.; Rochambeau, 708 Hope St.; Washington Park,

1316 Broad St.; Wanskuck, 233 Veazie St.; Knight Memorial, 275 Elmwood Ave.; Olneyville, 1 Olneyville Square.

At the Central Library, you may return your books in person during regular library hours or feel free to use the "book drop," located on Empire Street for daytime or overnight deposits.

Girl Scout Troops Organizing Now

Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Inc. will hold its annual Sign Up Night for area girls not currently members April 29 at Girl Scout sites located throughout the state and nearby communities in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Girls ages 5 to 17 who wish to join Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette or Senior Girl Scouts are invited to attend and must be accompanied by their parents or guardian. Local troop leaders and troop organizers will provide information about the Girl Scout program.

Troops in the Rhode Island Council are organizing in May. For most new members regular troop meetings will begin in September. Girls already members will re-register at their troop events this Spring.

Girl Scouting offers a wide range of activities and programs designed specifically to meet the needs of girls ranging from arts and theater to science, sports and camping.

In 1993-94 the Rhode Island Council will launch a new program to promote the education and practice of good heart health. This program, "Project Tin Man," is being planned in collaboration with the American Heart Association, Rhode Island affiliate.

Girl Scouting helps girls develop personal resourcefulness, learn new skills, grow in confidence and develop coping skills for growing up in the 1990s. Adult help is always needed and interested volunteers may come to the Sign Up Night or call the Council headquarters at 331-4500.

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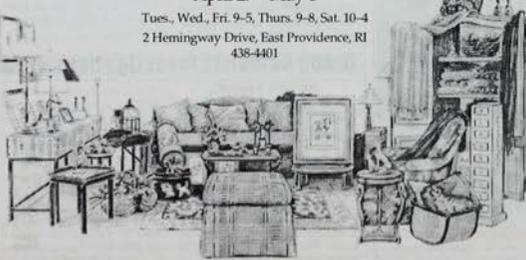
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OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

"IBD and IBS: What a Difference a D Makes! Inflammatory Bowel Disease vs. Irritable Bowel Syndrome," a talk by Edward R. Feller, M.D., will be given at Soppin Auditorium at the Miriam Hospital April 26 at 7:30 p.m. A question-and-answer period will follow.

Roger Williams Park Zoo is hosting its first Research Symposium beginning April 27 at 7 p.m. at the zoo in the classroom of the Sophie Danforth Center. Admission is free. For more information, call the zoo at 785-3510 or TDD 751-0203.

"Emerging Environmental Issues in Corporate Finance and Management" is the topic of a free seminar cosponsored by Licht & Seimonoff and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce on April 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 30 Exchange Terrace, Providence. For more information, call 421-8030.

The Cranston Public Library is exhibiting The Rhode Clothesline Project of memorial shirts now through April 28 at 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston. The project consists of shirts that are hand-painted and designed to reflect the victimization of women and the expressions of anger, hurt and depression which are the products of such action. For information, call 943-9080.

Vincent A. Sarni, chairman and chief executive of PPG Industries Inc., will be the featured speaker at the second annual URI College of Business CEO Forum to be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 29 in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Tara Airport Hotel in Warwick.

The Rhode Island Alpha Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau (the National Philosophical Honor Society) and the Department of Philosophy of Providence College will present a lecture by Dr. Olivia Blanchette of Boston College entitled "How to Think About Care for the Terminally Ill" on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Raymond Hall Dining Room. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Wakefield resident Deborah O'Connor, one of 35 nationally recognized silhouette artists, will conduct silhouette portrait sittings for the general public at the URI Child Development Center, Lower College Road, Kingston, on April 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Can You Help Us?

This unidentified photograph was among a group of photographs donated by Claire Bosler Goodman. Our impression is that this would be three generations of one family. Meanwhile, another success story has been reported. The photo of the bride that appeared in the April 15 *Herald* had been identified as Bertha Carolyn Weiss who married Dr. Max B. Gomberg on Feb. 29, 1912, according to a relative who called the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association on April 15. The caller, Esther Rachel Zaslavsky Bedrick of New York City, was sent the clipping from Providence. Bedrick was related to the Gomberg family.

DEA Seeks Centenarians for Brunch

Maureen Maignret, director of the state Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA), has announced that the 16th annual Governor's Centenarians Brunch will be held on May 6 at the Pocasset Lodge retirement residence in Johnston.

Rhode Islanders age 100 and older and those who will celebrate their 100th birthday during 1993 will be honored at the brunch. All centenarians attending the annual event will receive a special citation from Gov. Bruce Sundlun.

"In 1992, we located 180 Rhode Island centenarians and 23 attended the brunch," re-

marked Maignret. "Currently, the oldest Rhode Islander is Maria Barros of East Providence. She will celebrate her 111th birthday this October," she continued. "The governor's Centenarians Brunch carries on our distinguished tradition of honoring the warmth, wisdom, experience and historic legacy of our state's elders."

The DEA is compiling a registry of centenarians for invitations to the brunch. For reservations or information, or to register a centenarian, contact Marian Beckman at 277-6159.

Old House Clinics Offered

The Old House Doctor Clinics will be offered in three Providence neighborhoods in late April and early May. Each Clinic consists of a Thursday night lecture on the "Dos and Don'ts of House Restoration" and a Saturday session of "House Calls" to see and learn about common old-house problems firsthand from home renovation experts.

The clinics are presented by the Providence Preservation Society and are sponsored by Adler's Hardware and Pratt & Lambert Paints. The clinics are cosponsored by the Smith Hill Center, the College Hill Neighborhood Association and the

West Broadway Neighborhood Association.

Clinics are scheduled for:
 • Smith Hill: April 22 and April 24
 • College Hill: April 29 and May 1
 • West Broadway: May 1 and May 8

The West Broadway clinic will be offered concurrently in both English and Spanish.

The clinics offer tips and resources on how to maintain and restore your older building, how to find solutions to persistent problems, and ways to finance rehabilitation projects in today's economic climate.

Program registration costs \$10 per person, or \$5 per person for members of the society and the participating neighborhood associations. Each registrant will receive a free 100-page "Old House Resource Kit" and an "Old House Doctor T-shirt."

In addition, registrants will have a chance to win a \$50 Adler's Hardware Store gift certificate at a drawing held at each of the Thursday night lectures. To register, or for more information, call the Providence Preservation Society at 831-7440.

B.U. Alumni of R.I. To Hold Meeting

The Boston University Alumni Club of Rhode Island will hold its annual meeting on April 29 at 7:45 p.m. at the Johnson & Wales Inn, 213 Taunton Ave., Seekonk, Mass. The meeting will be preceded by a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker John Silber, president of Boston University, will discuss the role of education in a contemporary society. His 8 p.m. lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Tickets cost \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. All Boston University alumni are welcome. The Boston University Alumni Club of Rhode Island meets on the second Wednesday of each month. For further information, call (800) 800-3466 or 521-7951.

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EDITORIAL



SANITARY SCOUTS — Tony Poole, Allen Cowett and Chris Goulet rake up leaves and litter at the Jewish Home for the Aged on April 18 as part of an Earth Day volunteer cleanup by Boy Scout Troop 28.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

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The Bare Facts About Waste

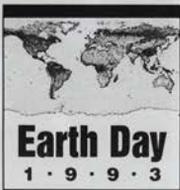
by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

As Tony Poole, Allen Cowett and Chris Goulet carefully raked, shoveled and dumped leaves and litter from the grounds of the Jewish Home for the Aged, little did they realize the impact their chores would have on our landfill. The teens, all members of Boy Scout Troop 28, were some of more than a dozen volunteers who were cleaning up the home for spring, as just one of many statewide cleanups honoring Earth Day. But the probable destination of their efforts, the state landfill in Johnston, isn't a pretty sight for sore eyes.

From a distance, the 250-foot-high mountain doesn't offend until you realize that it is the man-made product of our solid waste. Those unfortunate enough to be taken to the top can behold an unforgettable sight of utter environmental proportion. Thousands of seagulls squabble over who is to eat the hundreds of tons of garbage and solid refuse that comes from the tables, homes and businesses of Rhode Island. Huge Roman plows with iron-spiked wheels slowly push the mounds of waste over the edge to make room for more truckloads.

Every day, according to the Rhode Island Solid Waste Management Corporation, Rhode Islanders throw away more than 20 tons of glass. We dis-

card enough paper to create a 25-mile high-stack weighing 1,668 tons, all of which can be recycled; every 100 pounds of newspaper is equal to a 12-foot pine tree. If we recycle one ton, we save 20 trees. All those plastic milk jugs and soda bottles which seem to dot the highways, parks and streets could easily be recycled into useful products like toys, flower pots, picnic tables — even artificial



reefs for marine life. All we need to do is save.

Joe, an employee of the state landfill for almost a dozen years, hasn't seen much change in the way people get rid of their garbage. The seagulls looking for a free meal couldn't care less.

Yet as thousands of Rhode Islanders went about educating, cleaning and honoring one day to celebrate a cleaner environment, the lesson remembered is how we choose to practice recycling the rest of the year.

Tibet and Timor Come to Town

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
Remember the old song, "Did you ever get the feelin' that you wanted to go, and also get the feelin' that you wanted to stay?" Well, you can do your grand tour on the East Side.

In "The Razor's Edge," and in "Lost Horizon," Tyrone Power and Ronald Colman go up to Tibet, the roof of the world, to seek the answer. If you want to fiddle on your roof, you only have to climb College Hill. Tibet has come to Providence.

A group of Buddhist monks are sculpting prayers in sand on the skylight levels of the

RISD museum. In saffron or reddish robes with smooth-shaved heads, they chant their mantras. Then, pressed in by throngs of onlookers (like a Capra composition) they bow to their meticulous craft.

In the evenings, local travelers to Tibet give reports and show slides and clips about conditions in the homeland.

As the *Herald* reported some seasons ago, the Dalai Lama in India conferred with rabbis to seek his own answer. How can a religion in exile maintain, nourish and send forth its message while awaiting ingathering? A group of filmmakers here showed a movie featuring

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Letters to the EDITOR

Jewish Law Should Allow Suicide

To the Editors:

The Jewish tradition considers suicide as a crime akin to murder. The only exception is if one is to die for the sake of heaven.

The exception was made in the story of King Saul where he was justified or excused for his suicide. The story is told in the first book of Samuel. Defeated in battle, surrounded by his enemies, sure that his future was to be displayed as a trophy of war, and then tortured to death, he asked his aides to kill him, and when they refused, he fell on his sword.

If a disease or the treatment of a disease promises the patient horrible and degrading suffering, that is being tortured to death, if G-d allowed Saul to end it all and escape the pain of dying, is it wrong for me or my loved ones to take whatever means necessary to end my or their suffering? Is it wrong for me or my loved ones to "fall on our sword"?

It seems that "legitimate fear of torture" should be recognized in the Jewish law, along with dying for the sake of heaven, and as a valid reason for suicide.

Sophia G. Potemkin
Cranston

To Explain Is Not Possible

To the Editors:

A talk-show fanatic, I always try to listen in and sometimes to express my opinions.

During the last week the subject was, understandably, because of Passover and Easter, religion.

I had to give my 2 cents worth in. In these times of inflation, my views are probably worth much less than that, but this is neither here nor there.

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Candlelighting

April 23
7:17 p.m.



Notice: The opinions presented on this page do not necessarily represent the opinions of this establishment.

Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

No Solution Until War's End

NEW YORK — The Anglo-American conference on the refugee problem has opened at Hamilton, Bermuda, with a candid admission by its chairman of the conference's limitations and its purely advisory powers. "The only solution to the refugee problem is to be found in the victory of our arms," said Richard Law, British Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs and chairman of the British delegation.

WEEK OF APRIL 23, 1943

Avahath Sholom to Dedicate Plaque

Colonel Edward Noons, of the U.S. Selective Service, and Rabbi Morris G. Silk will speak at the dedication of a plaque containing the names of sixty men and women of Congregation Avahath Sholom who have recently joined the armed forces. The evening will occur this Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Synagogue.

Sikorski Assures Complete Equality

LONDON — Polish Premier Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, in a statement carried by the press here, declared that life in post-war Poland will be based "on the principles of democracy." Touching upon the position of Jews in post-war Poland, the Premier stated that "the principles of full equality of citizenship, a freedom of speech, freedom of religion as well as cultural freedom, will be applied to the Jews" in a liberated Polish Republic.

OPINIONS

The Importance of the Holocaust Museum

by Jack Kemp

This month marks two very important historical occasions: the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, and the dedication of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Two milestones, separated by time and geography, but united by a profound sense of history and meaning.

Fifty years ago this month, starting on Passover, the brave Jewish citizens of the Warsaw Ghetto held back the mighty German Wehrmacht for 20 days. Their heroic stand against evil carries a message that is as clear and immediate now as it was then.

