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## Glowing Talk, Glaring Omissions in Historic Clinton-Assad Summit

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Waves of warm enthusiasm, emanating from Geneva, washed over a wary and worried Jerusalem last week, following President Clinton's historic 5 1/2-hour meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad on Jan. 16.

Some of the wariness here was prompted by the assessment that all the glowing optimism about what had been

achieved in the talks seemed to be coming from the Americans rather than the Syrians.

"The tone was too positive to be disappointing, but it was too general to be satisfactory," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said of the talks.

A similar assessment was made by Rafael Eitan, the leader of the staunchly nationalist Tsomet Party, who said Assad's statements at a news conference

after the meeting, "go no farther than his past vague generalities."

Clinton and Assad pledged to support a "peace of the brave," in the Middle East.

But as Peres conveyed, the two leaders' comments were long on generalities and short on specifics.

At a press conference after their marathon session — the first meeting between American and Syrian leaders since 1990 — Clinton assured Israel and the world that Syria was ready for full peace and a normalization of relations with the Jewish state. Not merely an end of war, Clinton insisted, but normal relations — "like between good neighbors."

He had heard this from Assad unequivocally, Clinton said, and now it would be up to the two sides, Syria and Israel, to make historic decisions for peace.

And in his opening statement, Assad said, "Syria seeks a just and comprehensive peace with Israel as a strategic choice that secures Arab rights, ends the Israeli occupation and enables our peoples in the region to live in peace, security and dignity."

The trouble was that when the Syrian leader was pressed to provide details about the components of the envisaged peace, Assad was vague and waffling.

No announcements were made about a withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon, nor about Syrian support of terror-

would reiterate these feelings on his own before long.

He acknowledged that Russia historically has been unable to find an antidote to anti-Semitism. But he said that improving the lot of the Russian people would help counteract grass-roots anti-Jewish sentiment, which arises from feelings of desperation and the need for a scapegoat.

He also outlined the economic problems his nation had experienced during the last two years and the "painful trauma" resulting from the effort to convert from Communism to a free market economy. But he assured the presidents conference that Russia was firmly committed to a policy of democracy and free enterprise.

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## Ambassador Vows Russia Will Halt Spread of Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK — Russia is taking steps to counter anti-Semitism and xenophobia, which have been exacerbated by the country's economic plight and diplomatic instability.

Yuli Vorontsov, Russia's ambassador to the United Nations, told a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that, "The new Russian Constitution, which has charted a course for Russia in the direction of democracy and a market economy, will serve as a bulwark against the rise of anti-Semitism."

The ambassador added that President Yeltsin expressed strong feelings against anti-Semitism in a joint statement with President Clinton, and said he was sure President Yeltsin

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### Baskets of Love

Early this week Providence Hebrew Day School students prepared 500 fruit baskets, while listening to Jewish music, for Tu B'Shvat. These gifts of love will be distributed to many seniors in nursing homes, hospitals, and residences around the Greater Providence area. See pages 10 and 11.

Herald Photo by Stacey A. Pacheco



## Clinton's Jewish Report Card

by Deborah Kalb

WASHINGTON (JTA) — If not for the thorny problem of Bosnia-Herzegovina, President Clinton would win almost uniformly positive reviews of his first year in office from the organized Jewish community in the United States.

Clinton has earned high marks from many American Jewish leaders on issues ranging from his treatment of Israel to his support of a host of domestic programs backed by many Jewish organizations.

The one fly in the ointment has been what many in the Jewish community see as the administration's tepid response to the continuing war in Bosnia, where the horrors of "ethnic cleansing" evoke images of the Holocaust.

Overall, however, Jewish leaders see Clinton's performance on substantive issues in a positive light — which is perhaps not surprising considering that Clinton won about 80 percent of the Jewish vote in 1992.

## Jewish Institutions Hit Hard by L.A. Earthquake

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The University of Judaism, several prominent synagogues, and Jewish communal facilities suffered severe damage in the devastating earthquake that struck Jan. 17.

The epicenter of the quake was in the San Fernando Valley, abutting Los Angeles in the northwest. Although the quake affected homes, buildings and freeways throughout the metropolitan area, the severest damage was in the valley, home to 240,000 Jews.

"At this point it is still rather chaotic," Steven Windmueller, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, recently said.

"It's rather unclear as to the total scope of damage, and to the depth of how our community and the larger society has been affected," he said.

While engineers were still assessing the structural damage of the region's buildings, severe damage was reported by the University of Judaism and the adjacent Stephen S. Wise Temple, which closed for the week.

Also hit were the Brandeis-

Bardin Institute in the Simi Valley, which apparently lost its main and adjoining buildings, and Valley Beth Shalom, whose rabbi, Harold Schulweis, planned to give a sermon this Friday on "An Act of G-d?"

The 6-year-old Bernard Milken Community Campus, housing the main Jewish agencies for the western San Fernando Valley, which was already being closed down temporarily to correct major construction deficiencies, suffered major water damage.

Water from burst pipes also damaged the Freda Mohr Center of the Jewish Family Service, while the agency's western office was badly damaged.

Possible structural damage to the Jewish Community Building in West-Central Los Angeles was still being assessed. As in homes and offices throughout the area, floors were littered with papers, crockery, photographs and computers.

Windmueller of the Jewish Community Relations Committee reported that several offices were blocked by filing cabinets

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### "What's next? Locusts?"

Marlene Adler Marks  
Jewish Journal

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE



Sylvia Weber

## Weber Addresses Nurses Council

Sylvia Weber, M.S., R.N.C.S. of Cranston will be the guest speaker at the Rhode Island Nurses Council meeting, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Shirley Bellin, Providence.

Weber is a nurse psychotherapist at Counseling and Mental Health Services, Inc. in East Greenwich, an interdisciplinary private practice she co-founded in 1976.

She received her nursing education from Kings County Hospital School of Nursing in Brooklyn, N.Y., and her bachelor's in Nursing Education from New York University.

Weber graduated with a master of science in psychiatric mental health nursing from the University of California, L.A., has worked in a variety of nursing positions, and taught many courses related to health care issues, including stress management, imagery, humor and healing, abuse, suicide prevention, therapeutic touch, etc.

Holistic health programs were developed by Weber in 1982. A past president of the R.I. State Nurses Association, she currently serves on the American Nurses Association Congress, and is chairwoman of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Certification.

Weber will be speaking on "nurse as Superwoman." She has been a featured guest speaker at many functions.

Nurses councils were formed to establish an international partnership with the nursing division of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem in order to enhance and support the profession in Israel and the United States. The program is open to all nurses, retired or working. For additional information, please call Susan Ginsberg at 245-0042 or Hadassah office, 463-3636.

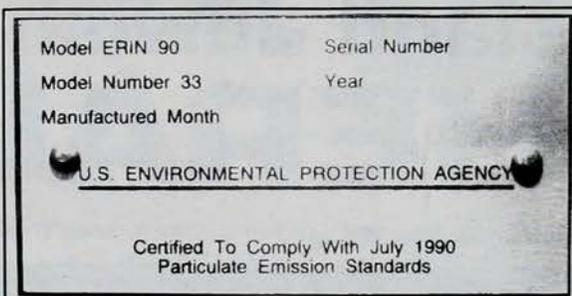
## Strong Bond Sales

A diverse group of local investors purchased a total of \$27.2 million in State of Israel bonds throughout New England during 1993, according to Ralph Kaplan, New England chairman of Israel Bonds.

Local government, unions, professionals, retirees, and others included Israel Bonds in their investment portfolios in the past year because of the prospects of peace and a promising economic future.

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The Clean Heat Woodstove Exchange program offers rebates of up to \$200 on new, clean burning woodstoves certified by the Environmental Protection Agency if buyers turn in older, uncertified stoves.

The old stoves, which are up to 25 times more polluting, will be recycled, taking them permanently out of circulation.

All EPA-certified woodstoves are marked with a large metal plaque on the back of the stove (see picture above).

The Clean Heat Woodstove Exchange will be in effect from Jan. 18 through Feb. 28, 1994. Consumers can take part by

contacting one of the firms listed at the end of this article.

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Lew Suriani, Economy Ornamental Works, P.O. Box 14, 464 Maple Ave., Barrington, R.I. 02806, 245-5694.

Bill Labell, The Stovepipe Fireplace Shop Inc., 463 Namquid Dr., Warwick, R.I. 02888, 963-9333.

## Smoke Rising, Dollars Burning

If your woodstove is causing a picturesque plume of smoke to curl from the chimney, you're not getting your money's worth from the wood you're burning.

Here are several things you can do to minimize smoky emission and burn more efficiently:

1) Make sure you're using a woodstove certified by the Environmental Protection Agency, which will significantly increase fuel efficiency and reduce emissions up to 95 percent. Check the back of your appliance for the EPA plaque.

2) Split and stack firewood under cover in the spring so the summer and warm winds can dry it out. Dry wood ignites faster, smokes less, and produces fewer creosote deposits.

3) For efficiency, burn hardwoods like maple and hickory rather than softwoods like pine, which produce less heat and more smoke. A cord of hickory, for instance, produces the same amount of heating units as 177 gallons of oil. But a cord of white pine or hemlock produces the equivalent of only 107 gallons of oil.

4) Use plenty of crumpled newspaper and kindling when starting a fire, so it will ignite quickly and burn hot. Hot fires burn cleaner than slow, smoldering ones.

5) Burn in cycles. Adding a new log every hour is like



Healing Herbs for Winter Health, a talk on holistic remedies, will be given by Claudia Binns at the Bell Street Church, 5 Bell St., Providence, at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 27. Admission \$3.

The Harlem Globetrotters will play Providence for one show only on Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Providence Civic Center. Call 331-0700 or visit Box Office.

URI students will be jumping for heart health, to benefit programs of the American Heart Association on Jan. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Mackal Field House on the Kingston campus. Call 728-5300.

The Nurses Alumni Association of URI will hold a meeting Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at J.Wales restaurant. Reserve by calling 364-7736.

Wellness Month starts Feb. 1 with a lecture: Managing Stress in Your Life, by Nancy Brennick of Women and Infants Hospital, at the Center for Health Education, 1050 Main Street, E. Greenwich. A second lecture: PMS — Living with Yourself and Others, will be given by Mauro Colavita, M.D. from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 3 at the same location.

There will be a Teddy Bear Picnic all through February (10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wed. through Sun.) at the Fantastic Umbrella Factory, 4820 Old Post Road, Charlestown. Call 364-6616.

Make It and Take It — a creative free-for-all for ages 3 and older, at the Children's Museum, will take place Feb. 1 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Stories for Big Kids, a story-telling, sing-along session about friendship, will take place Feb. 2 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the museum, ages 5 and older.

The Providence Rugby Club will hold its first meeting Feb. 1 for all interested players (experienced or not) at 6:15 at the club, 351 Hope Street, Providence (over Tortilla Flats). Call 438-2727.

Clear skies permitting, visitors will be welcome at the CCRI Observatory, on the Warwick campus, on Feb. 2, 9, and 23, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Escorts will leave from the main lobby of the college at 7:30, 8 and 8:30 p.m. Call 825-2178.

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## FEATURE



AT THE AGE OF 14 — Yaffe Aleffe walked across war-torn Ethiopia. Today she is enrolled in a unique preparatory course for dental technicians at Hadassah College of Technology in Jerusalem.

## A Woman of Courage

At 14, when Israeli ninth-graders were in school, Yaffe Aleffe was hiding by day and walking across war-torn Ethiopia by night.

She ended up in a reception center for parentless Ethiopian youngsters in northern Israel, and then went to a kibbutz, learning Hebrew as fast as she could. Finally, she eased into Israel's technological Western-style mainstream.

"My family was coming," she says. "I felt a great urgency to be ready to help them. I had to find my way around Israel fast so I could settle them in when they came."

That, however, didn't happen for another eight years, and when they came at last, they were not the family Aleffe had expected.

Her mother had died on the journey, and the five brothers and sisters she remembered now numbered seven. But she was there to take care of them as she had planned and dreamed.

"I was working by then. I had a job in immigrant absorption and my boss was very understanding. He let me take all the time I needed to be with my family, and help them over the practical and bureaucratic hurdles."

When a window of personal opportunity suddenly opened, Aleffe hesitated. That opportunity was a pilot year of study to prepare her for college entrance.

"Never having matriculated high school, I wasn't eligible to try for college, and that had always bothered me a lot," she says. "Here was a chance to close that gap. The preparatory year would be intensive — and I wouldn't make it if I kept taking time out to help my folks. I talked to my father about it. Although he lived all his life until now in a small Gondar village, he respects learning and told me to go for it."

At 22, Aleffe was among some 30 young Ethiopian adults enrolled in Israel's first preparatory course of its kind at Hadassah College of Technology in Jerusalem. It is fully funded at the cost of \$10,000 per student by Hadassah and a number of private foundations.

"The study material isn't hard in itself," says Aleffe. "It's just that there's an awful lot of it to be got through in a very

short time. And while most students take advantage of the grant and live in Jerusalem, I commute to Holon each weekend because my fiance is there."

Aleffe plans to marry when she completes her preparatory year. Her future husband, also from Ethiopia, is a social worker. She hopes to study dental technology.

She also wants to get to know her family better. "The little ones — those who were babies when I left and those born after I was gone — don't see me as a sister," she says. "I want to do something about that."

Aleffe feels Israeli. She has grown up and been educated in Israel. Her father is newly arrived and a new widower with young children. Instead of functioning as head of the family, he is very dependent on Aleffe. She leads him through the bureaucratic maze and helps him shop for simple items.



## One Sharp Lady

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

The Women's Center of Rhode Island has offered shelter for women and children who are victims of abuse. In their East Side quarters, with a garden path, they open doors to a safe place to stay.

