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THE FIRST JEWISH BABY of 1976 is Rachel Ailene Pickar, the daughter of Barry and Rochelle Pickar of 80 Ingersoll Avenue in Warwick. Rachel Ailene, certainly the highlight of the Bicentennial year for the Pickars, was born at 10:45 p.m. on January 6 at Women's and Infants Hospital (formerly Lying In) in Providence. A very special baby, Rachel's birth followed by seven months the unfortunate loss of their eldest daughter, who was born with congenital heart problems. Mr. Pickar is a math teacher at Nathan Bishop Junior High School in Providence.

Declining Enrollments Subject of Discussion

Declining enrollment. It's a problem facing all sorts of schools these days, public and private ones, religious and secular ones alike. It's primarily a function of the declining birth rate in the United States, a birth rate which has upset the educational applecart by immediately invalidating vast expansion programs completed in the 1960's.

Declining enrollments in Jewish religious schools have created problems for religious educators throughout the United States. Serious questions on the relevance of religious education, and the disenchantment which accompanies assimilation have been asked, as well as the easily answered ones on the statistics of the birth rate.

Eliot Schwartz, Executive Director for Rhode Island's Bureau of Jewish Education, contends that the enrollment figures in this state show a small decline over the past five years, small enough so that the decline can certainly be attributed to the declining birth rate. Mr. Schwartz pointed out that the decline is, in fact, a national problem affecting all schools, and was quick to back up his contention on the size of the decline in Rhode Island with facts and figures.

From last year to this, there has been little, if any, change in the enrollment in the area's religious schools. For the 1974-75 school year there were 1,841 students, and in the current 1975-76 school year there are 1,844 students.

Over the past five years, however, there was a total 5 percent decline in the enrollment in Rhode Island religious schools. While the problem has continued to grow nationally, Mr. Schwartz said that this year's figures suggest that the enrollment decline in Rhode Island has, in fact, begun to stabilize. In the school year 1973-74 there were 1,880 students enrolled in religious schools, and the following year's enrollment of 1,841 represented a one percent decline. While the figure of 1,844 for this year does show an increase of three students, it is not enough to show a percentage increase, and Mr. Schwartz labelled the figure as the end of the decline, and stabilization rather than seeing it as the beginning of a trend toward increase.

Mr. Schwartz said he believes enrollments in Rhode Island religious schools increased during the 1960's (He took over his present position in 1973). As there is no evidence of disenchantment, and only a minor decline in the enrollments here, he said, he would firmly attribute the decline to the declining birthrate.

The figures for the religious school enrollment include that at the Providence Hebrew Day School. The Day School itself, however, had had increasing enrollments through the early 1970's, with a small decline in enrollment for the first time this year. In 1974-75, the Day School enrollment was 285, and this year's enrollment is 263.

In the greater Providence area, there are presently 13 religious schools in operation, 10 of them under the auspices of a temple, and three supported by the community. The Bureau of Jewish Education also helps support them all.

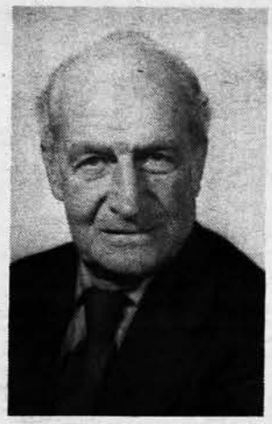
To consider the national problem of declining enrollment, the Bureau is planning a day-long session of conferences set for January 15, and featuring speeches by Dr. Samuel Schafler, Professor of Jewish History at Queens College in New York, Fellow in Community Planning of the Bureau of Jewish Education of New York, and Director of the Ramah Israel Community Program.

Dr. Schafler will first address a joint meeting of the Board of Rabbis and the Educators' Council of the Bureau at a morning meeting devoted to the problem of school mergers and the community school. He will speak on other communities which have faced the problems of declining enrollments, and dealt with the probbems successfully.

At a supper meeting in the Jewish Community Center, Rabbi Schafler, as Director of the Ramah Israel trip, will address members of the Bureau's Israel Pilgrimage Committee as well as applicants for the Ramah trip. The Bureau is currently engaged in its recruitment campaign for the Israel summer trip for teenagers.

Dr. Samuel Schafler

Completing the day, the Bureau will host a meeting for all laymen and congregational officials interested in enrollment problems at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Torah in Cranston.



NEW DIRECTOR of Community Relations at the Miriam Hospital is George Katz of East Greenwich. He will be responsible for developing a broader base of financial support for the hospital and for establishing a corporate giving program to be known as the Miriam Consortium. In 1973, Mr. Katz retired after 11 years as Program Director of Big Brothers of America. He also served as Executive Director, Big Brothers of Rhode Island; Intake Supervisor, Rhode Island Juvenile Court; Juvenile Probation Counselor, Sixth District Court, and Boys' Supervisor, Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island.

Almogi Defeats Dulzin For Zionist Chairman

TEL AVIV: Mayor Joseph Almogi of Haifa, the Labor Party candidate, has defeated Aryeh Dulzin, acting chairman of the World Zionist Executive, in an election for the permanent chairmanship. Mr. Dulzin, the opposition Likud Party member, had been acting chairman since the death of Pinhas Sapir in August.

The vote was 67 to 42 in the Zionist General Council, which has the perogatives of the Zionist Congress between conventions. Mr. Dulzin had campaigned for a Zionist leadership independent of the Government and divorced from Israel politics. All but 20 members of the Zionist General Council represent Israeli political parties or their affiliates abroad.

Mr. Dulzin contended that the parties' control of the organization deterred unaffiliated young Jews.

Mr. Almogi, who is 65 years old, will automatically become chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, which is made up of 21 members of the Zionist Executive and an equal number of representatives of fund-raising organizations such as the United Jewish Appeal.

The Jewish Agency controls the expenditure of funds for the transfer and settlement of immigrants, education, and public relations.

The Zionist Executive was a shadow cabinet during the period of the British mandate, but after Israel's independence in 1948 its principal functions and leaders went to the Government. Mr. Dulzin will remain treasurer of both organizations, posts he has held since 1968.

The General Council voted earlier to accept into the Zionist movement the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The union, with a million members, represents the Reform movement, which had a record of hostility to Zionism. The union was given five seats in the Zionist General Council, but none in the Zionist Executive.

JCC Opens Its Doors

While cynics point out that "nothing is free anymore" that statement certainly will not be true at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island from January 18 through the 30. During the two week period, free activities have been scheduled to show the community just what the Center has to offer during its upcoming spring program.

Certainly the Center hopes that those who attend during the "Showcase" weeks will sign up for the spring programs, but with all sorts of activities spread over a two-page calendar, there is certainly every opportunity for those unfamiliar with the Center and what it has to offer to take a first-hand look during the Showcase period. Activities will be offered during the two weeks for tots, children, youth, young, middle and senior adults, something for everyone. They range from Nursery School Open House to Adult Ballet Tap and Jazz Dancing, and include along the way gymnastic and swimming programs, Girls' Woodworking, Children's Gameroom, Boys' Cooking, and Creative Dramatics. Interestingly enough, the Showcase does not include samples of woodworking for boys or cooking for girls. The community is invited to drop in at the Center during the two-week period, no pre-registration is necessary. For more information, you may call the Center at 861-8800 to receive a copy of the Showcase '76 schedule. A program calendar for the spring is also available. The new spring program at the Center will begin on February.