The Germans sealed off 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto. By 1942, three-fourths of them were dead. Then the assault began. On April 19, 1943, the gunfire started. The Germans brought in tanks, heavy artillery, and bombed people armed only with crude weapons. But the resistance was fierce. Only on May 8 did the rebellion succumb to the overwhelming Nazi force.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising demonstrated honor and nobility in the face of death, innocence in the face of evil.

A profound message underlines that terrible period, carrying across the ages a moral imperative for today. It involves the will to fight evil.

As Elie Wiesel reminds us, indifference to evil is evil. To study the Holocaust is to realize how much evil can exist.

To understand the Holocaust is to realize how strong mankind's spirit is. It is to realize how strong men and women can be, and should be, in resisting evil and standing for what is right.

Who else but the liberator of

concentration camps has the moral authority to ensure that genocide and war crimes do not go unpunished?

Our nation led a noble crusade against totalitarianism and fascism — these killers of the human body and spirit.

But the fight against tyranny did not end when Berlin fell in 1945. Neither did it end when the Berlin Wall fell in 1989.

Now, in 1993, as the number of dictatorships dwindle, some question why the United States needs to be superpower. After all, we have pressing problems at home, some of crisis proportions. Let's turn inward, they say, and ignore our responsibility as the world's champion of freedom and democracy.

My response lies in Jewish tradition. The sages tell us that we cannot truly be free as long as others are enslaved. That's the message of contemporary America.

Given the pictures we've seen and the reports we've heard of ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum takes on a higher meaning. The museum is not a static memorial. It is a beacon transmitting a message to all Americans.

For those who wonder why the Holocaust Museum was built and why it is located in Washington, I defer to one of America's greatest military heroes, Gen. Omar Bradley, commander of 1.3 million troops during World War II.

Gen. Bradley's daughter recalls her father's memories of his 89th Infantry liberating the Ohrdruf slave labor camp. Nothing that he had experienced during the war, Gen. Bradley's daughter says, prepared him for the terror and

horror that he saw in that slave labor camp. He knew that we had to work for peace, freedom, and righteousness, so that never again could there be a recurrence of this terrible tragedy.

The writers, scholars, survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust are the prophets of this century. Their insight into the suffering that has marked this century will instruct future generations. We must do more than visit the Holocaust Museum. We must study it, under-

stand it and remember it.

This instruction must not divide left from right, Democrat from Republican. I'm reminded what a proud Polish-born Auschwitz survivor told the Republican convention in Houston last year, before he opened a session with a Hebrew prayer: "My alliances are bipartisan. I was liberated by a Republican, Dwight Eisenhower. And I was allowed to enter this country under legislation sponsored by a Democrat, Harry Truman."

This tragedy of immense proportions must continue to instruct future generations of Jews and non-Jews. The opening of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum provides a unique opportunity to drive these lessons home and then truly be able to say: Never again.

Jack Kemp is co-director of *Lin-power America*, a grass-roots public policy advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C.

Divine Providence Is in Control

The osprey, a large type of hawk, is one of the nonkosher birds listed in this week's Torah portion, Shemini. The osprey, which lives on a diet of fish, is an expert fisherman, swooping down into the depths of the sea to catch its prey.

The Talmud relates that Rabbi Yochanan considered the osprey an outstanding example of divine providence. Whenever he saw an osprey feeding, he would recite the verse, "Your judgements are the greatest depths." G-d oversees and supervises his world even in the very depths of the sea. Rabbi Yochanan saw that the osprey is only an instrument for G-d's judgement, eating precisely those fish which G-d has decreed should be eaten.

Rabbi Yochanan's statement is similar in content to the Baal Shem Tov's teaching, that everything that happens in the world is due to divine providence. G-d not only directs the steps of man, but oversees the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms, guiding every tiny detail of his world.

The Baal Shem Tov taught that every single phenomenon that occurs is determined by G-d, even the path of a falling leaf and the course it takes as the wind blows it about.

The example set by the osprey is also, therefore, not accidental, for it teaches us a lesson about how G-d oversees his creation. Although it often

seems to us that the world operates only according to natural law, and it is sometimes difficult to detect the hand of G-d behind the scenes," Hasidic philosophy offers us an unusual insight.



The Hebrew word for "nature" — "teva" — comes from the same root as the word meaning "drowned," or "sunk-on." Just as sunken treasure, hidden beneath the depths of the sea, continues to exist despite being invisible to the

naked eye, so, too, does nature obscure the true reality within.

The laws of nature conceal the divine providence that directs every physical phenomenon, making it appear as if events just happen by themselves.

The osprey teaches us that if we want to uncover the truth which the laws of nature conceal, all we need to do is dive beneath the surface to uncover the divine providence which is in control.

When we look beyond the obvious and contemplate these things, we come to the realization that there is no such thing as an accident. This fact will be made eminently clear after the coming of moshiach, when the godliness hidden within the physical realm will be revealed and open for all to see.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

To Explain Is Not Possible

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Since becoming an avid reader of *The Herald*, I am more interested in religion and my Jewishness than ever before. What I said was this, and I would appreciate some of your learned readers' views in this column if any of them disagrees with me.

I said, "One can discuss religion, but not argue it." The other, were two quotes from famous writers, namely the Russian author Maxim Gorky, who wrote the play, *The Pilgrim*. In it, a character asks the protagonist the question, "Is there a G-d?"

The pilgrim replies, "For those who believe in Him, there is."

The second stems from the Viennese author Franz Werfel, who, after the Anschluss, emigrated to Lourdes, in France. He vowed that if he survived, he would write a book about Saint Bernadette, who proclaimed to have seen the vision in the famous grotto there. In the introduction to the novel, Werfel writes, "For those who

believe, an explanation is not necessary, and for those who do not, an explanation is not possible."

The two quotations, in my uneducated opinion, summarize everything that can be said about faith.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Territories' Closure Makes Life Safer for Israelis, Harder for Palestinians

by Gil Sedan

EREZ CHECKPOINT. Gaza Strip (JTA) — The Erez checkpoint, separating the Gaza Strip from Israel proper, appeared deserted.

A few bored soldiers stood by the road's entry lanes, normally busy but nearly empty for the past few weeks following a government decision to seal off the administered territories and ban Palestinian laborers from reaching jobs in Israel.

Every now and then, a car approached the checkpoint from inside the strip, carrying a few thankful workers who held coveted special entry passes into Israel.

Periodically, a disappointed Arab was forced back home. The soldiers loomed at the papers and said: "It won't do. You can't enter."

The general closure of the territories, now in its fourth week, has continued to be successful in its goal of ending the wave of violence that engulfed Israel last month.

But it has become more and more painful economically for both Palestinian workers and Israeli employers.

A group of Palestinian women, eager for work, tugged

on an Israeli farmer on the Gaza side of the checkpoint.

Five women managed to get in his pickup truck, but five others were left out.

The government is killing us, by the Israeli farmer said.

"We are losing tens of thousands of shekels. Our produce

But there was little hope. From the 110,000 workers who used to enter Israel daily from both the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, only a few thousand permits have been issued by the Defense Ministry for workers in agriculture and construction.

On April 13, for example, only 3,300 work permits were issued. Another 1,700 entry permits were given to those who needed medical treatment in Israel or who planned to travel abroad.

Israeli construction companies have submitted requests to allow more than 4,000 Palestinians to enter Israel to help the housing industry get out of the forced standstill. By April 14, the number of such requests was expected to reach 10,000.

But for the time being, the authorities were strictly enforcing the closure, apparently determined to create a new economic reality and separate the territories from Israel, even if the costs are high.

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is left out in the fields with no one to pick it," he said.

"Rabin must make up his mind. If he wants to continue the closure, then let us do away with agriculture. This can't go on anymore," the farmer added.

Inside the strip, the Palestinian population, dependent on wages earned in Israel, was suffering from a cash shortage.

A few miles down the road from this checkpoint, scores of Palestinians gathered outside military-run administration offices, hoping to get a special permit to enter Israel.

Local Gaza grocery stores were no longer willing to give credit, even to longtime customers. Palestinian families began cutting down on food.

The Palestinian laborers were standing outside the fence around the government offices, begging officers to let them inside and grant them work permits to enter Israel proper.

Programs of Jewish Interest

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the largest recipient of American aid, and to Egypt, the second-largest recipient at \$2.1 billion a year, would remain constant for at least another year.

Some in the Jewish community were initially worried that the troubled American economic climate could result in budget cuts affecting aid to Israel or other programs of concern to American Jews. But for the most part, such programs seem to have been spared. For instance, funding for domestic resettlement of refugees, including Jews from the former Soviet Union, will actually increase after being cut back this past year.

That, of course, assumes that Congress will pass the administration's budget intact, which it never does. In fact, in recent years, the president's budget has been regarded as more of a policy blueprint and "wish list" that is drastically revised in the yearlong congressional allocations and appropriations process.

Pope Instructs Nuns To Vacate Convent

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — A group of Carmelite nuns last week received instructions from Pope John Paul II to vacate their convent on the site of the Auschwitz death camp, and has agreed to do so, say sources close to the situation.

Tadeusz Rakoczy, the

Catholic bishop who presides over the town of Oswiecim, where Auschwitz is located, read a letter of instruction the pope sent to the 14 nuns on April 14.

According to sources in Poland, the pope wrote: "By the will of the church, you are to move to another convent in Oswiecim."

"Each one of you is free to choose either to continue her life as a Carmelite nun in the same community or to go back to her convent of origin. This is undoubtedly a moment of trial for each one of you," wrote the pope.

According to Stanislaw Krajewski, the American Jewish Committee representative in Poland, Rakoczy said the nuns "received the letter with full obedience to the Holy Father's will."

Group Demands Investigations

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infiltration into American government, law enforcement and community activism," he said in a statement released in Washington.

"It is our sincere hope that Jewish American organizations will speak out against the ADL involvement and will join forces with us to put an end to these illegal and dangerous practices," Mokhiber said.

David Lehrer, ADL's regional director in Los Angeles, responded to the statement by saying: "We don't monitor groups or individuals on the basis of their race, religion or ethnicity. We do have every right to educate ourselves and the public about what critics of Israel say and write."

"We have done so for decades, and we will continue to do so," he said.



INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Three Israeli soldiers were killed and two severely injured in a bomb ambush April 13 in the southern Lebanon security zone, the deadliest incident of its kind there in six months. Lebanese sources reported that the Shiite Hezbollah group took responsibility for the attack. Initial reports on the incident said it might have been prevented if the army unit involved had followed standard procedures. The patrol reportedly disobeyed standing orders to move out of the area slowly and summon a specialized sappers unit to defuse the devices.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Some 13,000 Israeli doctors went on a 24-hour strike April 14 in protest against a 5 percent cut in salaries. Although the Histadrut, a union organization that was representing the doctors, accepted the government's request for the cut, the doctors said that only delegates from the Israeli Medical Association should have the authority to negotiate wages.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Reserve Brig. Gen. Arieh Shalev, a prominent former military intelligence officer, has proposed a detailed plan calling for a staged Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights in conjunction with a gradual implementation of full peace with Syria. Shalev, an expert on Israeli-Syrian security arrangements who represented Israel in armistice negotiations with Syria in the 1950s, proposes that Israel pull out from nearly all of the Golan Heights, establishing a new border two to three miles east of the 1948 armistice line.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's state comptroller will open an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the ouster of the nation's former police chief, Ya'acov Ternier, by Police Minister Moshe Shahal. Shahal said he welcomed the investigation by State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat. A Knesset committee took the step April 14 following Ternier's charges that Shahal dismissed him because Ternier refused to let Shahal interfere with the politically sensitive investigation of Interior Minister Arye Den, also head of the Sephardic Orthodox Shas party.

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NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Thousands of students and disciples gathered in Boston on Sunday to pay respect to Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, the central intellectual and religious figure behind American Orthodox Judaism. Soloveitchik, 90, died of heart failure April 8, at the end of the third day of Passover. A master of the worlds of Jewish law and Jewish thought, he was almost universally referred to as "the rav," the rabbi and teacher par excellence.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Luidas Kairys, who allegedly served as a guard at the Treblinka death camp, was deported recently to Germany, ending a 13-year legal battle against him waged by the U.S. Justice Department. Kairys, 72, who lived in Chicago, was charged with lying about his wartime past when he entered the United States in 1949 and when he became a U.S. citizen in 1957. The Justice Department's Office of Special Investigation filed suit against Kairys in 1980, charging he had personally assisted in persecuting Jewish civilians during World War II from 1943 to 1944.

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The senior rabbi of San Diego's largest synagogue has resigned two weeks after confessing to his congregation that he and his female associate rabbi had a short-lived affair while both were married to other partners. Rabbi Michael Sternfield, 46, submitted his resignation to the board of Congregation Beth Israel to avoid, he said, a potentially divisive battle at the Reform temple he had served for 20 years. The board then canceled a meeting at which the congregation was to have voted on whether to retain or dismiss Sternfield.