When they first started out, I brought over my late mother's costume jewelry from her chest of drawers. It seemed like the right, the dignified place to let them serve somehow to help women. Now, the building near the curve of the rivers is widening its welcome and seeking to expand its spaces.

As part of the plan, the center asks donors to commemorate particular ladies who have led the feminist movement. They represent minorities from na-

His dream is to settle on a moshav and farm, but he does not have the money to buy in. His other children are settled in educational frameworks — but he is at loose ends.

The boundaries of parental authority and respect are maintained in principle between him and Aleffe, but both know that in reality their roles are reversed.

"I want to succeed," she says. "I don't mean only in completing the preparatory year, although that's a vital stepping stone. I want to succeed in life — in marriage, family and career. I came a long way to throw in my lot with this country, and I want to make a success of the way I live here."

tive American to African-American, including several Jewish pioneers in the labor movement, such as Rose Schneiderman and the founder of Hadassah. Henrietta Szold worked to bring medical relief and peace in 1912 in the Holy Land. "For both Jews and Arabs," reads the brochure.

The new childcare center will be named in honor of a heroine who was born, raised and still resides in Providence, Martha Sharp Cogan.

Although her second husband was Jewish, she was married to a Unitarian minister when she went to Europe to bring out refugees from the Nazi regime. The church asked them to serve as commissioners in Prague, in Lisbon, and in southern France.

Among the many people they helped to escape were writers Leon Feuchtwanger, Franz Werfel, Heinrich Mann, and his nephew Golo, son of Thomas Mann.

The Unitarian Service Committee did not stay in touch with the children once they got to our shores. How many of them (Continued on Page 20)

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# OPINIONS

## Letters to the EDITOR



### ZOA Klein Indicts American Jews

#### To the Editors:

In an election marked by unusual rancor, deal-making and partisanship, Philadelphia economist and public advocate Morton Klein unseated incumbent W. J. Schiller in the recent Zionist Organization of America elections held in Baltimore.

With over 300 delegates present, Klein, a virtual newcomer to the national scene despite his having served as group president of his Philadelphia local branch, capped a dazzling 3-week campaign blitz to emerge victorious over an incumbent long deemed all but invincible.

Interviewed at his offices on East 34th St., Klein referred occasionally to his folder of sophisticated press materials to reinforce his comments. These platform handouts and position papers were targeted in pinpoint mailings that were then paired, city for city, with Kissinger-like friendly skies fly-in appearances.

Klein, scrupulous at keeping references vague when referring to concrete personalities, acknowledged that by the end of the vote session in Baltimore, far from harboring any grudge, he had hugged the prior officeholder, offered him thanks — and solicited his support.

Dreyfus: "What issues did

you focus on at your whistle-stops?"

Klein: "Several. I think we have to be more forthright and face the truth on the administered territories — Judea and Samaria — and the clear lack of safety of the Jewish residents there, since the present government has withdrawn services and support. Another is the eroding public support for Rabin and the Labor government, both in Israel and right here in the USA."

Klein paused to reflect a moment before continuing, weighing his words.

"Arab terrorism in the 'settlements,' and how to redress the apparent hands-off policy of the current Labor administration is another thing I find troubling. And I found a great deal of sympathetic agreement on this issue. The AJC poll was wrong in saying that 80 percent of American Jews agree with the PLO accords. A lot more people are worried about the situation than you see reflected in the public opinion polls."

Dreyfus: "Can you expand on that? A poll is a poll, no?"

Klein: "Not necessarily. I'm a statistician, and I know how the numbers can be manipulated. The poll was wrongly worded, and only 43 percent wanted to give autonomy in Gaza to the PLO. Now in Israel, reported in *Maariv*, only 38 percent support, and 50 percent are against."

"Remember, about 60 percent supported them right after they were announced. How they ask a question — and what they ask — is crucial."

"Do you know how the Labor government elicited agreement last summer? They

## Movie Flawed

#### To the Editors:

"Schindler's List" certainly deserves all the positive reviews it has received. But for all the movie's positive value, it has a serious flaw that could contribute to propaganda that denies the Holocaust.

During one scene, a group of women in a concentration camp concludes that rumors that the showers are really gas chambers are probably false. Then approximately three-quarters of the way through the film, these women are at Auschwitz and they are lined up for such a shower, only what comes out of the shower is — water. They survive to be returned to Schindler's custody.

Patrick Buchanan and his ilk can now use this highly-re-

vealed only a portion, bit by bit, of what the concessions were to be. And the question posed of the Israelis, about whether they 'wanted peace if it was possible' was so general as to be meaningless.

As soon as the agreements were revealed in the peace process more and more people began to be disturbed." Even, he emphasized, "those not on the right."

Dreyfus: Why are you so opposed to the accords?"

Klein: "Because Arafat refuses to change the covenant that condemns Israel. He refuses to renounce terrorism. He hasn't even managed to discipline El Fatah, his own organization, let alone the Democratic Front, the Popular Front or Hamas."

"There's no end to the boycott and Arafat still goes on the record on Jordanian TV and Arab universities in Arabic on the 'phased plan' [that spells out the eventual takeover of Israel]."

When I saw Warren Christopher at the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, I asked him, 'Don't you think it would be sensible to urge Arafat to stop violating the accords?'"

Dreyfus: "What happened then?"

Klein: "He agreed, of course, saying 'We know he's violating the accords, and he's go to stop.' But nothing really changed from that — no one after me came up with any follow-up question for Christopher. Even Britain's John Major said he wouldn't negotiate with the IRA until their violence stopped."

Dreyfus: "Why do you think there's so much difficulty with this issue of support/no support for Rabin and Israel?"

Klein: "American Jews will support Bosnia, Croatia, China, Somalia, Mexico — anything, it seems, except Israel! Our effort, ZOA's effort, should be exposing and condemning Arafat and the PLO's constant violation of the accords. Until they revoke their violent charter — how can we feel comfortable? As long as they refuse to do so, and keep killing Jews and fail to condemn violence, how can we press on?"

Marion D.S. Dreyfus

garded movie as evidence for their claim that, while there might have been isolated Nazi murders of Jews — such as the film shows — there were no mass murders in gas chambers resembling those anticipated earlier in the movie. This is true even though those who know the truth about the Holocaust may interpret the scene as an isolated event.

It is unfortunate that this graphic three-hour movie, possibly the only film about the Holocaust that a mass audience may see, did not include an approximately three-second scene showing victims being led into the "showers" and being removed as dead bodies. For all its redeeming educative value, "Schindler's List" remains a seriously flawed movie.

David A. Sherman  
and Lois S. Sherman

## Quilt Coming

A three-day display of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, a international memorial to those who have died of AIDS, will open Feb. 16 in the University of Rhode Island's Memorial Union Ballroom on the Kingston campus.

The display will feature 160 three-foot by six-foot panels, each commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS.

A 12-foot by 12-foot signature square will be dedicated for all visitors to sign. This is just a portion of the entire AIDS memorial quilt, which includes over 26,000 panels. Panels are made by friends, family members and lovers, and include a wide variety of material from leather to favorite T-shirts to photographs to teddy bears.

The quilt began in San Francisco as one person's protest to the AIDS epidemic. Propelled by the death and tragedy that confronted so many around the world, especially in the gay and lesbian community, a man named Cleve Jones searched for a way to make people understand the overwhelming loss and frustration affecting him and so many of his friends.

In June of 1987, Jones spray-painted the name of his friend Marvin Feldman, a Rhode Islander, onto a piece of cloth approximately the size of a grave. Friends, acquaintances, and strangers joined the effort by making panels of their own.

Soon, thousands of people across the United States and around the world were adding names and expressing their emotions by creating handmade memorials for the loved ones they had lost to AIDS.

Today the quilt continues as a powerful, visible symbol of the worldwide pandemic. It includes panels from all 50 United States and 29 foreign countries.

The display will be open daily, Feb. 16 through Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be shown also from 7 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 16 and 17.

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THE HERALD.

## Jews Study Congressional Session

by Deborah Kalb

WASHINGTON (JTA) — With reform of foreign aid and health care topping the agenda, Jewish groups are looking ahead to an issue-laden congressional session beginning this week.

Jewish leaders gave high marks to last year's productive first session of the 103rd Congress, which saw the passage of many domestic bills near and dear to the Jewish community and resulted in continuing support for Israel's annual \$3 billion in U.S. aid.

One of the biggest triumphs for the Jewish community last year was the passage of a major religious freedom bill that makes it harder for the government to infringe on religious practices.

This year, many of the same groups are "building on the landmark legislation of last session," said Jess Hordes, Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League.

The groups are now backing legislation, expected to be introduced soon by Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), that would take the religious freedom battle to the workplace and provide greater protection for employees making religious claims.

This "religious accommodation" legislation would have an impact on religious minorities seeking to observe certain holidays or wear certain clothing at work for religious reasons.

Like other Americans, Jews are focusing on President Clinton's controversial plan to revamp the American health care system, expected to be a major feature of this year's congressional session.

The Jewish community has its own special concerns in this area.

For example, the average age of American Jews is greater than that of the country at large, and thus the community would be heavily affected by certain provisions in the president's health care package, including payment of prescription drugs.

Elaine Senter, national vice president and Washington representative for Hadassah, said one top priority for her group was to push Congress to approve increased funding for research into women's health issues including breast cancer.

And fervently Orthodox Jews, who tend to have large families, are concerned about provisions including coverage for infertility programs.

In addition, said Abba Cohen, Washington representative for the fervently Orthodox organization Agudath Israel, questions surrounding funding and possible rationing of health care are raising concerns in the Orthodox community.

"There are very sticky moral, ethical and religious questions" revolving around the issue of "whose life is worth saving," said Cohen.

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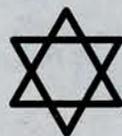
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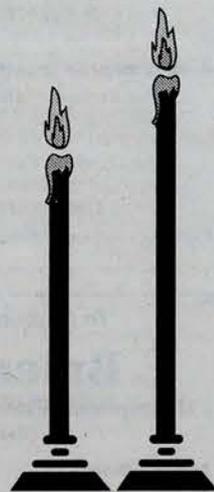
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# EDITORIAL

## Dual Demands 'Na'asseh Venishma — Fulfill, Then Understand'

As is well known, the previous Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Joseph Isaac Schneersohn of blessed memory (whose Yartzeit occurs this week on the 10th of Shevat) was never satisfied with "minimum" accomplishments among his followers.

With respect to the Torah and mitzvos he always insisted that they strive to attain levels above those already reached. The greatest scholar was urged to study further, the most devout chosid was instructed to amplify his degree of observance.

Even though the level of Jewish commitment among the Russian chassidim was unrivaled, the word "sufficient" was not part of their vocabulary. And despite the fact that in Soviet Russia such challenges could be met only with considerable sacrifice and even at the risk of one's life, no relaxation of effort was tolerated.

At the same time the rebbe concerned himself with those Russian Jews who were completely assimilated — who knew no Torah and practiced no mitzvos. The rebbe urged his chassidim to work with these people, even if only to teach them a few letters of the alphabet — at the very least to remind them of their heritage and the warmth of Judaism.

And the rebbe required his chassidim to perform several tasks simultaneously and with the same sense of urgency: to become deeply immersed in Torah themselves and to teach the alphabet to others; to extend their own high level of observance and to assist others in the performance of just one mitzva.

In a day of "priorities," these aims seem contradictory. If even the deep learning of the scholar is inadequate and must be increased, of what possible significance is the elementary learning of Aleph Bais by the unlettered?

Conversely, if the rebbe will be satisfied with a simple "effortless" mitzva on the part of the assimilated Jew, why should the devout chosid try to do more than he is already doing?

But the paradox is only superficial; there is really no contradiction. In the context of M'siras Nefesh — the self-sacrifice demanded by Torah — both demands are identical: The assimilated Jew has a deficiency in elementary concepts, and the learned Jew has a deficiency in extra devotion.

Both have a deficiency in self-fulfillment, and in both cases the deficiency must be corrected with M'siras Nefesh.

This also explains the broad scope of the program initiated by Lubavitch: to establish yeshivos for higher Torah study (for those who are already observant), and to intensify Yiddishkeit among children and adults who don't even know the alphabet and who haven't even received the most elementary Jewish education — and to do both simultaneously because one without the other is inadequate.

This week's Sidra tells of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. G-d revealed His will in the presence of millions of witnesses, of different outlooks, walks of life, character etc. They, in turn, transmitted it from generation to generation uninterruptedly, to our day. Thus, the truth of the Torah is constantly corroborated by millions of witnesses.

Standing at the foot of the mountain in readiness to receive the Torah, the Jewish people proclaimed that they would first observe all its commands and subsequently attempt to understand them. Let us examine the logic underlying this approach to mitzvos-observance.

Man's physical body is not completely separate from his soul and it is possible to understand many things about the soul from their parallels in the body.

The physical body requires a daily intake of certain elements in certain quantities obtainable through breathing and food consumption. No amount of thinking, speaking and studying all about these elements can substitute for the actual intake of air and food.

All this knowledge will not add one iota of health to the body unless it is given its required physical sustenance; on the contrary, the denial of the actual intake of the required elements will weaken the mental forces of thought, concentra-

tion, etc.

Thus it is obvious that the proper approach to ensure the health of the body is not by way of study first and practice afterward, but the reverse to eat and drink and breathe, which in turn strengthen also the mental powers of study and concentration.

The same is true in the case of the soul. The elements which it requires for its sustenance are best known to its Creator and at Mount Sinai He revealed them to us, telling us that the "air" and "food" vital to our spiritual existence are ... Torah and mitzvos.

It is told of a famous German philosopher, the author of an elaborate philosophical system, that when it was pointed out to him that his theory was inconsistent with the hard facts of reality, he replied, "so much the worse for the facts."

