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South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Celebrates 88th Year

Members of the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association met recently to celebrate the 88th anniversary. Front, from left: Isador Krasnoff, David Bergen, Herman Walluck, president, Phil Rosenfield, Norman Elman, Joseph Margolis. Back, from left: Norman Bazar, Mark Gordon, Samuel Kerzner, Paul Bazar, Ben Gilstein, Sam Buckler, Jack Gordon, Carl Lefkowitz. Missing from this picture are Kenneth Adler and Myles Dworkis. Story on page 11.

Immigrants Bring New Jewish Life and Challenges to Eastern Germany

by Miriam Widman

POTSDAM, Germany (JTA) — Dr. Alexander Kogan shrugged his shoulders and tried to explain himself once more.

No, he could not help the middle-aged, recent Jewish immigrant obtain a place in a hospital for her sick husband through his connections there. The German system does not work like the Russian one. You do not have to know someone to get a hospital bed.

As head of the newly formed Jewish community here, the 39-year-old orthopedic specialist from Chernovitz, in western Ukraine, has his hands full helping some of the 200 Jews who recently emigrated from the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union adjust to their new life here.

By far, most Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union go to Israel or the United States. But curiously enough, thousands have come to Germany, the country that once sought to eradicate all Jewish life in the very towns where these newcomers have recently settled.

Among the Potsdam Jews, there are Russian Jewish veterans of World War II who helped liberate this area from the Na-

zis. And in a further irony, the nascent Potsdam Jewish community has its offices in a pleasant complex of government-owned offices that also houses the local chapter of the Association of German War Wounded.

"You can't just pack your car and head for Israel."

Dr. Alexander Kogan

Many immigrants from the former Soviet republics came to Germany instead of America or Israel because it is convenient, said Kogan, who in 1990 simply packed up and drove here.

"You can't just pack your car and head for Israel," he said.

Despite the rise in Germany of xenophobic and anti-Semitic violence, the physician is not defensive about living here.

"I feel at home," he stated proudly.

Another factor that played a role in his decision to move here was the relative ease with which Germany recognizes certain professions, such as medicine and engineering. Compared to the United States, where qualification exams must be passed,

getting a license to practice medicine in Germany for an ex-Soviet Jew is easy.

Economic support from the government is only one aspect of the help the new arrivals need. When it comes to doing business, the immigrants have to learn that Germany does not function like the old country.

Connections and bribes are not as important as signed and stamped forms. And the state, while providing food and housing, will not take care of all their needs.

Jewish community leaders are forever explaining that the new immigrants have to take the initiative themselves and not rely on community leaders.

On a religious level, too, the immigrants have much to absorb. Most of them have as much learning to do about Judaism as they do about how to function in a free market economy.

"These people know nothing about being Jewish," said Rabbi Ernst Stein, a Conservative rabbi from Berlin.

While some complain that the integration of the new immigrants is taxing the small community's resources, others note that progress has been made in the religious sphere.

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Gays Attacked at Ceremony

by Dvorah Getzler

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Holocaust survivors and a visiting international group of gay men and lesbians clashed at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial here May 30 as the gay community held a ceremony to honor homosexuals who perished under the Nazis.

Holocaust survivors greeted the group of about 100 gay activists with protest banners as they arrived at the memorial. But worse was to come inside the cavernous Hall of Remembrance after a Reform rabbi, himself gay, began reciting the Kaddish memorial prayer.

A bearded man with a heavy Russian accent screamed, "My grandfather was killed for refusing to have sexual relations with the camp commandant. You are desecrating this place, you homosexuals!"

The gay group did its best to continue, reciting the Kaddish and singing Hannah Senesh's "Eli, Eli" poem, many of them in tears. Some were attacked by the

protesters and had to be restrained by their friends from fighting back.

The ceremony marked the first time the Nazi persecution of homosexuals had been commemorated at Yad Vashem, and it had aroused a controversy in the days leading up to it. A full-page advertisement placed in the *Jerusalem Post* May 24 by a group of 19 rabbis called the ceremony an "abomination" and threatened a boycott of the memorial.

The recent ceremony was sponsored by the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights, Israel's principal gay rights group, as the kickoff for a month of events for and about gay men and lesbians.

Many of the participants, here for the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, were deeply upset by the reception they received at Yad Vashem.

A young delegate from England said bitterly: "This makes us feel very much at home in Israel!"



Gottlieb Scores Again

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Yitzhak Gottlieb was one of the National Merit Scholarship winners this year. He attends the New England Academy of Torah, the high school branch of Providence Hebrew Day School. Gottlieb made the front page of the *Herald* on May 12, as one of the academy's crack math team which had just distinguished itself in a recent academic contest.

He hopes to go to Brown University, majoring in one of the sciences. Since he already puts in 10-hour school days (nine on Sundays), Brown should not pose any problems for Gottlieb.

He is the son of David and Esther Gottlieb of Providence.

When he has time, he likes to work on the computer, make model airplanes, and read. His favorite genre is sci-fi, and *Nightfall* by Asimov and Silverberg was his best read so far this year.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Union Bank Summer Youth Program

Union Bank at 1565 Mineral Spring Ave., North Providence, has announced a program of "paid" summer internships for local disadvantaged youths.

"We are really excited about this program," said William F.

Sullivan, chairman of Union Bank. "We want to introduce young people in the community to business and banking, and that's exactly what this program will do."

Selected interns will meet at the bank from 9 a.m. to noon four days a week for two weeks in one of two programs beginning either July 5 or July 18.

Students will be paid \$5 per hour while they learn.

The program will be open to high school students from North Providence, Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls. A maximum of 18 students will be chosen.

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Cianci is a champion of inner-city revitalization and has received national recognition over the past two years for his development of the Providence Plan, a decade-long mission statement which addresses the

city's public safety, educational, housing and employment needs.

Under Cianci's guidance the City of Providence Retirement System purchased \$200,000 in State of Israel Bonds in 1993, bringing its total holdings of bonds at that time to \$450,000, and reflecting a commitment from the city to diversify its investment portfolio's holdings.

Cianci's support of the local Jewish community has also been demonstrated with his personal involvement in helping to establish the Rhode Is-

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OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

June 11 and 12, an **Aviation and Space Education Exposition** at Warwick Mall. Call 737-3300 for details.

June 11 and 12, Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m., a **Secret Garden Tour**, in Newport. Call 847-0514 for details.

June 11, at 11 a.m., the **Children's Festival at South County Museum** in Narragansett. Pony rides, hay wagon rides, clowns and storytellers, farm animals, and more. Route 1A, Narragansett, opposite town beach pavilion.

June 12, noon to 4 p.m., the **annual strawberry festival and craft expo** at Smith's Castle, 55 Richard Smith Drive, Wickford. Great things to eat and to buy. \$3 admission. Visits to the castle and gardens are free. Call 294-3521.

June 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., a **support group meeting** for men with disabilities at Westminster Towers on Cahir Street, Providence (next to Central High School). Call 725-1966 for wheelchair assistance, or for more details.

June 14, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., a **support group meeting** for people with epilepsy, at the PARI conference room, Wing B, Independence Square, 500 Prospect Street, Pawtucket. Call 725-1966 for details.

June 14, at 7 p.m., a business meeting at Rochambeau Library, 708 Hope Street, Providence, followed by a talk by Jane R. Pretat, Jungian marriage and family therapist, called "Coming To Age," for those facing their 50s, 60s and 70s. Call 455-8110.

June 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., a talk on the history and medicinal uses of herbs, by Deborah Casey, herbal consultant, at Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston. Free and open to the public. Call 781-2450 for more details.