NEW YORK (JTA) — In a first for a Jewish periodical, *Hadassah* magazine has been nominated for a National Magazine Award. The American Society of Magazine Editors has nominated *Hadassah* magazine in the "Essays and Criticism" category, alongside *Esquire*, *Rolling Stone*, *Reason* and *The American Lawyer*. "On Filling Shoes," a November 1992 article about visiting Holocaust sites in Poland, was the basis for the nomination.

ADL West Coast Offices Searched

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zations and as many as 12,000 individuals, many of them involved in right-wing, white supremacist or Arab-American activities, according to a police affidavit released publicly.

Investigators from the San Francisco police and District Attorney's Office are sifting

through hundreds of documents seized in extensive searches of ADL offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles conducted April 8.

The raids sought evidence that ADL has been using law enforcement information, supposedly obtained illegally, in its alleged intelligence network.

ADL officials have declined to comment specifically on the investigation. But David Lehrer, the agency's regional director in Los Angeles, said ADL had not broken any laws.

"There is nothing nefarious about how we operate or what we have done. Our record [in combatting bigotry] speaks for itself," he said.

ADL National Director Abraham Foxman said in a statement that because of the confidential and sensitive nature of the investigation, "further comment would be inappropriate at this time."

He said ADL would continue to cooperate with law enforcement officials, as it had in the past.



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Around Town

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From Trash to Treasure

*I*t wasn't the mild Sunday in April wished for in scheduling an outside yard sale.

But the blustery March-like weather sealed B'nai B'rith Plantations Unit 5339 members to their posts merchandising odds and ends.

For the past two-and-a-half years, the group has held fall and spring flea markets.

Resisting the route to the dumpster to trash unwanted possessions, B'nai B'rith members recycled their wares... treasures for bargain hunters.

And in doing so, they contributed to Earth Day 1993 as well as benefitted their organization's Youth Service Fund.



"I think it's in this box," says Lawrence Waldman, the unit's co-president, at left, to a potential buyer.



Snoopy has found a new home! B'nai B'rith volunteers, Ann Gaffin and Adrienne Uffer, with Snoopy's new owner. Meanwhile, her little sister closely examines a toy while Dad looks on.



Linda Greenberg helps this trio of shoppers coordinate a set of dishes. With patience from all parties, they managed to find cups, saucers, plates and bowls to outfit their kitchen table.



A table full of goodies catches the eyes of passers-by. On hand are volunteers Sandra Waldman and Martin Uffer, center.



This father and son scouted for treasures and found a few! Equally happy about their find are Harvey Millman and unit co-president, Carole Millman.

Local Survivors Make the Trip to Washington, D.C.

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week. He has never been to a large gathering of survivors before and said he looked forward to the occasion with nervous anticipation.

"I made up my mind that if I could go, I'd go," said Newman, a survivor of Auschwitz,

who traveled to Washington with her daughter, Sharon Newman Roberts, and her granddaughter, Shauna Roberts. Like Heimann, this is the first time she has attended a large gathering of survivors. She hopes to see fellow survivors of Auschwitz.

"It might be emotional, but it's good to go and let my heart be there," she told the Herald. "I must go because this is the last goodbye to my people. ... Memories should be there for them, for all the people who

died this horrible death."

Many more survivors could not attend, due to illness, bad timing or the desire to keep the horrible memories quiet. All agree the week will be a busy one, filled with emotional testimony.

Herald contributing reporter Mike Fink is also in Washington for the dedication, and will return with exclusive coverage of many of the events.

A special service for rescuers

and liberators was conducted yesterday at Arlington Cemetery and the official dedication of the museum was held earlier this morning. President Clinton was expected to attend the ceremony. Those invited will be given a special tour of the new museum later today, April 19. The museum won't open to the general public until April 26.

Also attending this week's dedication events is James Wilcox, a Fall River, Mass., high school teacher who traveled to Poland and Israel last

summer as part of the eighth annual Holocaust Teachers Course. An Aug. 13, 1992 Herald story highlighted Wilcox's trip. Wilcox, who teaches at Durfee High School in Fall River, plans to reunite with others who went on the trip last summer.

The United States Holocaust Museum is located at 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W., Washington, D.C.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Stein' Invokes Spiritual Insight

by Omar Bradley

Herald Assistant Editor

Playwright Arthur Giron's "Edith Stein" is a powerful, thought-provoking drama about the Jewish philosopher who was plagued by her own spirituality and purpose in life. The play is the last production of the 1992-93 Providence College Blackfriars Theatre.

In attempting to grasp the sense of what Stein was about, Giron uses short, powerful vignettes in harsh or subtle spotlights to emphasize a mood. The opening scene has Weismann, a Holocaust survivor, pleading with a Carmelite nun to vacate the convent they have maintained outside the walls of Auschwitz and to relinquish Stein's title of

"blessed" by Pope John Paul II. Both actors face the audience instead of each other making the scene more effective.

Stein is played brilliantly by Gwen Gelsion who does a convincing job of portraying the woman, who abandoned Judaism to embrace the Carmelite order only to be executed by the Nazis at Auschwitz in 1942. Her deep devotion and unwavering courage were assigned to martyrdom which led to the naming of the Auschwitz convent for her.

The play uses simple wooden staging columns to serve as rooms, trees, a convent and windows. Actors move freely and mysteriously, thanks to superb lighting tech-



GOOD VS. EVIL — Dan Lesho (Karl Heinz) and Gwen Gelsion (Edith Stein) star in "Edith Stein" at the Providence College Blackfriars Theatre production, directed by John Garrity.

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niques. One scene, in which Stein is trying to help her friend, Hannah Reinach, steal apples from a tree is played imaginatively and lively. Stein's confrontation with her mother (Kate Marks), is so strained one can feel the tension throughout the theater.

Although Stein's life was complex and introspective, the play doesn't try to avoid her dilemma; rather, it deals with it head-on. A scene between Stein and a group of Carmelite nuns questioning her intentions is done with concern and compassion.

Sister Ruth is played convincingly by Nicole Kempskie, who at times made the audience feel as though they were at the gates of the convent.

Dan Lesho does a good job as Karl Heinz, the Nazi minister of religious affairs, who ultimately discovers Stein's Judaism after falling in love with her. The dialogue between Stein and Heinz approximates the closest thing to good vs. evil, with Heinz winning the battle of wits in the end.

Although opening night wasn't a sell-out, a good crowd appreciated a setting that was simple and unobtrusive with acoustics that allowed one in the rear seats to hear heavy breathing. The only biography on Stein's life was written by Waltraud Herstrith, and to this day, she remains a woman immersed in controversy between two religions.



'In One Bed ... And Out the Other'

Christine Ile, Jeff Sitze and Lynn Panchuk are literally "In One Bed ... and Out the Other," which opens April 23 at City Nights Dinner Theatre in Pawtucket and runs all Friday and Saturday evenings through May 16. There is a Thursday performance May 13 and Sunday matinees May 9 and May 16, with an additional 6:30 early dinner show on May 9. Tickets for the dinner and show cost \$20 per person. For reservations or other information, call the box office at 723-6060.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

The Black Eagle Jazz Band will perform a benefit concert for the Pawtucket Arts Council on April 23, 8 p.m., at Pawtucket Congregational Church, Walcott St., Pawtucket. For more information, call 725-1151.

Dance Alliance of Rhode Island Inc. will present "Works In Progress" April 25, 8 p.m., at Ashamu Dance Space, Brown University. On April 24 at 1 p.m., a master dance class will be offered free of charge. For more information, call 828-5957.

Lobsang Samten will demonstrate the creation of mandala figures in brightly dyed butter in a program suitable for children on April 25. Tibetan Butter Sculpture will be demonstrated at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, 224 Benefit St., Providence, at 2:30 p.m.

Artist Colleen Kiely will exhibit her works at the Sarah Doyle Women's Center, 185 Meeting St., Providence, April 26 through May 14. There will be an opening reception on May 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Downcity Doo-Wopp Festival will present its "Diner Days Kick-Off" on April 26 at Ruby's, 125 Thayer St., Providence, from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, call 272-4441.

Professor Elissa Gelfand will lecture on "Projecting into History: Jewish women writing in Inter-war France" at the April 26 gathering of the Alliance Francaise. The lecture will be presented in English at 4 p.m. at Ann Mary Brown Memorial, 21 Brown St., Providence. For more information, call 421-7181.

The Preservation Society of Newport County and Christie's will sponsor The Newport Symposium April 26 through 28, presenting the "Golden Age to GilDED Age, Patronage in Newport, Rhode Island, 1700-1900." The lecture will focus on the people who created Newport's great houses and collections. For more information, call 847-6543.

The Rhode Island School of Design's 1992-93 Alumni Lecture Series will feature sculptor Roni Horn on April 28 at 7 p.m. at the RISD Auditorium, 2 Canal St., Providence.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Safam Satisfies the Soul

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

For almost 19 years, Safam has been a revolutionary Jewish folk group in America and the world. It has incorporated a creative blend of rock 'n' roll, pop, folk, Latin, Hasidic, cantorial and a host of other types to produce what can only be called universal soul-inspiring music. Whether you're young or old, Jew or gentile, it's easy to embrace the group's Jewish-American sound. Safam will perform in concert at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence May 2 at 2 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by Touro Fraternal Association, headquartered in Cranston, to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee and the 45th birthday of the state of Israel. Joining with Touro Fraternal (not affiliated with Touro Synagogue) are 20 other organizations throughout Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts.

"Safam," which means mustache in Hebrew, is based in Boston and has performed throughout the United States and Canada. It was organized in 1974 to perform at weddings, fund-raisers, bar mitzvahs, etc., but its music became contagious and its reputation spread quickly throughout the country. Although there is no question about its Jewish leanings, Safam's music appeals to audiences of all religious backgrounds.

Dan Frank, the lead vocalist, garnered his experience from doing just about everything from pop bands to barbershop quartets.

Alan Nelson is an accomplished pianist, singer and accordion player raised in Boston. Robbie Solomon from Baltimore composes and arranges Safam's unique music as well as sings and plays flute and guitar.

Joel Sussman has been playing music since he was 15, growing up in Canada and then moving to Boston to attend Northeastern University. He also assists in songwriting.

Bass guitarist, Bob Weingart, a native of Pittsburgh, played with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra before moving to Boston in 1985.

Jerry Scholl, a Boston native who joined the group six years ago, has performed in off-

Broadway musicals, Hollywood films and concerts throughout the United States and Europe. With orchestras, he holds a master's degree in orchestral performance from the New England Conservatory of Music.

The group has travelled throughout the United States spreading its magical style of music, which addresses a spectrum of topics from Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry, amnesty and emigration. Both songwriters, School and Sussman, write what comes naturally to them, creating a blend of rich and meaningful songs for everyone. Their music reaches out for the soul and draws you into their world.

Being part of a Safam audience is an experience in itself. It ranges from laughter and tears to singing and dancing along.

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Safam's concerts combine a respect for tradition with innovative music, a memory of yesterday within a song of tomorrow. They are said to have revolutionized the world of Jewish music with a creative blend of contemporary and traditional music and themes.

They have recorded nearly a dozen albums, the most recent of which, "Safam on Track," has just been released. Its supporters, affectionately known as Safamniks, are said to be as loyal as the "Deadheads" who follow the Grateful Dead.

All men in the group have other full-time jobs. Two are cantors. Most of their music is original. Their best-known piece, "Leaving Mother Russia," has become the anthem for Soviet Jewry.

General admission costs \$15. Seniors 65 and older and children 12 and under are admitted for \$12. There are a limited number of second balcony seats at \$10 each. For tickets, send check or money order payable to Touro Fraternal Association, P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910. For further information, call Touro at 785-0066.

Tickets also are available at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Box Office and Tikvah Traditions, 727 Hope St., Providence.



Killing With Kindness

Appearing in the Community College of Rhode Island Players' production of "Arsenic and Old Lace," by Joseph Kesselring, are (from left) Tammy Marie Boatwright as Abbie, Mark Alloway as Teddy and Dayna Lynn Marziali as Martha. Performances will be presented April 22, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. and on April 25 at 3 p.m. at the Flanagan Campus in Lincoln. For ticket information and reservations, call 825-2219.

Photo by Ben Silverberg

If You Are 'Other'

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

The Polish director Agnieszka Holland portrays the paradox of the process of "passing." She made "Europa Europa" about a few posing as a Nazi. In her current, French film at the Avon, "Olivier Olivier," she spins out a web both morbid and fascinating. Olivier is and is not Olivier. Holland asks, is the search for truth worth the pain?

She sets scenes haunting and melancholy. She casts roles subtle and subdued.

