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## Students Embark on a Life-Changing Pilgrimage

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

No matter how much you may read or hear about the Holocaust, nothing can compare to the horrific impact of seeing the Nazi death/work camps first-hand.

It's impossible to visit a place of such historic and cultural significance without being changed for life.

That's what 18-year-old Jeremy Isenberg discovered recently on his United Synagogue Youth Poland-Israel Pilgrimage. Isenberg joined 44 kids from all over the United States on a six-week tour of Poland and Israel.

"The trip definitely changed me," said Isenberg. "I can identify stronger with the Jewish religion, culture and history."

Isenberg, who went to Schechter School for nine years and Midrasha, found that despite his strong background in Judaism, nothing could prepare him for what he would witness.

"Reading (about the camps) and seeing are two polar things,"

**"So many emotions run through you — disbelief, anger. You're continually questioning yourself, the people that were there and G-d."**

Jeremy Isenberg



THE SIGN ABOVE THE GATE at Auschwitz reads, "ARBEIT MACHT FREI" — which means "Work will set you free." Auschwitz was the largest of the concentration camps. Photo by Jeremy Isenberg

## Were You A Witness?

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has requested assistance in its investigation of Canadian residents who participated in Nazi war crimes. Three cases currently being investigated involve crimes committed in Belarus and Lithuania.

The World Jewish Congress, cooperating with the Canadian government, is seeking witnesses who may have direct knowledge of executions that occurred at or near Pinsk, Republic of Belarus, formerly called Byelorussia. The executions were carried out by members of the German SS as well as member of Schutzmannschaft Rayon Pinsk East. The executions occurred at the following times: August 1941, March 1942,

and between October 29 and November 1, 1942.

Witnesses are also sought who may have direct knowledge of mass murder of civilians in the Oblai and Baijoria Forests in Roskiskis, Lithuania, during the year 1941.

Witnesses of mass executions of civilians in the town of Vievis, Trakia District of Lithuania, by members of the 253rd Schutzmannschaft Battalion in 1944 are asked to come forward also.

Individuals with specific information about these crimes are asked to contact Sidney Gruber at the World Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022; (212) 755-5770. All contact and information received will be treated as confidential.

stated Isenberg. "Nothing can equal actually going there."

Isenberg, visited five concentration camps during his visit: Auschwitz, Birkenau, Maidanek, Sobibor and Treblinka. Each camp was in stark contrast to the others.

At Auschwitz/Birkenau, the number of people killed was mind-boggling, but it didn't have the greatest effect on Isenberg because everything was behind glass — creating a sense of distance.

Maidanek, on the other hand, was the toughest to stomach.

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## Take Academy Award-Winning "Schindler's List" Home Tonight

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

It was announced Tuesday evening, at The Rhode Island Holocaust Museum, that all Major Video stores in this state will have the "List" on their shelves on Aug. 17.

As a tribute to the museum and Holocaust survivors, the Major Video organization will contribute \$1.00 for each "List" rental for the next 30 to 45 days. In addition, each customer will receive a pamphlet telling them about The Holocaust Museum, and urging him or her to take advantage of its programs.

If you have not been able to face viewing "the List" in public, even in a darkened theater, perhaps now would be an easier time to see it in the privacy of your own living room, alone or with those you love.



## Teachers Get Ready for Fall

Providence Hebrew Day School teachers Melissa Conway (left) and Patti Mastin get ready for the start of fall classes. Conway will marry into Mastin's family and become a Mastin herself, just before the High Holy Days. See more on school openings in this week's special section.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

## Assad Reportedly Offers Breakthrough Proposal

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In what could be a major breakthrough in the Israeli-Syrian deadlock, Syrian President Hafez Assad has reportedly put forward a peace plan of his own consisting of a phased Israeli pullback from all of the Golan Heights over a period of two years in return for a full peace and normalization of relations between the two countries. Relations would be established only upon completion of the last phase of the withdrawal.

Israel's position has been that full peace and normalization must come into effect before the final pullback, as was the case with the Sinai withdrawal under the terms of the 1979 peace treaty with Egypt.

According to the Israeli newspaper *Davar*, Assad made his proposal last week to U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

The report said that Christopher subsequently conveyed the proposal to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who agreed to study it and offer a full Israeli response during Christopher's next shuttle trip to the region, currently set for some time in September.

This important development, according to the newspaper, contributed to Christopher's upbeat assessment to reporters of his visit to the region last week.

Rabin told his Cabinet there were "faint signs" of a new flexibility emanating from Syria. Rabin did not elaborate, but his remark was immediately linked to the reports of the new Syrian proposal.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa, meanwhile, sought to downplay these reports. He asserted during a visit

to Cairo recently that no two-year withdrawal compromise was on the table. But Sharaa said his country's negotiations with Israel were seriously engaged in "all aspects" of peace.

The news of movement by Syria prompted urgent demands from the opposition Likud bloc for the dissolution of the Knesset and the holding of new elections.

But the government brushed aside these calls, citing Rabin's

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## Israel Reverts to Standard Time Ahead of U.S.

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel will revert to standard time on Aug. 27, more than two months before the rest of the world returns to General Mean Time.

Israel's clocks will be set back one hour at midnight local time on Aug. 27, 10 days before Rosh Hashanah. Israel's time changes are made to enable observant Jews to say morning prayers during daylight hours.

Observant Jews recite the Selichot prayers every morning at least four days before Rosh Hashanah.

The change will set Israeli Standard Time two hours ahead of General Mean Time, formerly known as Greenwich Mean Time for the world's central clock, located in Greenwich, England.

Israeli clocks will be six hours ahead of Daylight Savings Time in the eastern United States until the end of October, when that time difference will revert to seven hours.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Humane Law Passed

Legislation, introduced by Rep. Charlene Lima (D-Dist. 13) of Providence and Cranston, that calls for the removal of animals from owners who treat them cruelly and deprive them of proper food, drink, or shelter has been signed into law by Gov. Bruce Sundlun.

The legislation (R.I.P.L. '94, Chap. 307) will force any owner to surrender his or her possession of the animal, if convicted of violating the state's "Cruelty to Animals" law.

According to the Lima legislation, ownership of an animal treated cruelly will be turned

over to the animal control officer in the city or town where the cruelty occurred, or to a humane society which operates an animal shelter in the state of Rhode Island.

"Ownership of an animal is not an absolute right," said Rep. Lima. "When owners act cruelly to their animals and don't provide adequate food, drink or shelter, then that right of ownership should be terminated and transferred to someone or an organization that will care properly for the animal," she added.



## Long Live the Levines

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

I bet most of you readers don't remember the character Jonathan Bing. He got all dressed up to visit the king. But when he got to the palace the guards said "Ho! You can't visit the king in pajamas, you know." Jonathan Bing went back and wrote a note to the king. "If you please will excuse me, I won't come to tea. Home's the best place for people like me."

That's how I felt at the August and August wedding festivities for my niece Amy. I wore a lavender jacket, not a tux. My brother, the bride's elegant dad, waltzes with grace and style, and looks regal, held aloft in the dancing chair for the crowds to cheer like an African chieftain. Judy, the bride's mom, moves with queenly poise—in beauty like the night. I muster up a boxstep like a bar mitzvah

boy. But a marriage in midsummer rather than the dewy days of spring opens the skies and shorelines in Rhode Island in their full and fast-moving grandeur. The dinner party took place on Rhode Island, in a seaside mansion with all its noble broken statuary, its splendid trees, its staircases and French windows, its terraces laden with floral arrangements that mixed blossoms with fruits and vegetables—a potato or an eggplant plopped whimsically among the lilies.

Amy and Neal Levine asked me to say a few words before the toast. I waxed as grand as the moon, going on about the magically, majestically clear skies and trying to make some point or other.

I deconstructed the name Amy to get "people," "friend," and "love" out of the letters. "Family is formed not of bloodline but of lines of ink, paint, water, not of flesh alone but of thought, memory and hope. Family flows forward like shifting fine sands and moving tides and the light and shadow of genuine feelings that change." I croaked a brief croon about bride and groom going together like a horse and carriage on a country road in Portsmouth, to the old Frank Sinatra tune of the '50s. That got a sort of awkward laugh.

Judy and Chick Fink, the bride's mom and dad, threw a brunch at the Newport residence and hired the "Rumrunner" to take guests on a tour of the harbor. A century ago men and women would have dressed to the nines on the promenade from the terraces to the docks. Not much else would have changed.

My little dog Greta bounded about with Chick's golden retriever Absolut on the wide lawns. The groom's fine nephews, Matt and Scott, stole the show and charmed one and all like tanned cupids, with their beautifully carved features.

Even so, family affairs make me feel lonely. They always do. Ghosts haunt the gardens and the banquets. Good fairies and bad elves mix as in folklore. Over their glasses of wine people talk of their troubles. I drink deep draughts of disappointments as well as delights in these accounts and anecdotes. In the human story, ever after holds both for light and for dark.

Those sweet moments under the huppa when the crunch of broken glass leads to the kiss of promise and brings claps of joy and blessing from your world of people, they cast a spiritual huppa of goodwill. My wife weeps at weddings. I have to hand over a wipe. My own mood seeps down even deeper, into the well that holds the waters of joy and sorrow. Long Live the Levines and may the lighthouse of their love guide the smallcraft of their beloveds.



Aug. 18 to Sept. 10, Johnson and Wales is seeking memorabilia for time capsule to be placed in foundation of McNulty Hall Sept. 23. Written and taped recollections, pictures, clippings — all will be welcome. Call 598-1063 for more information.

Aug. 20, at 11 a.m., at Pawtuxet River at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, a Rubber Ducky Race for the Rhode Island Lung Association. Prizes and rubber duckies! Call Rhode Island Lung Association for more information, or just show up prepared to sponsor a ducky.

Aug. 24, at 6 p.m., at Dorcas Place, 270 Elmwood Ave., Providence, for free seminar for women looking for a job or a better job. "What All Working Women Should Know." Call Dorcas Place for more details.

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## CCRI Begins Fall Registration

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

Students may register for courses Aug. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Advisors will be available to answer questions about enrollment, registration procedures, tuition and fees, course descriptions and financial aid.

Late registration runs from Sept. 6 through 12.

Classes begin Sept. 6. For details, call CCRI's office of admissions and records at 825-2125 in Warwick, at 333-7097 in Lincoln, or at 455-6017 in Providence.

## Look Out Below!

The 12th annual Leapfest, the Rhode Island Army National Guard's international military parachute competition, will kick off its opening ceremonies at 7:30 a.m. on Aug. 20 at Schartner Farms in Exeter.