15 JDL Members Seize UN Vatican Office

NEW YORK: Fifteen members of the Jewish Defense League seized the offices of Msgr. John Cheli, Vatican representative to the U.N., on December 31, demanding papal recognition of the Jewish State of Israel and papal condemnation of Syria and Iraq for their continued persecution of Jews.

The incident followed, by a week, a similar action taken by the militant Jewish group against the World Council of Churches.

The JDL members held the office until noon, at which time they agreed to meet with Cheli. When Cheli agreed to send the JDL demands, via diplomatic pouch to the Pope in Rome, the JDL'ers agreed to leave, promising they would return if no action was forthcoming.

Outside the Mission, Dov Fisch, JDL Youth Chairman, told television and newspaper reporters that the demands were not restricted to the issue of Syrian and Iraqi Jewry. "We demand papal recognition of the Jewish right to all of the Land of Israel, including those lands liberated in 1967. If he wants "wandering Jews", he can go to Marc Tannenbaum of the American Jewish Committee. As far as we're concerned, G-d gave the Jewish People the Land of Israel. We challenge the Pope to gainsay this."

A week earlier, the JDL had staged a similar action against the World Council of Churches, seizing

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SOCIALIST DIES 1926

This year marks the death of Meyer London, the Socialist member of Congress from New York City. He was the first Socialist congressman to be seated, and a founder of the Socialist Party.

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January 4-January 14—Third Interfaith Mission led by Rabbi Murray Rothman, Rev. Bullock and Rev. Bartlett.
January 8-January 18—Quincy Citizens Vacation in Eilat.
January 15-January 23—Journey to Jerusalem, led by Father S. Riley.
January 18-January 23—Third Israel Food Week —N. E. Mission.
January 18-January 26—Gastronomical Congress—Eastern Region, Del.
January 18-January 27—Temple Beth Israel, led by Rabbi Jacob Handler.
January 20-February 1—World Convocation of Jewish Veterans.
February 5-February 19—Adventure Vacation in Israel and Rome—Fall River.
February 9-February 18—Jesuit Center to the Holyland and Rome.
February 9-February 18—United Methodist Church, led by Rev. John H. Pressey.
February 12-February 22—Holy Family Church to Israel and Rome, led by Father Trepanier.
February 12-February 22—Temple Emunah, led by Rabbi Joel Myers.
February 12-February 22—Temple Emanuel of Newton, led by Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Suttenberg.
February 14-February 24—Interfaith Group of Springfield, led by Rev. Ronald Whitney.
February 16-March 1—Temple Beth El of Norwalk, led by Rabbi Jonas Goldberg.
February 23-February 28—First International Congress on Family Therapy.
March 1-March 18—Chelsea-Revere Jewish Community Center to Israel and Rome, led by Mr. Alex Morochnick.
March 8-March 17—United Church of Shirley, led by Rev. Leonard W. Silvester.
March 8-March 17—Tri-Parish Community Church, led by Rev. James A. Ewen.
March 8-March 17—Golden Tour to Israel and Athens, led by Mr. Ben Porter.
March 8-March 22—South Area JCC, led by Mrs. Eleanor Landa.
March 8-March 17—Pilgrim Congregation Church, led by Rev. V. Venator.
March 11-March 21—Temple Emanuel of Haverhill, led by Joe and Sylvia Elgart.
March 11-March 25—Hartford Annual Tour to Israel (for first and second timers), led by Clara and Mickey Sowolsky.
March 11-March 21—Congregation Tifereth Israel, led by Rabbi Nathan Polen.
March 13-March 21—Second International Conference on Calcified Tissue (3 return dates).
March 14-March 24—Temple Emanuel of Lawrence, led by Rabbi Harry A. Roth.
March 31-April 12—Bi-National Conference on Applied Metallurgy (2 return dates).
April 22-May 3—Second International Chest & Lung Conference No. 1.
April 22-May 6—Second International Chest & Lung Conference No. 2
April 26-May 10—Spring Tour to Eilat, led by Mr. Sid Heller.
April 26-May 10—Israel Anniversary Tour No. 1, led by Mr. A. Bernard Shurdut.
April 26-May 17—Israel Anniversary Tour No. 2, with Athens.
April 27-May 12—American Physicians Fellowship Tenth World Congress of Israel Medical Association, led by Dr. Manuel Glazier.

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Obituaries

Anna Bookstein

Anna (Cohen) Bookstein, the widow of the late Max Bookstein, died December 31. Funeral services were held at Sharon Memorial Park, in Sharon, Mass.

She is survived by five sons, Bernard Bookstein of Boca Raton, Florida, Abraham Bookstein of Long Island, Joseph Bookstein of East Boston, Irving Bookstein of Boston, and Harold Bookstein of New Bedford; and one brother, Simon Cohen of Florida.

Barnet Blumenthal

Barnet "Barney" Blumenthal died January 3 in Boston. He was the husband of Edythe (Frank) Blumenthal.

He is also survived by one son, Ronald Blumenthal; two brothers, Lewis Blumenthal and Herman Blumenthal; three sisters, Mrs. Marion Brown, Mrs. Belle Klasky and Mrs. Esta Lipson; and one grandson.

Harry Chaet

Harry Chaet, 82, a wholesaler of candy and tobacco in the Providence area for many years, died Friday, January 2 in Miami Beach, Florida. He was the husband of Hannah (Shatkin) Chaet.

He was an active worker for the State of Israel and Israel Bonds, and the United Jewish Appeal. Born in Russia, he had lived in Providence for over 45 years, until moving to Florida when he retired 15 years ago.

He was one of the originators of the Rhode Island Israel Bond Drive, a member of Histadrut, Labor Zionist Organization, Jewish National Fund, and Farband.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Martin L. Chaet of Chicago; a daughter, Mrs. Harold Edelston of Beltville, Md.; six grandchildren and a great grandson.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel of Rhode Island, with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Jennie Kopel

Mrs. Jennie Kopel, 78, the widow of Louis Kopel, died Tuesday, January 6. She lived at the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence, and had previously lived at 46 Eaton Street in Providence.

Born in Lithuania, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon Flint, she had lived in Providence for more than 52 years.

She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Workmen's Circle.

She is survived by two sons, William and Samuel Kopel, and a daughter, Miss Natalie Kopel, all of Providence; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel in Providence, with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

David Meller

David Meller, 66, a retired jewelry worker, died Tuesday January 6. He was the husband of Ruth (Gazda) Meller, and lived at 60 Christopher Street in Providence.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Kalman and Fryneta (Laba) Meller, he lived in Providence 25 years, working for several local firms before retiring nine months ago. He was a member of Congregation Mishkon Tfilah.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Kenneth Meller of West Yarmouth, Mass.; a daughter, Mrs. Terry Komorowski of Providence; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Lena Stern

Mrs. Lena Stern died January 1 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Godfrey of Providence. She was the widow of Leo Stern, and lived at 100 Atwells Avenue.

A Providence resident for more than 65 years, she was born in Russia, a daughter of the late Joseph and Libby Chusmir.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by a son, Joseph Stern of Cranston; two other daughters, Miss Gertrude Stern of Providence and Mrs. Dorothy Nulman of New London, Conn.; two sisters, Mrs. Bessy Dressler of Providence and Mrs. Frances Brill of Cranston; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 2 at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel in Warwick, with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Joseph Seefer

Joseph "Jake" Seefer, 89, the manager of the Narragansett Hotel from 1925 to 1941, died January 1. He was the husband of Charlotte Minnie (Siegal) Seefer, and lived at 20 Blackstone Blvd.