The child Olivier in a red cap vanishes. The teen Olivier returns to take his place among a family group deeply troubled and divided. My wife found "Olivier Olivier" just too sad. But film does not stand before us as a lesser art. It can jolt, move, transcend and disturb.

Is it still the same old story, a fight for love and glory? Sometimes I figure, we're all the same, as always. Our religions everywhere calm our fears, urge us to act right, guide us in paths of tradition. We humans mirror each other like brothers and sisters in the same breed. Then, I think again brothers and sisters don't always get

along any better than Cain and Abel, Esau and Jacob, Rachel and Leah, Sarah and Hagar. When I bumped into the posters all over town of a nun with a yellow star, I took my wife. She said, let's check it out.

Providence College boasts a handsome campus and holds an elegant theatre. "Edith Stein" puts out a well-produced and compelling event. You don't study the dial of your (Continued on Page 15)

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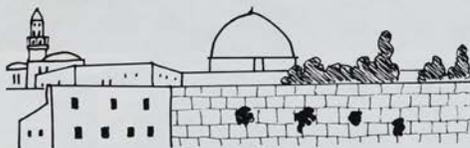
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Israel is 45-Years-Old



From the time of Abraham until now, Jews had always lived in the land of Israel. Wherever else Jews lived, they always dreamed of returning to Israel.



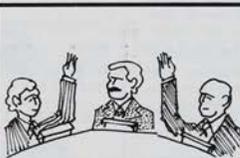
During the late 1800's, Jews began returning to Palestine (the name for Israel at that time). In 1918, at the end of World War I, the British were in control of Palestine. They didn't want to give it up, even though they had promised they would. They would not allow Jewish settlers to come into the country.



During the years of the Holocaust, starting in 1939, Britain would not allow many Jews to enter Palestine. This made Jews even more certain that an independent Jewish state was necessary.



In 1945, at the end of World War II, the Jews smuggled as many Holocaust survivors as they could into Palestine. Even after 6 million Jews had been killed by the Nazis, the British would not allow Jews into Palestine.



On November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to create a Jewish state, even though all of the Arab countries were against it. The Arab leaders told the Arabs living in Palestine to leave their homes. Then the Arab countries started to attack Jewish settlers.



On May 14, 1948, on the fifth day of the Hebrew month of Iyar, Israel declared its independence. Immediately, 50,000 Arab soldiers attacked the new state. The war lasted about eight months, when a truce was signed. All Jews everywhere were invited to come home to Israel.



That was 45 years ago. During all that time, only Egypt ever signed a peace treaty with Israel. Recently, leaders of Israel and the Arab countries have been meeting, trying to find a way to peace. Hopefully, one day soon, a peace treaty with all of the Arabs will finally be signed.

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(yah-dah-yeem)
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FEATURE

Wheels of Commerce

(Editor's Note: The following is the final part of a two-part reflective piece.)

by Harold Bloom
Special to the Herald

Like the other produce peddlers of the 1930s, my Zaidee's weekdays began about 3 in the morning, when he arose, dressed, hitched up the horse and wagon, fed the horse, and left the house. By 4:30, he would be at the wholesale market near Canal Street, inspecting the produce, negotiating prices and loading his purchases on his wagon.

He had built the wagon superstructure himself, constructing several tiers so as to enable easy display of the produce, and to make it more difficult for young opportunists (who frequently trailed the wagon) to "sample" the more desirable goods.

After the loaded wagon was driven home, Zaidee would have a quick cup of tea and head off to synagogue (the Rushishe Sheel) to be there for the 6 a.m. Shacharis. After services, he'd come back home for breakfast, feed the horse again and be off on his route by 7:30 or 8.

My ultimate ego trip was to sit up there on the seat and ride with him as his "Helper."

While it was a prideful thing for me to have a Zaidee who drove a horse and wagon, my ultimate ego trip was to sit up there on the seat and ride with him as his "helper."

From the time I was about 5, until I was about 9, this would occur on many happy occasions when school was not in session.

Zaidee would time his route so that he came to our house on Willard Avenue around lunchtime. He then could visit and have lunch with us. After lunch, with Mom's permission, I would climb up beside him, and off we'd go.

Most of his route passed through those South Providence streets that were lined with "three-deckers": Willard Avenue, Robinson Street, Dudley Street, Blackstone Street, Somerset Street, etc.

As he passed, customers would hail him, ask his prices, question him as to the freshness and quality of his wares, and generally agree to a purchase.

The next step, if I was along as "helper," was for the ladies to wrap up some money in a scrap of paper or cloth, and to drop it down to my Zaidee. If there was change due, Zaidee

would give me the change and the order, and I would proceed to deliver them up the stairs to the customer.

It may be of interest to note that few, if any, paper bags were involved in these transactions (plastic bags, of course, did not yet exist). In fact, many items of produce were not sold by weight, but by volume — quarts, pecks and bushels. The peddler carried cylindrical wooden "measures" in these sizes, and they were used, not only to determine the quantity of the produce being purchased, but also to deliver produce to the customers.

At my age, I could carry amounts up to a half bushel to the top floor tenements. Not only did I earn recognition as a "helper" with this effort, but I also sometimes earned rewards — cookies, candy, a penny or two, etc.

As much as interesting as serving as "helper" were those times when I was privileged to watch Zaidee fabricating and mending the complex harness gear needed to "hitch" the horse to the wagon.

Zaidee had taught himself the art and craft of working the leather, horse hair, wooden horse collar frame, and brass into bridles, reins, traces, horse collars, etc. — of professional quality (so much so that users came from other parts of New England to seek his gear).

In my mind's eye, I can still see Zaidee, astride his harness-maker's vise, rubbing beeswax into the heavy cotton thread, and (working with two needles) pulling the thread through the leather, into which he had predrilled the holes with his awl.

As deep as his concentration would be, he would frequently take time to explain some fine point to me: how important it was to use sufficient horse hair to pad the horse collar frame; the technique for stretching the leather tightly over the horse hair in order to avoid shifting of the padding; the necessity of using enough beeswax to reduce friction, and consequent thread breakage, as the thread was drawn through the holes in the leather, etc.

It has been nearly 60 years since I rode as "helper" on my Zaidee's wagon, toted measures of apples and potatoes up the back stairs of Providence "three-deckers," and watched as he deftly put the finishing touches on a smoothly fitted horse collar of shiny black leather and gleaming brass fittings. Yet, it does not seem so long ago that he looked up from cinching up a strap or neatfoot oil from his tools, and took me home to dinner with, "Nu tahtele, lomir gain esen."

Wandering to Work

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter



I take my route from home to office, along Prospect, to College Hill, each day, week, month, year, decade.

It's never quite the same. Forsythia bursts out in a wild spray of crayon ochers. Magnolia and dogwood spill out fountains of lavender, fuschia and ivory. Gold, once the silver of winter is past.

I beep or wave wildly at a gardener, a colleague or student. If you walk to work like the bankers, or like the path like some bikers, you can talk, hear, smell the air and its perfumes. In a car closed in by glass and steel, you can only look, or conjure ghosts of the mind.

Behind this brick wall near Olney lives Al Day, like a friendly bear native to the hillside. Always had grizzly hair, like an ageless totem beast rooted in his lair. Ten years before me, he migrated to Yale and caved up in Silliman College, just like me. Al fit right into Yale with his quiet, whimsical Yankee style.

Al holds a small woodland wildness behind his house, a secret life. Not many years ago, he hid a Model T Ford in his barn-garage. He would cruise my usual path but in reverse, to visit my family. What a treat to climb into the rumble seat!

Al was connected by family

to Sam Cate and Irving Haynes, a trio of architects who got to be chums and colleagues of my architect brother. Every Jew in town sooner or later strikes up an alliance with the old Yankee guard. Stanley Weiss bought the estate next door to Al. I peer through the filigree brick masonry enclosure at the Halsey-Prospect corner. I make out a proud jet and a group of concrete urns, a garden terrace put in over the stony weedy lot that lay in neglect for eons.

Our firstborn spent her toddler seasons at this crossroads. We had our apartment down Creighton, I used to carry or wheel

her among all these vistas of courtyard, patio and herb garden behind high gates and fences.

Mrs. Henry Sharpe opened the doorways of her stately home with its pink marble pillars just down the road. Clay-colored wood barriers, wrought iron or stucco gateways charm me. As space closes in on you like time, and your rut deepens, their fancy greeting dresses up your day.

Not an inch of Prospect Street lacks its phantom of delight. Before RISD restored the mansion, the Woods Gery governor's palace lay in wreckage like some Titanic. My mom and I

once just walked right into the deserted cobblebed hallways like deep sea divers. We made a good team of adventurers in our neighborhood.

F.P. Lovcraft's birthplace, plain and simple, faces Woods Gery just across the street, imaginary monsters popping out like cartoons or "Twilight Zone" special effects.

The former headquarters of the Brown Jewish department brownstone tucked its offices and seminar rooms in back of a giant copper beech tree. Professor George Anderson looked like the tree troll, the Saxonsprig of the tree. He made us grad students read the "Canterbury Tales" aloud around a large oval table — with just the right rhythm and rhyme, in the twisted tongue of Middle English. Professor Anderson's principal research had been to trace the legend in literature of the wandering Jew. There, hidden in the text, he would zero in on a bizarre word, "gnof." "A Jewish word, Hebrew, that became Yiddish, and even English!" "Gnof" meant "thief," and still does. A "gnofit," even in American slang dictionaries, points out a guy who'll rob you blind.

The weird figures that move across the Chaucerian landscape like Thurber's funny gnomes were all wandering Jews to Anderson. One ancient fellow, all bent over with a cane, taps his stick on the ground muttering, "Mother, let me in." He seeks a death he cannot find. Even the moon overhead waxing and waning partook of the deep mystery of the profile of the wandering Jew: an emblem of the human spirit, blessed and cursed — a regal yet shabby.

As I motor past, it dawns on me, I'm his wandering Jew. But I don't wander far. In today's world, with its cars and jets, there isn't far to go. You have to make yourself at home. So I do.

The Other Vienna

by Cindy Halpern
Special to the Herald

The recent violence in Germany caused me to reminisce about my last visit to Vienna, Austria. In 1975, my older sister, Abe, a survivor of Dachau, to his hometown so he could apply for a pension he felt he was entitled to by the Austrian government.

I felt guilty that I could ride the public transportation in the same city that my mother and her family barely escaped from years ago. My uncle had no train to ride to safety; instead he rode a cattle train to his intended death.

I spotted swastikas here and there on the walls of playgrounds and courtyards. I wondered: Were they created 36 years ago or were the artists

contemporary?

I felt the presence of long-dead Jews who must have panicked and tried to escape in the very last minute.

My sister, Uncle Abe and I visited a Jewish nursing home, where all the residents were survivors of the flames of hatred; but some of them were still trapped, not just by their worn-out bodies, but in the hell of frozen memories in time. The Holocaust never ended for them.

One woman was still screaming the name of her young son, who never came home from school one day long ago.

Abe explained the harsh realities of life in Vienna in 1938. "In those dark days, anything was possible. A Hausfrau could go to the market but never return home to prepare the meal; a husband could be dragged off the streets, even children were not spared."

But what bothered me most of all is how these patients' screams were ignored by the staff, who grew used to the screams, just as that same society ignored the screams of the Jews, morning, noon and night.

These were and still remain my final impressions of Vienna: It is a city of great contradic-

tions. It is the home of beauty, the blue Danube River, world-renowned music. Its sacher torte, weinerschnitzel make their home in the kitchens of the Hausfrau and the fine cafes.

But it is also the home of anti-Semitism. Adolf Hitler, as a youth, lived here and although he was not accepted into the school of architecture, he graduated with high honors from the school of anti-Semitism. I, a subject taught, learned and practiced at the bookstores, on the street and playgrounds, in the schools and homes and especially in the politics of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Since 1975, I have not ventured back to Vienna, and although I have returned to Europe and visited many countries since then, I never ventured into Germany (although I almost made plans to visit Germany, I reconsidered my decision and visited Amsterdam instead).

The lands of the Rhine and Danube symbolize the "Phantom of the Opera," they are in the shadows, but when one removes their masks in the sunlight, one sees hideous traces of the past.

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watch throughout the long evening.

But it could not bring me to my feet or my hands together to clap. I'm usually the guy who applauds till my palms get sore, out of high regard for stand-up art.

It's because I am troubled by the chasm that splits open between the Jewish feeling for Auschwitz and the Catholic point of view. Should Edith Stein, the Jewish Carmelite sister, pray for the Nazi guard who comes daily to the sanctuary. How different is the Nazi intruder to the Jewish survivor who argues with the mother superior 50 years after the flashback drama of Edith Stein's death in Auschwitz.