Over 400 paratroopers representing the combined Armed Forces of the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Belgium and Brazil will participate in this year's competition.

This year's Leapfest is dedicated to commemorating the activities of Airborne Forces during World War II. The competition is expected to last until 4:30 p.m. and admission is free. There will be several interesting ground displays and plenty of fun for the whole family.

# FEATURE

## Student Describes Visit to the Horrors of the Holocaust

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Everything remained intact, including the smells.

"The place just hits you right in the stomach," said Isenberg. "So many emotions run through you — disbelief, anger. You're continually questioning yourself, the people that were there and G-d."

**"There was pictures of faces everywhere. It felt like they were staring at you, but you just felt handcuffed and didn't know what to do. I still think of them."**

*Jeremy Isenberg*

One barrack at Maidanek contained 800,000 pairs of shoes. "I saw a pair of white baby shoes which seemed to stand out and look at you," stated Isenberg.

As Isenberg wandered through Maidanek, it dawned on him that he was walking through rooms that people never made it out of. Many of these victims were pictured on the walls.

"There was pictures of faces everywhere," recalled Isenberg. "It felt like they were staring at you, but you just felt handcuffed and didn't know what to do. I still think of them."

No matter where Isenberg turned, there was some image that made a dramatic impact — whether it was the gas stains on the ceiling or the seven tons of human ash in the crematorium.

Prior to leaving Maidanek, Isenberg was surprised to see two young Polish people strolling through the camp, as if it was a park. "I couldn't believe it," said Isenberg, "I thought it was very disrespectful and ignorant."

As Isenberg's group drove from camp to camp, there were plenty of reminders of Poland's once heavy Jewish population.

"Poland started to seem like one big Jewish cemetery," said Isenberg. "We saw at least one Jewish cemetery every day. One cemetery had 150,000 graves, and that was before the war."

Isenberg pointed out that Poland had more than 6,000 Jewish synagogues before the war, but only a handful remain today.

At Auschwitz/Birkenau the sign above the gate, which read, "Work will make you free," was an imposing entrance. Not that the barbed wire fence (which used to be electric) and guard towers were any more welcoming.

Outside the camp were vendors selling postcards and books. Isenberg was disgusted by this tactless display. "There should be sanctity and dignity at such a place," he said.

### Assad's Offer

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pledge to bring any land-for-peace agreement with Syria to a national referendum before it is ratified.

Assad reportedly told Christopher at their Aug. 7 meeting that he would like to see an agreement with Israel concluded before the end of the year.

There was hardly anything remaining from Sobibor, where the Nazis destroyed most of the evidence of any atrocities. Trees were planted where most of the camp once stood.

At Treblinka, 17,000 grave-stones stood — each commemorating a city that was wiped out during the war.

After 10 days in Poland, Isenberg's group made their way to Israel. "The trip to Israel made you think, because that was the goal of so many people back then," said Isenberg.

"All they wanted to do was kiss the ground in Israel, so when we got off the plane, that's what we did."

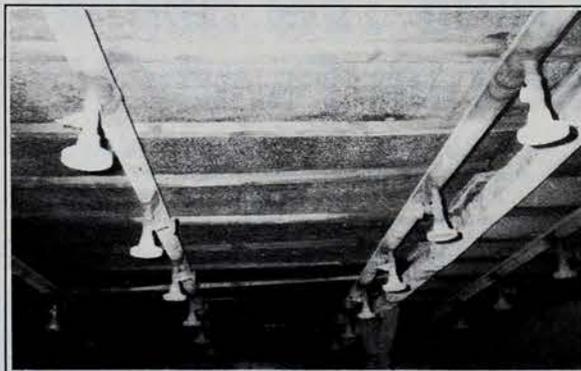
After what they experienced in Poland, the group was ecstatic to be in Israel. "Poland was a very chilling place," recalled Isenberg. "After a while, you just wanted to get out of there. Arriving in Israel made you feel lucky to be a Jew."

By this point in the pilgrimage, the group was physically exhausted, but continued to run on pure adrenaline, despite the brutal heat. They went on an archaeological dig, rode camels and climbed Masada. Every step of the way they continued to focus on the Holocaust — discussing it from every angle and holding a memorial service at every stop.

**"I felt a deep obligation to tell my story. The Holocaust survivors are getting old. If we don't pass on the stories, we'll fail ourselves and them."**

*Jeremy Isenberg*

Although his trip is behind him, Isenberg feels the need to relate his experience to others.



THE GAS CHAMBER AT MAIDANEK is a harrowing reminder of the atrocities that occurred during the Holocaust. Gas stains can still be seen on the ceiling.

*Photo by Jeremy Isenberg*

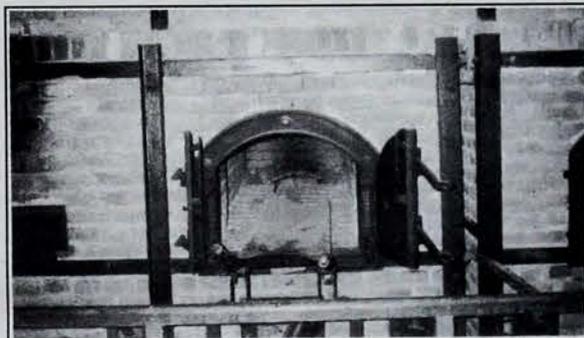
"Not many people have the opportunity to do what I did," said Isenberg, "I felt a deep obligation to tell my story. The Holocaust survivors are getting old. If we don't pass on the stories, we'll fail ourselves and them."

Isenberg, a Wheeler graduate who will be entering the University of Pennsylvania soon, highly recommended the USY trip for others. "It's a pilgrimage in the true sense of the word, and you're doing it with a knowledgeable and experienced staff," he said.

For more information on the USY Pilgrimage, call Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer at Temple Emanu-El, 331-1616.

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THIS OVEN WAS ONE OF SEVERAL used at Maidanek during the war. It serves as a chilling symbol of those who died there.

*Photo by Jeremy Isenberg*

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## Could This Happen In Your Family?

by Alison Smith  
and Neil Nachbar  
Herald Editors

We don't print every letter-to-the-editor we receive.

We got one in June of this year from Rabbi Avi Shafran about the case of a "Mrs. Wolf." The rabbi felt that an injustice had been done, and claimed that a grave site belonging to Mrs. Wolf (really Mrs. Dorothy Fox) had been surreptitiously usurped by another member of her family (Joan Engle) for her own mother's remains.

The letter was one-sided. We decided to sit on it, editorially speaking, till we could find out what it didn't tell us. There is always another side to any story. Since this was not a fast-breaking case with an impending deadline, we would wait till we had time for research.

After the letter was published by a Jewish paper in Massachusetts, and by the *Providence Journal*, we knew we'd have to make the time for research.

Repeated calls to the other rabbi involved, Rabbi Wayne E. Franklin, and the lawyer for Engle, Mel Zurier, produced no information. Calls went unanswered, or excuses for no response were given.

We did learn that Franklin, of Temple Emmanu-El, was the rabbi referred to in Shafran's letter, who issued the reinterment order for Engle's mother's body.

Franklin acknowledged that Engle was a member of Em-

manu-El, but refused to comment on the matter. In fact, Franklin and Zurier used exactly the same words in their responses — that "the case should not be tried in the newspapers."



Dorothy Fox

It always makes us skeptical when we are told exactly the same thing by different people. No two people would normally make identical statements.

Of course, "trying a case in the papers" has become a hackneyed phrase. It had significance when it was first used — in a major crime case thoroughly covered by the national press — but it is now being hauled out and used as a veil in situations where it just doesn't apply ... where it is almost funny. This is the *Jewish Herald* asking questions, not the *New York Times*. We're a small weekly paper responding to concerns raised in the commu-

nity we serve...trying to get answers for our readers. If you forbid newspapers to do that, you forbid newspapers — period.

Fox gave everyone connected with the case her permission to talk with us. She came, at our invitation, to the Herald building with a case full of correspondence and documents which she permitted us to read and copy. She appeared to have held nothing back — even when the opinions expressed were negative.

From her papers, we conclude that her mother bought plot 162 in Lincoln Park Cemetery on June 16, 1930; that it was part of her mother's estate, and that when her mother died in 1962, Fox inherited the plot; that Engle's mother (first wife of Fox's father) was originally buried in another part of the cemetery; that on June 21, 1989, Franklin signed a reinterment order, Mt. Sinai Funeral Home wrote Lincoln Park Cemetery advising them of this fact on July 6, and that soon after that, Engle's mother was buried beside Fox's father in the plot Fox had inherited from her mother; that most authorities Fox has discussed this with agree that it is a shame, but advice her to get on with her life; that Fox feels an injustice has been done, that she wishes to be buried right beside her father and mother, that she thinks she was not only disinherited but treated with disrespect and cruelty by family members, and that her mother's position as the second wife of Fox's father has been eclipsed by the massive monument Engle installed over her own mother's grave.

Now we have a fairly complete coverage of one side of this situation, and no current response from the other side. So, having informed Zurier and Franklin that we intended to do so when we asked them to comment, we will ask the questions that probably have already occurred to everyone who's been following this case.

Murray Gereboff, of Lincoln Park Cemetery, said he could tell us nothing because the cemetery had entered into an indemnification agreement with Engle which forbade his discussion of the situation. (This was in addition to the standard paperwork which asks the client to verify his or her ownership of the lot involved, specifies which plot will be used for interment, and includes a blanket indemnification clause.) Why did Engle provide an extra indemnification agreement, unless it was likely that at some future date, protest and questions would be raised? Boarding up your windows usually means that you're expecting a storm.

Why did Franklin approve and make possible a reinterment without contacting the other parties involved and making sure this was a peaceful and fair resolution? A simple phone call or two could have made the situation more clear. What factors were known to him that we do not know? Was he misled?

Why didn't Engle ask Fox to sit down with her and discuss the situation before she moved

## "It Is Intolerable ..."

To the Editor:

While you read this, girls in India are being sold into marriage to men three times their age, women in Pakistan need to have four adult Moslem male witnesses to win a conviction against a rapist, and only 15 percent of the women in Africa are literate, compared with 33 percent of the men.

But also while you read this, there's a coalition of diverse organizations working to help eradicate these abysmal situations by encouraging the United States to sign the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. (CEDAW).

Surprisingly, the United States is not one of the 133 nations that have passed CEDAW to date. Every major western nation except ours has ratified. However, the U.S. Senate may take up the issue before the 103rd Congress ends this year.