The normal approach of a person, however, is that opinions are derived from reality and not reality from opinions. No theory, however cleverly conceived, can change the facts; if it is inconsistent with the facts it can only do harm to its adherents.

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The world is a perfectly coordinated system created by G-d, in which there is nothing superfluous and nothing lacking.

A man's term of life on this earth is just long enough to fulfill his purpose here; it is not a day too short nor a day too

long. Hence, if he should permit a single day, or week, let alone months, to pass by without fulfilling his purpose, it is an irretrievable loss for himself and for the universal system at large.

Every day that passes for a Jew without practical living according to the Torah is an irretrievable loss for himself and for all our people (inasmuch as we all form a single unity and are mutually responsible for one another) as well as for the universal order, and all theories attempting to justify such a mode of living cannot alter this fact in the least.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, condensed from the writings of the Lubavitcher rebbe.

## Burning Dollars

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Putting an ice cube on the fire. Let your fire burn down to a bed of coals, then reload.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Italy Cannot Ignore Jewish Voters Council President Welcomes Israel-Vatican Accord

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — Confronted by widespread protests over its decision to schedule crucial general elections on the first day of Passover, Italy's embarrassed caretaker government has backtracked and put together an emergency decree that will enable observant Jews to vote.

The decree, which was expected to be enacted after approval by both houses of a parliament that was formally dissolved recently, will extend the duration of the elections to two days.

This will allow voters to go the polls until 10 p.m. on March 28 — two and a half hours after sundown on the second day of Passover.

Jews and their supporters expressed satisfaction with the latest developments, although the entire affair has left a lingering bad taste.

Rabbi Giuseppe Laras, chief rabbi of Milan, said he was satisfied with the outcome but called the decision process "a typical Italian drama," and said it damaged Italy's image.

Franco Pavoncello, vice president of the Rome Jewish community, said, "If the polling places remain open until the evening of March 28, we will be fully satisfied not only as Jews but as Italian citizens, because in caring for a minority we will see an important guarantee for democracy for everyone."

The decision was made at the last minute. Previously, the government had ignored weeks of protests by Jews and an-

nounced that the elections for a new parliament would be held March 27, the first day of Passover.

This was viewed by the Jewish community and others as a flagrant affront to minority rights, as it would have effectively denied observant Jews the right to cast their ballots.

"Dozens of people phoned me," Rabbi Elio Toaff, the chief rabbi of Rome, told reporters. "And many non-Jews promised not to vote if the day of the election was not changed."

"One journalist even asked me for a yellow star to wear on Election Day. Yes, yet again, the Italians backed us up," said Toaff.

Support for the Jewish community also came from Alessandra Mussolini, the granddaughter of the late fascist dictator Benito Mussolini. Alessandra Mussolini is a member of a neo-fascist party, the MSI, and was its unsuccessful candidate in the recent Naples mayoral race.

She described the decision to vote on Passover as "an act of discrimination against the Jewish community, which from now on will feel even more of a minority."

But her expression of support was not totally welcomed in the Jewish community.

Riccardo Pacifici, a member of the board of the Rome Jewish community, described her words as "manipulative."

There are some 40,000 Jews in Italy, 30,000 of whom are of voting age, out of a total population of 58 million.

In a statement issued by the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Moshe S. Gorelik, president, hailed the signing of the Israel-Vatican Accord. The president of the largest Orthodox Rabbinic group expressed the hope that the historic and revolutionary step ushers in an era of mutual respect between the Jewish people and the universal Catholic community.

The accord does not eradicate nor rewrite the past history of almost 200 decades of persecution and bloodshed, but hopefully opens a new page in the annals of the relationships between the Jewish people and the Catholic church.

The Catholic church's recognition of the legitimacy of the

state of Israel in the historic homeland of the Jewish people is a monumental event, undreamed of even in very recent history.

Rabbi Gorelik called on the Vatican to keep the process moving. He urged that the church support a unified Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

He further called on the church to wage a forceful war against anti-Semitism and its demonic evils. The Rabbinical Council president called on the Vatican and all other faith communities to establish their relationships in the spirit of the prophet, "For all nations will go, each person in the name of his g-d." (Micah)

## Israel and The Vatican Appoint Envoys to Launch Diplomatic Ties

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — Three weeks after the signing of their mutual recognition agreement, Israel and the Vatican have announced the names of the envoys who will be representing the two states in their first diplomatic ties.

Israel named a veteran diplomat, Shmuel Hadas, to represent the Jewish state in the Vatican.

The same day, Pope John Paul II named Archbishop Andrea di Montezemolo, 68, as the Vatican's first envoy to Israel.

He will have the title of special representative pending a full exchange of ambassadors, a move expected to occur within a few months.

Montezemolo has considerable experience in the Middle East. He currently serves as the Holy See's apostolic delegate to Jerusalem and as the apostolic nuncio to Cyprus.

There had been reports that

the Vatican had objected to the possible appointment of a rabbi to serve as Israel's first representative to the Holy See.

Reports had surfaced recently in the Italian, American and Israeli media that the Vatican was blocking the appointment of Rabbi David Rosen as Israeli ambassador.

The British-born Rosen, who was formerly the chief rabbi of Ireland, is the Jerusalem-based director of interfaith relations for the Anti-Defamation League.

Rosen was a key negotiator in the talks leading up to the Israeli-Vatican agreement.

Montezemolo had said openly that the first Israeli ambassador to the Holy See should be a career diplomat.

Harry Wall, the ADL director in Israel, was quoted by the *London Jewish Chronicle* as saying that the Vatican's stance would suggest, "a slight touch of dual standards, since, after all, Vatican representatives abroad are clerics."

## Arafat Can't Control Members

by Deborah Kalb

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Clinton administration thinks the Palestine Liberation Organization is in compliance with pledges to renounce terrorism, but it also believes PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat lacks the ability to control various PLO-related factions.

In a report recently submitted to Congress, the State Department said, "We believe that the PLO is complying with the commitments embodied in the Declaration of Principles," which was signed last September.

The report added, however, that "rejectionist elements who claim to be under the PLO umbrella continue to commit terrorist acts."

"At the same time, both the U.S. and the Israeli government recognize that Arafat has no real ability to exert operational control over these groups," the report said.

The 11-page report, dated Jan. 10, was prepared in response to a 1990 law requiring the administration to report to

Congress every 120 days on PLO activities, if the administration is involved in a dialogue with the PLO.

A State Department spokesman said he thought the report was the first since the United States resumed its dialogue with the PLO shortly before the signing of the Israeli-PLO accord.

On Sept. 9, Arafat said in a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that the PLO recognized Israel's right to exist and that he renounced terrorism and violence.

The report includes a list of terrorist incidents conducted by Palestinian groups — most of whom reject the Israeli-PLO agreement.

The PLO consists of various groups, with varying relationships to Arafat and varying views of the Israeli-PLO agreement.

The report concluded that two terrorist incidents were tied to Arafat's Al Fatah wing of the PLO.

The two incidents were the Oct. 29 murder of Chaim



### INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In the Knesset recently, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur said the government would not make concessions on the Golan, before holding a nationwide referendum.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Students at a yeshiva, at the ancient synagogue north of Jericho, said last week they would offer passive resistance to any effort by the army to evacuate the site.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a move timed to coincide with the visit from the U.S. commerce secretary, Israel and the United States have signed an agreement, establishing a joint science and technology commission that aims to create high-tech jobs in both countries.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The American government has agreed to allow Israel to export satellite and other space technology to the United States, thereby giving Israeli firms a chance to bid for lucrative contracts.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's cost-of-living index rose 11.2 percent in Dec., bringing the total rate of inflation for 1993 to 11.25 percent. Housing costs, which jumped almost 24 percent last year, were cited as a main reason for the overall increase.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli air force planes attacked a base of Ahmed Jabri's rejectionist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, south of Beirut earlier this month.

BUDAPEST (JTA) — The Jewish community has been rattled by bomb threats, in the past weeks, to the Dohany Street Synagogue and the Jewish community center. The buildings were evacuated, but no bombs were found.

Mizrachi, an Israeli who was killed while stopping to buy eggs at a West Bank farm; and a Dec. 13 claim of responsibility by the Fatah Hawks group for the murder of two Israelis in Ramallah.

The report pointed out that Arafat "denounced" the Mizrahi murder and that an Israeli investigation revealed that the five Fatah members responsible for the murder acted on their own.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS



## NATIONAL

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — The government of the former Soviet republic of Georgia has backtracked on an effort to tax Jews leaving the country. Earlier this month, the Georgian government announced that passports, previously issued for a nominal charge, would cost \$300 dollars, which is the equivalent to several years' salary in Georgian currency.

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**NEW YORK (JTA)** — Bulgarian President Zhelyu Zhelev received an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University. The title was awarded in recognition of the courage the Bulgarian people showed during World War II, when they opposed the government's plans to deport the country's Jews.

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**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — The Israeli government has again denied responsibility for the secret sale of arms to Iran, during the Reagan administration, that later mushroomed into the Iran-Contra scandal.

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**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — Jewish groups are keeping an eye on Congressional efforts to end the Arab economic boycott of Israel, and on waivers approved by Congress that would allow increased contacts between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

## Mayor Gives Up Knesset Seat

by David Landau

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — Ronni Milo, the recently elected mayor of Tel Aviv, has resigned his Knesset seat following strong public criticism of his announced intention to hold on to his position in the legislature.

Milo defeated Labor Knesset member Avigdor Kahalani for the Tel Aviv mayoralty by a narrow margin. After he won, Milo indicated he wanted to remain in the Knesset, where he is a key figure in the opposition Likud party.

His change of heart provoked an outcry in the media.

Following this, he wrote his letter to the Knesset speakers saying that "as an elected representative, I bow to the wishes of the majority of the public in my town."

The man to succeed Milo in the Likud Knesset faction will be former Knesset member Ariel Weinstein, a member of the Liberal faction of the Likud who is an expert in economic issues.

## Skinhead Plotters Get Prison Time

by Tom Tugend

**LOS ANGELES (JTA)** — Two Southern California skinhead leaders, who had plotted to start a race war, have been sentenced to prison.

The young men, who called themselves Fourth Reich Skinheads, received prison sentences.

Christopher Fisher, 20, the group's leader, was sentenced to eight years and one month in prison. His co-defendant, Carl Daniel Boese, 17, received a sentence of four years and nine months. Both had pleaded guilty to reduced charges of making and using explosives for criminal purposes.

The two were arrested in July as part of a widely publicized sweep of white supremacists in Southern California. The sweep also netted a half-dozen members of two other racist groups, the White Aryan Resistance and the Church of the Creator, a pseudo-Christian sect that preaches that blacks, Jews and others are evil.

After an 18-month surveillance by the FBI that included infiltrating the skinhead group, the subjects were arrested in time to prevent enacting of the first part of Fisher's plan, which was to kill Rodney King, the black motorist whose beating by white police officers and the policemen's subsequent acquittals incited mass riots in Los Angeles.

The racists' plot also included blowing up a landmark black church and machine-gunning its congregation, and sending letter bombs to prominent Jews in Orange County, south of Los Angeles.

## New U.S. Ambassador Hopes To Bridge Israel-Syria Gap

by Cynthia Mann

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — Promising that the United States will do all it can to facilitate negotiations between Israel and Syria, the new U.S. ambassador to Israel presented his credentials to Israeli President Ezer Weizman.

Edward Djerejian will be the first ambassador to have served in both Syria and Israel.

His close ties to Syria are seen as an indication that progress in the Israeli-Syrian relationship is high on the agenda of President Clinton.

Djerejian has emphasized

Angeles.

Fisher admitted that he and his followers had vandalized a synagogue in the town of Westminster and bombed two houses and a car. No one was injured in the attacks.

As part of plea bargains by Fisher and Boese, the chief federal prosecutor, Marc Greenberg, proposed that they and 10 teen-age white supremacists be exposed to a three-day program of counseling and discussions, primarily at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, but also with representatives of the American Jewish Committee.

As part of the program, the skinheads talked with Holocaust survivors, met with rabbis and black ministers, held discussions with teen-agers from minority groups and viewed "Schindler's List," the Steven Spielberg film about the Holocaust.

The skinheads also met with convicted murderers and other inmates at the Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles, an experience that seemed to have made the strongest impression on the group.

Evaluating the three-day course, Greenberg said, "I don't know if this will work or what kind of impact it will have. But at least we tried."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center, observed that the sentences imposed on Fisher and Boese "sent an important signal to young people who may think it cool to be racists. The signal is that society takes hate crimes very seriously."

the strength of U.S.-Israel ties, saying "The relationship is on a very solid footing, and what I hope to do during my mandate here in Israel as the American ambassador is to further this relationship and enhance the high level dialogue we have."

Djerejian, 54, was former assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs in both the Carter and Bush administrations.

He was also ambassador to Syria from 1988 to 1991, and deputy chief of the U.S. mission to Jordan from 1981 to 1984.

## Billings Leads the Way

**DENVER (JTA)** — More than 50 years ago, the Danish people sewed yellow Stars of David on their coats, a collective act of compassion and support for Danish Jews struggling under Nazi tyranny.

Recently, in Billings, Mont., the symbols changed, from Jewish stars to paper menorahs, but a similar, no less compassionate act took place throughout the entire city.

Responding to repeated threats and vandalism directed at Jewish residents during Chanukah, the local newspaper, churches and other groups in Billings, encouraged Christian residents there to display menorahs in their windows.

And that is exactly what most Christians in that town of 100,000 did. And they will continue displaying menorahs even though Chanukah is over — because a season of hate is still in full swing there.

As a result of their menorah displays, Christian residents of Billings are receiving anonymous phone threats such as "You're next, Jew-lover."

A glass billboard at Billings Central Catholic High School bearing the message, "Happy Chanukah to Our Jewish Friends," was shattered by both bricks and bullets.