For both Nazi and Jew, the nuns bring forgiving comfort. It's a familiar debate. Jewish "justice" — a Shylock vs. Christian "love" seesaw on the stage.

But ecumenical efforts have the opposite effect on me than the one desired. Our mission as Jews is not to blend, but to keep back. Not to idealize, but to face facts. Poland produces priests and the church thrives like the summer wildflowers. Not one more Jew can be lost over the fence — especially in the realms of the spirit world.

The Yale plaque reads in Latin, Lux et Veritas, light and truth, and in Hebrew letters Urin v. Thumim. As you may know, these symbols were held inside breastplate pockets worn by the priests of the temple. They took out the runic sticks and stones to make prophecies and answer riddles. Basically, one toy said "Yes" and the other "No." The less we know about the urim and thumim, the neater fun it is to imagine. Most of the games our kids play once served a grander purpose, like their storybooks. We cast the pearl of our wisdom before the small fry, and why not?

Now that Yale has named its first Jewish president, Richard C. Levin, we can look upon its emblem not as a relic, but as a promise. Today's Yale doesn't enclose privilege like it used to when I put in my time.

My first image of the campus was a glimpse of a blond boy in Bermuda, stepping out of an open sun-yellow MG — tanned from Bermuda or the Vineyard, the very gold and flower of the Ivy League. But President Levin says he'll stress science and rescue the finances of the school. I concur with his



Jeremy Scott Rich

Jeremy Rich Is Bar Mitzvah

Jeremy Scott Rich, son of Les and Debbie Rich of Somerset, Mass., was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on March 27, 5 Nisan 5753, at Temple Beth El in Fall River, Mass.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marty Rich of Boca Raton, Fla. Maternal

grandparents are Rosalie Buckler of Lincoln and the late Ralph Buckler.

Jeremy is an honor student at Somerset Junior High School. He is a member of the orchestra and stage band and plays shortstop on the baseball team.



Amy Bergeron

Zenofsky and Bergeron Wed

Amy Beth Zenofsky and Timothy Paul Bergeron were united in marriage on April 10 at the Wilcox Tavern in Charlestown. The bride is the daughter of Allan and Miriam Zenofsky of West Greenwich. The bridegroom is the son of Rene and Florence Bergeron Sr. of Woonsocket.

Judge Edgar Timothy officiated at the noon ceremony, which was followed by a reception, also at the Wilcox Tavern.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Beth Kirsner served as maid of honor for her cousin. Bridesmaids were Lisa Renzetti and Mrs. Rene Bergeron Jr., sister-in-law of the bridegroom.

Rene Bergeron Jr. was best man for his brother, David Zenofsky, brother of the bride,

and Derrick Bergeron, nephew of the bridegroom, served as ushers.

The bride graduated summa cum laude from Providence College in 1990 and will receive her master's degree in August. She is a special education teacher in Exeter/West Greenwich at the Metcalf School. She is the granddaughter of Gertrude Zenofsky of Providence and the late Israel Zenofsky, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Morris Margolis.

The bridegroom graduated magna cum laude from Providence College in 1991. He is employed by NCR in Newton Highlands, Mass.

Following a wedding trip to St. Thomas, the couple will reside in Attleboro, Mass.



Daniel MacKenzie Pickar

Nancy and Myles Pickar of Cranston announce the birth of their first child, a son, Daniel MacKenzie, on April 2, weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and 19.5 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and

Mrs. Irving Pickar of Pawtucket, and Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Hood MacKenzie Jr. of Barrington.

Godparents are Dr. Kenneth Segal of Pawtucket and Lisa Pickar of West Hartford, Conn.

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Religious Radicalism Is Subject of Lecture

"Messianism, Zionism and Jewish Religious Radicalism" is the subject of the April 28 lecture by Professor Aviezer Ravitsky, a visiting professor of Judaic studies at Brown University. The 8 p.m. talk will be given at Wilson room 302, on the Brown campus.

Ravitsky is a professor of medieval Jewish philosophy and currently the head of the Institute of Jewish Studies at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His life as a scholar has combined research and publication in the field of medieval Jewish philosophy with an active con-

cern for the current political realities of the state of Israel.

His published research has ranged widely in medieval Jewish philosophy with a particular interest in the philosophy of Hasdai Crescas, leading to a 1988 book publication sponsored by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities. In 1986, he published a work in Hebrew and English on *The Roots of Kahanism: Consciousness and Political Reality*. He has been a visiting professor at Brown, Harvard and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.



Come Rain or Shine

Chairwoman Sammi Backman, left, and Beverly Malin price items for Temple Habonim's giant garage sale set for May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the temple, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington. The sale will be held rain or shine and will feature the furniture, housewares, clothing, books, toys, sporting goods and other items from more than 150 member families. For more information, call the temple's office at 245-6536.



TO THE POINT — Dr. Meredith Drench, a therapist, lectures about AIDS in the workplace to the Hadassah Nurses Council at the Cranston Public Library on April 15. Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Drench Uses Humor to Tackle Topic of AIDS

by Omar Bradley

Herald Assistant Editor

Someone walking past the Hadassah Nurses Council lecture by Mary Drench last week might have thought she was a stand-up comic entertaining the group at the Cranston Public Library. But it is Drench's unique style that allows her to talk frankly about the very touchy subject — AIDS.

Drench is a director of Adaptive Health Associates Inc. and a physical therapist who works with health-care professionals, teaching them to be more compassionate toward AIDS patients.

"I do a lot of talking about AIDS because education can alleviate anxiety and promote compassion to the public and health-care professionals," Drench said. Drench presented her research to health officials in Poland, Greece and Hungary last March on an AIDS delegation.

"We now recognize AIDS as an illness that affects every man and woman, although it's prevalence in disenfranchised populations — blacks, Hispanics, gays and drug addicts — suggests that this illness and all of its psycho-social ramifications is a them and not us problem and that isn't so," Drench emphasized. "It is our problem as a community and a society," she added.

The audience, comprised of nurses and medical technicians, was delighted with Drench's humorous approach to the delicate subject. The fact that a quarter of a million adults and adolescents are HIV positive, of whom 68 percent have died, was disturbing. One out of 10 women contracts AIDS, which is the leading cause of death in women age 15 to 44 years. More than 4,000 children younger than 13 have developed AIDS, of which 53 percent have died, Drench noted.

Currently, adolescents are among the fastest-growing group affected, due to igno-

rance and recklessness. Because teens don't always know other teens who are HIV positive, it often proves fruitless to warn them about it, Drench maintained.

"AIDS is based on a virus; it's a medical illness, not a social

disease," she said.

To drive her point home, she warned the nurses group that careless handling of such sharp instruments as needles and scalpels, is the chief cause of infection among their group, and that 65 percent of accidents occur in the patient's room.

Ironically, health-care professionals as a group are not at high risk of contracting AIDS; it is the mishandling of uncapped or bent needles that makes their jobs hazardous.



March Madness

by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

The tournament started with 64.

When the teams were announced.

Players let out a roar.

Some got in with automatic bids.

While some were neglected

To the dismay of sids.

When it began, there were

those that belonged.

And many that weren't invited

Fell they were wronged.

From my point of view,

The selections were right.

I'm sure there are those

Who would give me a fight.

I was surprised at the teams

That lost early

So was Duke and Bobby

Hurley.

It was sad to see the mighty

fall

Goodbye P.J. and Seton Hall.

As the tourney progressed,

Favorites fell fast,

Underdogs kept winning

Sure things didn't last.

Georgia Tech and Arizona

Pitt and Purdue

All took early exits

Just to name a few.

I had the Hoosiers picked

To be in the Final Four.

Coach Knight and Calbert

Chaney

Were quickly shown the door.

Coach Pitino's Kentucky Wild-
cats

Looked positioned to win it all,

But the fab five from the motor

city

Made them take a fall.

So what started as 64

Came down to the final two,

And proved to be for all of us

A game that was worth the

view.

Peaks and valleys were created

The game played at a feverish

pace.

Nobody would know the out-

come

In this basketball race.

A slam dunk here.

A three-point shot

Fans got their money's worth

All saw a lot.

When the dust had settled

And the smoke had cleared,

The Wolverines of Michigan

Had finally gotten speared.

The tar heels of North Carolina

Are the champions this year,

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Jeffrey G. Brier

Jeffrey Brier To Be Installed as New JCCRI President

Jeffrey G. Brier, an active member of the Rhode Island Jewish community, will be installed as president at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's 68th annual meeting to be held at the center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, on May 12 at 7:45 p.m.

His contribution has been recognized by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Merrill Hassenfeld Award for community leadership. In addition to being a member of eight center committees, Brier has held three different offices at the center: associate secretary (1986-87), vice president (1988-89) and first vice president (1990 to present).

His commitment to the community is exemplified by the extensive list of organizations and committee which he serves, including membership on the board of directors and executive committee of the Jewish Federation, trustee of The Miriam Hospital and The Jewish Home for the Aged and president of Highridge Swim and Tennis Club. He was also a past president of Camp JORI and a past trustee at Jewish Family Service. Brier is a partner in the insurance agency of Brier and Brier.

Other officers to be installed are: Alan Litwin, first vice president; Jenny Klein, Louis Pulner, Judith Rosenstein, Roberta Sultz, vice presidents; Michael Bigney, treasurer; Barbara Schoenfeld, associate treasurer; Susan Sklarek, secretary; and Toby Gall, associate secretary.

Directors to be installed are: Paul Cantor, Barbara Feibelman, Susan Fine, Diana Friedberg, Susan Froelich, Barbara Harris, Kenneth Hersh, Herta Hoffman, Barbara Kraselsky, Richard Mittleman, Theodore Olson, Susan Rodrigues, Selma Stanzler, Mitchell Sugarman, Irving Wiseman and Lisa Yanku.

Honored at the annual meeting will be the winner of the U.S. Low Youth Leadership Award as well as the JCCRI Volunteers of the Year. Richard Mittleman will be the chairman of the evening.

Contact Vivian Weisman at 861-8800 for further information.

A Seder for All Seasons

On April 8, a group of about 40 people, either infected or affected by HIV and AIDS, joined together at Temple Beth Avodah in Newton, Mass., to celebrate Passover. The seder was the first of its kind in the Boston area, where family, friends and loved ones of those infected could gather safely, aware that each was not going through the entire illness alone.

"In gathering together to hear the story of slavery and redemption in the Hagaddah, we can also break our bonds of fear and shame over AIDS and overcome our own prejudices to find an incredible world of compassion," said one of those who attended the seder. In this case there was truly strength in numbers.

The seder was led by Rabbi Robert Miller, and the Hagaddah was used as a basic outline to follow. The four questions were altered to fit the occasion, asking "Why is AIDS so different from any other disease?" In answer to the question "Why on this night are we gathering with friends and strangers alike?" the group heard that "AIDS and the Passover have brought us together to celebrate G-d and the liberation of our people, and to support each other as we battle HIV. Some of us are living with HIV or AIDS, some of us love people with HIV, and some of us have lost loved ones to AIDS. What better way to glorify G-d than for strangers to come together to love, support and offer hope to one another?"

Several people then joined in a discussion on AIDS education and the importance of being "open" in order to eliminate the stigma of AIDS in the family, especially the Jewish family, which probably knows discrimination firsthand.

The mood was not somber, but hopeful that we can overcome this virus. Musical interludes with flute and guitar gave everyone time to reflect on the proceedings and Rabbi Miller kept the seder running smoothly.

A prayer was offered that all in attendance would return next year, and that other congregations would sponsor similar seders.

The seder was sponsored by the Peter Daniel Clark Memorial Fund, to commemorate the man responsible for the Thanksgiving dinners for people with HIV which numbered 1,000 participants.

Clark himself died from complications due to AIDS in 1992. But his legacy of compassion is carried on by his family and friends.



SUPER SENIOR — Delores Bergeron, a fitness recreation coordinator with the Department of Elderly Affairs, gives the Social Seniors of Warwick a few tips on exercise at a "Strategies on Safety" seminar at Temple Am-David on April 14.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

DEA Warns Seniors to 'Watch Your Step'

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

When Corrine Healey asked the Social Seniors of Warwick how many had fallen, she wasn't surprised to see the flurry of hands that sprang up in response. "In Rhode Island, falls are the leading cause of death for seniors 65 years and older," she informed the group at a Department of Elderly Affairs Health and Safety seminar at Temple Am David on April 14.

"I designed this program less than a year ago and have reached over 5,000 seniors at housing groups, clubs and churches," Healey said. "We talk about things around their homes, i.e. loose slippers, poor lighting, scatter rugs, even sleeping pets."

When Healey asked the group what happens to them if they fall, one woman yelled, "You ruin your life."

Healey agreed. Bones in senior adults are more brittle than those of a child. "Since I've been involved in the program, I'm used to grabbing things to hold onto," said Healey, a health promotion coordinator for the department.