June 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., a new "Basic Sewing Skills" class at Cranston Senior Services, 1070 Cranston Street, Cranston. Call 461-1000, ext. 6215 or 6216 to register.

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FEATURE



Writing Miss Daisy

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"Don't push your kid into a career in theater or any other art. Shove the other way, talk your talented kid out of it! It's a hard life. You go into playwriting because you're driven from inside. You have no other choice."

Alfred Uhry, author of "Driving Miss Daisy," gave a down and dirty, but charming address to Brown alumni, parents and undergrads on the quadrangle with the great bear brooding over the tables left over from Campus Dance.

Hespeke of the years of opening night closings, of doubt and dread, trying to make ends meet until his great hit. Uhry wrote the first sketch of his southern Jewish grandmother in a freshman composition class at Brown in 1954. He made a small play out of the essay. He staged it in a 74-seat theater in New York. It caught on. He got flown to Los Angeles to talk big bucks but turned down the first offer. The movie that grew kept on growing until it earned him both an Oscar and a Pulitzer Prize. "The Oscar came originally and historically out of a gimmick by the industry to fill a gap in time. It meant less to me than the Pulitzer," said the lively, witty, hearty speaker.

He had the audience gasping, laughing, as he stood under the logo of the sun in the auditorium and went on without notes. He sketched scenes from the life of theater, but he looked out from the podium with a natural and easy manner.

"My wife isn't here, she's at another lecture. She's my harshest critic, but even she liked the script for 'Miss Daisy.' My agent minces no words either, but in her deep truckdriver tones, she loved it too. I was already in my mid 40s when I made my success. It was hard to get used to it."

Uhry covered a lot of ground. He had taught English in a prep school for years. He says he liked it and was good at it. He also gained skills from that second vocation. "I taught Shakespeare, doing scenes from 'Macbeth' three times each year. When Lady Macbeth goes mad, you can't miss it. The script warns you, the action rubs it in, the characters go on and on remind-

ing you of what just happened before your eyes. Sometimes movies forget to state the story clearly. I had no idea what was going on in 'The Piano.' Clarity is your first job."

Microphones were set up in the aisles. People from the audience got up, walked to the mikes, and asked questions loud and clear. "What was it like writing lines for 'Mystic Pizza?'"

"I loved working on that film. All I had to do was put in things for the actors to say. They had

already blocked in all the actions. I scribbled something down and next day stars were speaking my thoughts."

Brown University has always offered its undergrads a wide range of theater choices, Brownbrokers, Sock and Buskin, and composition daily theme classes that feed and seed drama. I had seen "It's Only a Play," a day earlier. Alfred Uhry spoke about that piece, and I understood its poignant mood of hope and fear far better after shaking hands with this renowned and honored artist.

In an age of conflict, his most famous story reminds us of the ironic, lonely, bittersweet possibility for friendship. Audiences and critics responded alike to its elegant humanity. It was a pleasant privilege to make the acquaintance of its creator on a sunny commencement weekend.

Tips for Obtaining or Correcting Your Credit Report

by Lt. Gov. Bob Weygand

Do you know what your rights are regarding your credit report? If you've ever been tangled in a dispute with a credit bureau you may think that you don't have any. Not True. Recently, my office worked to pass a Rhode Island credit reporting law that is one of the toughest in the country.

Here are some common credit reporting questions and answers that may help you to better understand your rights under our new law:

How do I go about getting a copy of my credit report?

We've made it easier than ever before for consumers to get their credit reports. You can write to one of the three main credit reporting companies to obtain your credit report. Credit bureaus must mail consumers their credit report within four days of a request for a fee not to exceed \$8. Of course, if you've been denied credit at any time due to a credit report, a copy of your report is furnished free of charge.

I have found inaccurate information on my credit report. How do I get the credit bureau to investigate the problem?

Once you notify the credit bureau of the mistake, the bureau must within 30 calendar days reinvestigate and correct inaccurate information.

Our Rhode Island law has some teeth. If the credit company doesn't comply, it is subject to fines of up to \$10 per day for each day of noncompliance as well as other penalties. The fines are paid to the consumer not the government.

How should I let the bank know that there is inaccurate information on my credit report and that the credit bureau is looking into having it removed?

In drafting this new credit reporting law, we put in a provision that says that the credit bureau must include a special notation on your credit report indicating that certain information is disputed by you and is

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A Book of Prayers By and For Women

Covenant of the Heart, believed to be the first published volume of Jewish liturgy written by women for women, has just been issued by the Women of Reform Judaism, the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Containing prayers, poetry, meditations and reflections, the publication is designed to be used in group meetings and gatherings for study and worship, Sabbath services and as a source of reflection for women in their daily lives. Communal and individual prayers are included.

The prayers and poetry were written by individual members of sisterhoods, sisterhood leaders and women rabbis from Reform congregations. The 198-page volume was edited by Rabbi Susan Marks and Eve F. Roshevsky.

The bound volume is not a "prayerbook" in the traditional sense because it does not contain the official liturgy of the Reform movement. *Covenant of the Heart* is meant to be a tool and resource for sisterhood women, written by sisterhood women.

Among the contents are group prayers to open and close meetings and prayers to be recited at sisterhood Sabbaths, holidays

and installations. The individual prayers included are for use during such lifecycle events as pregnancy, childbirth and old age and in response to the death of a friend or loved one.

The volume has been acclaimed by rabbis and lay leaders here and abroad who have received advance copies.

Copies of *Covenant of the Heart* may be ordered by sending a check for \$12.50 per copy (plus \$2 per copy for postage and handling) to Women of Reform Judaism, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021. Telephone: Eve Roshevsky (212) 249-0100, Ext. 352.

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OPINION

Egypt as Prototype for Peace?

A press release by Pesach Wolicki, national coordinator of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns.

Anthony Lake, President Clinton's assistant for national security affairs, recently announced that to ensure a settlement between Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights, American troops will be deployed there. The theory of the Israelis and their backers is that a treaty will bring such gains as economic cooperation between Israel and her neighbors and normalized diplomatic relations. Security concerns, they say, will not be as pressing once there is peace.

The government position is that peace will bring security. Those opposed say that the Golan in Israel's hands means security and security is peace. Those who argue the former proudly wave the banner of Egypt-Israel relations as paradigmatic evidence that the dream is in fact possible.

Firstly, and most importantly, the Camp David accord is a working example of a peace treaty signed between Israel and an Arab neighbor. There is less need for hypothesis and conjecture vis-a-vis the present Syria-Israel Golan negotiations when using Egypt as an example. Granted, Assad is neither Sadat nor Mubarak and the Golan is not the Sinai. However, Syria, like Sadat's Egypt, is an Arab non-Islamic led dictatorship that has until now advocated Israel's destruction and from whom Israel captured

land now used as a security buffer. The similarities are enough to draw some conclusions.

Fifteen years after Camp David, has the treaty been successful? In one sense, yes. Israel has maintained a safe and quiet border with Egypt. Israeli security experts agree across the board that the Egypt-Israel treaty has been a breeze. Not a shot has been fired.

However, tranquil borders while important are not the sum total of a peace treaty. If they were, Israel would have no need to negotiate with Syria. Israel, not Syria, maintains the military advantage topographically and technologically. In fact, if nonbelligerence is the goal, Israel and Syria have, in effect, had a peaceful border for the last 20 years.

Israel sought far more than a fancy cease-fire with Egypt 15 years ago. Over 30 agreements covering trade, social interchange, diplomatic relations, tourism and even sports were signed between 1979 and 1982. Virtually none of them have been kept.