Originally a project of the major Jewish women's organizations, the coalition to pass CEDAW — which is coordinated by B'nai B'rith Women — now includes about 85 major national groups, such as the American Association of Retired Persons, the American Bar Association, the Episcopal Church, and the National Black Women's Health Project.

CEDAW aims to ensure women worldwide basic human rights and to end discriminatory practices that rob them of the opportunity to lead safe, productive lives.

Women would be protected from prostitution and exploitation, such as the custom of a poor family selling a young daughter to a brothel. Girls, as well as boys, would be taught to read and write. Women would have equal access to credit for small businesses or agriculture credit in rural communities.

It is intolerable that in some countries, such as India, poor families often kill girl infants by

her mother's remains? Why was this thing handled surreptitiously?

Is Fox right when she says that she legally owned the plot used by Engle for her mother's reinterred body? Documents in Fox's possession seem to indicate that she is. If she is not right, why hasn't someone proved this to her satisfaction? If she is right, why hasn't the original mistake been rectified? Fox wants Engle's mother's body reinterred in some other space in the family plot. If the lady's remains shouldn't have been placed in Fox's space to begin with, that sounds like a reasonable request. The halachic argument against disturbing the bones of the dead seems to have been ignored by Engle the first time round, so why should it be brought out later as a reason not to reverse the reinterment?

Is it possible to just pick up a body and move it to another spot without state permission? It has always been our impression that the state had a keen interest in what happened to

pouring scalding liquid down their throats so the family does not have to bear the burden of raising a daughter and thereby raising a dowry to marry her off to a good family.

It is intolerable that girls in developing countries are subject to malnutrition because they are given less food than their brothers.

It is intolerable that women in Saudi Arabia are not legally allowed to drive a car, or in Zambabwe, that husbands have the right to beat their wives, unless the force is "excessive."

It is intolerable that women's earnings still fall far short — in some parts of Africa and Asia as much as 50 percent less — than that of men.

It is intolerable that women, who often comprise more than 50 percent of their nation's population, are consistently under-represented in the political bodies that make decisions affecting women's lives.

Ratification of CEDAW would give the United States a strong, credible voice to speak out against these human rights violations. James Oppenheim, in his poem "Bread and Roses," wrote at the beginning of this century that the "rising of the women means the rising of the race." For as things improve for women, so do the lives of their children — female and male.

Unfortunately, as we now near the end of this century, improvements in the situations of women in many countries are moving at a glacial pace.

As a Jewish organization, B'nai B'rith Women believes in the concept of tikkum olam — the betterment of world. By bettering the conditions of women everywhere, we may accomplish a portion of that objective.

**Susan Bruck**  
President, B'nai B'rith Women  
(Ed. Note: Bruck is right on target. We urge our readers to contact their representatives in Congress about CEDAW.)

bodies, with good reason. Is it possible for anyone to just change their mind and move a deceased individual without some kind of due process? Has this happened to other families? Could it happen again? Is Lincoln Park Cemetery keeping proper records, and if they are, why didn't they insist on getting Fox's permission before they allowed someone else to use her plot?

Is there some past history here — some clash of well-known personalities, as is rumored — that fueled this situation and created a news item out of what might have stayed just a family disagreement? Fox claims that there has been no family conflict in the past, but that is hard to accept. What family do you know that hasn't had conflict lately?

It is true, by the way, that one of the state's top two or three philanthropists told Fox, in a note remarkable for its brevity, that he had his own problems and opportunities to handle, and did not want to get in-

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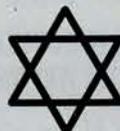
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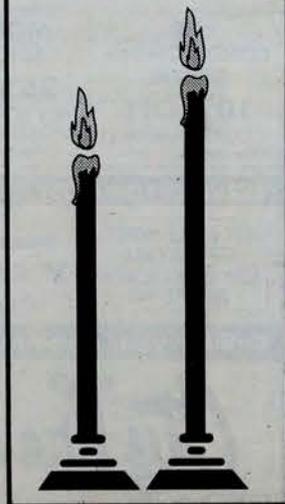
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## Italian-Jewish Brotherhood Program

Alan Shawn Feinstein and *The Italian Echo* newspaper announced the creation of the Italian-Jewish Brotherhood Fund recently.

Feinstein, the Jewish Federation and *The Echo*, the country's oldest Italian-American newspaper, have joined forces to create a program that will cele-

brate similarities and differences in all ethnic backgrounds with an eye toward creating a sense of unity and caring within the community.

Trisha Giramma, editor of *The Echo*, said, "Though the mission of our paper is to celebrate our Italian heritage, we recognize the similarities be-

tween ourselves and people of other ethnic backgrounds and welcome the opportunity to capitalize on those similarities to help achieve peace and unity in our neighborhoods. We are also pleased that the Jewish Federation will be our partner in the effort."

Each year, the fund will sponsor a poster contest open to children in grades kindergarten to 6,

regardless of race, creed, or ethnic background. Prizes of \$100 savings bonds and certificates of merit will be awarded to the youngsters who best interpret the theme of the contest in their age category. The theme for 1994 is: My Best Act of Brotherhood Ever. Children are encouraged to create works of art depicting an instance when they reached out in friendship

to another person who was not related to them.

"These children may also prove an inspiration to the adults around them to look upon all people as their brothers and sisters," said Giramma.

Parents, grandparents, and schoolteachers are invited to involve the children in their lives in this project. Dates for the contest will be announced in September.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Online Network Allows Jews to Shmooze

by Theodore Samson  
Jewish Bulletin of Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Computer-users cruising along the information superhighway have a new place to stop and fill up. But this is no burger joint. The Jewish Information network is more of a bagel-and-lox kind of place.

On JIN, anyone with a modem and computer can shmooze with other Jews throughout the United States and Canada, learn about travel and educational opportunities, look for a job, or even meet their true love — all without leaving home.

JIN is America's first online service created specifically for the Jewish community, according to Eric Svetcov, 26, co-founder of the network, which is based in California.

In the past, there were only local Jewish bulletin boards, where modem users could leave electronic messages for one another. But Svetcov and his partner, Elyse Blummer, 24, set out to change that.

The two met at the University of California at Davis, where Blummer had graduated and was serving as executive director of Hillel. Svetcov was also on the campus, where he was an adviser to the student Jewish newspaper.

Like other computer online services such as CompuServe,

America Online and Prodigy, JIN is open to the public. But those using JIN can be openly Jewish without fear of encountering anti-Semitism or discrimination.

"On other networks, you couldn't discuss Jewish issues, or you'd end up with people making snide remarks," Svetcov said. "We are a public system, but if people act up we can ask them to leave."

On JIN, users can participate in live discussions through interactive teleconferencing.

If, for example, a person from San Francisco and a person from New York were to "log on," or access JIN, they could instantly send messages to each other. A user can also direct a private message to select parties in a public discussion.

The network offers a variety of other features. Some are of a specifically Jewish nature, while others are of general interest.

There is a singles forum, where Jewish singles can fill out personal questionnaires and find people with similar interests.

JIN also features an employment service, giving job-seekers the opportunity to send their resumes to various employers and allows organizations and agencies to post job listings.

"The employment service is quite exciting, especially for recent graduates who are looking for work in the field of Jewish communal service," said Blummer.

Weekdays, members have access to news from *USA Today* as well as Sportzlink, which provides daily scores of all major sporting events worldwide, including those in Israel.

For information about JIN, call (800) 697-7609, or make contact by modem at (800) 814-0629 (using the settings N,8,1).

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## Humanistic Jews Welcome The New Year

In Humanistic Jewish congregations and havurot from Boca Raton, Fla., to Portland, Ore.; from Oakland, Calif., to Boston, Mass., members and friends of the Society for Humanistic Judaism will gather in homes, rented facilities, and temple settings to celebrate the arrival of the Jewish New Year.

Humanistic Jews value their connection to Jewish culture and the Jewish calendar. While each community's celebration of the New Year will be a unique expression of the local community's experience of Jewish history and culture, each celebration will affirm the individual's connection to their Jewish heritage. The humanist thread of individual responsibility for living a moral and ethical lifestyle will provide the common thread weaving the celebrations together.

For Humanistic Jews, Yom Kippur marks the climax of the period of self-examination begun on Rosh Hashana. It is a time of self-forgiveness and forgiveness of others. The haunting melody of Kol Nidre reminds Humanistic Jews of their obligation to keep all promises made in a spirit of justice and caring.

Humanistic Jews affirm that the power of individuals to achieve a meaningful and ethical life lies within themselves and other people. They value the Jewish experience as a validation of this humanistic truth. They celebrate their Jewish identity through holidays, life cycle ceremonies, the study of Jewish history, and ethical action.

The Society for Humanistic Judaism is affiliated with the International Federation of Secular and Humanistic Jews. For information about the Society or the International Federation, contact the Society for Humanistic Judaism at 28611 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334, or call Miriam Jerris, executive director at 810-478-7610.

## Tunis Official Urges Israel's Demise

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Tunis-based Foreign Affairs Department, has called for the annihilation of Israel.

Israel's ITIM News Agency quoted a radio address broadcast over a PLO station on Aug. 8 in which Kaddoumi, without mentioning Israel by name, said:

"There is a state which was established through historical force and it must be destroyed. This is the Palestinian way. They seized our land. The refugees must return to their land."

Kaddoumi, a member of the PLO's executive committee, added that the Palestinians would not "give up on one grain of sand of the Palestinian land."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who met with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza on Aug. 10, lashed out against Kaddoumi's remarks during a joint news conference following the meeting.

"We cannot accept that a senior man in the leadership of the PLO rises up and speaks

against the fact of the existence of the State of Israel. It is unthinkable, and if repeated, it will be a serious obstacle to the progress" of negotiations with the PLO, Rabin said.

For his part, Arafat attempted to play down the significance of Kaddoumi's remarks.

"This is his point of view, not that of the PLO. I am looking into it now," Arafat said.

On Aug. 11, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres phoned Arafat twice to insist that the PLO leader take a firmer stand against Kaddoumi's remarks.

Peres stressed that Arafat would have to issue a public condemnation of the remarks.

Arafat agreed to publish a statement that Kaddoumi's remarks were his own personal opinion and did not reflect the stand of the PLO.

Other Palestinian leaders were meanwhile more forthcoming in their criticism of Kaddoumi's statements, describing them as "incorrect and unwise" and saying that they hoped the comments would not affect the ongoing dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians.