A Providence resident for more than 55 years, he was born in Russia, a son of the late Abraham and Rebecca Leah Seefer. He came to Lawrence, Mass. as a young man.

He was a member of the Corporation of the Miriam Hospital, Temple Emanu-el, and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Along with his wife, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Annie Kahn, and a brother, Samuel Seefer, both of Brookline, Mass., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 2 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel in Providence, with burial in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

Rachael Steinfeld

Mrs. Rachael Steinfeld, 72, died Tuesday, December 30. She was the widow of Arthur Steinfeld, and lived at 99 Hillside Avenue in Providence.

She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was born in Poland, a daughter of the late Harry and Lena Weintraub, and had lived in New York City and Israel before moving to Warwick five years ago.

She is survived by a son, Irving Steinfeld of Warwick; a brother, David Weintraub; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Wenderoff and Mrs. Jean Silverman, all of New York City, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 2, in New York City.

Edward H. Singer

Edward H. Singer, 68, formerly of Cranston and Providence, died December 26 in North Miami Beach, Florida. He was the husband of Sue (Rothlein) Singer.

He had served as executive director for Israel Bonds in Providence for 14 years until moving to Florida about seven years ago.

He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Marcia Tyson and Mrs. Joan Fogel, both of Miami Beach, Florida, and two grandsons.

Funeral services and burial were in Florida.

Simon Winokoor

Simon Winokoor, 77, operator of the Lincoln Shoe Store in Fall River, died Wednesday, December 31. He was the husband of Jennie (Pole) Winokoor, and lived at 169 Reed St., New Bedford.

Born in Russia, he was the son of the late Charles and Anna Winokoor.

He was a member of the Tifereth Israel Synagogue of New Bedford, the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home and the Kiwanis Club of New Bedford.

He is also survived by a son, Sidney Winokoor of Fall River, with whom he operated the store; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Alben of Los Angeles; five sisters, Mrs. Edith Morris and Miss Ann Winokoor, both of Lynn, Mass., Mrs. Sarah Handelman of North Attleboro, Mrs. Ethel Cleinman of Warwick, and Mrs. Ellen Brooks of Providence and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 2 at the Tifereth Israel Synagogue, with burial in Plainville Cemetery, in New Bedford.

Cards of Thanks

The family of the late WILLIAM BROWN wishes to thank their many relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during their recent bereavement.

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Saul S. Elgart

Saul S. Elgart, 61, director of development at Brandeis University in the 1950's and a longtime resident of the Boston area, died in Miami Beach, Florida, December 29.

Born in Providence, he graduated from Tufts University and attended the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York.

Prior to his work at Brandeis, he was the director of the Jewish Community Center in Manchester, N.H., and served overseas for the Joint Distribution Committee at the end of World War II.

After leaving Brandeis, he established his own development firm which directed major campaigns for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Boston University, the Jewish Home for the Aged in Boston, the College of the Virgin Islands and other non-profit organizations.

He moved to Florida in the late 1960's and continued his activities until shortly before his death.

He leaves a son, Edmund, and two grandchildren, all of Longmeadow, Mass. He was married to the late Yetta (Hershkowitz) Elgart of New York.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 31 at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel in Warwick.

Bernard H. Podrat

Bernard H. Podrat, 68, died Tuesday, January 6 in West Palm Beach, Florida while vacationing there. He was the husband of Gertrude (Weinstein) Podrat, and lived at 450 Wayland Ave., Providence.

He was president of the former Podrat Brothers textile firm of Providence for many years prior to his retirement five years ago. He was a graduate of Boston University and the Boston University Law School, a member of Temple Emanu-El and its men's club, a member of the Friends of the Museum of the Rhode Island School of Design and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Born in Southbridge, Mass., a son of the late Samuel and Celia (Shapiro) Podrat, he had been a resident of Providence for many years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ina Jaffee of Hamden, Conn., Mrs. Joan Dean of Worcester, and Mrs. Bonnie Corman of Wellesley, Mass., a sister, Miss Gertrude Podrat of Providence, and a brother, Daniel Podrat, also of Providence, and six grandchildren.

Samuel Tauber

Samuel Tauber, 71, a former elevator operator for the Providence Journal Co., died January 1. He was the husband of Mae (Chemick) Tauber.

He had been employed at the Journal for more than 20 years, retiring last July.

Born in Poland, he was a son of the late Harry and Rose Tauber, and had been a Providence resident for the past 28 years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a brother, Max Tauber of the Bronx, N.Y.; and a sister, Mrs. Jean Bernstein of Huntington, L.I.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 2 at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel in Warwick, with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Temple Notes

Media Discussion

Three Rhode Island journalists will discuss various aspects of the news media locally and nationally at the monthly Men's Club breakfast program at Temple Beth Torah in Cranston on Sunday morning, January 11. Sara Wye and Steve Caminis of WJAR-TV and Merrill Bailey of the Providence Journal-Bulletin will specifically discuss press freedoms and the post-Watergate press and whether it has become complacent. Frank Prosnitz, a Providence Journal-Bulletin reporter, and a member of the Men's Club board of directors, will moderate the discussion. The breakfast program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and is open to all Temple Beth Torah members.

Blood Bank

A Blood Bank will be held Sunday, January 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Temple Beth Am in Warwick. If you already belong to another blood bank you can be a proxy for someone who cannot give. In Temple Beth Am's plan, the person who donates is covered as well as his family. Phone Sam Stayman, 781-9159 or Alan Horowitz 737-3435 for an appointment. After you have donated, the Men's Club invites you to join them in a full Sunday breakfast.

Men's Club Speaker

The Men's Club of Temple Emanue-El will hold its monthly program on Sunday, January 11 in the Meeting House at 9:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Phil Baum, Assistant Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress. Mr. Baum will speak on the problems and consequences of the upcoming debate at the UN concerning Israel and the PLO, which will begin the following day. Services will begin at 9 a.n. in the Chapel. Women are also invited to the lecture at 10:15 a.m.

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Why is it the custom for women not to do any work on Rosh Chodesh?

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Why is Eliyahu HaNavi, the song honoring the Prophet Elijah, sung on Saturday night?

The reason is that Elijah will not come on Friday because he will disturb Israel's preparations for the Sabbath. However, when the Sabbath is over it is then considered the proper time for saying the song of Eliyahu HaNavi so that Elijah should come to us and bring us good tidings.

The Midrash also says that Elijah enters Paradise every Saturday night after Shabbos is over and records the names and merits of all Jews who observed the Sabbath.

Why do we start the Kiddush with the words Sabri maranon?

The reason is so that the one who says the Kiddush calls the family and guests to attention while he says the blessing over the wine so that they will not have to make the blessing for themselves afterwards.

BANKNOTE LOGO

JERUSALEM: King Hussein of Jordan was honored on his recent 40th birthday by new dinar notes bearing his likeness and a symbol strikingly similar to the Star of David. The Jordanian press immediately demanded the withdrawal of the new currency.

15 Soviet Jews Denounce Ford

MOSCOW: According to a group of Soviet Jews, President Ford has harmed prospects for a more liberal Soviet emigration policy with his criticism of Congressional efforts to get it eased.

Mr. Ford had said that efforts to tie improved trading status for the Soviet Union to freer emigration had damaged the chances of many to emigrate.