Windows at First United Methodist Church and Evangelical United Methodist Church, both proudly displaying menorahs, were smashed recently.

But nonetheless, the display of menorahs continued.

The Ku Klux Klan's Realm of Montana Quest, a small contingent of skinheads and other fringe groups, surfaced in Billings last Jan.

At that time, the group launched an all-out hate-literature campaign, targeting the city's small Jewish population and other minorities.

The community, led by Police Chief Wayne Inman, snapped to attention.

Rallies, workshops and related anti-hate activities slowed

the deluge of Klan literature.

But in September when the high holidays were approaching, 19 headstones were overturned in the Jewish section of the Billings cemetery, and Congregation Beth Aaron received a bomb threat a few hours before a children's holiday service.

And in December, someone hurled a brick through a window decorated with a menorah.

As a result, once again the community of Billings rallied against hate.

On Dec. 11, the *Billings Gazette* carried a full-page public service message sponsored by the newspaper. Flanking a large illustrated menorah encircled by bright yellow light was a message:

"On Dec. 2, 1993, someone twisted by hate threw a brick through the window of the home of one of our Jewish neighbors, a Jewish family who chose to celebrate the holiday season by displaying a symbol of faith — a menorah — for all to see.

"We urge all citizens to share in this message by displaying this menorah.

"Let all the world know that the irrational hatred of a few cannot destroy what all of us in Billings, and in America, have worked together so long to build," the ad read.

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# ISRAEL

## AJC Studies Inequities Between Jewish and Arab-Israeli Citizens

by Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The American Jewish Congress is launching a comprehensive study of the inequities between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel, said Henry Siegman, the executive director.

Jews in Israel and Jews abroad until now "have been totally obsessed, and rightly so, with Palestinians on the other side of the (green) line," Siegman said this week during a visit here.

"Consequently, little attention has been given to the situation of Arabs inside Israel. The time has come to do a study looking at the future of Israeli Arabs," he said.

"... Israeli Arabs are part of this country," said Siegman. They must find a way to de-

fine themselves as viable citizens, while Israel has to find a way to deal with the population in a manner consistent with its democratic principles, he said.

Jewish Israelis have been unable to "relate normally" to Arab Israelis while their children are on the front lines fighting, he said.

But Siegman stressed the new study will be less concerned with what he called "general principles," than with "practical policy" recommendations to narrow the gaps between Israeli Arabs and Jews.

"One of the questions that will be asked is, 'Why not? What are the bottlenecks and how can they be (broken)?"

"We hope (the study) will produce the definitive blueprint," he said.



### Glad to be Home

After a late night flight from Kiev to Israel, Chernobyl children from the contaminated Belorussian cities of Gomel and Mozyr, disembark at Ben Gurion Airport, Jan. 6. This was the 10th airlift to evacuate young Jewish victims of the 1986 nuclear disaster, bringing them to Israel for medical treatment.

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## Rabin Surprises All

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's bombshell announcement that he would hold a national referendum before agreeing to a withdrawal from the Golan Heights, came as a surprise even to the members of his own cabinet.

But political observers are united in their praise for the move, which they describe as a

deft and resourceful tactic likely to shore up Rabin's political strength and reinforce his narrowly based coalition government.

Some observers believe that the referendum will never take place, but that Rabin will prefer to hold general elections further into the present parliamentary term as a means of sidestepping a referendum, a step unprecedented in the Israeli system.

The announcement of a referendum in the meantime serves Rabin's interests in several ways.

It relieves him of political pressure and enables him to negotiate with the Syrians with greater freedom, since whatever is achieved in talks with Damascus can always be put to the people to decide.

Second, a referendum enhances Rabin's credibility with the Golan settlers, as well as with the settlers in the West Bank.

Third, the move ensures the support of the fervently religious Shas party, which Rabin has been trying to woo back to his coalition. The Labor Party leader had pledged a referen-

dum on the Golan when he made his coalition agreement with Shas in 1992.

Rabin recently said that there was no need to make special constitutional or legislative preparations for a referendum at this stage, that the time for these steps would come if and when a referendum became a more immediate prospect.

The prime minister said he wanted to give Israeli citizens the opportunity to participate in the making of an important security decision, if the price required for peace with Syria were to prove "higher than what the citizens had expected."

Labor Party insiders say that even Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was not informed about the announcement in advance — and Peres' lukewarm reaction seemed to bear this out.

Other Cabinet ministers, among them Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, were also reserved about the idea of a referendum. Tourism Minister Uzi Baram complained that the Cabinet had been kept in the dark until the announcement was made.

Among the opposition parties, opinion was divided, with some Likud politicians demanding elections rather than a referendum.

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NEW YORK — El Al Israel Airlines was voted the "Best Airline for Travel to the Middle East" according to a recent reader poll conducted for *Business Traveler International*.

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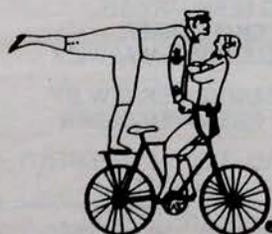
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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## BU to Hold Auditions for the School for the Arts and Tanglewood

The Boston University Tanglewood Institute and the Boston University School for the Arts has announced its regional audition tour for the 1994 summer season and fall semester. Regional auditions for Boston will be held on Feb. 25 from 4 to 10 p.m. and Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Boston University for the Arts, 855 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

Through its music programs and the Tanglewood Institute, Boston University School for the Arts provides musicians, of college and high school age, professional music training year-round.

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tory training with the resources of a liberal arts education.

The Boston University Tanglewood Institute offers summer music programs for gifted high-school and college-age musicians at Tanglewood, the internationally renowned summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

The Boston University School for the Arts offers a full range of flexible programs for career-oriented musicians on both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

The Tanglewood Institute, located in Lenox, Mass., is composed of four programs specifically for high school students: instrumental, vocal, piano and composition. Seminars, which

are open both to advanced high school and college musicians, include clarinet, flute, saxophone, harp, listening and analysis, applied music study and the empire brass seminar. In addition, adult music enthusiasts interested in the Tanglewood experience may enroll as students in the adult music seminars.

Students unable to audition in person must submit an audition tape by March 14.

To schedule an audition appointment, the applicant must call the Boston University School for the Arts at 1 (800) 643-4796. For further information, including application and scholarship material, students or those interested in the adult music seminar may write to 855 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. 02215.

## Dancers With Heart

Over 200 dancers will participate in the seventh annual Dance For Heart Talent Showcase on Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Cranston West High School auditorium.

The showcase will benefit the research and education programs of the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate. Admission is \$5 per person, children under 3 are free.

Arlene G. Gilbert, owner of The Dance Center of Woonsocket, is chairwoman of the event involving dance students ages four through teens from approximately eight dance studios throughout Rhode Island.

Participating dance studios to date include: The Dance Center of Woonsocket, Woonsocket; Judi T Dance Studio, Coventry; Marie K. Jennison School of Dance, Greenville; "C" Studio West, Johnston; Dance Movement Center, Cumberland; Steppin' Out Dance Studio, Portsmouth; and Modern Jazz Dance Company, Providence.

The showcase is a non-competitive gala of dance routines in ballet, tap, jazz, modern/lyrical, novelty and song and dance done in solo, duet, trio or group form.

Dance students secure pledges and the dancer raising the most will be named "Miss/Mr. Dance for Heart," and receive a trophy, roses, and other prizes. The first and second runners-up will also be recognized.

All participants raising \$25 will win a waterbottle, those raising \$40 will receive a Dance for Heart T-shirt, and those raising \$100 will win a T-shirt, waterbottle, and tank top.

For further information, call 728-5300.

## JCCRI 50 and Up Club To Relive 'The Magic of Radio'

On Feb. 3 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., 40-year radio veteran Russ Butler will bring "The Old Radio Show" to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's 50 and Up Club. The program, to be held at the center, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, will recreate programs that were on the air in the 1930s, '40s and '50s, such as "Allen's Alley," "The Lone Ranger" and "The Shadow."

Dinner of roast chicken will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. and cost \$4.75 for those 50 and up and \$1.25 for those 60 and up.

Duplicate bridge will follow from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and will cost \$3.50 for JCCRI full members and \$4 for non-members. For reservations, call Anne Steingold or Sandy Bass at 861-8800.

Celebrating an event? Tell us about it.

## Billings Leads

(Continued from Page 7)

a half hour comforting one of the Jewish families whose home was attacked.

Anti-hate rallies packed with Native American Indians, Hispanics, Irish Catholics and German Protestants were held regularly in the chilling Montana cold. The meetings did much to warm the hearts of Billings' estimated 48 Jewish families.

Several groups, including the *Billings Gazette*, Crime Stoppers and the Montana Human Rights Network, offered reward money for information leading to the arrests of those responsible for the recent hate crimes.

Organized hate is nothing new for Police Chief Inman.

Inman received his initiation into hate groups as assistant police chief in Portland, Ore., during the 1980s, "when the white supremacist movement emerged in full force," he said during a recent interview.

Nobody paid much attention when skinheads started massing in the area, Inman said, adding, "What the police essentially found was a community in denial."

That denial continued for a couple of years, despite the act that skinheads were growing more visible, more threatening and more violent.

It took the violent beating and death of Mulegatis Seraw, a black man who was savagely attacked by skinheads wielding baseball bats in 1990, to shake Portland from its ethical slumber, Inman said.

"That incident was Port-

## Warwick Museum Staff Holds Exhibit

Warwick Museum will open the Warwick Museum School Faculty Exhibition on Jan. 30. The faculty members exhibiting include: Robin Wiseman, Pat Huntington, Sally Neeld, Jill Tyler, Kim Kulow-Jones, Linda Owens, Gayle O'Donnell, Al Bradley, Paul Connolly, Arlene Wilson, Selma In-deck, Mark Friedman, Jennifer Russell, Cynthia DeGroat, Deborah Balcarek, Sharon Eisman, Melanie Dupre, Claudia

Rowland, Lori Barron, Sandy Cushman and Catherine Hamilton.

An opening reception will be held Jan. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit continues through Feb. 26.

Warwick Museum is located at 3259 Post Road, Warwick, R.I. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Call 737-0010.

## Chamber Group to Perform

As the first concert of The Woolf Music Series, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave in Providence, represents "Music — the International Language," a chamber performance by the Solati Trio on Jan. 30 at 2 p.m.

The ensemble consists of cellist Hrant Tatian, a graduate from the Juilliard School of Music and twin sisters, Sophia Herman (violin) and Ludmilla Lifson (piano), who both graduated from the Leningrad Conservatory.

The group, which formed in 1984, has recorded and performed in various areas in the United States and Europe.

For more information, contact Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

land's wake-up call," he noted. "From that time forth, the skinhead influence diminished, because residents cried, 'Not in our city!'"

The Klan's agenda is all too predictable, Inman explained. First there is hate literature, followed by intimidation, then vandalism, then personal attacks, and finally, perhaps inevitably, a fatal assault.

Because of the collective efforts of Jews, Christians, Native Americans and others, Inman believes that Billings is well on its way to stopping the Klan in its tracks.

"I think the Klan is listening to our message," he said. "When you attack one member of this community you attack all members of this community. No one stands alone. No one is isolated. You won't find fertile ground to plant your seeds of hate here."

The Klan wanted Billings to remain silent, "but that didn't happen," Inman said with quiet pride. "We spoke out, with one very loud voice."

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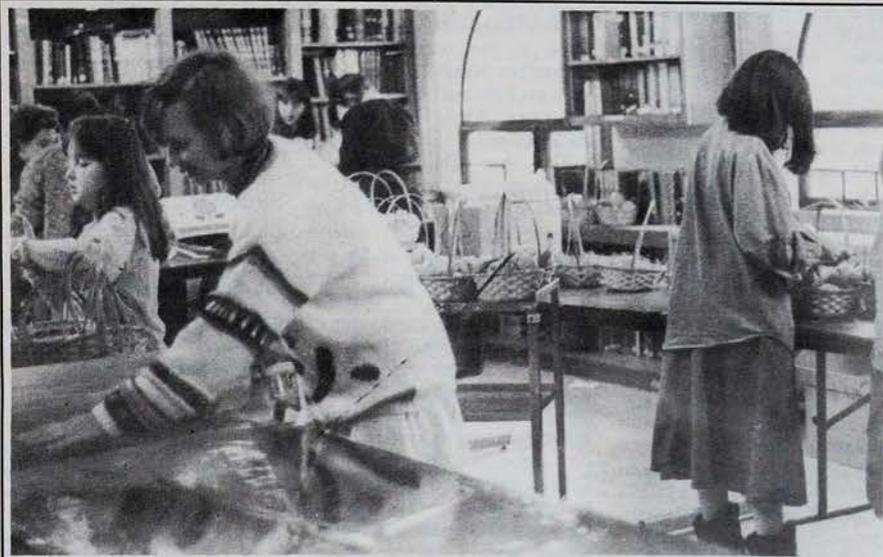
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MARCH	<p>3 Membership Dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Diane Ducoff's home</p> <p>9 Nurses Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., TBA</p> <p>9 Pawtucket Group Open Board Meeting, Highland Court, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>13 R.I. Chapter Board Meeting at office, 10 a.m.</p> <p>14 Providence Group Meeting, 12:30 p.m., TBA</p> <p>14 Cranston/Warwick Meeting, Cranston Senior Citizens Center, 7 p.m.</p> <p>16 South County Group Open Meeting at the Guild, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>16 Kent County Group Board Meeting at office, 7:30 p.m.</p>

# TU B'SHVAT



## More Than Planting Trees

Seventh- and eighth-grade students at Providence Hebrew Day School prepare fruit baskets for Tu B'Shvat the old-fashioned way — on the assembly line. *Herald Photo by Stacey A. Pacheco*

## Tu B'Shvat: A Day for Ecological Commitment

by Rabbi Avi Weiss

In Jewish law there are no less than four New Years.