Besides Healey, Rhoda Tang, a public health nutritionist, and Delores Bergeron, a fitness recreation coordinator for the department, both lectured on nutrition and exercise.

Tang showed a slide presentation about what happens to our bones as we grow older. Bones become susceptible to osteoporosis, a disease that takes calcium from the bones,

To prevent that from happening, Tang emphasized the importance of taking at least 150 milligrams of calcium daily, as the risk of osteoporosis is greater in post-menopausal women.

Ironically, osteoporosis may begin in women as young as 20, whose bone structure is smaller and frailer than men. But exercise and proper diet, that includes a daily portion of milk or cheese supplemented with other calcium-rich foods, can prevent this, Tang informed. When a senior asked her if she could still have wine, Tang said only in moderation, since alcohol often absorbs calcium.

But if Healey and Tang's lectures were sobering and thought-provoking, Bergeron's seminar on exercise was entertaining. "I want all you old ladies to get off your fannies and start walking," she commanded as the audience broke out in laughter.

Using wit and hand weights, Bergeron showed the audience to basic exercise involving housework, walking and bed exercises. The fact that Healey, Tang and Bergeron looked younger and fitter than their ages was testimony to what they preached — that a healthy mind, body and diet will produce a better way of life.

JCCRI Meal Site To Feature Israeli Update by Rabbi

Rabbi Arnold Samlan, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, has been invited to address the seniors' kosher meal-site group at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., in Providence, on April 23, from 11:15 a.m. to noon. Rabbi Samlan will speak about current conditions and issues in Israel.

VCR programs and movies for the week include Part 2 of "Hello, Dolly," starring Barbara Streisand and Walter Matthau, from 11 a.m. to noon on April 25; and "The American Experience," a documentation of photos, ads and journals showing how P.T. Barnum transformed the circus, from 11 a.m. to noon on April 30.

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IN A GARDEN OF EDEN — Martha Finger, president, and Janet Friedman, chairwoman, of the Eden Garden Club, stand beside a mulberry tree in the garden at Temple Beth-El on April 14, when the club held its first meeting of the year.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Garden Club Signals Beginning of Spring

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

Beth Temple Beth-El lies a quiet place — a small garden with a mulberry tree at its center surrounded by bitter herbs, myrtle and pyracantha. The garden is the creation of Mrs. David Adelman, who wanted to add something unique to a place that was previously drab and empty, according to her friend and successor, Janet Friedman.

Friedman, who has been honorary chairwoman of the Temple Beth-El Eden Garden Club, spoke about plants of the Bible at the club's first meeting last week. After Adelman died, Friedman took over the club to carry on the tradition she had worked so hard to maintain.

The primary function of the club is to care for the garden, raise funds and support the activities of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, of which Eden is a member. "I joined the club by osmosis, you might say," Friedman joked.

In Friedman's discussion, she noted that Hebrews used plants for either food, shelter or religious rites. The cedar tree was used to build King Solomon's temple, wheat was made into bread, wine crushed from grapes and oil pressed from

olives. Many of the herbs and plants originated in Lebanon and Egypt but some were taken to new lands after the Hebrews' exodus from Egypt.

Friedman discovered that the onion grew in more than 500 varieties, some quite large and sweet, and had such medicinal properties as reducing hypertension, high blood sugar, cholesterol and working as an antibiotic. It's no wonder why this unique plant was fed to the slaves by the Egyptians. Not bad for a plant more than 4,000 years old, she said.

Many of the guests enjoyed a luncheon of tuna salad with romaine lettuce, cucumbers, radishes, olives and herbs, a tomato gelatin cake filled with sweet basil, tarragon, chives and celery — all plants mentioned in the Bible, according to Friedman.

The olive and the grape are two widely used plants in Judaic rituals, for the wine and oil they produce to toast the holidays and light the temples. But it is the mulberry tree on which the club based its theme. "All around the mulberry bush," which is the hub of the garden, Friedman said. The plant is the first one to bloom, announcing the coming of spring and serving as a timetable for ancient Hebrews.

Ravitsky to Highlight Memorial Lecture

The Adult Education Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island invites the community to attend a lecture by Professor Aviezer Ravitsky, in memory of Joseph Teverow, on April 26 at 7:30 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Teverow, a past president of the bureau, was deeply involved with many aspects of the Jewish community of Rhode Island. Through this lecture, his family and friends hope to keep alive his love for

his Jewish heritage, his devotion to Israel and his commitment to adult Jewish education.

The evening's speaker, Ravitsky, is professor of Jewish philosophy at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. This semester, he is visiting professor at both Brown and Harvard universities. Noted for his expertise on the current religious groups in Israel, Ravitsky, author of numerous books and scholarly articles, the most current being *Messianism, Zionism,*

and Jewish Religious Radicalism, is also frequently quoted in the press about the current state of religion in Israel. His talk, "Religious and Secular in Israel: Beyond Confrontation" will address this complex issue.

The bureau welcomes Professor Ravitsky to the Teverow Lecture on this evening of Yom HaAtzmaut, to help celebrate the memory of Joseph Teverow, and to celebrate the 45th birthday of the state of Israel, which he so loved.

The community is invited to the evening, and for dessert to follow.

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Miriam People Dinner

This year's Miriam People Dinner will be co-chaired by Skip and Sue Weingeroff. The dinner will be held May 4 at 6 p.m. at the Providence Marriott. Dr. Donald I. Marsh, dean of medicine and biological sciences at Brown University School of Medicine, is the featured guest speaker for the event.

Senior Guild Notes Chairwoman

Due to an omission in the last newsletter, the name of the chairwoman for the Installation Luncheon, to be held on

June 2, at Venus de Milo, was not mentioned.

All checks and reservations should be mailed to Lillian Gilstein. Her address is 62 Sinclair Ave., Providence, R.I. 02907. Her phone number is 941-4298. Cost of the luncheon is \$12 per person, and \$3 for bus transportation.

Members are advised also that membership dues must be paid in advance. They should be sent to Helen Forman, 145 Metropolitan I. Road, Providence, R.I. 02908; 521-0455.

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Kaplan Is Guest Speaker at Hadassah's Donor

Deborah Kaplan, national president of Hadassah, will be the featured guest speaker at the first Rhode Island Hadassah statewide Gala Donor Dinner, May 16, at 6:30 p.m., at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet. Entertainment will be Dr. Moshe Waldoks, noted author, comedian and humorist, who has entertained communities throughout North America.

Kaplan, a public accountant, has been a leader in her own community of Bayonne, N.J., serving in many important local activities. She has served as chairwoman of the Mayor's Committee for Observance of the Holocaust, Women's Division of Israel Bonds, United Jewish Appeal appeal drives, and held numerous portfolios for Hadassah on both the local and national levels.



Moshe Waldoks

ish studies, Jewish education, children of Holocaust survivors, as well as conferences on Jewish and general humor. He is a frequent contributor to *Hadassah Magazine*. Rosalind Bolusky, president of the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah, said, "All proceeds from this gala will benefit the Children's Pavilion being built in Jerusalem."

Co-chairing the event are Shirley Schreiber and Frances Sadler. Representatives from the groups serving are: Dorothy Rosen, Pawtucket; Penny Kass, Kent County; Rita Slom, Newport; Selma Dashof and Beverly Schafer, Woonsocket; Claire Bell and Shirley Chernick, Providence; Miriam Bosler, Cranston/Warwick; and Marilyn Cohen, South County. Donor treasurers are Norma Friedman and Dorothy Kramer.

Reservation deadline is May 5. For additional information, call the Hadassah office at 463-3636.



Deborah Kaplan

Waldoks participates in many international conferences on topics of Jewish media, Jew-

Vanguard Mission Is for Jewish Singles

Hadassah's two-week Vanguard Mission to Israel provides Jewish singles with a meaningful connection not only to the land and people of Israel, but to each other. "Vanguard is Hadassah's outreach group for single men and women from 25 to 40," said Lorraine Webber, Hadassah Vanguard chairwoman. "The Mission will attract singles from all over the U.S. who are seeking a tour of Israel that's active and fun."

The itinerary (July 17 to July 30) includes one week in Jerusalem and one week in Tel Aviv, with visits to the Dead Sea, Kfar Giladi Kibbutz and Mitzpeh Ramon Field School. Some "on-the-go" highlights include a jeep ride through the Galilee, a desert survival

course, dancing at an Israeli nightclub, a wine tasting and vineyard tour, mix and mingle with Israeli singles, and a special Sabbath ceremony at the wall.

The rate includes round-trip airfare from New York to Tel Aviv, departure tax, hotel accommodations, service charges and portage, breakfast daily, some lunches and dinners, 10 full days of sightseeing plus all scheduled events.

The price per person, double occupancy is \$2,765; single supplement is \$520. For information, contact Sharon Schneider, Hadassah, 50 West 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10019 (212) 303-8278, or call the local Hadassah office at 463-3636.

Israeli Cabaret To Honor Yom Ha'Atzmaut

In celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the 45th birthday of Israel's Independence Day, a variety of artists will perform in an Israeli Cabaret on April 25 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Members of the community are invited to attend this event in the social hall of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence.

Free of charge, the cabaret will feature the center's Kol Simcha Chorus, folk dancing and food tasting. The event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Community Relations Council.

Call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800 for details.

Middle East Is Subject at Brown Bag Club

Internationally recognized politician Larry Goldberg will describe the aims of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) at a meeting of the Brown Bag Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence on April 27 at noon. As Carl Bernstein of *The New Republic* recently commented, "We need to start asking the same fundamental questions about the press that we do of the other powerful institutions in this society — about self-interest and its eclipse of the public interest and the interest of truth."

All are welcome to attend this challenging discussion led by Goldberg, a CAMERA activist, former member of the Reagan administration and now a Clinton supporter.

The Brown Bag Club is a friendly forum for adults to discuss current events and topics of interest; to hear guest speakers or venture on special trips. It is held at noon the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and is open to all.

Participants bring a brown bag lunch, and dessert and beverage are provided. A \$1 donation is appreciated. All are invited to attend the Yiddish Vinkel at 2 p.m. following the event of the day. To make a reservation or for more information, call Evy Rappoport at 861-8800.

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Compassionate Companion

Hope Mellion, chairwoman of In-Sight, shares a moment with Rene Richard and golden retriever, Darby, at Temple Beth-El's annual luncheon for the blind on April 15.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Parents, Teens Can Learn About AIDS at JCCRI Program

In recent years, people have become more aware of AIDS through increased education programs, literature and media coverage. Even with all of this information available, many myths about the disease still abound in our society.

Teens in grades eight to 12 and parents of children in grades kindergarten through 12 can learn the facts about this disease in a Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island-sponsored AIDS Awareness Program on April 29 at 7 p.m.

The program, which is free of charge, will feature one pro-

gram for teen-agers and one for parents.

Teens will hear a speaker from Rhode Island Project/AIDS who will talk about the realities of the disease. Parents will hear speakers address issues of AIDS safety and how and when to talk to their children.

The program will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Contact April Peters or Alisa Yanow at 861-8800 for further information.

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Newman's Book Will Be Translated to Japanese

The Herald has learned that *In the Hell of Auschwitz: The Wartime Memoirs of Judith Sternberg Newman*, written by Rhode Islander Judith Sternberg Newman, a survivor of the Nazi death camps, will be published in Japanese.

The publisher wrote to me

that he found it very, very interesting... and he said if it's all right with me, they will translate it into the Japanese language," she said.

If all goes well, Japanese editions of the book will be out this summer.

Bowling News Read in Sunshine State

by Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

On a recent interview, long-time Beth-El bowler and now a Florida winter resident, Nocky Rappaport reports that the latest discussion heard in certain bagel noshes has been the tremendous scores being recorded back in Providence by the Beth-El Bowlers.

Benny Diaz continues to break away from the pack. Last

week, Diaz put together a fun-to-watch and I am sure equally fun-to-bowl 255/658 evening. He also broke into the 190 season average zone. The race for second place is narrowing. Rick Dressler has shown recent signs of putting together a hot streak but the early morning lane preparations are causing havoc for him and as a result, he can't find consistency to make a solid run at the top

Team Standings

Tooth Fairies	35-17	
Trinkle Design	31.5	20.5
Baker Furniture	30.5	21.5
Come Screen With Me	29	23
Standard Glass	28	24
Goldstein Electric	28	24
Halperin & Lax	27	25
Nathan Kaufman #2	27	25
Shamrocks	26	26
Oakland Mobil	21	31
Howie's Hammers	16.5	35.5
Nathan Kaufman	12.5	39.5



Israel Folk Dance Festival

Sonya Nutova (left), a 20-year-old Kishinev Jew, organized and helped conduct the first Israel Folk Dance Festival in Moldova for 55 Moldovan youngsters. Nutova was introduced to Israeli folk dancing at a similar seminar in Odessa last January. Both seminars were funded by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). It is hoped that the participants will establish dance groups in their home communities.