Despite high hopes of mutual prosperity with peace, trade relations have been anything but normalized. Besides Israel's purchase of oil from the wells that she developed in the Sinai in the years before the pull-back, trade has been negligible. Tourism, as well, has been unilaterally Israel to Egypt. No produce marked "Made in Israel" may be sold in Egypt.

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Israel Is Our Land

This story goes back to the time of the pogroms against the Jews in Israel in 1936. The British government realized that the situation could not continue the way it was, the relationship between the Jews and the Arabs was just intolerable. So a commission, headed by Lord Viscount Peel, was dispatched to Palestine. The commission would later submit its proposals to King George.

One of the last witnesses to testify before the commission was the chairman of the Jewish Agency, David Ben Gurion. On the witness stand there was a Tanach (Bible), and I'havdil, a Koran and a Christian Bible. Each of the witnesses took an oath.

Ben Gurion's testimony lasted for over three hours. He spoke about the long-lasting connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel, declaring that this was our home and that we demand from the British government and the rest of the world to recognize our right to the Land of Israel. It was a very moving speech and the journalists who were present immediately ran to the telephones to relay Ben Gurion's impressive speech.

Lord Peel sat there coldly, without emotion and did not display any excitement. Then, in a low voice, he spoke to Ben Gurion: "May I ask you a personal question?"

Ben Gurion: "Sure."

Lord Peel: "Where were you born?"

Ben Gurion: "In Plonsk."

Lord Peel: "Where is Plonsk?"

Ben Gurion: "In Poland."

Lord Peel: "That is very strange. All the Arab witnesses who appeared before this committee, Nusseibah, Nasabiba, El Tal and El Hussein, were born here in Palestine. And almost all the Jewish witnesses who appeared before us were not born here."

"You say that this is your house, but someone else lives here now — the Arabs. There is an international law which states that if somebody contests the right of someone who is holding on to property, he must submit a document — proof of ownership — or as it was called in the Ottoman Empire, a kushan, that this property belongs to him even though he was not born there."

Ben Gurion lifted the Bible that was on the stand and said: "Lord Peel, surely we have a kushan, this is our kushan — the Bible. The British are a nation that respects the Bible. Is our historical right, as stated in the Bible, less authentic than a document penned by some clerk in some land registry office? This is an everlasting document in which it is written:

It Gives Me Hope

by Alison Smith
Jewish Herald Editor

In his column in the May 26 issue of the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, Bob Kerr tells about 62 seventh-graders boarding a bus to go to the Museum of Science in Boston. Each one had earned the right to go on the trip by completing a 10-week program run by the Providence Police department of youth services aimed at helping them resist gang influence and membership.

The first time the program was offered, the parents of the 105 children who completed the course were invited to a pizza party celebration for the kids. There was a disc jockey — the works.

Ten parents showed up. Imagine how you would feel if you were one of the people who had fought for this program, or who had taught it, when only ten parents came.

Imagine how you'd feel if you were one of the kids whose parents didn't come.

Naturally, you would never admit, even to yourself, that it mattered. Naturally, you might even act relieved that they hadn't come. Parents! Who needs them?!

Kids do. And the people trying to help those kids do. And we do, because a society that is raising a generation of children who have never felt that they were just about the most important thing in the world to someone, and are therefore emotionally malnourished, will have hell to pay when those kids become adults.

Already we are experiencing

the first shock waves of a generation unable to relate, to commit, to understand someone else's pain or rights, to respect, because its members so rarely received that kind of emotional nurturing themselves.

Keep an eye on kids who have been taught to think of authority as something malevolent to be escaped, defeated, outwitted or ignored. If that's how they saw their role models deal with authority, if they themselves have never clearly seen the faces of legitimate authority and responsibility, they will break laws and trample on ethical standards without a second thought.

Why am I writing this in the *Jewish Herald* today?

Because now, as the school year winds down, I am continually covering events involving children, their teachers, and their parents.

And while I am almost always impressed and charmed by the kids, I am even more impressed by their parents.

To look across a crowded auditorium and see so many parents and grandparents present — to see as many dads as moms — to see everyone, out of common courtesy and sensitivity, staying till the last performer is through, the last exhibit admired or judged — gives me hope.

Your kids will have their work cut out for them in 20 years, but they will have known commitment and nurturing and self-respect, and they will know how to be good parents, and good citizens.

'It Ain't Necessarily So ...'

by Alison Smith

In a press release from Pesach Wolicki on our Op Ed page, there is a paragraph beginning, "So why does Israel not publicize ..."

Wolicki draws the conclusion that if Israel quarreled with Egypt's implementation of their Camp David agreements, her only recourse would be to demand the return of the Sinai.

How's that again? With a wave of his pen Wolicki has created an all or nothing situation where none need exist. This is a dangerous practice in the volatile Mid-East.

If there is any hope for perma-

nent regional peace in that area it lies in negotiation, compromise, and experimentation, with what is practical and workable, and what proves not to be.

Israel and her Arab neighbors seem to me to be in the position of two wounded soldiers making their way across a mine field. One can see, the other can walk. Both have a lot to lose if they cannot work together.

Wolicki's release is beautifully written and very convincing, which makes it all the more imperative that we weigh his conclusions carefully.

"To your children I have given this land," G-d promised this land to our father Abraham and to his descendants. There is no doubt that we are the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Again, the reporters ran to their telephone booths to report about Ben Gurion's response. (From an article by Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, chief rabbi of Israel, printed in *The Jewish Press*)

"Breishit ... — In the beginning G-d created the heavens and the earth." On this first verse of the Bible, Rashi brings the comments of Rav Yitzchak: "Since the Torah is the book of laws, it

should have begun with the first commandment, in the Book of Exodus. Why, then did it begin with the narrative of creation?

"The reason is in order to establish the sovereignty of G-d over the earth. If the nations accuse Israel of banditry for seizing the lands of the seven nations of Canaan, the Jewish people will tell them: 'The entire universe belongs to G-d. He created it and He granted it to whomever was deemed fit in His eyes. It was His desire to give it to them and it was then His desire to take it from them and cede it to us.'"

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.

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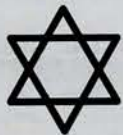
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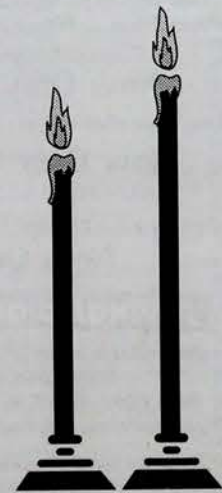
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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Social services in Israel are almost non-existent since the nation's estimated 9,000 social workers went on strike seven weeks ago. The strike has created severe difficulties in the areas of child abuse and abortion, both of which require a social worker's involvement. Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Ora Namir, issued back-to-work orders, and warned strikers to call it off or she would "take all possible steps to end it." The Treasury failed to honor a preliminary contract reached 18 months ago, and social workers have been working without a contract since then.

VIENNA (JTA) — Former Austrian President Kurt Waldheim wants the CIA to make public its files on him, in the wake of new charges that the United States helped cover up his Nazi past. "I support the publishing" of the CIA files, Waldheim told the Austrian daily *Der Standard*. "I have nothing against it."

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stated flatly this week that Syria is still not ready for serious peace talks. Speaking before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Rabin added that he would support any further attempts by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher — who visited the region twice in May — to broker a peace with Syria. "We have an interest in Christopher coming to the region every so often, but I believe Washington has exhausted itself," Rabin said.

VIENNA (JTA) — As a result of the sponsorship of numerous Austrian companies, some 53,000 Viennese pupils between the ages of 14 and 18 have attended free performances of "Schindler's List." The companies' sponsorship came as a result of an initiative by Kurt Scholz, chief of international relations in the mayor's office.