Rosh Hashanah which falls on the first of Tishrei, begins the year for humankind. On that day Adam and Eve were created.

The first of Nissan begins the year for the Jewish people. It is a celebration of nationalism rather than the universalism of Rosh Hashanah. In the month of Nissan we left Egypt and became a people.

The first of Elul begins the year for the tithing of animals. Animals born prior to Elul are tithed based on the prior year; those born after are tithed by the following year. In Jewish law, animals like humankind and the Jewish people, have their special day.

And so does nature. The 15th of Shvat, Tu B'Shvat is the New Year for trees. To be sure, Tu B'Shvat has precise legal ramifications — all related to Israel. It marks the beginning of a new year for tithing produce from trees; for counting orlah, the first three years of a tree's life when it cannot be used — and for shmittah. Fruits ripening before Tu B'Shvat of the eighth year are considered sabbatical fruit and cannot be used.

Beyond the legalities, Tu B'Shvat is the midpoint of the winter season in Israel. From that day on we are closer to the beginning of spring than to the past winter. When this occurs, suggests Rabbi Elyahu Kitov, Jews everywhere who love the land rejoice in its rebirth; they do so by consuming the fruit of the land.

For this reason, the Tu B'Shvat seder conducted in many homes includes four cups of wine, each of different colors, symbolic of the movement of winter to spring. The first is white, representing the cold winter. The second is light pink — trees begin to bud. The third light red — the trees begin to blossom. The last, a deep red. The trees have finally blossomed, spring is drawing close.

On an even broader scale, Tu B'Shvat can be viewed as our Earth Day, a day to reinforce our commitment to ecology, to the preservation of nature itself.

Throughout the millennia Jews have been charged with identifying with a Bible that preaches the destruction of nature. Critics point to the creation story where G-d commands ve-khivshuha, subdue the Earth, (Genesis 1:28) — taken to mean do with nature as you wish.

The charge is baseless. The creation story teaches the reverse. Indeed, argues Rabbi Norman Lamm, immediately following the ve-khivshuha sentence the Torah imposes strict restrictions on our rights to control nature. G-d says: "Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed ... and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed — to you it shall be for food (Genesis 1:29)." For food, and nothing else. We are permitted only to eat herbs and fruit.

And after the flood, when the world begins anew, G-d repeats to Noah the same words he said to Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth (Genesis 9:1)." Whereas G-d then tells Adam and Eve ve-khivshuha, here it is omitted. The message: Use the land, don't abuse it.

The phrase in the creation story which best describes the Torah's attitude to nature is found in the Garden of Eden narrative. There G-d says, le-avdah oo-le-shamrah (Genesis 2:15). The phrase seems contradictory. Le-avdah means to work, to plow, to sow; implying an unbridled license to do whatever one wants to the land. Le-shamrah, to guard, says the opposite. Protect the land, keep it safe. In its extreme it sounds like a prohibition against working the land.

In actuality the phrase is balanced. It teaches: Work the land, but watch over it. Till the soil, but protect it. Cultivate the land but don't brutalize it. "Man," writes Rabbi Lamm "is not only an oved (from the word avdah) a worker and fabricator, he is also a shomer (from the word leshamra), a trustee who, according to the halakha, is obligated to keeping the world whole for its true Owner, and is responsible to return it in no worse condition than he found it." ("Ecology in Jewish Law and Theology," in *Faith and Doubt*.)

It follows therefore, that Judaism is the middle position between those who worship nature as G-d (being G-d, nature must remain untouched) and those in the contemporary world who are prepared to exploit nature for technological gains. The Jewish view, nature is not G-d, nor is it devoid of G-d's presence. It is rather an emanation of G-d, a work of His creation. Thus, nature is not to be defied nor desecrated — it is rather to be sanctified.

This is the theme of Tu B'Shvat; like Rosh Hashanah it is a day of evaluation. But, whereas on Rosh Hashanah we appreciate G-d's creation of humankind, on Tu B'Shvat we appreciate G-d's creation of the natural world.

Rabbi Avi Weiss is the national president of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha and senior rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, N.Y. (718) 796-4730.

## U.S., Israel, The Environment

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Herald co-editor

Environmental participation between the United States and Israel is flourishing, due to a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1990, between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Israel's Environmental Ministry.

Simultaneously, water shortages in the Middle East have spurred Israeli research into technological solutions, that could also be put into practice in the United States.

Some researchers believe that, with a controlled use of recycling, Israel could cut its use of water for irrigation by one-third.

This preservation method could be utilized in the United States, such as in California, which faces many of the same types of water problems as Israel.

Joint experimentation has been beneficial to both.

The arid zones of Arizona, New Mexico or Texas face similar challenges.

American and Israeli researchers have cooperated in the exploration water recycling.

In a joint effort to generate more U.S.-Israeli relations, Environmental Minister Yossi Sarid has invited Vice President Albert Gore and EPA Administrator Carol Browner to visit Israel.

## Ten Free Trees with Membership

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# TU B'SHVAT

## Let 'Judaism and Ecology' be Your Environmental Guide

by Alison Smith  
Herald Co-Editor

Hadassah has published a very timely study guide for those interested in preserving the environment in a particularly Jewish way.

Although the term "ecology" was not known to writers of the Bible and the Talmud, Jewish tradition was way ahead of its time, for its part of the world thousands of years ago, in recognizing the preciousness of the land, and all of G-d's creations.

The study guide goes directly to the point, time and time again quoting seemingly contradictory sacred passages and explaining and reconciling them for the modern Jewish mind. Chapter and verse are quoted, discussion subjects suggested, and thought-provoking questions raised.

Although the guide contains specific ideas for environmen-

tal action, its strong point is that it connects the reader's mind to ancient wisdom and present-day situations simultaneously. This leaves the reader free to recognize his or her own opportunities for service in his or her own small part of the earth.

One person might gain a new consciousness of or appreciation for trees in general, and also plant several trees in his own yard, or, by proxy, in Israel.

Another might be encouraged to prepare a Tu B'Shvat Seder, and in that process become more deeply aware of the sweetness of G-d's gifts of fruit and wine, and eat and drink with more awareness from then on.

An individual could certainly benefit from buying and using *Judaism and Ecology* (a very academic-sounding name for a truly fascinating book) but this book really would come into full bloom as the curriculum core for a group, even a small one.

You may order *Judaism and Ecology* from Hadassah Order Department, 50 West 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. It costs Hadassah members \$7, non-members \$11. Orders must be prepaid.



### "You Put the Seed Here..."

Deborah Siegal and her daughter Emma (left), watch as workshop leader Anne Dansicker helps one of her students plant parsley and marigold seeds to celebrate Tu B'Shvat at the JCCRI. Everyone hopes that the parsley will be leafy in time to adorn the Passover seder. *Herald Photo by Alison Smith*

## Environmental Issues

by Miriam Kessler  
NEW YORK (JTA) — The tree, a recurring symbol in Jewish life, gets special attention on Tu B'Shvat, the New Year's Day of the trees.

Traditional activities for the holiday, which falls on Jan. 27, include planting trees in Israel.

However, Tu B'Shvat "is not merely the Jewish Arbor Day," said Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in New York.

"If the Earth is the L-rd's, as the Torah tells us it is, it is then highly appropriate that we set

aside a day to celebrate that fact," said Schorsch.

But concern for the Earth is not limited to a single holiday.

Some 53,000 congregations of major faiths are involved in a \$4.5 million program to make people aware of environmental problems and of ways to incorporate environmental concerns into religious life.

Legislative updates and the creation this spring of a "1 (800) Green Congregation Hotline," will advise people about environmental activities.

Although the Jewish agenda is crowded with demands, such

## No Matter Where You Are

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Herald Co-Editor

Trees have a shivery midwinter anniversary this Jan. 27, Tu B'Shvat.

It's still chilly and perhaps raining in Israel. The young and old alike put on their raincoats and boots to climb into the hills, to plant trees.

We celebrate this holiday in the United States by eating fruits and nuts that grew in Israel.

Grapes, oranges, figs, carobs, dates, pomegranates and almonds are just a few to mention.

Some people plant orange seeds, avocado pits or saplings indoors ... outdoors if they live in California.

It's also a time when we buy tree certificates for Israel, so an Israeli will plant a tree for us.

No matter where you are Jan. 27, it's Tu B'Shvat.

as preserving the community, aiding Jews from the former Soviet Union and supporting Israel, the environment cannot be ignored.

"The environmental issue is also an important Jewish issue," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center.

"The quality of the physical well-being of the Earth will affect our lives and the lives of our children," he said.

## Did You Know?

Some parents in Israel plant a tree on Tu B'Shvat for each newborn baby. When the child grows up and gets married, the tree branches are used to make the poles for the chuppah.

## SHABBAT SHIRA

### Shalom Chorale Breaks into Song

The Shalom Chorale, a blend of professional and nonprofessional voices, was organized in 1975.

It is composed of 20 singers, and has been presenting musical programs throughout New England for both community and temple organizations.

The chorale's primary goal is to provide scholarships for deserving music students. For the last 10 years, it has supported an outstanding young woman studying at the Cantor's Institute at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

It has also provided electronic keyboards for a Milton, Mass., middle school.

Sylvia (Rose) Pitnof, chorale music director, is a native of Providence. She is a graduate of Brown University and has a master's degree from Wellesley College.

Pitnof, an accomplished pianist, has performed in many recitals, including with the University Orchestra. She studied organ with Berj Zamcochian, a soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and has been playing for 38 years.

Pitnof has also been director for all musical programming at Temple Shalom in Milton, Mass., since 1975.

The chorale's repertoire runs the gamut from musical comedy to light classics and Yiddish theater. The group also performs Hebrew liturgical and Israeli contemporary music as well as secular music.

Programs may be presented either as cultural events or as fund-raisers. The chorale's newest program is a multi-media presentation, "Come Walk This Land With Me." It features songs and slides of Israel, from

the early days in Palestine to present-time Israel.

For information about Shalom Chorale, call Sylvia Pitnof at (617) 696-4386 or Elaine Levine at (617) 325-6700.

## Learn Israeli Folkdancing

Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro will celebrate Tu B'Shvat with an evening of Israeli Folkdancing on Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Instruction will be provided for adults and children. Israeli refreshments will be served.

All are welcome at this event. There is a \$3 admission charge. For more information, call (508) 222-2243.

## Shabbat Shira

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Herald Co-editor

Several Sabbaths preceding and following certain festivals or fasts have a special character.

The Sabbath on which we read Sidrah Be-shalah, usually two months before Passover, is referred to as Shabbat Shira — the festival of "song."

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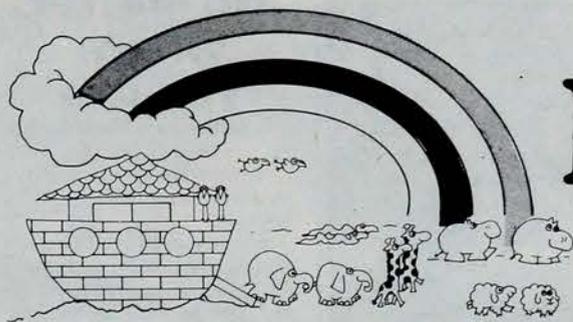
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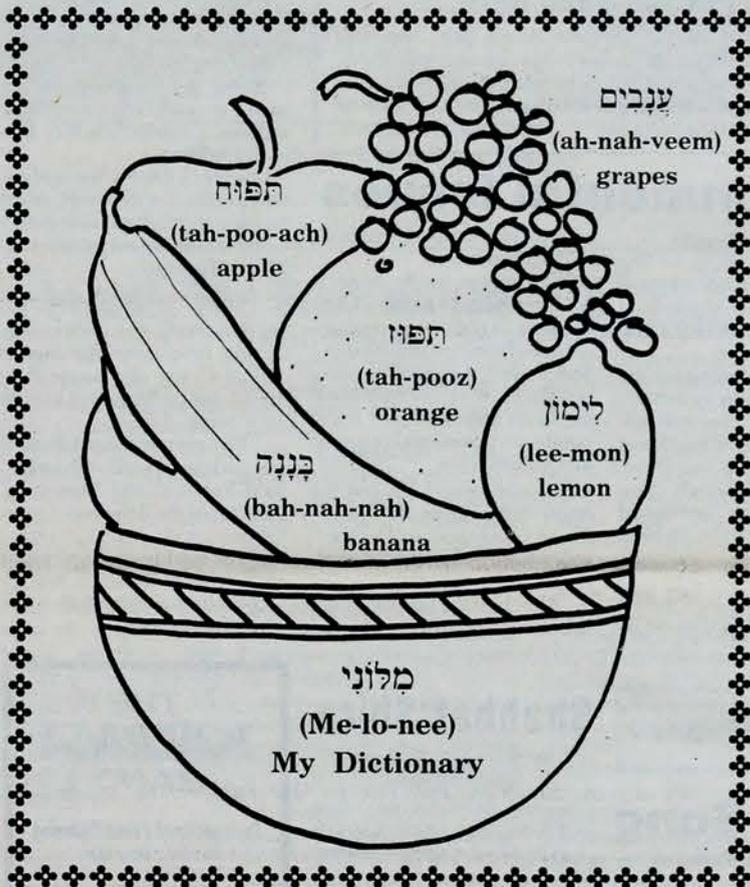


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## Tu B'Shvat Is Ecology Day

When God finished creating the world, God looked at all that was created and saw that it was good. What has happened to God's world? What happened to the fresh clear streams? Where are all the animals that once roamed the earth? Where are the green meadows and quiet forests? Why is the air polluted? Why are there oil spills on our oceans?