Photo by Leonard Acvilio

spot.

While Dressler is managing to hold on to the second spot, Mike Sugarman has been very consistent. He may be on his way to second. It should make for very interesting competition down the stretch. The low-key Sugarman and the

super-competitive Dressler. Definitely a study in contrasting styles. The ongoing saga of Harry Rose continues. This writer promises to have more scintillating reports on the on-again-off-again status of Rose.

Top Five Bowlers

Benny Diaz	190.5
Rick Dressler	184.1
Harry Rose	183.5
Mike Sugarman	183.5
David Robinson	179.1
Sy Brooks	176.5

Congratulations to:

Benny Diaz, 255/658.
Jason Blank, a pulsating 122 pins over average. He was tested after bowling. Results will be forthcoming.
Steve Gergel, 106 pins over average.

Genealogical Society Sets Next Meeting

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston will meet on April 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 333 Nahanton St., Newton, Mass. Michael Scheff, Ph.D., professor of pathology at Brown University, will discuss "Genetics and Jewish Genealogy." The event costs \$3 for nonmembers.

The Jewish Genealogical Family Finder, and other resource material held by the JGSGB, will be available at the meeting.

Two Will Be Honored at NCJW Luncheon

The Rhode Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women will present its 16th annual Community Service Award at a luncheon to be held on May 10 at the Marriott Hotel in noon.

This year's honorees are Ellen Hassenfeld Block and Alan G. Hassenfeld, Chairwoman of the Hasbro Children's Foundation, Ellen Block is concerned with improving the quality of life for children nationally and internationally.

Two beneficiaries in Rhode Island are the Hasbro Children's Hospital and HIPPY, the Home Instruction Program for Pre-school Youngsters, which was developed at the NCJW's Research Institute for Innovation and Education at Hebrew University. Block also sits on several boards whose concerns are children and health.

Also active in the Jewish community, she is a member of the board of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Chicago, and the executive committee of the National Women's Division Board of the United Jewish Appeal. Block was named an honorary board member of NCJW by the National Organization.

Alan G. Hassenfeld, chairman, president and chief executive of Hasbro, has a long history of service in both the Jewish and general communities. He recently chaired the Right Now! Coalition.

Some of the other areas of his active participation or support include: Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Brown University, Bryant College, Miriam Hospital, Operation Exodus, Foster Parents Plan, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Housing Partnership, National Conference of Christians and Jews, and many more.

He has been the recipient of many honors and awards. Sylvia Hassenfeld, Ellen's and Alan's mother, was NCJW's 1981 Community Service Award honoree.

Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman will be the presenter.

Reservations can be made by calling 831-6045. Categories are: special gifts — \$100; angel — \$75; benefactor — \$50; patron — \$35; donor — \$25.

Proceeds from this major fund-raiser directly support NCJW's community service projects, benefiting the elderly, children and newly arrived Russian families. Proceeds also support NCJW's scholarship program for eligible students who demonstrate community service.

Chairing the event is Hinda Semnoff. Her committee includes: Joan Abrams, Mitzie Berkelhammer, Marcia Blacher, Evelyn Gompertz, Irma Gross, Abigail Leavitt, Nan Levine, Shirley Lichtman, Judith Litchman, Barbara Long, Judy Mann, Barbara Rosen, Lillian Zarum, Marion Goldsmith, ex officio, and Doris Zaidman.

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School Beat



Poetry Corner

Holocaust

The following is a poem by Amy Long, a senior at St. Raphael Academy in Pawtucket. The poem was selected as the winning entry from the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum's essay contest.

Amy read her poem at the statewide commemoration ceremony, Days of Remembrance, on April 20 at the Statehouse rotunda.

by Amy Long

Frozen in time and played back
in slow motion
each frame takes me further
down that
left-hand path
each year is another body
thrown in a ditch
until the soul is buried;
yet in the chambers of tortured
cries
fingernails still scratch on
mine.

I do not see clearly
but I know the ghetto
the unspeakable acts
a quest for power
chips off and sends hurling
a fragment of all people existed
while breaks away a huge
chunk

of Humanity.
Aware or not,
Humanity mourns
for it has lost a limb
Words are weak in memories.
To some the Holocaust becomes
just a word.
But close the eyes,
and feel the tingling
in the stump where the limb
was amputated.

Nature had ceased
frozen inside
the freezing grasp
she holds herself in;
while Time sighs and shudders
stubborn

Kids Peer Through the Microscope at Schechter

Students in grade 4A of the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School were delighted, excited, amazed and amused when their teacher, Beth Aronson, introduced them to the wonderful world of the cell.

As part of their ongoing science curriculum, students examined under a microscope a variety of cells. For each cell, students were required to describe and diagram what they saw.

Five different types of cells were examined: blood, hair, fingernail, yeast and mouth scrapings from the inside of the cheek. Student descriptions were precise and original. For example the blood cell showed "lots of little pink dots," while

and takes us by the hand to memories.

The Holocaust reigns and soaks through bone to our soul
overwhelmed by its chill
No justification

for the deed
Today, sadly, I still feel
No justification

against
To conclude, to assess
always makes me wonder:
Who be the father of the womb
from whose born
this genocide?

Be he the malformed seed
that was not planted.
But works its way into the
ground
by the Laws of Nature
grows into the malformed tree
the hideous branches reach far
into the same sky
where the seed had fallen.
Does the soul to hate the seed
who spewed ugliness
to the Earth
mean the same as
the seed to hate the sky
for sending him there?

The same Laws that engulf the tree
feed the soul,
the spark, until
yet burning.

Spark
swept up in the winds
glows brighter.
Listen
to this breeze
that rekindles our dying
cinders;
decipher the whispers
echoes of words
but audible still.

Holocaust shadows
comprehend the reality, while
we only know what happened.
The Vital Organs have been
ripped out;
whispers remain,
an eternal call
to Live.

the mouth scrapings looked
"all yellow with lots of white
square things."

One student thought the fingernail looked like a "rotten banana with dots" while another saw in it "a pea pod with bubbles inside."

Reactions to the hair were equally creative: "The hair looked like a tube with a burst at the end."

"I saw a stick with a root and a flower."
The most exciting cell seemed to be the yeast as it divided under the very eyes of the students. "I saw a dot split in two," wrote one student.

"I saw little bubbles," said another.
It was unanimously agreed that science can indeed be very exciting. "You kind of saw the inside of things," observed one student.

They all look forward to the next science lesson.

Alperin Schechter Day School Commemorates Yom HaShoah

The following was adapted from the Yom HaShoah presentation led by eighth-grade students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School in commemoration of the Holocaust.

Our class spent the first semester studying the Holocaust. We began with the aim of learning about people's behavior — what makes them do the things they do. We studied about the rise of Nazism, how prejudice and hate grow.

The Third Reich, or the Nazi period, was intended to last a thousand years. Instead, it lasted for 12 — from 1933-1945. It was a regime of terror and destruction. Adolf Hitler presided over the systematic and ideological murder of millions of people. He particularly targeted the Jews for extinction.

We wanted to know exactly what happened; we needed to know how people could do the terrible things that they did. Personal attacks against Jews were followed by laws depriving them of their citizenship, their businesses, their homes, their rights and finally, their lives.

Whenever the Nazis conquered, they rounded up the Jews, separated them from the rest of the population, put them into ghettos and eventually killed them. Hordes of Jews were sent in boxcars and cattle trains to concentration camps where they were destroyed by the thousands.

The Germans did many things to humiliate and shame the Jews and make them feel less than human. Jews were forced to wear a symbol of their Judaism — a yellow six-pointed star, outlined in black, with the word *Jude* written in black. We today are wearing yellow stars to show our remembrance and unity with these Jews.

We read many accounts written by children, like us, who were trapped in the darkest period of our modern history. Today, as we remember the Holocaust, we wish to share some of their stories with you.

A 12-year-old girl wrote: "Nazis were going in and out of apartments. Some Nazis rolled heavy kegs from the factory into the synagogue and put it on fire. I ran downstairs and woke my parents. We took a small amount of jewelry and ran back to my room, locked the door, and hid on the roof. We heard lots of noise, both in the house and in the restaurant. Finally the Nazis left. We went downstairs. Everything in the apartment and restaurant was smashed to pieces, including my beautiful grand piano. My father was taken by two Nazis and put into jail."

Judy was a little girl living in France when the war began. She was left by her parents and adopted by a Catholic family. "During the war I had no shoes, but I had hand-me-down clothing. When I came to live with my French 'family' I was quite undernourished. The doctor said they actually saved my life." Today Judy lives in the United States.

Inge was sent to a camp called Terezin when she was 7 years old. A poem she wrote went like this:

*I wish I were a little bird
fly in the bright blue sky
That sings and flies just where
he will
And no one asks him why.*

Today Inge is a chemist in New York.

Lloyd was a little boy when his parents fled from the ghetto into the forest. He learned to hide in cramped spaces, to remain quiet no matter what happened even if he was hungry, cold and wet, and to avoid attracting the attention of soldiers searching the woods. Today, Lloyd is a surgeon.

Other children were not as lucky as these. We only have their names, their poems and diaries. One of the most famous written by "Never Saw Another Buttery," written by Pavel Friedman.



"MOSHE HA-TINOK" — First-grade students at the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence perform an original play written by their teachers, "Moshe Ha-Tinok," "Baby Moses," in Hebrew recently.

First-Graders Perform Hebrew Play

First-grade students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School produced an all-Hebrew play, "Moshe Ha-Tinok," or "Baby Moses."

Teachers Jane Myers and Ellen Shatner wrote the play for the students who had just

begun to read Hebrew this fall. "I believe in teaching Hebrew as much as possible through experiences that the children feel are important and exciting," said Myers.

"When we celebrated the first time, the children wrote

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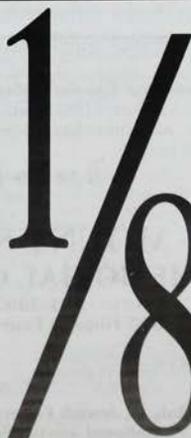
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OBITUARIES

LOUIS ASTRACHAN
JOHNSTON — Louis Astrachan, 81, of Cherry Hill Manor, a film projectionist for General Cinema and other theaters in Rochester, N.Y., for 50 years before retiring 12 years ago, died April 13 at St. Joseph Hospital, North Providence. He was the husband of Esther (Beckler) Astrachan.

Born in Rochester, a son of the late Israel and Lottie (Goldman) Astrachan, he lived in Cranston for 10 years, before moving to Johnston two years ago.

Astrachan was a member of Temple Sinai, Cranston, and elected secretary of its Brotherhood. He was a member of the ritual committee of the temple, and led the daily Minyan services. He was a member of the temple bowling league, and served on the bingo committee. He was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild.

In Rochester, he was a member of the Elks and secretary of Local 251, I.A.T.S.E., where he was a 50-year member. He was a former member of Temple B'rith Kodesh of Rochester.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Rabbi George Astrachan of Warwick, rabbi of Temple Sinai, Cranston; a daughter, Cheryl Feinstein of Coral Springs, Fla.; a brother, Max Astrachan of Los Angeles, and four grandchildren. He was brother of the late Carl Astrachan.

The funeral was April 15 at Temple Sinai, Hagen Avenue. Burial was in Sinai Memorial

Park, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MARGUERITE BOJAR
WARWICK — Marguerite Bojar, 87, of 1401 Warwick Ave., a translator at Fleet National Bank for eight years, died April 19 at Kent County Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Charles Bojar.

Born in Antwerp, Belgium, a daughter of the late Leon and Felicia Bialschansky, she lived in Providence for 45 years before moving to Warwick 19 years ago.

Bojar was a graduate of the former Edgewood Secretarial School. She was a former member of Temple Am-Devid.

She leaves two daughters, Fanny E. Bojar, with whom she made her home, Naomi Carr of Cranston, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held today, April 22, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

DOROTHY FRADIN
PROVIDENCE — Dorothy Fradin, 87, of 30 Blackstone Blvd., died April 15 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Hyman Fradin.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Abraham and Fannie (Edelstein) Bernstein.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, the Jewish Home for

the Aged and the National Council of Jewish Women.

She leaves a son, Paul Fradin, and a daughter, Hope Davidson, both of Providence, and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held April 18 at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BERNARD GOLDBERG
CRASTON — Bernard Goldberg, 75, of 6 Buttercup Road, an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for 26 years, and an associate in the Health Department of the State of Rhode Island for 15 years before retiring in 1985, died April 13 at Boca Raton Community Hospital, Boca Raton, Fla. He was the husband of Bertha (Friedman) Goldberg, born in New York, a son of the late Morris and Kate (Pachnik) Goldberg, he lived in Providence before moving to Cranston 22 years ago.