"Statements like that of the President have done and continue to do great harm. We categorically protest against having our destinies and those of our children sacrificed to the political interests of certain circles," the group protested. "Every such statement is taken in the USSR as an encouragement for persecutions and a hardening of the emigration policy."

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Editor's Mailbox

Letter From Florida Turns Back The Clock

A letter from Harry Pepper of Ormond Beach, Florida, requesting a subscription, was received by the *Herald* this week, and soon had the staff leafing through old, bound copies dating back to 1956. The letter said:

"What makes me write this letter to you, is because I came across an article in the *Herald* on July 5, 1956, sent to me by sister-in-law, Mrs. Max Siegal of Providence. The article which interested me was "50 years in South Providence" which brings me back to the date of my arrival in 1896 in Providence."

The article to which Mr. Pepper refers was part of a series on the recollections of Samuel Altman, translated by *Herald* columnist Beryl Segal. Mr. Altman had died during the previous winter, and Mr. Segal's translations of his remembrances told of the budding Jewish community in South Providence at the turn of the century, describing the lives of the newcomers, their pleasures and their efforts to create a life for themselves in Rhode Island.

Mr. Pepper continued in his letter:

"My late father, Louis Pepper, came to Providence a few years prior to my arrival, and we lived on Robinson Street for many years. We belonged to the Robinson Street Synagogue which was headed by the late Abe Zellmeyer and Abe Bazar was the treasurer of the Synagogue. As a matter of fact I remember very well everyone who was mentioned in the article.

"While in school I was a newsboy and in 1900 I worked for the Pope Mfg. Co. who had a sales room on Snow Street and a garage was in the rear of the Crown Hotel. I worked as a mechanic's helper in those early days. Then I became a real estate agent and also sold used cars only. Some of my customers were the late Charles and Archibald Silverman and the late Judge Phil Joslin and many others whose names I cannot remember very well.

"Amongst my cronies in later years were Dr. Hillel Berger and Norman Fleisig, and Herman Paster, constable and member of the Synagogue. Also the late Louis Grant, known as Papa Grant to most of his friends and of course his late son, Max L. Grant. I received a very nice letter from him before he passed away, reminding me of old times.

"Then, of course, I left Providence in 1914 and settled in Daytona Beach, Florida."

After moving to that area, Mr. Pepper held the first Jewish services in his home. He was recently awarded the Israel Bond 25th Anniversary Award for his dedication to the Jewish community. He is honorary life president of Temple Israel after serving eight nonconsectuvie terms as president, and he was founder of the Federated Charities in the Daytona Beach area. He is a past chairman of the Joint Resettlement Committee, and a founder and current president of Mt. Sinai Cemetery Assn. Mr. Pepper and his wife, Bella, have lived in the area longer than any other Jewish family. He also recently retired after 53 years of selling safes and office equipment, and is continuing in the Pepper family real estate enterprises in the Daytona Beach area.

Mrs. Meir Calls For Economic Support

Former Prime Minister Golda Meir, addressing an international dinner of tribute to Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, declared that "Israel cannot buy friends by giving up a part of its sovereignty."

The occasion, which was attended by State Senator Richard Licht, general chairman of the Rhode Island Committee, State of Israel Bonds, and more than 1,700 other Jewish leaders from the United States, Canada and Mexico, honored Mr. Rothberg for 30 years of leadership in behalf of Israel and celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Israel Bond Organization, of which he was a principal founder. The dinner was held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

In her review of Israel's position, Mrs. Meir referred to pressure from those who ask for "movement, not stagnation" in the negotiations for a Middle East settlement.

"Movement towards peace, yes; movement towards weakening Israel, no," the Israeli leader said in answer to "those who demand movement from us."

Calling for greater support from Jewish communities through the purchase of Israel Bonds, the former Prime Minister emphasized that "you and we together must build our economy quickly so that at least in the economic area we will not be dependent on other governments."

Her present visit convinced her, she observed, that "we are not alone."

"Every Jew has to see himself as part of the picture," Mrs. Meir declared. "If Zionists are racists, then all Jews are Zionists and racists."

Wall Destroyed

LONDON: The World Federation of Polish Jews is protesting to the Polish government at the destruction of the last remaining part of the Warsaw ghetto wall. The demolition of the last visual evidence of the ghetto was brought to the world's attention by Margaretha Quanjer Valengoed.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1976

9:30 a.m.
Congregation B'nai Israel, Family Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1976

9:45 a.m.
Temple Emanu-El Men's Club, Breakfast Meeting

10:00 a.m.
Congregation B'nai Israel, B'nai B'rith Brunch

10:30 a.m.
South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, Board Meeting

2:00 p.m.
Business & Professional Group of Hadassah, Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 12,1976

10:00 a.m.
Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Board Meeting

12:00 noon
Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Second Open Meeting

1:30 p.m.
Temple Beth David-Amhai Kevno Sisterhood, Meeting

8:00 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El, Board of Trustees Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1976

8:00 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El, Institute of Jewish Studies
Temple Habonim, Board of Trustees Meeting

9:10 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El, Institute of Jewish Studies

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1976

9:30 a.m.
Brandeis University, National Women's Committee, Providence Chapter, Board Meeting

10:30 a.m.
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Board Meeting

12:30 p.m.
Cranston Chapter of Hadassah, Temple Beth Torah Sisterhood, Temple Beth Am Sisterhood and Temple Sinai Sisterhood, Study Group Series

1:00 p.m.
Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah, Board Meeting

7:30 p.m.
Gemilath Chesed Hebrew Free Loand Association, Board Meeting

7:45 p.m.
Jewish Community Center, Board of Directors Meeting

8:00 p.m.
Jerusalem Group of Hadassah, Board Meeting
Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood, Board Meeting
Temple Habonim Sisterhood, Board Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1976

10:00 a.m.
Temple Beth El Sisterhood, Study Group

7:30 p.m.
Jewish Community Relations Committee, Executive Committee Meeting

8:00 p.m.
Bureau of Jewish Education, Cranston-Warwick Institute

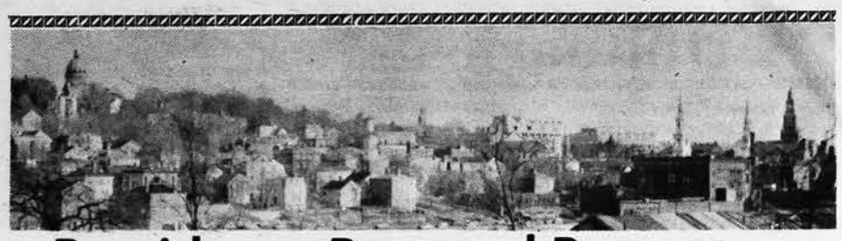
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1976

6:30 p.m.
Temple Beth Am Sisterhood, Shabbat Family Dinner

8:00 p.m.
Congregation B'nai Israel, Special Readings on the Holocaust

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1976

8:00 p.m.
Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah, Mt. Scopus Chai Evening



Providence Past and Present A Bicentennial Story

By Beryl Segal

Two Jewish Merchants Of The 1850's

The waterfront of the city of Providence was teeming with sailors. Sailing vessels came and went to and from New York, Fall River, Newport, New London and other ports. The waterways were the most important route of transportation in the 1850's.

And there were always the poor.

The years were in the 1840's, the years when Jewish merchants and artisans made their appearance in Providence. The clothing business attracted most of them, either as owners of stores, or as tailors and cleansers of old clothes, or as employees in such establishments.