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'Arafat, PLO Caught Between Need to Establish Control and Pressure for Democratization'

JERUSALEM — The Palestine Liberation Organization and Yasser Arafat personally are now facing a crucial test of whether they will be capable of establishing a strong, centralized regime in Jericho and Gaza that will demonstrate control of the situation, while still holding out hopes to the populace of democratic rule.

This point was made by more than one speaker at the opening of a conference on "The PLO and Israel: From Armed Conflict to Political Settlement, 1964-1994" sponsored by The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Harry S Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace.

"The PLO is facing today more formidable challenges than ever before," said Dr. Manuel Hassassian, dean of the Faculty of Arts and chairman of the humanities department at Bethlehem University. "It must prove that it is able to fulfill the rights and meet the aspirations of the Palestinian people" and develop genuine and effective national institutions.

Although one can expect that during the interim period ahead the regime will be mainly autocratic in nature, a democratic mechanism will be the key toward achieving further progress toward statehood, he said. Those among the Palestinians who are for democratization will not give up this cause without a struggle, Hassassian warned.

Also touching on the same point, Middle East expert Professor Leonard Binder, chairman of the political science department at the University of California at Los Angeles, stated that in the long run the support or lack of it among the Palestinian populations in Gaza and Jericho will determine the fate of the future of the Palestinian authority there. If there is no progress toward establishing the democratic, liberal authority that the outside world wishes to see there, then there is little hope that there will be any further achievements by the Palestinians.

This will not be a simple task, commented Professor Binder, since "it is much easier to make mischief than to make new institutions." He said that the greatest likelihood is that Arafat will continue to behave in the authoritarian manner in which he has run the PLO and

that he will make more statements that will anger not only Israel but also some of his PLO colleagues.

Professor Muhammad Muslih of the department of political science at C.W. Post College of Brookville, N.Y., said that Arafat — having broken long ago with trying to achieve a consensus in Palestinian politics — is not inclined now to consult with others and is interested in centralization of authority rather than democracy as a means for establishing immediate control.

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But, he warned, the Palestinians are a people with a tradition of political debate and those on the "inside" — the Palestinians who lived under Israeli rule and initiated the intifada — are not likely to sit back and accept imposed authoritarian rule indefinitely. They will push for pluralization and democratization, said Muslih.

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In 1945, members of the division were near Dachau, the infamous Nazi concentration camp, and have firsthand knowledge of the Nazi atrocities. The resolution, passed at a reunion, not only condemned Holocaust deniers but called for obtaining testimonials to provide a historical record for future generations and for publicizing them.

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Russian Will Press Syria

by Dvorah Getzler

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A delegation of Russians, Americans and representatives of several Arab states reportedly will travel to Damascus to try to persuade Syria to take part in the series of multilateral talks on Middle East regional issues it has boycotted until now.

Plans for the mission emerged after a meeting between Russia's visiting Middle East envoy, Viktor Posavaliuk, and Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin.

In a meeting earlier with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Posavaliuk conveyed a message from Russian President Boris Yeltsin affirming Russia's desire to be more closely associated with the peace process.

Russia is a co-sponsor of the multilateral talks, as well as the bilateral talks Israel has conducted with Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians.

The Russian reported to his hosts on his impressions of Syria and the newly autonomous district of Jericho in the West Bank, which he visited. The Palestinian police, he said, are determined to succeed in keeping exemplary law and order in the 24-square-mile autonomous zone.

Posavaliuk also said he is convinced that both Syrian President Hafez Assad and the Syrian people are interested in peace with Israel.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Germany Investigates Neo-Nazi Acts

by Gil Sedan

BONN (JTA) — German authorities are investigating allegations that soldiers in the country's most elite honor guard shouted neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic slogans on a bus near here.

Reporting an incident that allegedly took place in mid-May, eyewitnesses said that seven soldiers who were apparently drunk began shouting anti-

Semitic and xenophobic slogans on a bus on their way back to their barracks near Bonn.

According to the witnesses, the soldiers, who were dressed in civilian clothes for an evening out, shouted "Jews should be gassed" and "foreigners out."

The police are also investigating claims that the soldiers physically attacked one passenger who tried to quiet them down.

When the soldiers got out of hand, the bus driver reportedly closed the doors to the bus and called the police, who held the soldiers for questioning.

The soldiers are members of Germany's most prestigious honor guard, which greets foreign heads of state.

A spokesman for prosecutors in Bonn announced that charges would be pressed against one soldier at least, and that the investigation would continue regarding the other six.

A military spokesman said that although the matter was now in the hands of the police and state prosecution, they army would "take all the necessary disciplinary measures."

The incident took place less than two weeks after scores of neo-Nazis rampaged through the streets of the eastern German town of Magdeburg. In the ensuing melee, the extremists attacked blacks and caused damage to property owned by Turks.

Israeli-Palestinian Peace Negotiator Honored

Marianne Heiberg, widow of Norway's Johan Jorgen Holst, accepts on behalf of her husband.

At the ordination and investiture services of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, on May 22 at Temple Emanu-El in New York, Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president, awarded the 1994 Roger E. Joseph Prize to Marianne Heiberg of Norway. Heiberg accepted the award on behalf of her husband, the late Norwegian Foreign Minister Johan Jorgen Holst, who guided the secret talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization from January through August, 1993.

In her acceptance speech, Heiberg said that the Joseph Prize was a symbol for the fundamental aspirations underlying the peace negotiators' endeavors. Yet the signed agreement, she said, repre-

sented the prospect of peace not yet fully consummated. "The suffering of the past must not take its retribution on future generations," she asserted. "Credit must go to the Israelis and the Palestinians who made the choice for peace, at great risk to themselves," and reminded those gathered that although barriers had been broken, much work remained to be done.

Heiberg participated in 14 rounds of secret negotiations as part of a team led by her late husband. Both Heiberg and Holst had agreed that the informal, relaxed air established by the facilitators early in the negotiating process was the key to its success.

At a luncheon in her honor following the award presentation, Heiberg remarked that the difference between the formal, protocol-laden corridors of Washington and the tone set in Norway was remarkable. "No one was told that they must sit

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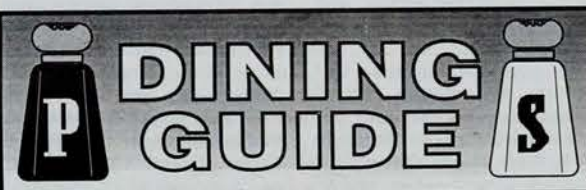


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June 10 to July 2, at RISD Museum of Art, an exhibition called **"Yuri Sarkisov: Paintings from Three Decades"** by Sarkisov who left Azerbaijan during the pogroms against Armenians. Call 454-6348 for details.

June 14 to June 30, **"Art Across the Ages,"** an intergenerational exhibit at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston. Sponsored by the Alliance for Better Nursing Home Care Building Bridges Program. Call 943-9080 for more details.

June 14 to August 13, at 8 p.m., Brown Summer Theatre productions at Leeds Theatre on Waterman Street, starting with a production of **"The Artificial Jungle"** by Charles Ludlam. Call 863-2838.

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work in private and public collections.

Speyer's classes will be held on the mansion's northwest porch from 9:30 a.m. until noon Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks, beginning July 5 or 7.

Enrollment is by reservation only for a minimum of six sessions; more days may be added if the student wishes. No telephone reservations will be accepted. Call Blithewold at 253-2707 for fee schedule and reservation information.

Trinity Rep Stages Competition Winner

Trinity Repertory Company presents the final event of its 1993-94 birthday season with a workshop production of **"An American Cocktail,"** the winner of the 1993 Clauder Competition for Playwriting.