Why is our world so dirty? Who is at fault? People are, of course. People leave cans to rust on the beaches. People throw garbage out of their car windows and onto the roadsides. People cause smog and people pollute the waters. Only if people change their ways can something be done about the mess that's been made.

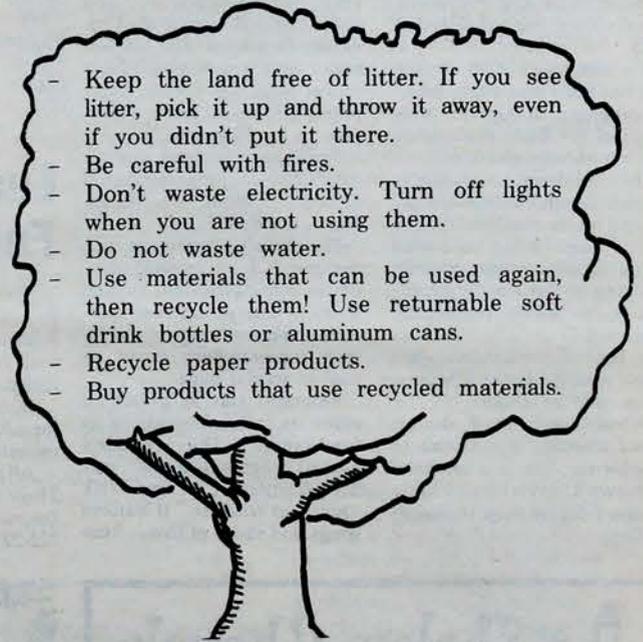
We can find the solution to pollution if we get busy and do something about it!

Tu B'Shvat is the perfect time to look at our universe and see what we can do to clean it. Tu B'Shvat is the holiday that celebrates nature. It is the birthday of the trees. On Tu B'Shvat, we plant trees and eat many kinds of fruit.

Here is something new we could also do to celebrate Tu B'Shvat: Let's make a pledge to create a healthier and cleaner world!

Here are some ways you can keep your pledge:

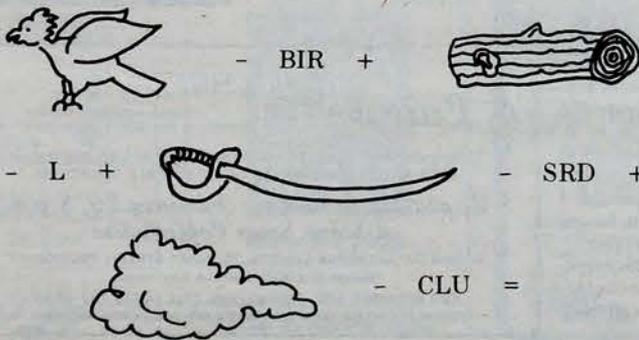
- Keep the land free of litter. If you see litter, pick it up and throw it away, even if you didn't put it there.
- Be careful with fires.
- Don't waste electricity. Turn off lights when you are not using them.
- Do not waste water.
- Use materials that can be used again, then recycle them! Use returnable soft drink bottles or aluminum cans.
- Recycle paper products.
- Buy products that use recycled materials.



Ask your family and friends to join you in stopping pollution. It's not too late to save our world. Each of us is important in this effort!

## Rebus - (Ree-boose) ריבוס

What tree is like a pet?



- Answer on next page.

**חפּשׁ מלּים**

**(Chee-pes Mee-leem) – Word Find**

Listed below are 12 different kinds of trees that are grown in Israel. See if you can find them all in the Tu B'Shvat Word Find. The words can go across or up and down – and some are spelled backwards!

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Acacia                   | Judas                |
| Arbutus                  | Kermes Oak (2 words) |
| Cypress                  | Olive                |
| Date Palm (2 words)      | Sycamore             |
| Doum Palm (2 words)      | Tamarisk             |
| Jerusalem Pine (2 words) | Terebinth            |



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**תּקוּד המסּתּוּר**

**(Ha-Code Ha-mees-toe-ree)**

**Mystery Code**

What did the beaver say to the tree on Tu B'Shvat?

To find out, work the math problems below. Then take your answers and find the letters that they match. (Example: 3 + 4 = 7. Look at the chart and see that 7 = N.)

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|-------|-------|--------|
| 1 = A | 6 = I | 10 = T |
| 2 = B | 7 = N | 11 = U |
| 3 = C | 8 = O | 12 = W |
| 4 = E | 9 = S | 13 = Y |
| 5 = G |       |        |

3	8	12	6	9	1	5	12	1	7	10
+3	+2	-3	-4	-5	+3	+2	-5	+5	-4	-6

Totals: — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Letters: — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

1	9	7	10	9	11	2	6	12	3
+4	-2	-6	+2	-3	-4	+3	+7	-4	+8

Totals: — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Letters: — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

**בּתאבּוֹן**

**(B'teh-ah-vone) – Good Appetite**

Serve these yummy Tu B'Shvat Fruit Cups as an appetizer, dessert, or snack on Tu B'Shvat. All of the ingredients (except sugar) come from trees!

You need a sharp knife, so be sure to check with an adult before you begin. This recipe will serve four people.

**What You Need:**

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 1 apple
- 1 orange
- 1 pear
- 1 banana
- ½ cup canned sliced peaches
- ½ cup canned pineapple chunks
- ½ lemon
- sugar and cinnamon

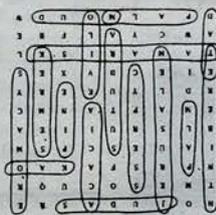


**What You Do:**

1. Wash the apple and pear. Cut the apple and pear into bite-sized chunks and put them into a bowl.
2. Peel the orange and banana. Cut into bite-sized chunks and add to the other fruit.
3. Open the cans of pineapple and peaches. Drain off the juice. Add to the other fruit.
4. Squeeze the lemon over all the fruit, to keep it from turning brown.
5. Add the pecans.
6. Sprinkle the whole mixture with sugar and cinnamon to taste.
7. Mix all of the fruit and put in the refrigerator to chill.

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**Answers To Word Find**



**Answers To Mystery Code**

It's been nice gnawing you!

**Answers To Rebus**

Bird - bir + log - l + sword - srd + cloud - clu = dogwood.

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# School Beat



**NEW CLUB AT BETH-EL** — Den leader Jay Litman, teaching boys in Cub Scout Pack 18 the Boy Scout oath.

## New Pack at Beth-El

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El is pleased to announce the establishment of Cub Scout Pack 18.

Fourteen boys attend den meetings at the temple each Wednesday, learning about the ways of the Cub Scouts. Led by their den leaders, Mel Ash and Jay Litman, the boys have absorbed essential scouting skills for undertaking projects ranging from crafting totem poles to designing aircraft made with Legos.

Under the watchful eye of Cubmaster Mark Gordon, the Scouts are working toward receiving awards and certificates for their accomplishments at the monthly Pack Meetings.

All of these activities in just the four months since the pack's creation, probably have been enough for most Scouts, but not Pack 18. The Temple Beth-El boys took their activities to a higher level by organizing and successfully undertaking field trips to Caratunk Forest Preserve in Seekonk and the Boston Science Museum to tour the special exhibit "Jurassic Park."

Any young boy interested in joining Cub Scout Pack 18 is welcome. The meetings are open to any child with his parent. Visits are encouraged and snacks are included.

Den meetings are held each Wednesday night from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

For further information, contact Brotherhood Treasurer Michael Markus at 724-1185.

## Providence JFS offers Winter/Spring Classes

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Herald Co-editor

The Jewish Family Service of Providence in cooperation with the New Bedford Jewish Family Service have agreed to make available its winter and spring Family Life Education series to Jewish Federation members.

The series includes:

- \* Stress Management, which attempts to explore external and internal levels of stress.

- \* One Marriage, Two Religions will include discussions with other couples on the impact of interfaith backgrounds with in-laws and other relatives.

tives.

- \* Limit-setting with Love, is a one-hour workshop designed to help parents examine their assumptions about appropriate child behavior and how to use positive discipline techniques.

- \* Off to College: Coping Skills for Parents, deals with letting go of your child and realizing the parents' changing role.

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## Guardian of Our Forests

Who is one of the oldest and most recognized symbols in history? Who has rubbed elbows with celebrities such as Norman Rockwell and Ray Charles, is on the verge of turning 50, and doesn't have a grey hair on his head?

Why, Smokey Bear, of course! Everyone knows his fire prevention message ...

For half a century, Smokey has taught children of all ages the importance of wildfire prevention.

Dressed in a familiar hat and

blue jeans, America's "spokesbear" has appeared around the country encouraging forest fire prevention.

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade hosts Smokey, who holds the title for oldest float.

Smokey Bear's creation in 1944 came at a time when many of America's experienced firefighters were abroad fighting for another cause — World War II.

During the war, many Americans feared that enemy shelling would ignite forest fires. Less

manpower on the homefront to combat flaming forests, combined with a concern for diminishing supplies of lumber needed for gunstocks, created an increasing need to focus on forest fire prevention.

With this objective in mind, he was brought to life through the Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Campaign, organized by the USDA Forest Service, the Wartime Advertising Council (now known as The Advertising Council) and the National Association of State Foresters.

To commemorate Smokey's five decades of dedicated public service, communities across the country will celebrate with special activities and events throughout the coming year.

Smokey Bear will officially turn 50 on Aug. 9, when the anniversary celebration culminates with a national event in Washington, D.C.

What does Smokey want for his 50th? For everyone to practice what he has taught us over the past 50 years: "Remember, only YOU can prevent forest fires."

Have a story idea? Know someone in the community with a story to tell? The R.I. Jewish Herald welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Call the Editor or Assistant Editor at 724-0200.



### Look at this Gorgeous Thing!

Marianna Engel, hostess at a recent brunch at Congregation Ohawe Sholam, approves warmly of the raffle prize — a three-dimensional plaque created by sculptor, Ed Gershan (left).

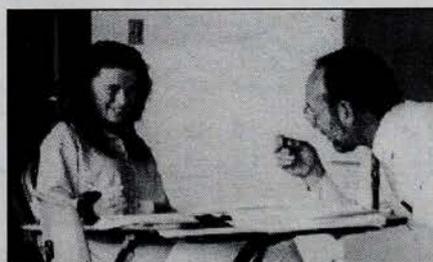
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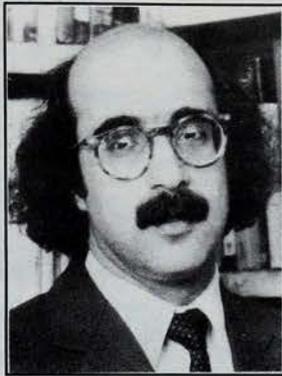
# MILESTONES

## Klein Named Founding Director

A new Department of Academic Affairs, designed to foster Zionist pride and identification among faculty and students on college campus throughout the country, has been established by the American Zionist Movement.

The department will be operated in cooperation with the World Zionist Organization's Department of Students and Academics and headed by Dov Puder and Arie Wolf.

The new department proposes to publish academic papers, organize missions to Israel and serve as the U.S.



Dennis Klein

address for international faculty projects, according to Karen Rubinstein, AZM executive director.

Dr. Dennis Klein of Teaneck, N.J., a specialist in Jewish history, has been named founding director of the department. Klein, who previously headed the Braun Center for Holocaust Studies and the Hidden Children Foundation of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, earned a B.A. degree, cum laude, in history from Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y. He later earned two degrees, M.A. and Ph.D., from the University of Rochester.

## Free Pre-Employment Workshop For Displaced Homemakers

The Rhode Island Displaced Homemaker Program will offer a free four-week workshop series starting Feb. 28 for displaced homemakers who need to prepare to enter the workforce.

The activity will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the program's main office at 275 Westminster Mall, Providence.

The program has provided a variety of services to over 5,000 displaced homemakers statewide since 1978. A displaced homemaker is an individual who has worked mostly in the homemaking role and needs to become self-supporting because of separation or divorce or death or disability of a

spouse.

This pre-employment activity is offered several times during the year and provides supportive group counseling and comprehensive career development information to participants.

Topics include assertive communication, interviewing skills, resume development, job search techniques, self-esteem and motivation. In addition, skills, abilities, aptitudes and interests are defined by the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator and the Harrington O'Shea Career Decision-Making System.

For information and to register, call Florence Fish at the Displaced Homemaker Program, 277-2862.

## Conservative Movement Establishes Relief Fund

The Conservative Movement has announced the creation of a Natural Disaster Relief Fund — a joint project of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Rabbinical Assembly, The United Synagogue, and Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

The fund will provide assistance to communities affected by such catastrophic occurrences as hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, storms etc.

Working through Conservative congregations in the affected areas, the fund will distribute grants to institutions and individuals in distress whose losses will not otherwise be covered under their standard insurance policies.

In a joint statement, the leaders of the Conservative organizations noted that "Today, the

people of California are in trouble. We must show them that we care deeply about them and that we are there for them in their hour of need. By providing such assistance, we are adhering to the Jewish principle of *tikun olam* (mending the world)."

In 1992, branches of the Conservative Movement were instrumental in providing assistance to the victims of Hurricane Andrew. Significantly, those who received help under that program are themselves calling to offer their help to the victims of the current disaster.

All donations should be sent to The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Natural Disaster Relief Fund, 155 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010.

More than two million Jews identify with Conservative Judaism, making it the largest branch of the Jewish faith.

## Humanistic Rabbinic Program Established

The Society for Humanistic Judaism in Farmington Hills, Mich., has admitted its first class of rabbinic students — two of them women — to provide future leadership for the worldwide Humanistic Jewish movement.

The first four accepted students are Tamara Feldstein, 23, Martin Kotch, 57, and Stacie E. Schiff, 29, from the Detroit area, and Richard F. Sherman, 46, of Los Angeles.

"We are extremely pleased with the caliber of these candidates," said Rabbi Sherwin Wine, co-chair of the Jerusalem-based International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism.