## Israeli Arabs Threaten Strike

by Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Heads of local Arab councils have vowed to step up their protest against what they charge is inadequate Israeli government funding by calling a general strike.

The local Arab leaders say they are fed up with the discrimination that is reflected in government allocations to their municipal budgets that are smaller than the allocations to their Jewish counterparts.

There are 800,000 Arab citizens of Israel who make up 18 percent of the country's overall population. However, just under 10 percent of the Arab population live in Arab villages or municipalities.

"We want equal funding," said Hussein Suleiman, the spokesman for the Forum of Arab Council Heads and the head of the Mash'had local council, near Nazareth. "Instead, we get 40 percent of the budgets of the Jewish councils."

Yitzhak Belek, deputy director-general of the Interior Ministry, said he did not understand the current grievances in

light of agreements that have been made to remedy the problem.

The Israeli government has recognized the gap in funding between Arab and Jewish local councils and adopted a policy in 1991 to equalize the budgets over time, beginning with a four-year plan, he explained.

In 1990, national grants to the 53 Arab local councils totaled \$32 million, while in 1994, the last year of the plan, they totaled \$92 million.

For their part, the Arabs were supposed to increase their tax collection rates, but failed to do so, said Belek. Nonetheless, he said, the government decided to continue the plan for incremental budget increases of about \$122 million over the next four years, beginning with an additional boost this year of nearly \$12 million.

Belek, meanwhile, was reluctant to make a precise comparison of budgets for Jewish and Arab councils, saying there are items funded for Jewish councils that do not apply to the Arabs, including immigrant absorption, security and Jewish religious services.

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# FALL FASHION



Pictured above, Providence Hebrew Day School students stand outside Temple Beth El on Orchard Avenue in Providence, whose facilities they were about to use. In 1958, there was a tragic fire in a Chicago Catholic school resulting in the deaths of 90 children. school had been a fire trap, and this tragedy prompted the nationwide inspection of schools by local fire departments. The Providence firemen condemned the Day School on Waterman Street. The inspection had taken place during the school's December vacation. The question: "What do you do with 200 kids?" Rabbi William G. Braude, of Temple Beth El, offered its Sunday School classroom facilities. These two charming children undoubtedly wonder what awaits them in this new setting. — Eleanor Horvitz

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# & EDUCATION

SPECIAL ISSUE

# Jewish Families Cope With Rosh Hashanah And First Day Of School

by Abigail Pickus

NEW YORK (JTA) — In a rare overlapping of important dates, Rosh Hashanah this year falls on what is traditionally the first day of public school, the day after Labor Day.

Aware that district school boards determine the school calendar well in advance, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council began providing Jewish communities with pointers on how to deal with this issue in October 1993.

The Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism also set to work in April, outlining guidelines on how to deal with the conflict.

The guidelines urged parents and teachers to contact their local Jewish community relations council for assistance in asking their school boards for "understanding and cooperation" on this sensitive issue.

The guidelines emphasized the special social importance that children attach to the first day of school. While there will usually be no question about these students' right to an excused absence, "the beginning of school is the time that seat assignments are made, friend-

ships are renewed and social groups take shape," the commission wrote.

"Students who are absent on the first day or two days of school are very likely to feel awkward when they return, and may be treated as outsiders by the class. Teachers should be asked to be especially sensitive to their needs and to assist them with the transition back to class," the guidelines added.

The Reform group also noted the difficulty Jewish teachers may have in taking off on the first day or two of school.

Jewish groups admitted that the legal issues involved in in-

sisting on an excused absence for religious purposes are "some-what murky," as the Commission on Social Action put it.

Aware of their own stake in preserving the separation of church and state when it comes to public schools, the groups urged Jewish communities not to approach the matter as a legal issue.

In a memorandum to JCRC executives around the country, Jerome Chanes, NJCRAC's co-director for domestic concerns, said his group was approaching the situation as "more one of community relations sensitivities than of legal requirements."

## We Begin the School Countdown

It's a case of the irresistible force meeting the immovable object — Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur arriving at the traditional time for the start of the new school year.

To avoid any confusion or anxiety on the part of our readers and their children, we are presenting the schedules for Providence Hebrew Day School and the Alperin Schechter Day School.

Providence Hebrew Day School opens for its first full day

on Aug. 30. School will be closed on Labor Day and Sept. 6, 7, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28.

Alperin Schechter will open for its first full day on Sept. 8. There will be a noon dismissal on Sept. 14 and no school on Sept. 15; a 2 p.m. dismissal on Sept. 19 and no school on Sept. 20 and 21; a 2 p.m. dismissal on Sept. 26 and no school on Sept. 27 and 28.

ASDS will host a kindergarten open house on Sept. 1 from 10 to 11 a.m.



## PHDS Students 'Fair' Well

Providence Hebrew Day School parents and students are shown here enjoying the fascinating exhibits at the school's annual Academic Fair. Students prepare projects on secular and Jewish topics in consultation with their teachers. It is a great learning experience as students share their knowledge with others. It is part of the enriched curriculum provided at the school.

## CCRI Offers Non-Fiction Writing Course

The Community College of Rhode Island's English Department is offering an experimental course taught by the Providence Journal's Martha Smith, this fall.

The course, entitled "Finding Your Voice in Non-Fiction Writing," is a workshop class which features lectures and weekly assignments devoted to essays, personal narratives, interviews,

magazine-length pieces and columns of opinion. Participants will keep a journal and share their writing in a group setting.

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# Applications Surge at Brandeis University

## The University Opens a Graduate School for the Study of International Economics

While the rest of the country has been witnessing a general decline in applications to business schools, the Lemberg Program in International Economics and Finance at Brandeis is expanding and recently merged its master's and Ph.D. degree programs into a professional graduate school focused on international affairs, economics and business. It is the second professional school launched by Brandeis in the university's 46-year history.

The new school's Ph.D. component begins this September and will initially accept between five and 10 students per class.

Program administrators say the school is unique because other institutions generally segregate the three disciplines in different schools and degree programs. With approximately 40 degree students per class, the school will be much smaller than most schools of business or international affairs, which guarantees greater interaction between faculty and students.

Administrators stress that the school is structured to retain its close working relationship with the university's undergraduate and other graduate programs, and its faculty will overlap extensively with the economics department and others.

The Lemberg program has enjoyed a very high placement rate. Since 1989, nearly 100 per-

cent of the graduates have quickly found jobs in commercial and investment banking, and in the corporate sectors, in companies ranging from Citicorp and Swiss Bank Corp., to Merrill Lynch, Chiquita Brands International, and the central banks of the United States, Hungary and India.



## Look to the Back for a Look Back...

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# Can You Spell PAK-ee-CEF-al-oh-SAW-rus?

## Can You Spell "Good Time"?

All children in grades three through six are invited to participate in Roger Williams Park Zoo's first Dinosaur Spelling Bee.

A maximum of 100 children may register by phone for the spelling bee, which will take place Aug. 29. There will be a preliminary round held at 2:30 p.m., with finals later that evening.

All entrants will receive a dino fun pack. There will be finalists from the third/fourth grade division and finalists from the fifth/sixth grade division.

The grand prize winner from each division will receive one week at the Roger Williams Park Zoo 1995 ZooCamp in addition to a \$25 gift certificate to the A to Zebra gift shop.

All entrants must register by Aug. 25. Parents or guardians may sign up interested children by calling (401) 785-3510 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Further information will be sent to those who meet the registration deadline.

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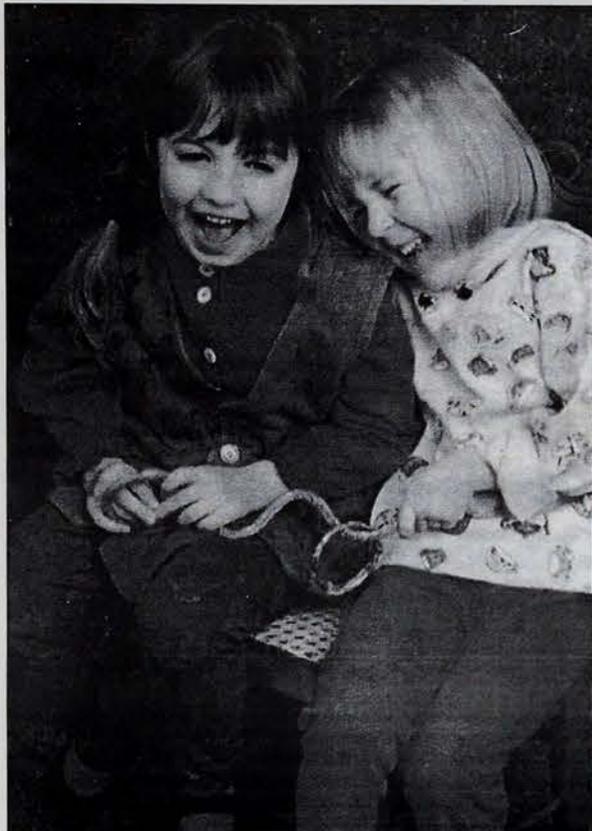


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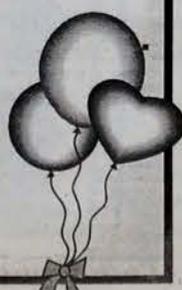
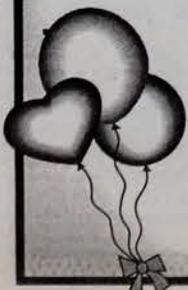
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The school will offer sample music and dance classes, demonstrations and recitals simultaneously on three tracks — one for young children, another for youths and adults, and a third for individuals of any age.

Highlighting the day for young children will be an ongoing instrument "petting zoo" which contains string, wind and percussion instruments children can try out. Other attractions for children include half-hour sample classes: "Music for Kids," children's recorder, "Dance for Kids," "Paths to Music," a ballet class and a Kodály music class. Children and their parents can also attend demonstrations of Suzuki violin, piano, cello, guitar and flute classes at the school.

For teens and adults there will be half-hour classes and demos in African dance, jazz dance, West African drumming. In addition the school will sponsor jazz and rock jam sessions for music school students and other budding musicians. And for the classical set (keyboard, string and wind players), the school will hold a very special



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### Preparing for Success in School • Metamorphosis Reopens

On Aug. 25 at 7 p.m., Dr. Robert M. Hayden, director of Bradley Hospital's Attention-Deficit Disorder and School Behavior Clinic, will offer parents 25 ways to give their child an edge in school in a talk entitled, "Preparing for Success in School."