Louis Lewisson was the owner of one of the most famous clothing stores in the city. He became a citizen of the United States in 1845, and conducted a clothing store at Two South Main Street. A month before Thanksgiving Day of 1853 Louis Lewisson inserted this advertisement in the Providence Journal. It was not called an advertisement, but a proclamation:

A PROCLAMATION BY
LOUIS LEWISSON
WHEREAS I HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED WITH EXTRAORDINARY GOOD LUCK, FOR WHICH I AM THANKFUL TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD AND THE WHOLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BACKED ME IN THE SAME, IT BEHOOVES ME TO DISPENSE SOME OF MY INCOME TO THE POOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, I DO HEREBY INVITE (INDISCRIMINATELY OF RELIGION)
ALL POOR PEOPLE
TO CALL ON THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1853
Beginning at seven o'clock in the morning and continuing through the whole day, and
RECEIVE A GOOD SUBSTANTIAL THANKSGIVING DINNER IN FRONT OF MY PROSPEROUS BAZAAR
And I further invite all the poor people who should happen to be sick, to send their neighbors a few days previous to Thanksgiving to my Bazaar and leave the address of such sick people, and I will send them a good substantial Thanksgiving Dinner with my own express to relieve them. And I further invite all my work People who have ever worked for me since I came to Providence to call on me privately, the day previously, and receive a beautiful supply for a Thanksgiving Dinner.
"He that gives to the Poor, Lendeth to the Lord God."

And he signed his name and the name and location of his Clothing Store.

Soon after a new Proclamation appeared in the Providence Journal. This was a proclamation by a competitor named John Nathan who had a store on 157 Westminster Street, just across the river.

John Nathan came to Providence from London in the 1840's. At first he advertised himself as "a tailor and clothes dresser from London..." He also solicited old cast off clothes. He sold a variety of second hand clothes cheap for cash. His shop was on One Orange Street.

But on the month of October, 1853, we read the following advertisement, sounding familiar as you will see.

A PROCLAMATION BY
JOHN NATHAN
WHEREAS I HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED WITH EXTRAORDINARY GOOD LUCK, FOR WHICH I AM THANKFUL TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD, AND THE WHOLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BACKED ME IN THE SAME, IT BEHOOVES ME TO DISPENSE SOME OF MY INCOME TO THE POOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, I HEREBY INVITE
ALL POOR PEOPLE
(INDISCRIMINATELY OF RELIGION)
TO CALL ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1853 BEGINNING AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND RUNNING THROUGH THE WHOLE DAY, AND RECEIVE A GOOD, SUBSTANTIAL BARGAIN IN READY MADE CLOTHING, AT MY FAR FAMED CLOTHING STORE.
A BARGAIN WILL ENABLE THEM TO BUY A THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THEMSELVES WITHOUT LOOKING ??? TO CHARITY FOR ONE.

Isn't that enough to infuriate you! Taking your advertisement and switching a few words around to make you look ridiculous. If that was not enough, John Nathan further invites all who cannot afford to buy clothes to come to him and he will supply them with warm clothes for the winter. He adds:

BUT THEY MUST CARRY THEM (the clothes) *BY THEMSELVES, AS I HAVE NO EXPRESS. I DO NOT SHAVE THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE YEAR TO MAKE MYSELF MAGNANIMOUS ON THANKSGIVING.*

And he also quotes the words of Hillel who said:

"DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU."
JOHN NATHAN FIRST PREMIUM COAT MAKER
159 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, R.I.

That was the beginning of a nasty advertisement war between Louis Lewisson and John Nathan.

Louis Lewisson in one of the advertisements has a price reduction sale:

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1000 SUMMER PANTS AT 75¢ EACH

John Nathan, in the meantime, embarked on an advertisement campaign of his own. He took advantage of the war that was then going on between Russia and Turkey, the Crimean War. It must have been a conversation piece in those days in Providence. The city that saw more battles was Sevastopol, and John Nathan had this advertisement in the Providence Journal:

SEVASTOPOL NOT TAKEN BUT THE HOWARD BLOCK IS! JOHN NATHAN HAS RETURNED FROM NEW YORK AND HAS LEASED THAT SPACIOUS STORE AT 153 WESTMINSTER STREET, HOWARD BUILDING, WHERE YOU WILL FIND A LARGE AND WELL SELECTED STOCK OF READY MADE CLOTHING MANUFACTURED IN NEW YORK ESPECIALLY FOR THIS MARKET.

When Sevastopol was finally taken, John Nathan announced triumphantly:

SEVASTOPOL IS TAKEN! THE EXCITEMENT AT SEVASTOPOL IS NOT SO GREAT AS IS CAUSED BY THE BARGAINS OFFERED IN READY MADE CLOTHES AT THE MODEL CLOTHING STORE, HOWARD BLOCK.

These two Jewish merchants are representative of the twenty-some Jewish inhabitants in Providence in the 1850's.

Some of these Jews joined forces in 1854 to form the first Minyan in the city. That will be the subject of the next installment of articles on the history of the Jews of Providence.

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Palestinians and Jewish Refugees

By Dr. Jay N. Fishbein

The issue facing the world, the United Nations and Israel today, appears to be the fate of the Palestinian refugee. Surprisingly, the Moslem world did not discover the Palestinians until after the Six-Day War and even then they did not become an issue until recent years. The plight of these refugees has troubled the Pope, the United Nations, numerous philanthropic agencies as well as anti-Israel organizations, who now prefer the term Zionist.

It was the Jewish settler who reclaimed the empty, barren wasteland, draining malaria infested swamps and turning the desert into a garden. This same desert that under the Arab remained sterile for centuries. As the toil and sweat of the Jewish pioneer began to make the land fruitful and as his efforts brought in industry, swarms of destitute Arab immigrants began to enter from surrounding Moslem countries. These immigrants who flocked in during the years of the British Mandate now constitute a substantial number of the so-called Palestinian refugees.

The Egyptians who administered Gaza refused these refugees not only the opportunity to seek employment but denied them the right to leave Gaza as well as the privilege of citizenship. Meanwhile the wealthy OPEC countries refused to aid or contribute to their support, preferring only to train and arm them to terrorize Israel, meanwhile keeping them under miserable living conditions to elicit world sympathy.

American oil companies and others doing business with Moslem countries contributed millions for anti-Israel propaganda, describing the squalor in which these refugees lived, but there has been complete indifference regarding the plight of the thousands of Jews that still remain in Arab countries.

Fled to North Africa

Jews as inveterate travellers and traders have been found in almost every country, but nowhere were they as numerous as in those bordering the Mediterranean, particularly North Africa. Thousands fled Palestine after the destruction of the first Temple and this number was considerably increased when the second Temple was razed by Titus and the city sacked. They either left as refugees or were sold into bondage.

Rarely did they live in peace and security. They existed only as fourth class citizens in these Moslem lands, which meant that they were devoid of all rights, living only at the whim of the Sultan, Caliph, Pasha, Emir or Sheik, in whose realm they happened to reside.

They suffered discrimination, abuse and even death in these countries in which they took refuge. They endured a precarious existence but somehow managed to survive, earning the dubious title of the "Indestructible Jew" which was scant solace for the families of those that perished. However oppressed, they took care of their own, and when faced with disaster could count on aid from the Diaspora. For the religious, oppressed Jews in Moslem countries, the rebirth of Israel was not only the fulfillment of biblical prophecy but the opportunity to escape from lands where for centuries they had existed as a despised and oppressed minority, in poverty, filth and disease.