Wine, rabbi of the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, Mich., and Daniel Friedman, rabbi of Congregation Beth Or in Deerfield, Ill., are the only rabbis currently serving the growing Humanistic movement, which has branches in Israel, Argentina, Uruguay, France, Belgium, Australia, and the former Soviet Union. More than 50 communities in the U.S. and Canada are affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism and the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, the North American-based organizations.

The Secular Humanistic rabbinic program is unique among the branches of Judaism in that it requires a doctorate from an accredited university. Other requirements for certification include supplementary courses taught by Institute faculty, training in pastoral skills and the Hebrew language, and an internship with a rabbinic mentor.

Sherman, who already holds a Ph.D. from Brandeis University, expects to be the first candidate ready for ordination, in about two years. "For me, humanism is a positive affirmation of the centrality of people

## Berman Elected

Julius Berman, a long-time Jewish communal activist, has been elected chairman of the American Zionist Youth Foundation (AZYF). The organization is dedicated to fostering Jewish affiliation among American Jewish youth and bringing thousands of young people to Israel each year on educational programs.

Berman, a lawyer and New York City resident, is chairman of the board and former president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and is a past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Or-

ganizations. He has also served as president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

On his election, the new AZYF chairman said: "As a lifelong Zionist — and proud of it — I believe fervently in the importance of transmitting Jewish and Zionist values to today's youth. In the current climate of widespread assimilation and alienation from Jewish tradition, leaders of the Jewish world have come to recognize that Jewish education and the Israel experience are the most effective means of building Jewish identity in our young people."

events (such as weddings and bar mitzvahs) with inspirational, nontheistic ceremonies.

For more information about the Secular Humanistic Jewish movement, contact the Society for Humanistic Judaism, 28611 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334, or call Miriam Jerris, coordinator of the rabbinic program, (313) 478-7610.

in the universe," he says.

Kotch, a lifelong educator, currently teaches at the Detroit College of Law and sees his future rabbinic role in educational terms. He would like to help Humanistic Judaism reach out to college students.

Feldstein, raised as a Humanistic Jew, says "it was on the day of my bat mitzvah at the Birmingham Temple that I decided to become a rabbi."

Schiff, raised a Reform Jew, grew up with a desire to become a rabbi. She was accepted into Conservative and Reform seminaries and spent a year at the Reconstructionist seminary in Philadelphia. "My decision to become a Humanistic rabbi," she explains, "affirms my belief in the power of a human-centered cultural Judaism and in the continuity of the Jewish people."

Secular Humanistic Judaism embraces a human-centered philosophy and combines rational thinking with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity. It affirms the power and responsibility of human beings to shape their own lives independent of supernatural authority. Secular and Humanistic communities celebrate Jewish holidays and lifecycle

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Does Israel Need More Trees?

by D'vora Ben Shaul

During Tu B'Shvat, which falls this year on Jan. 27, thousands of people in Israel will take part in an annual tradition and plant trees in Jewish National Fund forests.

JNF has planted over 200 million trees in Israel, creating 280 forests covering over 200,000 acres. So, some ask, "Why are they planting another 5,000 acres every year? Don't we have enough trees?" The answer is no, we still don't have enough.

Until the 1960s, almost all trees that JNF planted were conifers, trees of the evergreen family including pine, fir, spruce or cypress. These trees served a useful purpose.

They prevented soil erosion and they absorbed carbon dioxide and dust.

They also provided lovely shaded areas for picnics, hikes and recreation. But, species such as the Jerusalem pine, when planted by man, live only 40 to 50 years, rather than 80 to 90 years when grown naturally, and cannot genetically regenerate. They are also more susceptible to disease, and dying.

Dead trees contribute to the danger of forest fires in the hot, dry Israeli summers. Conifers also do not provide the necessary food and shelter for animals and birds. Since there are no squirrels to eat the pinecones, only rats enjoy them.

In the 1960s, stress was placed on planting more trees native to Israel, including carob, oak, terebinth, Judas and others.

The natural mix keeps forests healthier, but they are hard to grow on barren hillsides in full sunlight. They have to be

protected when they are young. Hence, the concept of "double afforestation" was born.

Double afforestation calls for planting the "pioneer forest" of conifers first. When they are big enough to give shade, some are removed and native Mediterranean species are planted. This planting is called the "future forest."

This process has worked well in the Galilee, where several of these "future forests" are already well developed. Ground cover grows along with the forests. Already, millions of birds migrating each year from Africa to Europe find sustenance and rest in JNF forests. The birds swim and drink at reservoirs as well.

More trees are now needed in Israel because of the massive waves of immigration from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union. A large populace means a greater need for clean water, which trees help provide by stopping erosion, stabilizing river beds, and creating natural reservoirs with their roots.

Forests also provide recreational areas, where new immigrants and veteran Israelis alike can picnic and hike.

Deciduous trees, the ones that shed their leaves in winter, are especially good at absorbing carbon dioxide from the air and are one of the most important ways of fighting air pollution from cars and factories.

In fact, they are so effective that many experts say that if an individual can only do one thing to help save the environment, he or she should simply plant a tree!

## Important Insight on German Jews

Brown University will present a lecture by Ignatz Bubis, head of the Council of Jews in Germany, titled "Jews and Other Minorities in Germany Today."

The lecture will be in English on Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in Manning Chapel on the Brown Main campus. All are welcome.

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Herald Photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

## Kosher Made Easy For Today's Living

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Herald Co-editor

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If an ingredient falls below a certain percentage of content, the government does not require it to be listed on the label. Kosher supervision is provided by either a national agency, a local board on kosher foods, or an individual rabbi.

Most kosher organizations have a registered symbol or logo. This appears on the package and signifies their endorsement of the product.

Since one cannot register an alphabetical symbol, "the letter 'K' on a label does not necessarily mean that the product is kosher," says Rabbi Eliezer Levy, of Chabad Awareness

and Identity. It may have been put there by the manufacturer, as their own claim that the product is kosher.

A circled, triangled or starred "K" or circled "U", signifies that the product is indeed kosher.

The difference between the circled "K" or "U", identifies which board or organization deemed it kosher.

A circled "K" with a "P" beside it, indicates that the item is appropriate for Passover. Alike, a circled "U" with a "D" beside it, symbolizes dairy and should not be prepared with meat.

Many items you may already buy during weekly food shopping may already be kosher. Just look on the front label or near the ingredients. If there is no letter, it's probably not kosher.

You do not need to clear out your food cabinets to store kosher foods. As long as they are cold, kosher and non-kosher canned or boxed items can be stocked together.



## El Al Arrives in Tel Aviv

Dr. Alexander Saims of Indiana and his wife, Jane, flew to Tel Aviv on El Al Israel Airlines with a group from the Illinois Benedictine College of Lisle. Participating in a pilgrimage, they are also visiting all of the sacred and historical sites of the Holy Land.

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## Humanistic Rabbinic Program Established

The International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism has admitted its first class of rabbinic students — two of them women — to provide future leadership for the worldwide Humanistic Jewish movement. The first four accepted students are Tamara Feldstein, 23, Martin Kotch, 57, and Stacie E. Schiff, 29, from the Detroit area, and Richard F. Sherman, 46, of Los Angeles.

"We are extremely pleased with the caliber of these candidates," said Rabbi Sherwin Wine, co-chair of the Jerusalem-based institute. "This program and these students ensure the continuity of our movement." All four candidates have already become actively involved in work for the 30-year-old movement.

# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Continuity And Survival Are Not Enough

by David W. Belin

Condensed from Moment Magazine

A mother recently brought her newborn daughter into the rabbi's study to discuss having her named in a synagogue ceremony. For the mother, it was a joyous occasion. She was the product of a Jewish family steeped in tradition, had gone to Hebrew school, been batmitzvah, spent summers at Jewish camps and a year in Israel.

However, shortly after turning 35, she fell in love with a non-Jewish man who, for personal reasons, would not convert, but agreed to join his wife and live in a Jewish household and raise and educate their children as Jews.

When she mentioned this, the rabbi said her husband would not be allowed to stand on the bimah. "But he has agreed to join with me to live in a Jewish home and provide a Jewish education for our daughter," she said.

The rabbi was adamant. She resigned from the synagogue.

Would Moses, who married a non-Jew, have agreed with that decision? Would the prophet Isaiah, who termed Israel "a light unto the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the Earth"?

*Ed. Note: When asked if he would permit the father in this case to stand on the bimah, Rabbi George Astrachan of Temple Sinai said, "Of course! But there would be some restrictions on what else the father could say or do."*

Since 1985, more than 50 percent of marriages by Jews involved a partner who was not born Jewish. By the end of this decade, I predict the figure will rise to more than 60 percent, and within the next 20 years it will approach 75 percent.

Some people argue that the only effective answer to this rising tide of intermarriage is "prevention" — Jewish education, Jewish camps, trips to Israel, a Jewish home life and other activities that encourage Jewish identification. Yet many young people with this kind of background intermarry.

More than 90 percent of Jewish college students interdate. Once there is that first kiss, "prevention" will have little effect on where the kiss leads. The policy of prevention is a noble idea that fails to understand the demographic revolution in American society characterized by massive social interchange between Jews and non-Jews.

We must effectively reach out to intermarrieds. At present, the total annual national expenditures of the three major movements for outreach to the intermarried are: Reform, \$419,000; Conservative, less than \$10,000; Orthodox, virtually none. Allocations from local federations are in most cases abysmally low. The usual rationale given by federation leadership for this decision is "priority": because the Jewish community has limited resources, we must give second-

special programs for intermarried couples "to become better acquainted with and attracted to Judaism."

When asked whether or not they wanted "to see more resources devoted by the organized Jewish community to programs designed to help intermarried families be a part of the community," 89 percent of Conservative Jews, 42 percent of Orthodox Jews and 96 percent of Reform Jews said "yes."

If we will devote the necessary resources to this task, we will find that thousands of people will make a personal Jewish choice and follow the path of Ruth to conversion. And thousands more, though not necessarily converting, will join their Jewish spouses to have their children raised as Jews. If we turn our back on those couples, we will not only be hurting our own children and grandchildren, but we will be putting a dagger to the heart of Jewish continuity and growth.

David W. Belin is president of the Jewish Outreach Institute, which bridges all branches of Judaism and concentrates on reaching out to interdating and intermarried couples.

Major Changes in The Canadian Jewish Community

by Bram D. Eisenthal

MONTREAL (JTA) — A demographic study by a McGill University professor shows a significant change has taken place in the nature and shape of the Canadian Jewish community during the last decade.

Taken from Canada's 1991 national census — which put the country's Jewish population at 356,315 — the study shows that the Jewish community has experienced greater growth and higher rates of immigration than the Canadian community as a whole.

The study's findings indicate that Toronto has become the Jewish capital of Canada, with 45 percent of the nation's Jews residing there. In 1981, 120,000 Jews called Toronto home, compared to 160,000 in 1991.

Ninety-five percent of Conservative Jews, 74 percent of Orthodox Jews and 96 percent of Reform Jews were in favor of

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## Shovels Echo Through The Woods

Immigrant workers from Ethiopia, Uzbekistan and the Ukraine are employed by the Jewish National Fund in forestry work, under the Israeli Ministry of Labor's "instant jobs" program.

## Jewish Speedskater Glides To Her Second Olympics

by Mardee Gruen

The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle MILWAUKEE (JTA) — When you're hot, you're hot — even on ice.

Jewish speedskater Angela Zuckerman, a resident of Milwaukee, recently qualified for her second U.S. Winter Olympics team.

She will travel to Lillehammer, Norway, next month after placing third in both the 1,500- and 3,000-meter races at the national trials, held earlier this month at the Pettit Ice Center in West Allis, Wis.

"I'm very excited and happy to have made the team again," she said in an interview. "I was nervous that I wouldn't qualify because the competitions were very close. I'm happy I have the chance to compete again and hopefully improve my performance over '92."

In the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France, Zuckerman placed 26th in the 1,500 and 22nd in the 3,000. The 28-year-old athlete is ranked 30th internationally.

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# OBITUARIES

## IDA F. COHEN

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Ida F. Cohen, 87, of the Noreen McKeen Nursing Home in West Palm Beach, Fla., died Jan. 19, at the home.

Born in New Bedford, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Hyman and Celia (Hyatt) Cohen.

She had taught bookkeeping at New Bedford High School for 41 years, retiring many years ago. She was a graduate of Boston University.

She leaves several nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services were held Jan. 21 at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements were coordinated by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## MARY K. FALSTEIN

CHICAGO — Mary K. Falstein, 75, of West Jarlath St., Chicago, died Dec. 31 at home. She was the wife of Wilbert Falstein.

A nursery school teacher for 25 years at the Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center in Chicago, Mrs. Falstein retired several years ago.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Sam and Bella (Kroll) Hodosh, she lived in Chicago, for many years, previously living in Providence.

Mrs. Falstein was a naval aviation machinist's mate during World War II. She attended Bryant College.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Mark Falstein of San Francisco and Noah Falstein of San Mateo, Calif.; a daughter, Deborah Barone of Plantation, Fla., and five grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Zelda Black.

The funeral and burial took place in Chicago.

## ARNOLD S. FELLMAN

CRANSTON — Arnold S. Fellman, 69, of 108 Deerfield Rd., a jewelry designer for the C. Ray Randall Mfg. Co. in North Attleboro, Mass., for many years, retiring 12 years ago, died Jan. 20 at the Cedar Crest Nursing Home in Cranston. He was the husband of Jeanne (Wexler) Fellman of Cranston.

Born in Woonsocket, a son of the late Herbert and Stella (Pulver) Fellman, he lived in Cranston for the last 36 years, previously living in Providence.