Hayden, who is also clinical assistant professor of psychiatry

with the Brown University School of Medicine, encourages parents to become active participants in their child's education, and asserts, "No matter how wonderful the school you choose for your child is, you can't expect the school to educate your child without your help. Parents should try to see their children's teachers as allies rather than adversaries in this process."

"The best preparation for learning to read," according to Hayden, "is for parents to read aloud to their child. The pleasure of being read to is far more likely to strengthen a child's desire to learn than are any drills or flashcards."

The program is free and the community is invited. Register in advance by calling 434-3400, ext. 161.

Sandra and Amy Tabroff, a mother and daughter team, have reopened Metamorphosis — a specialty shop offering fine clothing for pre-teen and junior girls — at 132 Dodge Street in Beverly, Mass.

Sandra and Amy will be continuing the Metamorphosis tradition of helping young girls who are in the transition years between childhood and adulthood find clothing with the right look and fit.

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Tikvah students routinely go on to top seminaries in Israel after graduating; among the seminaries accepting Tikvah students this year were Michlalah — the Jerusalem College for Women, Ofakim, Ateret Rachel, Neve Yerushalayim, and B'nos Yisroel. This year Tikvah graduates were accepted by Barnard College,

Brown, the University of Pennsylvania, Stern, Brandeis, Yale and other leading colleges and universities.

Special activities abound at Tikvah: this year the girls went on hikes through nature preserves, went fruit-picking at one of Connecticut's many orchards, hunted for seashells at the nearby shoreline, enjoyed a boat cruise on Long Island Sound and rowboating at nearby Lake Saltonstall, explored a cave in an historic mountain, and attended lectures in New York by leading rabbis on issues affecting the Jewish people today.

Private swimming lessons at an indoor heated Olympic-size pool complement the school's active physical education program, which includes volleyball and other games on Tikvah's

two-acre campus. A school newspaper, drama club, creative writing journal and active Chessed committee are but some of the other extracurricular activities at Tikvah.

Tikvah students enjoy a three-day "out Shabbos" home every third weekend, and New Haven is on the Amtrak Northeast Corridor line for easy commuting.

Tikvah is accredited by the Board of Education of the State of Connecticut, is affiliated with Torah Umesorah (the National Society of Hebrew Day Schools), and is a test center for the college board. The school is now accepting applications for the 5756 (1995-96) academic year from qualified students. Those interested in more information should call the school at 1-800-TIKVAH-7 for a brochure.



## The Shapes of Things to Come...

This wool blazer (above), offers sophisticated feminine refinement in a tailored style. The streamlined double-breasted coat (right) is designed to enhance the natural curves of the body and flatter the wearer's figure. Both available at Tre Sorelle Ltd. in Providence.

# Autumn Fashions: The Big Four Agree

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

No coverage of fall fashion would be complete without consulting the oracles of American fashion — its slick magazines. In this case, we went to *Bazaar*, *Allure*, *Vogue* and *Elle* for our forecast for fall.

All four agree that stiletto heels are back for fall. (The answer to a mugger's prayer.) The stiletto frequently ties well above the ankle, directing attention to the wearer's leg. Metallic tones and bright colors are being offered for the bravest, the youngest, or the ladies with incredible legs.

For those who must come down to earth once in a while, a workmanlike boot or shoe, in real leather with a lug tread sole, is shown a lot with casual clothing. When these are well designed, and highly polished, they can set off a pair of slacks or jeans to perfection.

The suits for fall all seem to have the A-line shape in com-

mon. Jackets are gently fitted, and usually end below the hip. Pants are either straight leg, or wide at the bottom, fluting seductively around the ankle at the end of every step. Very feminine. Very comfortable.

Suit skirts are usually A-line. The length is said to be "at the knee." Admittedly this length is not flattering for some women. Many models were wearing very short skirts instead. The extremely long skirt seems to have vanished except for formal wear.

Big jackets, referred to this season as "coats," are popular particularly when worn over short, short "nothing" dresses with sheer hose and stiletto heels. If you have nice legs, this look will make you famous.

Black shows up everywhere, and seems to be the preferred city color. Platinum gray comes in a close second, and red is popular. Neon or hot colors — pinks, oranges and yellows — are seen in accessories and sweaters.

Rubber rain coats, T-shirts

and dresses are making a bid for acceptance. This must be a matter of individual taste, and I have yet to meet the individual who's been longing all this time for a rubber dress.

Boots — real boots — come to just below the knee, usually...sometimes just over the knee. Boots are so dashing. And the higher they come, the more flair they add. We're talking boots with heels, in this case.

Mohair is very popular...even faux mohair, which seems sort of tacky to me. Why not just get the real thing? Mohair sweaters are sometimes cropped to show a hint of midriff and lots of arm. Hot colored mohair sweaters are featured here and there, and will probably get a good deal of attention, particularly from the

younger buyer. On a dark gray day, a sweater like that could really lift your spirits.

Fake fur, and fake fur dyed in obviously fake colors like green (did you ever see a green mink?), is everywhere...collars, linings, whole garments.

Texture provides some subtle understatement as when black or gray are worn in two extremely different fabrics at the same time — a matte wool jacket over a satin shirt, for instance.

Plaid — particularly argyle plaid — is back again this year. And some designers apparently feel that if one plaid is good, three are better. Some actually attempt to coordinate three or four different plaids in one outfit. An argyle vest or sweater

would seem to be a nice way of staying on the cutting edge without going mad for plaid.

Hair is hanging loose just above the shoulders. Sometimes it is held gently with a barett or two, preferably a rhinestone barett. The beautifully shaped long bob is the "do" of the season — it will care for itself once you've shampooed and conditioned it.

Lips are another "fall of '94" hallmark — big, moist, bright red lips. Ideally, they adorn a pale face — almost geisha-like — and are balanced by dramatic eyes. Get out the mascara!

Sweaters and sweater sets (shades of decades past) are important. One of the magazines commented that designers

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# Blieden's Fall Fashion Forecast

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

In a couple of weeks the fall fashion season will be upon us. According to local retailer Peter Blieden, it's important to keep an open mind when selecting a new autumn wardrobe.

"A lot of people get bent out of shape and say, 'That style is for someone younger or someone taller.' The fact of the matter is, as long as your proportions are right, you can wear anything," says Blieden.

Blieden notes that while customers are still concerned about their size and shape, they are less conscious of their age.

wisdom."

"For some reason, skirt lengths confuse women," he says. "Skirt lengths should be around the knees. Some women want the length two to three inches below the knee, but that's an awful look. There's no way you can look at that and say it's flattering."

As for short skirts, Blieden says that those depicted in magazines are not the norm. "What you see in magazines is exaggerated. It's tough to wear something like that effectively if you're over 25 years old." According to Blieden, long skirts are almost totally out.

"nasty animal" which is "bred for this purpose."

Considering last year's harsh winter, Blieden predicts sweaters will be outrageously popular this fall, especially mohair.

Up until now, spandex has been used primarily in sportswear. But Blieden feels that spandex, when combined with certain other materials, could be the fabric of the future. "Spandex adds comfort and keeps shape," he says. "Done properly, it can work."

Two other fabrics of the future, according to Blieden, are silk and cashmere. Silk is becoming increasingly available



TWO FASHION BLOCKBUSTERS FOR FALL — Hats and sweaters will be ubiquitous this fall, and you can find them in abundance at Peter Blieden in Wayland Square. Herald photo by Alison Smith

"For years we would hear customers say, 'That would look great on my niece or daughter,'" states Blieden. "But today we're living in a different world. People no longer think they're old."

One of this year's fall fashion predictions made by major magazines calls for skirt lengths at the knees — a look the publications describe as unflattering. However, Blieden strongly disagrees with this "conventional

Backstron again this year are women's hats. "In the last five years, hats have become a major accessory. They help pull together an outfit without being exorbitantly expensive," he says.

Fur trim is also back this season. Blieden refuses to recognize fur as a controversial political issue. "Fur isn't going to affect the animal population of a certain species." He signaled out mink, and referred to it as a

and the prices are continually coming down. "You can purchase a silk jacket, pants and skirt for under \$350," says Blieden.

Peter Blieden, located on the East Side in Wayland Square, dresses women 30 to 65 years old, with the bulk of their customer base over the age of 45.

## Big Four Agree

(Continued from Previous Page) seemed to be going for a late '70s glamour look. Could be.

Belts are skinny, and worn at the waist or anywhere below, down to the hips.

Menswear appears in suits,

# Karen Warner Refines Your Personal Style

by Dorothea Snyder  
Special to the Herald

When Jeanette Hidalgo, Herald advertising representative, came into the paper one day



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sporting an uplifting new and wonderful look, all of us flocked and fluttered around her, buzzing admiration.

Jeanette's artiste, we learned, was Karen Warner of Anthony Michael Coiffure at the Wayland Manor in Providence. Not only was Jeanette thrilled about her new hairstyle, but she also raved about Karen's expert consultation and styling technique.

A few weeks later, Jeanette called and asked if I'd undergo a before-and-after makeover with Karen at the helm.

I don't always feel comfortable when hair stylists determine my fate. I've kept my hair at one length to be safe, to avoid mistakes.

Karen made me feel right at home. She's personable and relaxed, and doesn't reach for the scissors immediately.

She studied my facial proportions, cheekbone to chin, forehead, eyes, scanning widths and lengths. She gently rearranged my bulk of uncut hair repeatedly to get an idea of possible effects.

Then she was ready to begin, and so was I — a team effort. I felt I was in good hands.

Karen angled my hair so that the sides were longer than the

back. I was also willing to part with those one-length hair strands that begin at the top of the head. My trust in Karen was rising by the minute.

She suggested I may want to layer my hair in the future. Valuing her thoughts, I almost felt tempted to do it then. Maybe another time.

After the cut, Karen style-sculpted my hair and, *voila*, a new look. The proof of an excellent cut is what happens after you wash your hair and do it yourself. I'm lazy and like wash-and-wear hair. Karen's great cut has made it simple for me to maintain my own hair in the casual style I like, too.

Thanks to Karen Warner, my severest hair critic, daughter Ellen, said, "Mom, this is the best cut you ever had!"



The artiste's results.

For the finishing touch, Karen studied my complexion and tone, applying eye makeup and blush ever so gently that I lapsed into a dreamy state.

The results were unlike the time years ago when I consented to be the subject of a makeup demo at a meeting. Afterwards, my exaggerated physiognomy and I picked up my kids at school, who looked at me shocked, and madame feel as if I were a Snyder-mother impostor. Karen's palette was softer and subtler.