The plight of the Jew in Moslem countries, which was always bad, became intolerable following the partition of Palestine. To be a Zionist in Iraq meant incurring the death penalty. Even to receive a letter from Israel could bring a sentence of three to five years at hard labor.

In Constant Danger

It was a period of fear and constant peril. The Jews were packed in Mellahs or Jewish ghettos under indescribable conditions. They had no protection under Moslem law. Any Arab could rob or even murder a Jew without fear of punishment. With the rest of the population, they endured the agonies of war, poverty, hunger and because of overcrowding and squalor, plagues were common. When conditions were particularly bad, riots occurred during which they suffered rape, pillage and murder.

During the period of the Mandate it was impossible for a Jew to leave a Moslem country. The governments of Iraq, Egypt and Syria refused to grant exit visas. A wealthy Jew could bribe his way out, but could not dispose of his property or leave with any money. If he desired to go to Israel, it was necessary to go first to France or Italy. The French protectorate governments of Morocco and Tunisia reluctantly agreed to permit small numbers of Jews to leave, but they had to go first to France. The British who controlled Libya refused exit visas to Jews bound for Palestine.

When the State of Israel came into being word spread rapidly throughout the Orient. It penetrated into desert areas and into the remote mountain places where it usually took months for news to penetrate. The million Jews that lived in Moslem countries were granted permission to emigrate only after considerable world pressure was exerted on their behalf. They were permitted to leave only on condition that all possessions were left behind. Dr. Edmund B. Roth, a settlement specialist, assesses the confiscated property of Jews in Moslem countries, including real estate, movable belongings, money and businesses at well over seven billion dollars. As a final insult, in some countries they were required to strip and submit to body search to assure that nothing of value was taken out.

Those who for some reason failed to leave on time are now treated as criminals if caught trying to get out and subject to long prison terms. The Jew has always been concerned with public opinion. It is time he learned that the world does not have the slightest interest in his fate.

Slaughter Commonplace

Mass murder and genocide have become so common that even the papers relegate it to an inside page. During this century, we had the Kishinev pogroms that took place in 1903 and which were repeated in 1917. In 1905 there was the indiscriminate slaughter of Russian Jews in 50 towns and about 600 villages. In 1915 the Turks murdered two million Armenians. In W.W. II Hitler destroyed 6 million Jews. In more recent years we saw the Biafrans in Nigeria decimated and the Hutus in Burundi and the Kurde in Iraq destroyed. There will be little concern if another three million Jews in Israel are wiped out.

The migratory movement of many Oriental Jews was of a different nature than that of most of the Yishuv. While a number of Sephardim and other Oriental Jews arrived inspired with the Zionist idea, this was not always the case and the process of their absorption did not run smoothly. The country, beset with numerous problems was faced with instability of family life among the Oriental Jew as well as a fairly high incidence of theft, pilfering and juvenile delinquency, sexual offenses and poor school attendance.

Many of the Oriental Jews who arrived came hoping to follow their own mode of life. They did not visualize any drastic change and were unprepared to alter either their occupational structure or the basis of their social and cultural life. Most intended to live as they had, which proved impossible in the new structure of the Yishuv. While the children adjusted readily to the new life by way of school or the army, the head of the family lost his authority, breaking down the traditional pattern of family life.

Parents showed little interest in schooling and removed the child when they saw some chance of him bringing in needed income. The country however, despite pressure from the Moslem world and the constant threat of war, being virtually isolated in the United Nations, with pressure from our government for constant concessions to the Arabs, has

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Your Money's Worth

By Sylvia Porter

Who's Profiteering In Food? Anybody?

The average retail cost of a marketbasket of U.S. produced foods — enough to feed a typical American household for one year — climbed $126 to $1,860 in the first nine months of 1975.

Only $33 of this $126 went to the farmer.

A whopping 74 per cent or $93 of the $126 rise went to the faceless, ever-increasing middlemen: bottlers, meat packers, transporters, processors, wholesalers, grocers.

Overall, for every dollar you spend on food, only 40 cents goes to the farmer — and even this is 6 cents less than he was getting two years ago. Details on specific foods simply underline that central fact. Of the price you pay for a half-pound of American cheese, middlemen take 51 per cent; of the price for a 10-pound sack of potatoes, they take 64 per cent. Of the price for a 10-pound sack of potatoes, they take 64 per cent. Of the price for a one-pound loaf of bread, they get 80 per cent. So it goes.

Why? Why are we paying ever more for food, while the farmer's share stays the same or actually falls? What are the reasons for this food price trend? Are today's prices fair or have they been inflated by profiteering and lack of competition? The startling answer is: we don't know. In fact, the House Agriculture's subcommittee on domestic marketing and consumer relations reported a short while ago that "data presently collected by the government on the food marketing system is not sufficiently specific or timely to allow meaningful interpretation of price changes and profit margins throughout the system."

It was way back in 1966 that the National Commission on Food Marketing completed the last major study of the multi-billion-dollar food industry. There has been no investigation as thorough or conclusive since then.

A 1972 Federal Trade Commission study of 17 food and food related industries suggested that consumers pay $2.6 billion a year overcharge, because the industries are not competitive. But the FTC never officially endorsed this conclusion, on the basis that the data available was inadequate.

Another FTC investigation grew out of that fiasco. It was begun in June, is called the National Food Program and is receiving 18 per cent of the FTC's $15 million antitrust enforcement budget.

But this probe also may falter because of lack of essential information. For instance, one of the FTC's studies — an investigation of major retail food chains in Atlanta, Denver, Detroit, Jersey City, Little Rock, and Washington, D. C. — has stalled because four of the retailers refused a subpoena to provide the requested data. The FTC is seeking enforcement of the subpoena through the courts.

Much of the data the commission is seeking never has been disclosed before: the price each store pays for various products, amount of each store's overhead, each firm's earnings per store in each area, each company's contacts with its competitors.

"This is the first in-depth, fact-finding inquiry of representative major food retailers," says Joseph O'Malley, of the FTC's Bureau of Competition. "We hope when our work is completed — at least a year from now — we'll be able to give the public a more rational picture of the food marketing industry... I don't know whether or not the end result will be lower prices to consumers."

Meanwhile, Congress, too, is trying to figure out explanations for food prices and food producers' profits during the economic slump of 1973-mid '75. In the words of Sen. George McGovern (D.-S.D.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, "Clearly, there is an urgent need to collect from industry and share with the public the information which explains where the food dollar is going."

Perhaps, a new food marketing commission with power to get to the bottom of the issue is needed to get our answers. Or perhaps, you will force the explanations on your own, by eliminating as much as you can the costly "middle" packaging, handling, transporting, etc. That's really what you are doing when you patronize farmers' markets, shop at local co-ops, form buying clubs, etc. You're tackling the middleman head on, daring him to come out in the open and answer you.

Dance to Benefit HadassahHospital

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a fund raising dance, the proceeds of which will be used to benefit the Hadassah Mt. Scopus Hospital in Israel.

The affair will be held at the Masonic Temple, 50 Pleasant Street, Pawtucket on Saturday evening January 17. Dancing will be from 7:30 p.m. till midnight. During intermission there will be a demonstration of hypnotism with audience participation.