The play, by Fall River resident Tom Grady, will preview June 11 and 12, and runs through June 19.

The production will be staged in the Upstairs Theatre by Trinity Rep Dramaturg Tori Haring-Smith, and features company regulars Barbara Blossom, Phyllis Kay and Allen Oliver. Also in the cast are Tom Buckland, Richard Donnelly and Ellen Florin. Dylan Costa designs the lighting, and Marilyn Salvatore designs the costumes.

Call 351-4242 for further details.

Arts Council Plans Grants in Fall

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts has granted \$98,500 in state and federal funds to 47 nonprofit organizations and schools throughout Rhode Island.

The arts council is the state's largest funding source for arts organizations and individual artists with a fiscal year 1995 budget of \$1.3 million.

The council will make future grant awards next fall. Oct. 1 is the deadline to file applications for programs and activities planned for Dec. 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995. Information, guidelines, and applications are available by calling RISCA at 277-3880 V/TT.

Siddhartha & Fred

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
As for Bernardo Bertolucci's "Little Buddha," you can say, "Mikey liked it."

I liked the lavish look. I liked the charming absurdity of the plot. Most of all, I liked listening to a script in which folks talk about the meaning of life. Not with tongue-in-cheek played for laughs, but for real. "Little Buddha" brings an American boy from Seattle to Bhutan. More important, through the telling and reading of the tale of Siddhartha, we see with him fabulous images of Keanu Reeves, the fabled prince, leaving his father's comfortable realms to go out and try and deal with injustice, pain and error in the great world.

Along the way, the boy from our west coast meets another boy, and a girl, from faraway lands. Who will be the true new teacher, reincarnation of a Buddha, an enlightened one?

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but with light smiles and graceful gestures. People I run into here and there tell me they "didn't like it." Why? Maybe they were offended by the glimpses of old age and poverty as curses. Our squeamish consumer culture hates images that hold real sadness or point toward the tragedy beyond our gates. Bertolucci has the Italian tradition of neorealism behind him. He joins hands with the Tibetan lore of legend and turns out a childlike masterpiece.

MOVIE REVIEW

What's the Jewish approach to Buddha? How much do religions agree with each other before they part company? Ashkenazic Jews name babies after somebody who died. Chasidism sought for the truth that hides in parables and the lyrics of songs. I remember my mother reading Hesse's *Siddhartha* and taking pleasure in the metaphorical life of the prince of privilege who finds "the middle way."

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Torah, Mental Health and You

by R.Y. Donowitz

Special to the Herald

by R. Y. Donowitz

Sources of frustration, anger and unhappiness in life may be many and multifaceted. With all of the potential complexity involved, one may question what value, if any, can psychotherapy have? The therapist has no crystal ball and essentially words are his only tools; how effective can therapy be? Taking the plunge into that unknown arena need not be so mysterious, yet can yield life-changing results.

This week's Torah reading, Korach, provides these two examples, among others of just how effective words and an alternative viewpoint can be.

One of the original co-conspirators who joined Korach in his rebellion against Moshe and Aharon was Ohn ben Peles. Later when speaking about the conspirators Ohn was not mentioned. The commentary of the Da'as Z'keinim explained that Ohn withdrew from the rebellion based on the advice of his wife. What earth-shattering information did she say that saved her husband from risking his life in a rebellion in which

he had no chance for personal gain? She confronted him with the truth that no matter who would be the leader, he would remain in a secondary position. This simple, yet powerful truth was able to get Ohn to rethink his position. While involved in a growing conflict, Ohn was blinded from this truth.

One of the main points Korach made was to accuse Moshe of elevating himself and his family above the rest of the nation. How Moshe, who resisted becoming the leader and was declared recently as the humblest of men can be accused of seeking power is truly absurd. One explanation that can be used is the concept of "projection." The Talmud (Kidushin) states, "One who seeks to disqualify another, projects his own defects upon him." A distorted perception of Moshe existed in the eyes of Korach because of his own defects and apparently his lack of self-awareness.

We see now how helpful an independent and knowledgeable "third party" can be. The wife of Ohn, uninvolved in the

conflict, was able to confront her husband with the truth. Self-knowledge may have been offered to Korach which may have helped him see the absurdity of his argument. It doesn't take a crystal ball, but a psychotherapist can play well at this game. Are you ready for the chance to relieve frustration, anger and pain from your life? Ohn was, and his life was saved. Korach became a footnote in the history of earthquakes.

R. Y. Donowitz is a certified mental health counselor and an educator with a private practice as an affiliate of Human Relations Consultants. He can now also be reached at his home office number 861-1835.

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Heart Association 'Family Guide to Stroke' Book

Stroke is the third largest killer and the number one cause of serious disability in the United States. In an increasing effort to combat stroke, the American Heart Association has announced its latest publication, a hardcover book called *American Heart Association Family Guide to Stroke*.

Serving as advisors on the book were J. Donald Easton, M.D., professor and chairman of neurology, Brown University School of Medicine, and neurologist-in-chief at Rhode Island Hospital. Easton has been active with the American Heart Association for more than 23 years.

The book was created to help stroke survivors and their families understand and cope with the aftermath of stroke. Drawing on the latest research, this book explains in clear, accessible language what a stroke is,

how it can be treated, and how additional strokes can be prevented.

"Stroke affects not only the individual, but also his or her family," says Marc Weinberg, M.D., president of the American Heart Association, R.I. affiliate. "This book guides readers through stroke treatment, recovery and prevention. Also included are fictional experiences of dozens of stroke survivors which help readers understand warning signs, risk factors and ways to cope."

"Each year an estimated 900,000 Americans experience a stroke. Strokes occur in children and young men and women. Almost all of us have some risk of having a stroke at some time in our lives. Yet, everyone can take significant steps to reduce that personal risk and this book will show you how," notes Weinberg.

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How to Shake The 'Postpartum Blues'

No matter how much happiness a new baby brings to a family, many mothers feel "blue" after giving birth.

Healthy Start, a federal program promoting safe pregnancies and regular prenatal care, says if you feel sad or cry easily in the days following your baby's birth, don't worry. After-delivery, "post-partum blues" is common. Physical reasons can cause this depression; it often accompanies the body's effort to regain fluid-salt and hormonal balances after birth. In most cases, this balance returns in four to seven days. It may take ten days for some mothers.

Being overtired or stressed can also make you feel depressed — and a new baby can certainly wear you out! You need rest, as you are undergoing significant physical and emotional changes. Try to sleep when your baby sleeps. If you feel stressed, take a break; call a

friend, take a shower or bath, ask your partner or friend to watch the baby while you relax.

Seek help if you're blue — talk with your partner or friend, another mother or your health care provider. You and your baby are better off when you're feeling good.

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During the six-week program, trained instructors will lead participants through a series of exercises and activities designed to increase mobility and function. The sessions meet twice weekly.

"A properly designed and executed exercise program helps people with arthritis keep joints flexible, maintain muscle strength, and build overall stamina," said Diane Richard, PACE coordinator for the Rhode Island chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. "People who participate in PACE classes often report that they

look and feel better, have more energy, and are more capable of doing their daily activities. But, before any exercise program is started, you should always check with your physician."

Preregistration is necessary to participate in the class and enrollment is limited. For more information or to register for the PACE program, contact Kelly Lively-Tuccillo, P.T., of Action Physical Therapy Inc., at 434-1773.

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Lisa Rebecca Kaplan and Jeffrey Paul Horovitz

Kaplan and Horovitz Engaged

Gladys and Jerry Kaplan of Cranston announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Rebecca, to Jeffrey Paul Horovitz, son of Debbie and Adrian Horovitz of Cranston.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cranston West High School and The Sawyer School and is presently employed by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Cruz, and is presently in management at Harwood Manufacturing.