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# If Casual is Your Taste...

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

If soft and casual is your fashion taste this fall, you don't need to look much further than Gabrielle.

"Sweaters will be very popular this year," said Ann Schwartz, store manager. "We offer a wide variety of lengths and neck styles." Common colors right now are brown, green and burgundy.

A popular line of casual wear is CP Shades, from San Fran-

cisco. Dressy, but comfortable, CP Shades offers some beautiful vests that will look good with a number of outfits.

Schwartz predicts that cotton and cashmere will be the fabrics of choice this fall. "They're comfortable and easy-maintenance," says Schwartz.

While most of the clothes at Gabrielle project a laid-back look, they do offer some creations with a little more pizzazz. For example, a navy blue jacket, adorned with 21 gold

buttons, gives a military flair. Popular this fall, according to Schwartz, are pants with stirrups. "Stirrups are great because they provide a neat and smooth look," says Schwartz.

As far as accessories are concerned, hats and scarves are in and jewelry is clunky — featuring ambers, beads and crystal.

Gabrielle has two stores — one at Wayland Square on South Angell Street in Providence (273-4250) and a second at Garden City in Cranston (946-3566).

# Once Is Not Enough at Répété

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

Répété is a store with a difference. Even from the outside, it's different. It's housed in a medium-sized blue and white Victorian home at the intersection of Routes 44 and 116 in Greenville. Cherubs hold up a small double-tiered fountain, the awning billows in the wind, and flowers set off the lawn. It's meant to be inviting, and it is. Parking is up a short side street and a turn to the right, behind the house.

Répété is a new business started by Ray Gardner who is a graduate of the Bryant College Entrepreneurship Training Program. He attributes the course with giving him the courage and know-how to start a business like this.

Gardner's stock is women's clothing — very nice women's clothing — that has been lightly worn and is for resale at a fraction of its original price. The rooms of the shop — first and second floor — are crammed with racks of dresses and suits. In the rear, one room is devoted to bridal wear and very formal clothing. Flowers brighten every conceivable space, the atmosphere is sweetly scented and romantic. If you can resist the ambience and the prices, and walk out without buying something, you are what is known in the business as a hard sell.

I jotted down some designer

names and prices for this article. An Oscar de la Renta dress for the evening — black, one piece, with a diagonal slash of a

Albert Nipon suit, originally priced at \$250, could now be yours for only \$69.

They have a two-piece suit by Gloria Vanderbilt in a creamy oatmeal color, size 10, that sold for \$125, but is now only \$24.50.

Behind the counter, I saw a leather bag that cost someone \$1500, but is now only \$500. (That "only \$500" is a relative term, of course. \$500 for a purse is still a lot of money, to me.)

It is worth noting that the clothes do not look used. Some of them may actually have been worn only once. You could put one of those suits on and step right out the door for the evening. In case alterations are needed, however, Répété will do that for you, too.

The clothing upstairs is a little more casual, a little less expensive, but still all first quality and in great condition. The gentleman behind the counter told me that Liz Claiborne is considered the lowest rung in their inventory. That's some low rung, sir!

If you need to impress someone, and your assets are still reeling from last month, visit Répété. They will understand, and find just the thing for you to wear to make that great first impression.



WHERE DO YOU START? At Répété, where every room is packed with designer clothes at reduced prices. Herald photo by Alison Smith



VARIATIONS ON A THEME at Gabrielle, in Wayland Square and Garden City. This outfit by Platinum is one of infinite versatility — it can be dressed up or down, with oxfords or pumps, hats or scarves, and is flattering to almost any woman. The French cuffs and links add elegance to the look, and the optional tie can be replaced by clunky jewelry. Herald photo by Alison Smith



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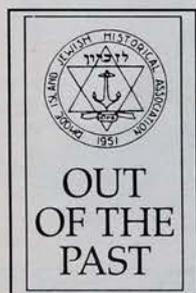
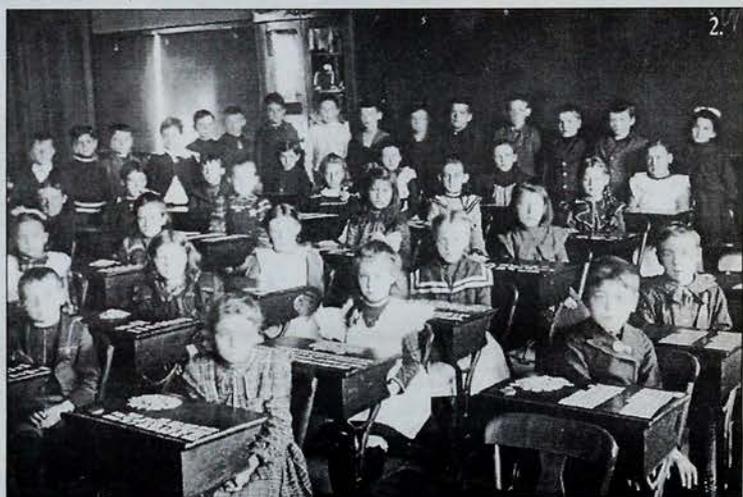
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1. The Point Street Grammar School Class of 1898.
2. The Warren Street School, 4th year class, c. 1902.
3. The Point Street Grammar School, 1907. Identified in the photograph are Nettie Paster (Cohen) 2nd row from top, 1st child on left, and Esmond S. Borod, 6th from left.
4. Technical High School Graduating Class of 1926.
5. High School of Jewish Studies Graduating Class of 1978. These students were enrolled in the Bureau of Jewish Education's program for Jewish Studies at the high school level.

Photos courtesy of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. Special Thanks to Eleanor Horvitz for all her help.



# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## The Jew in the Lotus

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

*The Jew in the Lotus*, by Rodger Kamenetz. Harper Collins. 304 pages. \$20.

In the fall of 1990 the Dalai Lama invited a group of rabbis and Jewish poets and professors to join him in his Tibetan exile retreat in India. This book reports on that fabulous spiritual rendezvous. What can the Buddhists learn about survival and hope from the wandering Jews? What can modern Jews take of value from the mystical traditions of Siddhartha?

The gist of the author's argument in this text goes something like this. We work too much out of anger. If we become more "porous," and absorb the peace and wise patience of the East, we can heal our sore souls. Kamenetz terms the Jewish Buddhists JUBUS and gives a whole chapter to the famous case of Allen Ginsberg. If some of our best people turn away from the faith of their fathers, we can reclaim them if we look forward, not backward.

"Haskalah" means "path," and I wish that the writer had physically described the stones and pavements of India and the Dalai Lama's dwelling place. He sketches the oracles and angels of Jewish Chasidic lore, and keeps a journal of impressions of his fellow guests. But his language is both casual and conceptual. He doesn't really give the reader a picture of the days and nights he spent with the Dalai Lama. The pages are pallid rather than rich in images.

Your reporter had a hard time getting hold of this attractive little volume of thoughts. I tried a number of bookstores. The salesman in Border's couldn't find it among the shelves, but it turned up after the seventh try — almost mystically. I opened the pretty cover with the charming title and pored over every word. But I wasn't convinced. Maybe the author, born post-war, just had a radically different sense of Judaism from my

own. He finds the Jewish idea of G-d too harsh and angry, too male and judgmental. He deems the Jewish way of life too material and external. The Dalai Lama is about my age. I recall the *Life* picture story issue that announced his discovery and kept tabs on his development. It was one of the dazzling exotic magazine events of my boyhood.

Nevertheless, I do recommend *The Jew in the Lotus*. It sincerely conveys some marvelous meetings of mind and soul, and does a good job of rendering the even temperament and goodhearted presence of the Dalai Lama. He brings up serious issues. We make up less than half of one percent of the population of the planet. We have picked up metaphors and messages from all over throughout our history. We have shared our own moral insights hither and yon. But his book of essays would have been better served with more anecdote and fewer large statements.

"Will Buddhism lose its whole point in a fight for return to Tibet?" asks the Dalai Lama, whose policy is not universally supported by young people. Rodger Kamenetz is on the side of the angels — and the feminists and liberals. His conclusions hold far less interest than his questions.

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Rhonda and Michael Yaffe

## Rhonda Cohen Weds Michael Yaffe

Temple Sinai of Cranston, R.I., was the setting for the July 31 wedding of Rhonda Faith Cohen and Michael Jay Yaffe. The bride is the daughter of Joel Cohen of Natick, Mass. and Carolyn Cohen of Warwick, R.I. She is also the stepdaughter of Barbara Wakefield of Natick, Mass.

The bridegroom is the son of Barry and Lorraine Yaffe of Winthrop, Mass.

Rabbi George Astrachan and Cantor Rennie Brown officiated at the 10 a.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at West Valley Inn, West Warwick, R.I.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Joel Cohen. She was attended by Toby Buerger as matron of honor, and bridesmaids, Lori-Beth Towne and Rachelle Cohen,

sisters of bride, Christine Wakefield, stepsister of the bride, Azar Proctor and Christine Bennett.

Gerardo Guarino served as best man for the bridegroom. Ushers were Scott Yaffe and Stuart Yaffe, brothers of the bridegroom, Steven Towne, brother-in-law of the bride, Peter Molloy, Eric Russo and Jason Russo.

The flower girl was Whitney Kasle, cousin of the bride, and ringbearers were Andrew and Spencer Glantz, cousins of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Community College of Rhode Island and Johnson and Wales University. She is employed as assistant manager at Lechter's in Cambridge Side Galleria, Cambridge, Mass.

The bridegroom graduated from IH Tech and Northeast Institute and is employed as an auto technician at Clair Motor Cars, Dedham, Mass.

After a wedding trip to Disneyworld, Florida, the couple will reside in Winthrop, Mass.

## Beth Sholom Is Sponsoring Open House

Congregation Beth Sholom, the "unorthodox, Orthodox synagogue" located on the East Side of Providence, is offering an opportunity to meet with Rabbi Chaim Marder for discussion of the synagogue, its programs and philosophy. The "meet the rabbi" session will take place Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue at the corner of Camp Street and Rochambeau Avenue.

Beth Sholom holds twice-daily services and offers numerous classes and workshops throughout the week through The Jewish Learning Exchange.

There are numerous "full" membership options for families, singles, and seniors. Beth Sholom also offers "associate" membership for those who wish to affiliate with the congregation while retaining membership elsewhere as well.

If you are interested in finding out more about this synagogue, you are urged to drop in to meet Rabbi Marder on this occasion. If possible, please call the office at 331-9393 to inform them that you plan to attend.