Refreshments, consisting of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a Viennese table prepared by Hadassah members, will be served. Favors will be given all women attending and many door prizes will be awarded. The "Mt. Scopus Chai Evening," which is open to the public, is under the chairmanship of Mrs. James Jenkin assisted by Mrs. Robert Friedman, Mrs. Jacob Komros, Mrs. Mervin Bolusky, and Mrs. Howard Flamer.

Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. Robert Clark, 9 Shoreham Court, Pawtucket 728-0214.

Refugees

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nevertheless managed to absorb this million added refugees, most of them penniless and many ill.

It is for statesmen to decide the future of Israel. Whether this tiny republic, whose ancestors cradled our civilization and demonstrated how modern technology could benefit the developing countries; how modern medicine could help eradicate disease; how education could reduce illiteracy and give them new hope; how modern industrial techniques, using available water supplies, could help overcome the perpetual poverty and hunger of the Middle East. It is up to statesmen to decide whether Israel will remain an open window in the Middle East and lift it out of centuries of misery or deteriorate into another Levantine state. Unfortunately, the day of statesmen appears to be over. We have to make do with petty politicians concerned with quick victories for the sake of prestige or to bolster sagging polls on which an election may depend.

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BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr

In many of our articles we have discussed card-placing. We have shown how what seems to be a guess becomes almost a certainty because more information has been garnered to give the discerning Declarer almost as good as a peek. Today's hand is another of those in which the guess is postponed until enough facts are present to make it just about a sure thing. Most of the Declarers tried the guess suit too early. Half of them guessed wrong and went down.

North
♠ Q J 8
♥ K J 5 4
♦ K J 8 3
♣ 5 4

West
♠ K 5 3
♥ Q 9 8
♦ 9 6
♣ Q 10 6 3 2

East
♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ 4
♣ A K J 8

South
♠ A 10 9
♥ 6 2
♦ A Q 10 7 5 2
♣ 9 7

Both sides vulnerable, East Dealer with this bidding:

E	S	W	N
1♣	1♦	2♣	3♦
P	P	P	

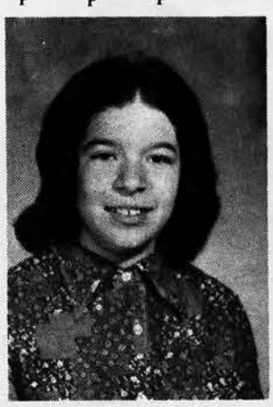
That was the way the bidding went at most tables. East just barely had an opening bid but with three top tricks most Easts did open. South had a good vulnerable overcall and West certainly had a reasonable raise of his partner's suit. The only problem might be with North. He had a terrific fit in his partner's suit plus some good cards in the Majors. He wanted to try for game, especially in No Trump, but he, himself, had no Club stopper. So most Norths settled on a jump in Diamonds for their call. Their feeling was that if South had a Club stopper along with his Diamond suit he could bid the No Trump. But as South had nothing more to say the hand was played in Three Diamonds, at almost every table.

Every West led a Club, East cashing his own two high ones. Now East had to shift. Some played their Trump which did Declarer no good at all for now he was on his own for the rest of the hand. The problem is how to play the Hearts. Should they play over to Dummy and put in the Jack or insert the King? Seems like a plain old guess, doesn't it? But it's not.

Remember, despite the fact that East was the opener, West did make a bid so must have something, but what? It could be either Heart honor but the idea is rather than merely make that a guess, get some more information first. That Spade finesse must be taken at some time so it should be taken before the Hearts are tested. Some Easts switched to Spades at trick three and actually helped the Declarer for they showed him just where that Spade King was. However, he could find this for himself by taking the finesse and losing to West. How does that help? Now he should be able to figure that East has to have the Heart Ace for his opening bid. If he was the one with the Spade King then West might still have the Heart Ace, but now, unless the opponents were really bidding badly, East has to have that Ace. If he has the Queen, too, nothing can be done but at least the Jack must be tried for that is the only card that can be right now. When that Jack forces out the Ace the hand is now over and the contract made.

True, in this hand, because East made the opening bid, more than half did guess the whereabouts of the Heart Ace but only because they felt that East would be more likely to have it than West. Had they taken the Spade finesse first they would have been certain.

Moral: The opening bidder should have at least twelve of the forty points in the deck. Start from there and try to get as much of those points located as possible.



OUR YOUNGER SET: Valaree Rose, 12, left, Pamela Renee, 8, center, and Michelle Leigh Bazarsky, 5, right, are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Bazarsky of Colonial Road, Seekonk, Mass. Their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vilker of York Ave., Pawtucket, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bazarsky of Cranston.

Israeli Editor Discusses Religious, Secular Values

NEW YORK: An Israeli editor and educator, while recognizing the validity of continued debate on religious vs. secular attitudes in Israel and in Jewish life, has called for Jews to exhibit the "moral strength to view Jewish nationality as the 'oneness' of the Jewish people" in order to avoid possibly fatal schisms in Israel.

Zvi Yaron, editor of the Jerusalem publication "Forum," who is also an executive of the Jewish Agency and a teacher at the Hebrew University, warns of the dangers of emotional strife between believers and secularists in a featured article, "Religion in Israel," in the 1976 edition of the American Jewish Year Book, which has just appeared.

The Year Book is published by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America.

The author expresses the belief that religious problems will continue to exist in Israel for the indeterminate future. They exist, he says "because modernity has made for a wholly paradoxical situation in Jewish life — the intensive rise of Jewish nationalism, which has led to the creation of the Jewish state, and the simultaneous erosion of religion."

In his article, the author reviews the many areas of conflict between the Orthodox and non-believers in Israel, and notes that the rabbinate there is preoccupied with conspicuous religion, such as public observance of kashrut, Sabbath observance, and with marriage and divorce. He declares that "with few exceptions, the attitude of the rabbis is one of aloofness from the spiritual upheavals of our time and the encroachments of modern culture on tradition." He notes also that only a handful of the 400 practicing rabbis in Israel are college graduates and points up the unusual fact that "Israel is the only free country with a large Jewish population that has no rabbinical seminary."

Mr. Yaron reviews the history of religious political parties in Israel and though recognizing their right to exist, he reports increasing doubt in Israel as to whether "politicization is conducive to strengthening religious faith. Religious Israelis must raise the question in the context of their faith. Even if they are convinced that religion needs defense against a pervasive secular culture, they must decide whether a political party is the best vehicle for promoting their religious aims."

The author points out that non-believers in Israel, though objecting to aspects of what is termed "religious coercion," nevertheless accept many aspects of national life that are grounded in Jewish religious tradition. This includes the almost universal observance of certain religious holidays and the national commitment to public education that includes an emphasis on Jewish consciousness.

Temple Notes

Kallah Weekend

Temple Emanu-El's Kallah Weekend is set for next week, and a few openings are left for reservations for the first 35 families responding. Participants will share together many activities.

On Sunday, January 18, workshops will offer to teach skills such as singing, dancing, making Tallitot, challot, stained glass, Havdalah candles, puppets, and other skills.

On Friday, January 23, they will join for a Kabballat Shabbat Service, eat a traditional Shabbat meal, followed by birkat ha-mazon and zemirot. The evening will culminate with games of charades, and Hebrew and Yiddish singing.

On Saturday, January 24, following a breakfast will be a Shabbat morning service. In the afternoon, a Kiddush meal will be served followed by a program of studying texts; listening to poetry readings, walking and talking together, Mincah Maariv and Havdalah Services. A hot dinner will be followed by singing and dancing for all, capping off the weekend. For more information on the Kallah Weekend, contact Temple Emanuel-El.