The wedding date is March 1995.

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Vivian Weisman Named JCCRI Executive Director

Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island JCCRI President Jeffrey G. Brier announced recently that Vivian G. Weisman has been named executive director of the JCCRI.

Weisman began her career at the JCCRI in 1982 as the group services director. After becoming program director, she was named assistant executive director in 1989, and has served as acting executive director since October of last year.

Weisman is a graduate of Hunter College and earned her MSSW from the University of Chicago. She is the current vice president for the New England Region of the Association of Jewish Center Professionals and is the chair of the Providence Drop Out Collaborative Prevention Advisory Board.

"I look forward to continuing the development of the JCCRI as the hub of Jewish activity in Rhode Island," Weisman states. "With our many programs for young children through senior adults, we will continue to offer all ages



Vivian G. Weisman

the opportunity to come together for community involvement and to enrich personal growth."

The JCCRI is located at 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.



**Dylan
Jeffrey
Resnick**

Mark and Jacqueline Resnick of Laguna Beach, Calif., announce the birth of their first child, a son, Dylan Jeffrey, on April 7.

Paternal grandparents are Paula and Harry Katzman of Warwick, R.I. Paternal great-grandparents are Mildred and Bernard Lazar of Warwick, R.I. Maternal grandparents are Eniko and Peter Cowles of Newport Beach, Calif. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Cowles of Beach Haven, N.J.

Mills Weds Sullivan

The wedding of Joan April Mills of Mystic, Conn., to Gerald Anthony Sullivan of Mystic, Conn., took place April 24 at the Narragansett Beach Club, Narragansett, R.I.

The bride is the daughter of Sanford Mills and the late Shirley (Levin) Mills. The groom is the son of Mary and James Sullivan of Mystic, Conn.

Ide Mills Ratnetz, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Sarah Ratnetz, niece of the

bride, was the flower girl.

Graham Sullivan, son of the groom, was best man.

The bride graduated from URI and is employed as a clinical laboratory scientist at St. Joseph Hospital in Providence. The groom graduated magna cum laude from the University of New Haven and is employed as an engineer at Electric Boat in Groton.

After a wedding trip to Ireland and London the couple will live in Mystic, Conn.

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



**Hayley
Becca
Glantz**

Mr. and Mrs. James Glantz of Silverspring, Md., announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Hayley Becca, on May 23.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Diane Daum of Staten Island, N.Y. Paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Muriel Glantz of Overhill Road, Providence. Great-grandparents are Pearl Jacobs of Lauderdale, Fla., and the late David A. Jacobs; Nathan Adler and the late Sella Adler; and Esther Daum of Staten Island, N.Y.



**Jacquelyn
Michele
Greenberg**

Jeffrey and Sherri (Africk) Greenberg of Tampa, Fla., are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter, Jacquelyn Michele, born on April 17.

The maternal grandparents are Sandra Africk of Pawtucket and the late Morton Africk. The paternal grandparents are Arline and Louis Greenberg of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Rhode Island.

The maternal great-grandmother is Shirley Africk of Brooklyn, N.Y. The paternal great-grandmother is Anne Mover of Sharon, Mass., and North Miami Beach, Fla.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Holistic Health Programs at Temple Torat Yisrael

The Jewish Family Service kosher mealsite in Cranston, located at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., is presenting a series, led by Renee Lipson, an expert in health care issues, entitled "Holistic Health in the 21st Century," which explores ways and means of maintaining or improving the health of seniors.

The program, which is held at 11:15 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, focuses on health promotion and stress management techniques to help seniors cope with today's changing society.

At a recent meeting, a group of 16 seniors discussed the fear and anxiety that can accompany medical problems and procedures. One member told about an operation she once had when she was told by her doctor "not to be afraid." According to Lipson, this is not a holistic view. "It's OK to be afraid in situations like that," she explained. "But, you have to be able to express those feelings. Attitudes and perceptions are just as important as treatment."

Lipson believes that this type of exchange of ideas and stories, which is common at the holistic health meetings, is the kind of mental support that complements a physically healthy lifestyle. "It's good for the seniors to get out and so-

cialize," she comments. "So what we are teaching them in the program is actually happening when they come to meetings." Group members agree. "I love the group," says one participant. "I enjoy coming here and talking with the people."

The program is free and open to the community. Reservations for lunch at noon must be made one week in advance. For more information, contact Gladys Kaplan at 781-1771.

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Immigrants

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Just as before World War II, when streams of Eastern European Jews arrived in Germany, there is some resentment of the new arrivals felt by the relatively richer and more established German Jews.

But there is also some tension among the immigrants themselves. Those who arrived from the Soviet Union in the difficult years of the early 1980s consider themselves a cut above the more recent immigrants.

"These problems would be normal anywhere else," said Peter Ambros, spokesman for Berlin's Jewish community. "But because they occur here, they attract a different kind of attention."

Correction

On the bottom of page 15, of the *Jewish Herald* for June 2, one of the soldiers in a picture of four was identified as Edward Finberg. The *Herald* has since been informed that the gentleman's name was Edwin Finberg.



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Temple Shalom Elects New Officers

Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County, at 71 Valley Road, Middletown, recently held its annual meeting. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer delivered the invocation and his annual report. Committee reports were also heard.

The following slate of officers was elected to serve for the 1994-95 program year:

President, Jerrold Rosenberg, M.D.; first vice president, Steven Freedman, M.D.; second vice president, Lois Schneller; treasurer, Joseph Dannin; corresponding secretary, Stacy Fischer; financial secretary, Arlene Hicks; record-

ing secretary, Ruth Ziegler; trustees, Howard Kay, George Botvin, Irwin Rubin, Abraham Fischer and Steven Schneller; immediate past president, Gerald Seigel.

At the same meeting, the following board of directors was elected to govern the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School for the coming year:

Ronald Franklin, Arlene Hicks, Susan Reidy, Jerrold Rosenberg, M.D., Jeffrey Martin, Gail Reiter, Suzette Seigel, Michael Lichtenstein, Linn Freedman, Leslie Saunders, Beatrice Bazarsky and David Bazarsky.

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Lola Schwartz

Lola Schwartz Honored

Lola Schwartz, who has been with the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island for 31 years, will be honored at a retirement party on June 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the JCCRI, 401

Elmgrove Ave. in Providence.

Schwartz began as children's department director in 1963 and later led, at one time or another, all JCCRI departments with the exception of health

and physical education. Named executive director in 1983, she was one of the first females chosen to fill the position in a large Jewish community center.

Schwartz was instrumental in the relocation of the old JCCRI to its present modern facility on Elmgrove Avenue. Under her leadership, and with the help of a "hard-working professional staff," the center grew and expanded its programs to serve all ages in many capacities. Schwartz and her staff established the annual "A Show of Hands" artisans crafts fair, Gallery 401, and English as a Second Language program for New Americans.

In addition to her many accomplishments at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, Schwartz was president of the New England Association of Jewish Center Workers, president of the Association of Community Executives, on the board of directors of the United Way, Temple Beth-El and Volunteers in Action, and was a founder of the Business & Professional Women's Affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Schwartz is still active at the center; she swims three times a week in the pool, uses the family fitness center and as a volunteer leads Wednesday "Kumsitz" with seniors. In addition, she is pursuing her interests in art, theater and contemporary public affairs. "I couldn't have balanced my career and family without the support of my husband Irving, my two children, Peter and Erna, and my five grandchildren," she states.