## TORAH TODAY

This week's Torah portion, Ki Teitzei, contains the commandment to pay a hired laborer on the same day he has worked. "At this day, you shall give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it." We, the Jewish people, are considered the "hired laborers" of G-d. Our "task" is to observe the Torah and its mitzvot, and our "payment" is the reward G-d grants us for having obeyed His will.

A general principle in Judaism is that G-d Himself performs the same mitzvot He commands us to observe. If we are forbidden to delay paying our employees until the following day, G-d too is required to "pay" every Jew immediately upon the performance of a mitzvah. Yet the Torah also states, "Today is for observance, tomorrow (the world to come) is for receiving reward." Is this not a contradiction?

If one considers a Jew's entire life — the sum total of his observance since the day he was born — as one long workday, after which he is entitled to his reward in Gan Eden, (the world

to come) this explanation is in itself insufficient. For the true reward for observance of Torah and mitzvot is not granted in the after life in Gan Eden, but in the Messianic Era, when the dead will be resurrected and live once again in a physical body. The reward a Jew receives in Gan Eden is primarily in the merit of the Torah he studied during his lifetime, the reward for our mitzvot will come only after the Resurrection.

But how is this fulfilling the mitzvah of "At his day you shall give him his hire." If we must wait thousands of years for our "payment"?

In order to understand, let us examine exactly what our divinely appointed job entails. According to the Torah, this physical world was created solely because "G-d desired a dwelling place down below." Precisely here, in a coarse material world that obscures the holiness within, G-d wants His presence to be revealed.

The task of transforming the world into a suitable dwelling place for G-d is a collective one, spanning the generations since the beginning of time. Every mitzvah that a Jew performs refines his body and purifies the world at large, gradually infusing the material world with

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## Reaching Out

Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer and his assistant Yosef Shacna spread a message of goodwill to the community, in front of College Hill Bookstore on Thayer Street in Providence. From left: Ron Lewenberg, Laufer, Dr. Douglas Gertner and Shacna.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

**Brittany Jill Borkum**

Arlene and Michael Borkum of Medway, Mass., are the proud parents of a daughter born Aug. 5, Brittany Jill Borkum.

Maternal grandparents are Marsha and Bernard Strauss of Framingham, Mass., and great-grandparents are Ettis and Matthew Raphael of Warwick, R.I.

Paternal grandparents are Sumner and Sandi Borkum of Wellsley, Mass.

Her great-grandmother is Bea Strauss of Pawtucket, R.I.

**Laurel Sara Brown**

Allan and Calissa Brown of Wilmington, Del., are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Laurel Sara Brown. Laurel was born in Wilmington on July 29.

The maternal grandparents are Kent and Connie Wichman of Omaha, Neb. and maternal great-grandparents are Devona Wichman of Fairbury, Neb. and Howard Klingensmith of Lincoln, Neb.

The paternal grandparents are Stephen and Susan Brown of Warwick, RI and paternal great-grandmother is Elisabeth Hana of Bogota, Colombia, South America.

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Seniors from throughout the community are invited to participate in Sunday programs held throughout the year at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence. Transportation can be provided.

Each Sunday program begins at 10 a.m. with breakfast cake, coffee and tea served. A VCR program, movie or special event follows, with kosher lunch at noon.

A \$1.25 donation per Sunday is appreciated.

Contact Sandy Bass at 861-8800 for program and transportation information.

## Prayer Books Available In Braille

Before the High Holy Days this year, as it has done since its inception 63 years ago, the Jewish Braille Institute of America will distribute braille prayer books for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in three versions — Conservative, Orthodox and Reform — without charge to the blind and visually impaired.

Also available for distribution is a special Yizkor booklet in large print for the visually impaired containing memorial prayers for departed family.

Any blind person wishing to obtain free copies of the High Holy Day braille prayer books or large print Yizkor booklets may contact the Jewish Braille Institute, 110 East 30th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016, or call (212) 889-2525.

## JCCRI Plans Camp Cronin Trip

The Kosher Mealsite Program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, has planned a Camp Cronin trip, sponsored by the City of Providence, on Aug. 23. Participants will leave the JCCRI at 10 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. A \$2 food donation is requested.

Camp Cronin, near Point Judith, offers everyone a chance to soak up some rays, walk outdoors a little, sit and be entertained.

## Free High Holiday Services

Chabad of West Bay, Chai Center announces that it will be holding High Holiday Services this year conducted by Rabbi Eliezer Levy.

No membership fees are charged at Chabad, and the services are open to the general public regardless of affiliation.

For a schedule or for guaranteed seating, call early at 884-4071.

## Flea Market at JCCRI

Kick off the autumn season, find a great bargain and help support the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, at the center's annual autumn flea market on Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon in the social hall.

Items to be sold include toys and games, household items and small appliances.

Volunteers and donations are needed. Bring donations (no clothing) the center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 14.

Contact Sandy Bass at 861-8800 for more information.

## Cranston Seniors Heading For Catskills

From Oct. 2 to 6 the Cranston Senior Guild will visit the Concord Hotel in the Catskills Mountains of New York; accommodations are still available for this exciting trip. Call Dorothy Rosen, chairperson, for details.



## Jerome Aron Memorial Is Dedicated

From the left, Mrs. Edward Aron, Edward Aron, and Jules Cohen, chairman of the Jewish Committee on Scouting of Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, honor the memory of Edward Aron's brother Jerome at the dedication of his memorial in the Temple of the Ten Commandments at Yawgoog Scout Reservation.



## Hadassah Delegates Convene in NYC

These delegates from Rhode Island attended Hadassah's 80th national convention: seated, from the left, Roslyn Guarneiri and Ruth Fink; standing, from the left, Betty Levitt, Diane Jewett and Rita Slom. Over \$80 million was raised by Hadassah nationally this year to support projects in this country and in Israel.

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A unique Luah for the year 5755 — written in English and detailing the order of prayers, blessings, and readings for the synagogue and for the home — has been jointly published by The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Rabbinical Assembly. Written by Kenneth Goldrich, this authoritative guide differs from any Luah previously published.

Kenneth Goldrich, author of the publication, said it was consciously intended to encourage home observance. Directions regarding unique practices at festive meals (e.g., ushpizin) or often-overlooked activities such as tashlikh are set forth in a form designed to encourage these practices.

The Luah is available from the USCJ Book Service, 155 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010; (212) 533-7800, ext. 2002. The cost of an individual copy is \$8.50; five copies or more may be purchased for \$8 each.

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# OBITUARIES

## MAX BELL

BORN IN CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Max Bell, 92, of Meadowbrook Way, Attleboro, died Aug. 10 at the Meadowbrook Nursing Home, Attleboro, Mass. He was the husband of the late Anna (Kaufman) Bell.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., a son of the late Samuel and Etta (Mauner) Bell, he lived in Attleboro, Mass., for 25 years before moving to Foxboro.

He worked for the Boston Mutual Insurance Co. as a supervisor of the North Shore unit, retiring at age 65. He previously owned Bobby's Shoe Stores, Boston, for 15 years.

He was treasurer for life and former president of Temple Beth-El, Salem. He was a member of the Temple Lodge of Masons, Boston. Many years ago he was appointed by Judge Samuel Zoll to the Salem Council on Aging.

He leaves a son, Robert F. Bell of Cranston; two daughters, Phyllis Shaker of Sharon, Mass., and Janet C. Bell of North Attleboro, Mass.; two sisters, Sarah Rossen of Lynn, Mass., and Anna Gesmer of Newton, Mass.; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was brother of the late Hyman and Joseph Bell and Dora (Kaufman) Bell.

The funeral was held Aug. 12 at Temple Sinai, Ames Street, Sharon. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon.

## RUTH L. COHEN

PROVIDENCE — Ruth L. Cohen, 83, of 41 Pilgrim Drive died Aug. 8 at the Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence.

Born in Rockland, Maine, a daughter of the late Samuel J. and Ida (Taberisky) Cohen, she had been a resident of Warwick for more than 30 years. She had lived previously in Providence.

She was a graduate of the former Bryant & Stratton Business College, now Bryant College, and for more than 30 years had been the secretary at Temple Beth-El, Providence. She also had worked for the Rhode Island Registry of Motor Vehicles. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She is survived by a brother, Harold L. Cohen, and a sister, Annette Blumberg, both of Providence. She was a sister of the late Sumner A. Cohen, and the late Eleanor R. Weinberg.

A graveside service was held Aug. 10 at Congregation Sons of Israel & David Cemetery, Providence. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## MARY KORALNIK

PROVIDENCE — Mary Koralknik, 83, of 423 Wayland Ave., died Aug. 9 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Pinchas Koralknik.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Gabriel and Pessel (Jakubowitz) Abrahamer-Landwirth, she lived in Chicago before moving to Providence 17 years ago.

She was a Holocaust survivor.

She leaves a daughter, Gabriella Barros of Providence, and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Aug. 9 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## LILLIAN LEVINE

FALL RIVER — Lillian Levine, 84, of the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged, 538 Robeson St., previously of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, before its closing, died Aug. 7 at Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River.

Born in Attleboro, Mass., a daughter of the late Abraham and Rose (Fine) Levine, she lived in Providence for many years before moving to Fall River.

She leaves a niece, Dr. Marsha Woolf of Cranston, and a nephew, Alan Woolf, of North Hollywood, Calif.

A graveside service was held Aug. 12 at Dodgeville Cemetery, Attleboro, Mass. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## NANCY LOGOWITZ

BOSTON — Nancy Logowitz, 54, of Bacon St., Natick, Mass., died Aug. 9 at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of Kenneth Logowitz of Providence, and the late Neda (Payton) Logowitz.

She attended Boston University, and served as supervisor/director of training at Boston Children's Hospital, EEG Laboratory, for 18 years. She later was chief technician of the Sleep Disorders Center at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston. She was active in AIDS Action.

Besides her father, she leaves her stepmother, Ruth Logowitz of Providence, a sister, Linda Zindler of Brookline, Mass., and a brother, Stephen Logowitz of Newtonville, Mass.

The funeral was held Aug. 11 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue.

Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## LILLIAN MARKOFF

PROVIDENCE — Lillian Markoff, 92, of Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., died Aug. 15 at Miriam Hospital, Providence. She was the wife of the late Allen Markoff. Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Meyer and Clara (Judelsohn) Bachman, she had lived in Providence for most of her life, previously living in Philadelphia.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves two sons, Burton Markoff of Pawtucket and Arthur Markoff of Westport, Conn., five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Aug. 16 at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was at Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Providence. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## CLAIRE OSTIN

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Clair Ostin, 85, of 1401 Highland Ave., died Aug. 11 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Joseph B. Ostin, and the widow of Samuel E. Liss. Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Fannie Namrow.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, Fall River, the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged and the Adas Israel Synagogue.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Melvin Liss of Canton, Mass., and Richard Liss of Fall River; two sisters, Beatrice Shore of Woonsocket, and Gerri Kooperman of Florida; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Aug. 12 in Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River. Arrangements were by the Fisher Memorial Chapel of Fall River.

## MICHEL STRICKMANN

TASSAUT, France — Michel Strickmann, 51, a professor of Chinese at the University of Bordeaux in France, died Aug. 11 at his home in the village of

Tassaut in southern France. His parents, Leo and Marjorie Strickman of Fall River, received word of his death Aug. 12. He was born Michael Strickman but changed his name several years ago.

He earned his doctorate in Chinese studies at the University of Paris, and he taught Chinese all over the world, including in Japan and Australia and at the University of California at Berkeley for 14 years.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, Peter Strickman of Boston, and a sister, Bonnie Strickman of New York City.

## BELLE ZIAS

PROVIDENCE — Belle Zias, 91, a resident of Westminster Place, 201 Cahir St., died Aug. 12 at the Elmhurst Extended Care Facility, Providence. She was the widow of Benjamin Zias.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Abraham and Leah (Pernick) Lidsky, she had lived in Providence since 1984. She had lived in New York City since she was a child.

She was a member of the Golden Ages Club of the Jewish Community Center, Providence.

She leaves a daughter, Gloria Feibish of Providence; one son, Martin Zias of New York City; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Aug. 14 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Queens, N.Y.

## Benefits Period Ends

The Department of Employment and Training has announced that the Federal/State Extended Benefits program will end with payments for the week ending Aug. 13.

The extended benefits program operates on a 13-week cycle and triggers "on" or "off" based on the state's unemployment rate. The program is ending because Rhode Island's average seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate for the latest three months has fallen below the 6.5 percent minimum set by federal and state law. It is also less than 110 percent of the rate for the same period in either of the last two years. Both requirements would need to have been met in order for the program to remain on. The program must now remain off for a minimum of 13 weeks.

## Man Who Commanded the Altalena Dies at 79

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Eliahu Lankin, who commanded the legendary ship Altalena that was sunk off the Tel Aviv coast on David Ben-Gurion's orders, died Aug. 9 in Jerusalem. He was 79.

Lankin was a leader in Menchem Begin's Irgun Tzvai Leumi, or Etzel, and a member of Israel's first Knesset from Merut. He was the commander of the gun-running Altalena, a Merut ship trying to smuggle guns to Palestine for Etzel. On June 20, 1948, the ship was sunk off the Tel Aviv coast on Ben-Gurion's direct orders. The

incident occurred during a truce imposed by the United Nations preceding the official announcement of the establishment of the State of Israel.

The Altalena, which had sailed from France, was carrying 900 immigrants, 250 light machine guns, 5,000 rifles and ammunition.

The Palmach shelled the ship and the immigrants on board escaped by jumping into the water.

He wrote a book on the Altalena affair called *Memoirs of the Commander of the Altalena*.

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The club is soliciting donations in the form of household goods — furniture, books, jewelry, knick-knacks, dishes, linens, drapes, children's clothes, etc., for the sale.

The club is also asking for volunteers who are able to help for a few hours — setting up, selling, or just generally filling in. If you can help, please call the Kriegers at 351-2139.

NA'AMAT/USA raises funds to help establish and maintain children's homes and provide safe havens for abused women and children in Israel. In addition NA'AMAT/USA has inaugurated programs for new Russian immigrants and are helping to integrate the olim into the Israel community.

## CCRI Awarded \$260,000 For Support Services For Single Parents and Homemakers

For the 10th year, the Community College of Rhode Island has received Carl D. Perkins monies from the Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education, to fund project SPHERE. This year's award totaled \$260,000 — a \$42,000 increase from last year.

Project SPHERE (Single Parents & Homemakers Entering Re-Training and Education) was established at the Community College of Rhode Island in 1985 and offers counseling and support services throughout the state. The majority of clients, more than 3,000 annually, are women receiving aid to families with dependent children and are referred to SPHERE by the Pathways to Independence Program and REACH programs. Other clients are recruited by

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## Dawn Over the Computers

Dawn Costa is a new member of the Alperin Schechter Day School faculty. She will be teaching grades K through 8 about computers this fall. See more on school openings in this week's special section.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

## Observer Team Heads Home

by High Orgel

**TEL AVIV (JTA)** — With its three-month mission completed, the international observer force that was dispatched to Hebron in the spring officially took its leave of the troubled West Bank town last week.

A skeleton crew was left behind to sell off equipment or donate it to local charities.

Lt. Col. Bjarno Sorensen, a member of the Danish army, who served as spokesman for the force, said Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat had asked for an

extension of the force's mission, but Israeli officials had rejected any extension.

Sorensen added that the force would not have remained, even if both sides had requested it, unless Israel and the Palestinians agreed to give the force more powers.

Palestinians, who had wanted the force to protect them from additional attacks by Israeli militants, have been critical of the force because it could only observe and report on clashes in Hebron, which has been a hotbed of unrest since the massacre.

## Grandchildren Blossom from Mingled Roots

**WASHINGTON** — Grandparents Day (Sept. 11) is a good time to remember the special people in children's lives, says B'nai B'rith Women.

To help keep the lines of communication open — especially with grandparents and grandchildren of different faiths — BBW again offers *Mingled Roots: A Guide for Jewish Grandparents of Interfaith Grandchildren*.

Now in its second printing, the book offers helpful advice

on how to deal with the "December Dilemma" of Chanukah and Christmas, how to talk about Jewish values, and how to answer questions your grandchildren may have about Judaism.

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# ADL and Christian Right Continue War of Words

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen  
NEW YORK (JTA) — After a brief truce, the Anti-Defamation League and Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition have resumed their ongoing war of words.

At issue is a recent ADL report, "The Religious Right: The Assault on Tolerance and Pluralism in America," which conservative Christians and their Jewish supporters have attacked as defamatory.

In what seemed like a move toward conciliation, ADL National Director Abraham Foxman apologized in an Aug. 3 letter to Robertson for two inaccuracies in the report.

Foxman expressed hope in his letter to Robertson "that you and I can move forward with added empathy for each other's religious and civic responsibilities."

He added, "Pat, I hope that you are assured of our good faith."

He promised that the two inaccuracies would be corrected in a forthcoming second printing of the book.

A day later Robertson accepted Foxman's "apology and corrections in the spirit of good will in which I know it was intended."

The spirit of good will does not seem to have lasted long.

The same day Robertson wrote his letter to Foxman, the Christian Coalition sent out a 29-page refutation of the ADL report to its members, Congressional leaders and the media.

The refutation is titled "A Campaign of Falsehoods: The Anti-Defamation League's Defamation of Religious Conservatives."

In response to the Christian Coalition's Aug. 4 mailing, the ADL fired off an Aug. 9 news release rejecting the implication of the coalition and its Jewish backers that evangelical Christians cannot be criticized because of their support for Israel.

"ADL genuinely values the support of Israel these (Christian) leaders have demonstrated," the ADL statement said. "But this support cannot be used as a shield from legitimate criticism."

The June 9 publication of the ADL report on the Christian right launched a firestorm of criticism from political conservatives.

The report details the political ambitions of religious right groups and has become the centerpiece of an election-year political firestorm over the growing power and influence of the religious right.

In Foxman's correspondence with Robertson, he admitted two inaccuracies in the report.

The conciliatory tone of the latest letters between Robertson and Foxman was in stark contrast to earlier correspondence between them.

In a July 14 letter, in the heart of the controversy over the report, Robertson wrote to Foxman that "it is painfully obvious that you are a deeply troubled individual who has somewhere along the way lost your Judaic roots."

"Please know, Abe, that I will pray earnestly that you

may indeed meet personally the G-d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Foxman quickly responded by writing to Robertson to "save your prayers for yourself."

"It's just like you to decide for others what their spiritual needs are or should be. I have met my G-d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and do not need your guidance, prayers or intervention. May G-d be with you."

## TORAH

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G-dliness. Over the thousands of years of the world's existence this holiness has accumulated, readying the world for its ultimate perfection — the revelation of Moshiach and the Messianic Era.

The "contract" between G-d and His people is not that of an employer and his day laborer. Rather, the Jewish people has undertaken the collective charge of preparing the world for Moshiach, an undertaking that is not the responsibility of

one individual, but is the duty of all Jews, throughout the generations. The full reward for our efforts will be granted only when the job is completed and Moshiach is revealed, speedily in our day.

Even now, however, during the last minutes of exile, G-d is obligated to ensure that all the needs of his "laborers" are met, so that we may properly attend to the task at hand and hasten the immediate redemption.

Adapted from *Likutei Sichot of the Rebbe, Vol. 24*

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.



### Can You Help Us?

This photograph was given to the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association by the Jewish Community Center many years ago. If you recognize anyone in the picture, Eleanor Horvitz at the Historical Association or the editors of the *Herald* would like to know.

## Your Family (Continued from Page 4)

involved with his great-aunt's problems. We knew we talked like that — "Please, Ceil — you're giving me a headache!" — but we didn't know that philanthropists talked that way. We include this sidelight because it is from the little details that prove out true or false that conviction grows. Fox seems to be telling the truth...certainly not the whole truth, but the truth as she sees it. She is not alone in wondering out loud if influence, wealth and power overrode the legitimate rights of an individual.

When Fox visited us, she appeared heartbroken and emotionally fatigued over the matter. It's understandable that someone would be so distressed with their final resting place in a state of uncertainty.

Everyone with a loved one in Lincoln Park Cemetery will want some of these questions answered, but this is all we can say on the subject right now. We admit, and regret, that it is a one-sided presentation. You'll have to draw your own conclusions, as we're sure you will.

## Sollosy Heads HRIC Program

The Human Resource Investment Council held an implementation briefing on Aug. 11 at the Sheraton Tara in Warwick for the 55 Rhode Island companies who received grant money under Round III of the Business/Industry Competitiveness Improvement Initiative.

Sheldon S. Sollosy, chairman of the HRIC said, "It is obvious from the impressive response to this initiative that TQM/high performance work concepts are gaining wider acceptance as an essential tool in meeting the workforce development challenges of the 21st century."

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