Goldberg was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael. He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge 42, AF & AM, and the Rolling Rhody Antique Car Club.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Alan M. Goldberg of Fairfax, Va.; a daughter, Barbara M. Goldberg of Cranston; two sisters, Barbara Orgel of Jamesbury, N.J., Esther Gordon of Chapel Hill, N.C., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held April 15 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BERNARD J. IBA
WATERFORD, Conn. — Bernard J. Iba, 85, of 36 Mary St., a clothing salesman for the former Anderson-Little Co. for many years before retiring in 1989, died April 13 at Lawrence and Memorial Hospitals, New London. He was the husband of Freda (Tregar) Iba.

Born in Stockholm, Sweden, a son of the late Isaac and Fannie (Bleiman) Iba, he lived in

Woonsocket and West Medford, Mass., before moving to the Waterford-New London area 25 years ago.

Iba was owner of the former Bernard's Baby Shoppe, Woonsocket for nine years, and the former Guaranteed Upholstery Co., Cranston. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, Cranston, the Elks, Woonsocket and the Vasa Lodge, New London.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Reva Coleman of Waterford; a brother, Harald Iba of Göteborg, Sweden; two granddaughters, and a great-grandson. He was brother of the late Yalla Iba.

A graveside service was held April 15 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ESTHER ROSENFIELD
PROVIDENCE — Esther Rosenfield, 96, of 293 Nelson St., died April 15 at home. She was the widow of Myer Rosenfield.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Fannie (Migel) Waksler. She lived in Providence for 90 years.

She leaves a daughter, Anna Simon with whom she lived; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Sadye Sherman, and a sister of the late Joseph, Phillip, Israel and Ralph Waksler, James Waksler, Rosa Rovins, Mary Lebovitz, Anna Hoffman and Jennie Tokach.

The funeral service was held April 18 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ISRAEL SIPERSTEIN
NORTH KINGSTOWN — Israel S. Siperstein, 77, of Seabreeze Drive, died April 19 at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Ruth (Israel) Siperstein.

Born in East Providence, a son of the late David and Dora (Brown) Siperstein, he lived in North Kingstown for 10 years. He previously lived in Cranston.

Siperstein was a professor at CCRJ for 13 years before retiring eight years ago. He was previously news editor and photographer for WJAR TV for 18 years. He previously worked for the Associated Press, the *Journal-Bulletin* and the *Attleboro Sun*.

He was the first sports information director and first publications director at CCRJ. He was a graduate of Providence College in 1938.

Siperstein was a member of Temple Sinai. He was a member of the National Press Photographers Association, the Photographic Society of Rhode Island, and a board member of Cedarhurst. He was in public relations for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation under Gov. Frank Licht.

He also coached boxing for the Jewish Community Center, Providence, many years ago. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife he leaves

two daughters, Linda J. Adler of Lexington, Mass., and Ellen Mroz of Warwick; a brother, Irving Siperstein of Middletown; a sister, Miriam Miller of East Providence, and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held April 21 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JESSIE P. STEINGOLD
LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Jessie P. Steingold died April 15 in Los Angeles at the age of 86. Born in New York, she lived in Rhode Island for 37 years before moving to Los Angeles in 1959. In Rhode Island she was a member of Ahavat Shalom Synagogue in Pawtucket and a member of the Providence Home for the Aged and Hadassah.

She was the wife of the late Samuel Steingold. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Rose Steingold, and her sister-in-law Tessie Steingold, all of Providence.

Steingold was the mother of Harold (Clare) Steingold of Santa Monica, Calif., Linda (Norton) Townsley and the late Gerald Steingold of Los Angeles, Calif. She was grandmother of Stanley (Jolie) Steingold of Atlanta, Joe (Rosalie) Steingold and Janet (Albert) Fuchs of Los Angeles, Stuart Townsley of Jerusalem, Israel, and Ruth Steingold of Los Angeles. She was the great-grandmother to Daniel Steingold of Los Angeles.

She is also survived by her brothers and sisters, Frances Katz of Connecticut, Lee Wilkins of New Jersey, Marian Schmelman of Connecticut, Mildred (Ben) Lazar of Rhode Island, Irving (Mildred) Abbott of New York, Sidney Abbott of California, Monroe (Bea) Abbott of Rhode Island, Harold (Judy) Abbott of Rhode Island, and Morton (Beverly) Abbott as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The family received visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lazar, 23 Esquire Ave.

LAJA WAJDENFELD
NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Laja (Glachman) Wajdenfeld, 99, of Hathaway Manor, 953 Hathaway Road, died April 11 after a long illness. She was the widow of Luzer Wajdenfeld and the daughter of the late Israel and Fruma Glachman.

She died at Hathaway Manor. Born in Warsaw, Poland, Wajdenfeld lived in New Bedford for 17 years. Prior to that, she lived in Belgium.

She was employed as a nurse with the Red Cross in Poland during World War I.

Survivors include two daughters, Paulette Kornetsky of North Dartmouth and Frida Helzherburn of Toulouse, France; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Graveside funeral services were held April 14 at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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The U.S. Holocaust Museum

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expected for the April 22 opening ceremonies, along with the heads of state of Israel, Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria and other nations.

On a recent visit, two workmen on scaffolding stood painting the soaring inside walls of the Hall of Remembrance, where visitors will end their tour of dehumanization, death and defiance, and pause to recite Kaddish, pray, light a candle.

Dust motes fill the air, visible in the early spring sunlight that streams through the triangular skylights — designed after the identifying patches the Nazis forced Jews, Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses and homosexuals to wear in the camps.

Located on 1.9 acres of federally donated land on Raulo Walkenberg Plaza, next to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was authorized by an act of Congress in 1980.

Outside the hall — where you can look to your left and see the stately Jefferson Monument and to your right to the elegant spire that honors George Washington — another worker in a red flannel shirt and dusty jeans was finishing engraving the words Ronald Reagan spoke at the laying of the museum's cornerstone in 1988.

"We who did not go their way owe them this: We must make sure their deaths have posthumous meaning. We must make sure that from now until the end of days, all humankind stands this evil in the face. And only then can we be sure that it will never rise again."

On the fourth floor, the videos that will tell the story of the liberation of the death camps were not yet installed, and heavy gray plastic sheeting still covered many of the exhibits.

But on the third floor, the

wooden barracks from Birkenau — the actual wood, no reproduction — were already in place. The railroad boxcar that transported Jews from Warsaw to Treblinka stands empty and dark inside, ready for the visitors to feel for themselves the claustrophobic horror of its blank walls.

And the chilling casting of the all-too-familiar wrought-iron inscription "Arbeit macht frei" (Work makes you free) that greeted new inmates at Auschwitz with its mocking irony — that, too, was ready.

So are the tapes. When the museum opens April 26, visitors will sit on narrow benches in front of a mural of Auschwitz/Birkenau and listen to what one museum official calls "audio theater" — the voice of men and women who were there and who remember.

First-Graders

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their own sentences," she said. "One child asked if the class could perform a play some day. So we wrote one for them."

Working on the play integrated the students' Hebrew learning with one of their favorite stories in the Torah. In addition, students made both the scenery and the costumes.

In order to keep the play simple enough for the children to do in Hebrew and yet give many children parts, the teachers devised a unique feature of the play, which demanded cooperation and communication. Two children performed as one character at the same time.

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A BASKET OF PLENTY — Stephanie Masoian and Linda Minassian, co-owners of Delicacies Inc. of Cranston, stand before their trademark.
Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Despite Economy, Delicacies Takes the Risk and Makes it Worthwhile

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

If courage and compassion are prerequisites for entrepreneurship, then Linda Minassian and Stephanie Masoian, co-owners of Delicacies Inc., have plenty.

Prior to opening their successful delicatessen at 12 Rolfe Square in Cranston, the two women embarked on a journey few would dare make. After a catastrophic earthquake devastated Armenia, Minassian and Masoian left their jobs for five weeks to assist the victims in rebuilding their homes.



Why did they do it? "It just came from within; you wanted to go do it," Masoian said. Despite the hardships, a strong bond formed between the two women.

Upon their return, a lot wiser and wiser, they decided to open up a business in 1990. Even though the state had just undergone a financial catastrophe of its own, the two persevered. "We opened up in the worst time in Rhode Island economic history," Minassian said. "If we had been in business earlier, we might not have been as successful." Fate and fortune spared them from going under and the business flourished.

Masoian and Minassian are not only business partners but the best of friends. They are active volunteers at the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church and the Cranston and Providence Chambers of Commerce. Both women purchase only the freshest produce and meats from local growers and make sure everything is cooked to perfection.

The deli specializes in such

Middle Eastern foods as Armenian string cheese, sweet bread and baklava. It offers a full catering service capable of serving between six to 600 people. The store also makes fresh deli sandwiches, homemade soups, muffins and gourmet roasted coffees. In the back room are shelves lined with all kinds of imported gourmet jams, cookies and pasta to tantalize the appetite.

On the front of the business is a beautifully carved sign depicting a gourmet food basket much like the ones displayed inside. Patrons sit comfortably inside sipping coffee and eating pastry. "Delicacies is a place you come for good-quality service and friendly atmosphere," Minassian said. She claims that business has been good enough to keep six part-time workers busy.

The business has been so successful that the possibility of a second deli opening may soon materialize. "I'd like to open on the East Side so we can bring our types of foods to another area," Minassian stated. But regardless of where or when it'll happen, success and good fortune is sure to follow.



PARENTS' PLIGHTS & RIGHTS

by Dr. Steve C. Imber
Special to the Herald

Dear Dr. Imber:

We have a son who is in the first grade. His teacher has suggested that he repeat the grade next year because he seems immature and has a great deal of difficulty learning to read and write.

His father and I see him as a bright child. We agree that he has problems reading and writing. We asked his teacher whether he should be tested for learning disabilities.

The teacher felt that such testing was unnecessary. The school year is rapidly coming to an end. Frankly, we don't know what to do. What do you think?

Anxious

Dear Anxious:

April not only brings spring showers; it also signals the final quarter of the school term. You share a dilemma common to many parents: To accept or reject retention for their children. There are several arguments in favor of retention.

First, children who are retained have an opportunity to mature during the summer months. During the following school term, a second exposure to previously exposed concepts and skills should increase the child's opportunities for academic success.

Secondly, the child will have an opportunity to work with children who are several months younger than he is; thus, retention can serve as an academic equalizer.

Thirdly, should the retained child be small in stature and/or physically less able, the child is

likely to experience more success in situations which require agility, speed, coordination and gross-motor skills.

Should any or all of these advantages be relevant to a particular child, then it seems reasonable that retention can decrease stress and diminish emotional difficulties.

However, there are some serious arguments against retention as well. First, simply because a child is retained does not guarantee that his needs will be met. A child might have difficulty grasping concepts of numeration or operations for performing basic addition or subtraction facts in an automated manner. A second exposure utilizing the same teaching methods may prove unsatisfactory.

Secondly, if the child is bright, retention may result in boredom. Such boredom could easily lead to withdrawal (day-dreaming) or behavioral difficulties.

Thirdly, the retained child may suffer a loss in self-esteem. He may perceive himself as "dumb" or believe that others think he is stupid. He may feel saddened to see his former classmates promoted to the next grade while he remains behind. He may also be teased unmercifully by his peers and former peers.

In your own situation, it does seem reasonable to have your child tested for possible learning disabilities. Rhode Island regulations for children with disabilities provide a "strong recommendation" that a child be referred to a multidisciplinary team if the child is failing two or more subjects at midterm or fails for the year.

Should a district elect not to evaluate your son, you can obtain an independent evaluation, privately. Each case for retention should be decided on an individual basis.

Dr. Imber is a professor of special education at Rhode Island College, a past president of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, a member of the Professional Advisory Board for the Rhode Island Learning Disabilities Association, and president of Psychoeducational Consultants Inc.

Tibet and Timor Come to Town

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the Dalai Lama and his court.

An ancient, smiling, rhapsodic (a sort of Hassidic rabbi) dies. His student, a man in his mid-40s, goes to seek his reincarnation. He chooses a small boy and serves him as a shamas or melamed for a bar mitzvah boy-child. Among the audience, I made the comparison: "Jews name their babies after an honored relative who has died. The name lives like a mechama, a soul."

I never fail to point out Jewish values on campus.

Meanwhile, just a few mountain-climbing footsteps up at List Auditorium, a group of young Timorese exiles, who now live in Australia or Canada, addressed a group about the plight of their people groaning under Indonesian oppression.

Professor David Targan, who had been knighted by the Portuguese government for his work in their behalf, as the Herald reported recently, introduced the speakers. They showed slides, maps, film clips. Whether they knew it or not, they drew and leaned on Jewish history and destiny, calling on words like "diaspora," "genocide" and "exodus."

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