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School Beat



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Shira Rosenstein Honored

Shira Rosenstein, this year's Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island I.S. Low Youth Leadership Award winner, was one of 28 individuals to be nationally recognized by the Jewish Community Center Association. Rosenstein, a

Schwartz Honored

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"I am glad to have had the opportunity to be a part of the team of Jewish communal leaders who helped strengthen, develop and enrich the Jewish community during the past years. I always felt that as executive director of the JCCRI, I had the best job in the world."

For more information about Lola Schwartz's retirement party, contact Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

Planning for Support of Scout Chapel

Former Boy Scouts and scout leaders are invited to a strategy meeting to plan for the long-term endowment of the Jewish Chapel of the Ten Commandments at Camp Yawgoog in Rockville.

The Jewish Committee on Scouting of Narragansett Council has called the meeting for 7:30 p.m., June 14, at the Scout Center, 175 Broad Street, Providence.

"I invite those in the Jewish community with an interest in our youth to attend, so we can determine how best to provide for the perpetual upkeep of the Temple of the Ten Commandments," said Jules A. Cohen of North Kingstown, committee chairman.

Sabbath services and other programs, under the supervision of a full-time Jewish chaplain, are held in the log-cabin chapel, which is dedicated to the memory of the late Abraham Aron, a long-time Scouter from Warwick.

10th-grader at Classical High School, recently received the JCCA national award for her outstanding contributions to the JCCRI and the community; she is the only individual in New England to have received such an honor.

Rosenstein, who was nominated for the award by the JCCRI, was invited to attend the JCCA Youth Leadership Institute and the 1994 Gateway Biennial. The events included four days of workshops, sessions with peers and interaction with volunteer leaders from Jewish community centers.

Rosenstein, a volunteer in the Explorer program and a member of the yearbook committee at her school, volunteers in the JCCRI KidSpace program, coaches a T-Ball class, participates in the JCCRI Outdoor Club and is the vice president of the Youth Advisory Board.

Board the Magic Bus

Kids ages 3 to 13 are invited to join Ms. Fizzle and her Magic School Bus friends for "Reading Is a Magic Trip," at the Providence Public Library.

The library is launching a summer reading program that encourages children and families to discover the limitless world of information, entertainment and adventure in books.

"Reading is a Magic Trip," a free, noncompetitive reading program, is set to begin the last week in June.

Children who participate will receive free personal reading logos to record the titles of the books they read and the adventures they have had in reading. At the end of the program, children will receive a reading certificate from Ms. Fizzle.

Reception for JCCRI Artists

An opening reception for the KidSpace/Preteen Connection/Teen Connection Art Show will be held in Gallery 401 on June 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Children, preteens and teenagers in the JCCRI's afterschool programs will exhibit their works of art in the gallery from June 12 through June 28.

Gallery 401 is located at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

For additional information, call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

Parent's Orientation Night

Parent's orientation night for Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island summer camps will be held June 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence. Meet camp coordinators and counselors, learn about camp curriculum and special events and pick up your

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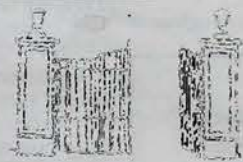
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NEW BEDFORD — Hilda Epstein, 90, of 327 West Clinton St., died May 31 at St. Luke's Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Abraham and Mary (Zurier) Epstein.

She was a lifelong resident of New Bedford, a member of the Tifereth Israel Congregation and its sisterhood, and a member of Hadassah.

She is survived by a sister, Stella Friedman of Fairfield, Conn., and several nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Oscar Epstein and Joseph Epstein.

A graveside funeral service was held June 3 at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

DR. JACOB FELDERMAN

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Jacob Felderman, 84, of 236 Gallatin St., a physician at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for many years before retiring, died May 31 at Rhode Island Hospital.

A lifelong Providence resident, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Felderman.

He was a 1931 graduate of Brown University, and received his medical degree in 1935 from the Boston University School of Medicine. During World War II, he served in the Army Medical Corps with the rank of captain.

He leaves four nephews, Albert Arbitman of Cranston, William Arbitman of Scottsdale, Ariz., Arthur Felderman of Los Angeles, Calif., and Robert Felderman in New Jersey.

A graveside service was held June 2 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

tery, Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MAURICE L. GEREBOFF

PROVIDENCE — Maurice L. Gereboff, of 40 Stenton Ave., died May 31 at The Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Caroline (Gordon) Gereboff.

A lifelong Providence resident, he was the son of the late Meyer and Bessie (Grabofsky) Gereboff.

He was the proprietor of a service station in Providence for 43 years, retiring 18 years ago.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and Kulanu. He was a member of the Providence Hebrew Day School, Redwood Lodge No. 35 of the Masons AF&AM. He belonged to the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and was a life member of Temple Am David.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Murray Gereboff of Providence and Joel Gereboff of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Celia Gereboff and Helen Gereboff Forman, both of Providence, and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Samuel and Shirley Gereboff, Rose Fruman and Dora Zeiniker.

A funeral service was held on June 2 at Temple Emanu-El, corner of Morris Avenue and Sessions Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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

DEREK J. HOCHMAN

CRANSTON — Derek J. Hochman, 22, of 97 Broadmoor

Rd., a student at Georgia State College, Atlanta, died June 2 at the Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Born in Providence, he was a son of Richard and Ann (Zisserman) Hochman with whom he lived.

He was a 1990 graduate of Cranston East High School, where he was a varsity baseball player for three years.

Besides his parents he leaves a sister, Debra Hochman of Hoffman Estates, Ill.; his maternal grandfather, Theodor Zisserman of Cranston; and his paternal grandmother, Ethel Hochman of Providence.

A graveside funeral service was held June 5 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

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

JOSEPH KASSLER

RANDOLPH, Mass. — Joseph Kassler, 96, died June 5. He was the husband of the late Bessie (Tuck) Kassler.

He is survived by Charlotte and Arthur Rosen of Stoughton, Mass., Irene and James Jones of California, Manual and Sandra Kassler of Randolph, Mass., and Hannah and Allan Evans of Somerset, Mass., seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Sarah Jacobs, Jack and Harry Kassler and Betty Denmark.

Services were coordinated by Levine-Briss Funeral Home, Rte. 139 at Rte. 24, Randolph, on June 7. Memorial observance was held through June 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rosen and also at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Evans on June 8 and 9 only. Remembrances may be made to the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 1200 Centre St., Roslindale, Mass. 02131.

SARA MARCUS

SOUTH KINGSTOWN — Sara Marcus, 90, formerly of 9 Belvidere Ave., Kingston, former president and owner of the Marcus Printing Co., Holyoke, Mass., died June 1 at the Buckley Nursing Home.

Born in Russia, a daughter of

the late Silem and Alta (Suher) Bernstein, she came to this country as a young girl and settled in Holyoke.

She was a member of Congregation Rodphey Shalom Synagogue, and its sisterhood. She was a member of Hadassah.

She leaves two sons, Benjamin Marcus of Holyoke, and Alan Marcus of Kingston; a brother, Harry Bernstein, a sister, Mae Belsky, both of Holyoke; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held June 3 at Congregation Rodphey Shalom Synagogue. Burial was in the congregation cemetery, Chicopee, Mass.

MORTON SMITH

PROVIDENCE — Morton Smith, 78, of 65 Hazard Ave., died June 2. He was the husband of Doris (King) Smith.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Susan Levin of Caanan, Conn., and a sister, Leona Sherman, and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held June 3 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard and Butler avenues, Providence. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Krim Accepts Honorary Hebrew Union Degree

At the graduation ceremony of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president, presented an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Dr. Mathilde Krim, eminent biologist and co-chair of the AIDS research organization AmFAR. Krim founded the AIDS Medical Foundation in New York in 1983, the first private organization concerned with fostering and supporting AIDS research.