Mr. Fellman was an Army Air Corps veteran, and served in the Pacific theater. He attended the University of Rhode Island. Mr. Fellman was one of the founders of Temple Sinai in Cranston. He was an amateur photographer.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons, Bruce Fellman of North Stonington, Conn., Peter Fellman of Medfield, Mass., Andrew Fellman of North Berger, N.J., and Robert Fellman of Peacedale; a daughter, Susan Fellman of New York City; a brother, Harris Fellman of McIntosh, Fla.; a sister, Yvette Goldberg of Stoughton, Mass., and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Jan. 23 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial took place in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

## SAMUEL H. KASHNOW

WORCESTER, Mass. — Samuel H. Kashnow, 71, of 10 Hartshorn Ave., a longtime baker, died Jan. 18 in his home after an illness. He was the husband of Ruth L. (Mlotzky) Kashnow.

Mr. Kashnow was a baker for Widoff's Bakery more than 40 years, retiring in 1985.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a staff sergeant with the Infantry Tank Division in Europe.

He was a member of Tefereth Israel — Sons of Jacob Synagogue, Yeshiva Achei Timimim, Bakers and Confectioners Union, and was a contributing member to the Jewish Home for Aged.

Besides his wife of 52 years, he leaves two sons, Howard M. Kashnow of Baltimore, Md., and David C. Kashnow of Brighton; two daughters, Sheila F. Harow of Worcester and Nita T. Pliskin of Pawtucket; a brother, Maurice Kashnow of Worcester; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandson. He was born in Worcester, son of Louis and Ida (Swartz) Kashnow, and

had lived here all his life.

Funeral services were held at the Perlman Funeral Home, 1026 Main St. Burial was in Worcester Hebrew Cemetery, Auburn. The family suggests that memorial donations be made to Tefereth Israel — Sons of Jacob Synagogue, 22 Newton Ave., Worcester, 01602.

## RAFIK KHOLODVIKER

PROVIDENCE — Rafik Kholodviker, 55, of 14 Roger Williams Green, died Jan. 18 at home.

Born in Russia, he was the son of the late Isaac and Hannah Kholodviker. He had lived in Providence since 1975.

He was an electrician for the Russian government for 30 years. He was a member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and Jewish Family Service.

He is survived by a son, Alexander Kholodviker of Pawtucket and a sister, Ada Kitis of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## DOROTHY L. RUBINSTEIN

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Dorothy L. Rubinstein of Boca Raton, died Jan. 23 at home.

She was the widow of Lewis Rubinstein of Providence.

She is survived by a daughter, Sybil Nadel of Riverdale, New York.

Burial took place in Sharon Gardens Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, N.Y.

## SADIE SILVERMAN

TAUNTON — Sadie Silverman, 88, of 21 Hodges Ave., Taunton, Mass., a clerk for the former Franklin Sales Co., Taunton, for 40 years before retiring 15 years ago, died Jan. 17 at Morton Hospital, Taunton. She was the widow of Samuel Silverman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Morris and Leah (Borenkind) Bernstein, she lived in Taunton most of her life.

Mrs. Silverman was a member of Congregation Agudath Achim, Taunton, and its Cor-

## Prominent Jewish Rabbi-Genealogist Dies

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Malcolm Stern, 78, a prominent American Jewish genealogist and historian of Jews in America, died Jan. 5 in New York of a heart attack.

Stern authored *American Families of Jewish Descent* (Hebrew Union College, 1960), the first genealogical survey of Jewish families settled in America between 1654 and 1840.

It was from Stern's research that many Christian Americans learned of Jewish branches in their families. His information was a prime source for *The Grandees*, a best-selling novel about Sephardic families in America by Stephen Birmingham.

Stern graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, where he was ordained a rabbi in 1941.

He served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army and Air Force during World War II.

Following the war, he was rabbi of a congregation in Norfolk, Va., from 1947 to 1964.

Stern was an adjunct professor of American Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform movement's seminary.

He was chosen unanimously by the other rabbis of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinic arm of the Reform movement, to establish the conference's placement office. He was the first director of rabbinic placement for the Reform movement, from 1964 to 1980.

He was also a past president of the American Society of Genealogists, the Jewish Genealogical Society and the Jewish Historical Society.

Stern continued to write and research for different publications and maintained an ongoing speaking schedule. At his death, he had speaking engagements scheduled through 1996.

## Rabbi Eugene Lipman Dies

by Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Eugene Lipman, 74, a former head of the Reform movement's Central Conference on American Rabbis and director of the movement's Joint Commission on Social Action, died Jan. 14 in Bethesda, Md., of brain cancer.

Lipman, whose social activism spanned 50 years, held many prominent posts in the Reform movement and was also a president of the National Capital Area Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

As director of the Joint Commission on Social Action — a project of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its rabbinical arm, the Central

He founded and served as a

dial Seniors Group. She was a member of B'nai B'rith and Hadassah.

She leaves two brothers, Hershey Bernstein of Chestnut Hill, Mass., and Bernard Bernstein of Venice, Fla. She was sister of the late Anna Wyzansky and the late Capt. Bertha Bernstein.

The funeral was held Jan. 19 at Congregation Agudath Achim, Winthrop Street. Burial was in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Taunton. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

member and president of the executive committee of the Washington Area Interfaith Conference. He organized a food bank for the group and a project called Garden Resources, to encourage food production in impoverished neighborhoods.

Lipman was president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis from 1987 to 1989.

In 1961 Lipman became rabbi of Temple Sinai in Washington, where he remained as pulpit rabbi until 1986. He was rabbi emeritus there until the time of his death.

Born in 1919 in Pittsburgh, Lipman graduated from the University of Cincinnati and was ordained at Hebrew Union College there, the theological seminary of the Reform movement. He then served for a year at Temple Beth-El in Fort Worth, Texas. The following year he became a chaplain in the U.S. Army, a position he served between 1944 and 1946 and from 1950 to 1951.

As a liaison for the U.S. Army and the Jewish Army for Israel, Lipman helped resettle thousands of Holocaust survivors in Palestine for the United States between 1947 and 1948. With Albert Vorspan, now director emeritus of the Commission on Social Action of the UAHC, Lipman co-authored *Justice and Judaism* (1956) and co-edited *A Tale of Ten Cities* (1962).

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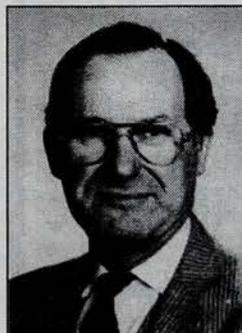
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## Quake Hits Agencies

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that had fallen against office doors.

Most Jewish schools reportedly escaped with minor damage, and some were to reopen Jan. 19.

The Jewish Federation Council and its agencies reactivated the emergency program put in place during the devastating Los Angeles firestorms last November, including an emergency hot line and provisions for providing food and shelter for the homeless.

Marlene Adler Marks of the *Jewish Journal*, who had barely escaped the fire and was shaken by the quake, recalled the biblical plagues and asked rhetorically, "What's next? Locusts?"

Jewish organizations have been deluged with telephone calls from around the country, with callers questioning how they can help the victims of the earthquake.

Jews have a broad choice of groups to which they can donate disaster relief: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, 155 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010; Union of American Orthodox Congregations, Emergency Earthquake Campaign, 333 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010; American Jewish World Service at 15 W. 26th St., New York, N.Y. 10010; Council of Jewish Federations, CJE Earthquake Emergency Fund, 730 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003; B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

"The response has been very positive, but it is still early to tell how much money we will collect," said Jean Bowdish, administrative assistant for the Social Action Commission of the Union Hebrew American Congregations.

The UAHC has notified all of its congregations to publicize the plight of the quake victims at Shabbat services.

Donations can also be sent to UAHC Commission on Social Action, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021.

Ross, in comments to Israeli reporters, spoke of Assad's having "broken new ground." He said the Geneva meeting provided a solid basis for the resumption of the bilateral peace talks in Washington later this month.

Rabin was quoted in the Israeli media as saying he wanted to hear the promising declarations attributed to Assad by the Americans from Assad himself.

Peres, too, while noting the favorable tone of the Geneva press conference, said it was unclear just how that tone was to be translated, on the part of the Syrians, into the concrete practicalities of peace.

Some of the post-summit speculation, focused on the possibility of a Rabin-Assad meeting in the near future.

Rabin would then indeed be able to hear for himself, directly from Assad, the statements and signals that had so encouraged Clinton at the Geneva meeting.

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## Clinton/Assad Talk

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ist groups opposed to the Israeli-Palestinian accord.

Following the Geneva meeting, Clinton dispatched the State Department's Middle East Coordinator, Dennis Ross and Martin Indyk of the National Security Council, to brief Israeli leaders on the details of the Geneva meeting.

They met late at night with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and the next day with Peres and other Israeli officials.

Ross and his aides stressed the sunny side of Assad's public performance. In particular, they noted the Syrian president's pronouncement that his country now had a "strategic" commitment to peace with Israel.

This, they said, contrasted starkly with Assad's oft-stated "strategy" during the 1980s — to attain military parity with the Jewish state.

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## One Sharp Lady

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were Jewish, and what became of them here, cannot be reported in this article. But, the question sticks and waits.

Martha Sharp also raised funds for Youth Aliyah to aid the rescue program of Hadassah to send Jewish children to Palestine. In the postwar world she resumed fund raising for aliyah, traveling twice to Israel.

In 1950, she secretly gathered information on the persecution of Jews in Iraq. Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban presented her findings to the United Nations.

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Longpre says, "Our focus on quality has helped build this company on repeat and regular

customers.

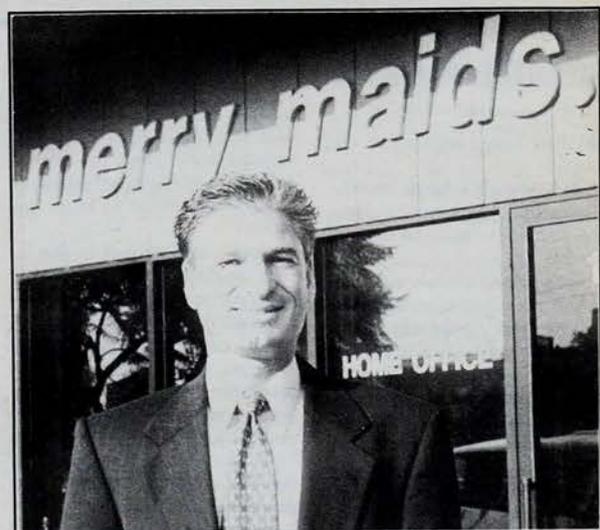
Merry Maids has a computer operation that tracks customer scheduling, cleaning results and customers' special requests.

The quality control program reminds employees when an in-house inspection is due, a phone call is to be made, or a newsletter is to be mailed. It is this kind of professionalism which separates Merry Maids from other cleaning services.

Merry Maids' uniformed employees work in teams of two and follow the company's explicit procedures and computerized checklists. They scrub floors on their hands and knees, point-fold toilet paper, and finish each room with the company trademark — room freshener that smells like cinnamon.

One team member concentrates on the "wet tasks" in the home while the other does the "dry tasks." They start at the top of each room and work down.

Each team is bonded and insured, and goes through a weeklong classroom and on-the-



Gary Leiter, owner of Merry Maids.

job training.

Merry Maids provides all their own equipment, exclusive cleaning products and supplies. "Each piece of equipment and each product is designed and tested by the company to work specifically for the chore at hand," he said.

Cleaning costs are based on the size of the home, the frequency of service and the amount of work requested by

the customer. A free, in-home visit always precedes the initial cleaning so that the customer receives a firm — and correct — quotation of the complete cost before any cleaning is done.

As American lifestyles change, professional home cleaning becomes more a necessity than a luxury. But that doesn't stop Merry Maids' customers from feeling pampered just the same.

## Calendar of Jewish Events

### Thursday, January 27

It's Tu B'Shevat. Celebrate! Plant a seed. Order a tree. L'Chaim!

Till 5 p.m. Purchasing Kosher Food — guidance provided by Rabbi Levy of the Chai Center in Warwick, at Edward's Market, Rte. 2, Warwick.

### Saturday, January 29

Science Fair at Alperin Schechter Day School.

7:30 p.m. Tu B'Shevat celebration with Israeli folkdancing and instruction, at Congregation Agudas Achimin Attleboro, Mass. 508-222-2243.

Members of the community are invited to submit a calendar listing (in addition to press releases) to the Herald in writing by the Friday before publication. The event title, date and time, place and a contact person with phone number should be listed. Send items to Calendar, Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940

### Sunday, January 30

Science Fair at Alperin Schechter Day School.

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Tu B'Shevat workshop on seed and cutting planting, for children, at Temple Am David.

9:30 - 11 a.m. Temple Beth-El, "Different Paths," call 331-6070.

### Tuesday, February 1

7:30 p.m. at Temple Shalom in Middletown, "Black Hats and Black Coats — The Hasidim" by Rabbi Marc Jagoliner.

5:45 - 9:45 p.m. at JCCRI, a CPR/First Aid Class. Call 861-8800 to register. Will also be held Feb. 8 at same time.

## Russian Ambassador

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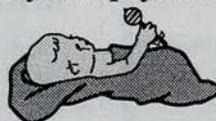
"From an economic standpoint, there is no turning back," he said, "Nor will there be any change in the direction of Russia's foreign policy, particularly its close ties with the United States."

Vorontsov termed the political rise of Vladimir Zhirinovskiy in Russia's national elections last month "a negative vote of protest against economic sufferings," but averred "Russia will not turn to fascism because of the economy."

Terming Zhirinovskiy "a passing phenomenon who played on the dissatisfaction of the people with simplistic solutions," Vorontsov concluded, "Let us not be concerned with individual personalities. Let us focus on strengthening our economy and maintaining our path to democracy."

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