A post WWII convert to Judaism, Krim said she felt her knowledge of the extreme consequences of unchecked prejudice, together with her training as a biologist, were the things that brought her to her very special interest in AIDS research.

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"Living among Jews taught me many things," she told the assembly, "including two of fundamental importance. First, the overriding value of all human life, and of life in general, as well as the respect one must have for it. And second, it taught me the responsibility to think for myself. In Judaism I found strength, honor, independence and internal peace."

Negotiator Honored

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next to this person or that person; they took whatever seats they chose, and felt free to speak when they had something to say." The opportunity to speak freely often led to heated debates and stormy sessions, but Heiberg said she was never worried. "After a dispute over some language to be included in the agreement, one group threatened to abandon the process altogether. They were ready to leave. But within moments, they were laughing and talking comfortably together again. This was typical of how things went throughout the negotiations." Ultimately, it was the creation and nurturing of mutual trust, she said, that sustained this successful negotiating environment.

The Joseph Prize was established by Burton M. Joseph of Minneapolis, a prominent businessman and leader in human rights and communal organizations, and his sister Betty Greenberg, to honor the memory of their brother Roger. The prize is given each year to an individual or organization whose work enhances or encourages the values and ideals which derive from religious teachings.

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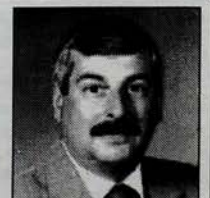
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Egypt

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Products can only be imported from Israel with the permission of the Defense Ministry and then only if the product cannot be obtained elsewhere.

This internal Egyptian boycott is not merely a quirk in an otherwise idyllic arrangement. Anti-Israelism is a matter of policy. In 1982 the Egyptian ambassador to Israel returned to Egypt. It was not until years went by without an Egyptian presence in Israel that Israel complained and the ambassador returned.

So why does Israel not publicize these egregious infractions on Egypt's part? Why paint a pretty picture? If Israel were to object to Egypt's behavior it would have no choice but to demand the Sinai be returned. The choice for Israel with respect to Egypt is either the present non-belligerence pact or war. Israel has lost the land already, it has nothing to gain by complaining.

However, with regard to Syria, to whom Israel has not yet given an inch, we must point to Egypt and demand some guarantee that this sham not be repeated. One such guarantee is to not surrender the Golan Heights.

Lastly, the agreement with Egypt depends largely on the aid that Egypt receives from the United States. Relying on

American financial aid, as Lake recently discussed, military aid as a means of peacekeeping is impractical for two reasons. Firstly, the United States is a democracy. As such, there is no guarantee that future administrations will share the foreign policy priorities of the present or the recent past.

Secondly, lasting peace must be self-sustaining. Only open trade and diplomatically normalized relations ensure self-sustainability. To suggest that American troops be placed on the Golan as a means of enforcing a peace agreement admits failure even before the negotiations have begun. If U.S. troops must ensure the peace, then it is clear that there is no peace.

Will the present Israeli government demand better from Syria than they got from Egypt? I hope so. Have they lowered their standards for peace? I hope not. Egypt as a prototype for Middle East peace? Not a chance.

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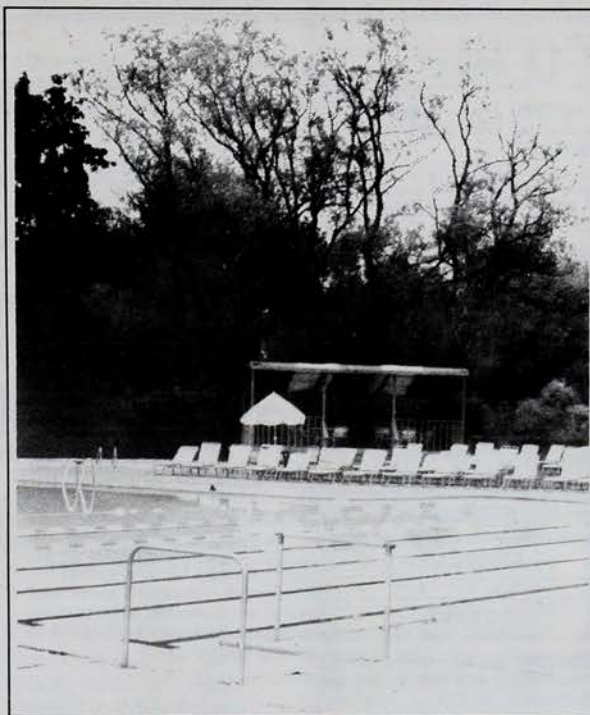
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Mayor Cianci

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land Holocaust Museum at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Through the mayor's efforts, the City of Providence contributed \$35,000 to make the creation of the Holocaust museum a reality. Last fall, Cianci was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the Holocaust Survivors of Rhode Island.

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Dive onto the Court

by Stacey A. Pacheco
Herald Co-Editor

Summer plans? A must on your list is a tour of The Grist Mill Pool & Tennis Club.

The natural beauty of the grounds includes three swimming pools — an olympic size pool with a diving board in the deep end, a learning pool, and a kiddie pool.

Swim lessons for the beginner are free of charge and private lessons for all levels will also be offered.

For the competitive streak, children may join a swim team, where they will be instructed and coached to compete against other clubs.

Tennis anyone?

The two newly resurfaced tennis courts are ready for play. Group or private lessons are available as well as at least one doubles clinic held by some of the area's top college players.

New to the club will be a tennis team for kids, which will be run similarly to the swim team.

Adults are included, too, as a tennis league will be implemented using the round-robin format.

Swimming and water activities are believed to be an excellent choice for overall exercise, muscle tone and strength.

Water aerobics caters to this type of summer workout and is taught by a certified aerobics instructor, meeting twice per week.

The pool and tennis club is designed for everyone, focusing on diversity for adults, children and families for a summer of fun.

From seniors playing bridge under the gazebo to family pot luck cookouts — assortment is what you can find close to home at the club.

Day camp is geared toward younger members, ages 5 to 8; the camp will utilize older children as counselors and offer fun activities as well as a learning environment.

The theme of the week —

care. The other lets them giggle a little and then go out and buy something.

"game day" — will offer pool games such as relay races, water basketball and volleyball.

A success in the past, arts and crafts, will continue to stress creativity by working with others.

A number of teen dances are scheduled on a regular basis and parties for the younger children will include entertainment such as clowns or a magic show.

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For information or a guided tour, call Bruce Weltin at (508) 336-0577.

Siddhartha & Fred

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Maybe "Little Buddha" won't score a big hit in this town. But it's got something to say and a lot to show. It's gentle, wise, even deep. The sets and makeup alone will take your breath away. There's a death scene. A voice tells us that the cadaver turns stiff like a stick of wood. You burn wood. Then we stare at the fiery pyre. I couldn't help but think, those who died in the Holocaust come back with every Jewish child who cares about them.

Compare the canvas of "Little Buddha" with the lower ambitions of "The Flintstones." Perhaps the less said about this

media manufacture the better. Everything about the movie struck me as pale and fake, except for one element. Perusing the face of Elizabeth Taylor as Wilma's mom gave me a moment of truth. She looks like hell, but funny! This face, once full of promise, poetry, poignancy, refinement, now a comic mask of rage, bold and brassy, commands your attention, as always. They tie her up and truss her like a hog to get your guffaws, and it works.

My wife and son went to catch the Flintstones on screen among the Showcases out of their nostalgia. I went with them to salute Liz. She almost made it worth my while. Two films made for kids. One asks them to think, to look and listen with

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