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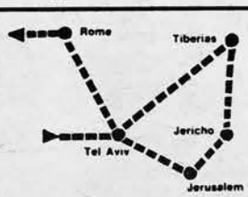

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PRESENTING A CHECK to Max Alperin, president of the Jewish Home for the Aged, is Dr. Marshall K. Bornstein, chairman of the board of the Touro Fraternal Association. Also on hand were Charles Coken, Secretary of the Association, Joseph Galkin, the Home's Building Fund Campaign Consultant, and Nathan Lury, President of the Association. The donation, on behalf of all the members of the Association, was presented because "We feel the Jewish Home for the Aged is important in one way or another to Touro, each of our members and to the community as a whole. We feel an obligation to be a part of it," said Dr. Bornstein.

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The reason for the stress on objectivity in the Jewish setting for Jewish learning is simple. In a situation in which everyone is Jewish, Jewish learning is self-validating. The reason it is important is self-evident. And, it follows, advocacy is deemed irrelevant and compromising. And indeed it is, since pretty much everyone, students and professors alike, agree on pretty much everything anyhow. To be sure, this stifling agreement leaves room for heated disagreements on trivialities. Petty and inconsequential differences of opinion, expressed with ill-will and rancor, characterized thought in the Jewish community of learning.

But the university is a quite new setting, and its imperatives are only becoming clear. With the increment of experience, the newer generation of professors of "Jewish studies" both in their ethnic and in their disciplinary form are learning something about their new situation and its potentialities. What are some of these lessons?

The university is discovered to be an essentially assimilatory agency, deliberately intending to obscure differences of origin and culture and to impose a single standard of thought, reason and logic, upon all analysis and all data. There is no ethnic physics. Courses taught specifically for Jewish students on the subject of Judaism by a Jew are equally incongruous with the university setting. To be sure, in the beginning university teaching in Judaism, as in other religions, undertook a proselytizing task *vis a' vis* the Jewish students, and the classroom was a dandy place for preaching. But the people who did the preaching generally were pulpit rabbis who had discovered a new theater. Longer experience, of people whose primary commitment is to their work as university teachers, has shown that another sort of teaching, therefore of attitude toward oneself as a teacher and as a scholar, is called for.

Diminished Involvement

The inestimable sociologist, Marshall Sklare, has already stated the assimilationist traits of universities so far as they affect the personal and social commitments of Jewish professors in general, and I quote *America's Jews*, (N.Y., 1971), p. 68:

The problem of maintaining a Jewish identity among academicians comes not so much from the possibility of a sudden rejection of that identity but rather from a diminished involvement in the commitment to the Jewish community. Gradually such commitment becomes less meaningful than commitment to one's profession and to the academic community. In the end commitment to the Jewish community may come to be replaced by commitment to the academic community, and to the value that the academic community places on universalism over particularism...

Sklare illustrates his fine insight by reference in intermarriage among college students and professors. But there is another point of relevance, and that is, to the intellect. Let me now rephrase his observation:

The problem of maintaining Jewish studies as an ethnic field, validated entirely in terms of the prior ethnic affirmations of professors and students, comes not so much from the possibility of a sudden rejection of that approach but rather from a diminished involvement in the commitment to the social sources of its self-validation. Gradually Jewish studies as an ethnic field intended to strengthen the Jewish loyalty of the students and help them find meaning in being Jewish becomes less meaningful than commitment to the disciplines of the university approaches to learning and to the values of the academic community. In the end commitment to the values of the Jewish community may come to be replaced by commitment to the values of a academic community, in particular to the value that the academic community places on universalism over particularism.

I think the matter is clear and requires little elaboration.

In *The Christian Scholar in the Age of the Reformation* (N.Y., 1956, p. vi) E. Harris Harbison states very bluntly: "The Protestant Reformation began in a scholar's insight into the meaning of Scripture. It was to a large extent a learned movement, a thing of professors and students, a scholars' revolution..." I have already suggested that the dominant movements in Modern Judaism, Otrthodoxy, Reform, and Zionism, all begin among scholars, students, university people and their friends, journalists, novelists, and are a thing of men and women of the mind. The most vigorous and interesting things happening in Jewish life today remain the things which happen in peoples' minds, particularly, the minds of smart people. And the center of the Jewish learned world is now at least as much in secular universities as it is come—has moved to the secular campus, and the secular campus lives by values which, on the face of it, are hostile to the conduct of Jewish intellectual life in its old ways.

(Let me digress to observe that matters did not have to develop in such a way that the Jewish community should have little access to the university study of Judaism. But when the development was in its nascent stages, and for the most part even now, Jewry did virtually nothing to place in its debt, therefore in its service, those who would carry on the work of learning on the campus. And it still does nothing; its contributions in this area, with noteworthy exceptions, are derisive. If scholars of Jewish subjects in universities have been asked to resist the blandishments of friends off the campus, have had to resist the attractions of support in exchange for something, no one has heard about it. We all have our price, I suppose, but no one has even asked us How much?)

How to Grow

That seems to me an interesting dilemma—for the Jewish community but not for the university. For scholars and students in the university, however, there remains an equivalent problem: not how to accomodate unchanged to an essentially assimilatory setting, but how to assimilate to the setting; not how to avoid taking seriously the places in which we make our livings and our lives, but how to learn what is to be learned, to grow in depth and perception thereby. The issue of our changing into something we were not is not troubling but exciting. Growth, change, challenge—these are the wherewithal of life. What I want to know is not whether, but how and in what ways I change and flourish in response to this new and unprecedented setting.

To phrase the question in simple terms: what are the models for university learning which are relevant to our situation as particular people in a universal and open society? Having stated the question in these terms, I have of course phrased the issue which has faced American Jews from the beginnings of the present community, at the end of the nineteenth century, and continues to confront them.

For just as we in universities are Jews in an undifferentiated and attractive world, so Jews in the open society of America have to find the measure of their lives in an un-

This is where New England's nuclear age began in November, 1960.

in Jewish institutions of Jewish learning. In numbers, considerably more scholars—that is, people employed full-time in careers devoted to teaching and learning—are employed by universities than by Jewish seminaries, yeshivas, teachers' colleges, and the like.

And there is yet a third consideration demanding inquiry, beside the two facts that, first, what is happening in Jewish life happens among the learned people, not among the rich (who tag along afterward and make things prohibitively expensive so they may take over), and that, second, where things are happening is in the university. This third consideration is that the university is essentially an assimilatory agency, as Sklare says. It values stress universalism over particularism. And the Jews seem so particular and inward-turning. To state matters most simply: the action in Jewish intellectual life—from which whatever vitality and vigor the Jews will have must differentiated and attractive society. What place for difference? What justification? Above all, what meaning and to what end?

Such theory as we may develop to make sense of our situation in universities, in a paradoxical way, is apt to provide a theory for the situation of Jewry as a whole. But this is with its precedent. It was in universities that the young Jews of the late nineteenth century discovered the meaning of Europe: its implacable hostility, its rejection, its ultimately murderous plans for the Jews. That is why Herzl found his earliest constituency among the students. And, in an earlier period, it was in universities that young Jews discoverd the opening society, the society of culture and philosophy, in which they would find a place. That is why the foundations of Reform Judaism were laid by scholars and in terms of the learned apprehension and assessment of the Jewish past.

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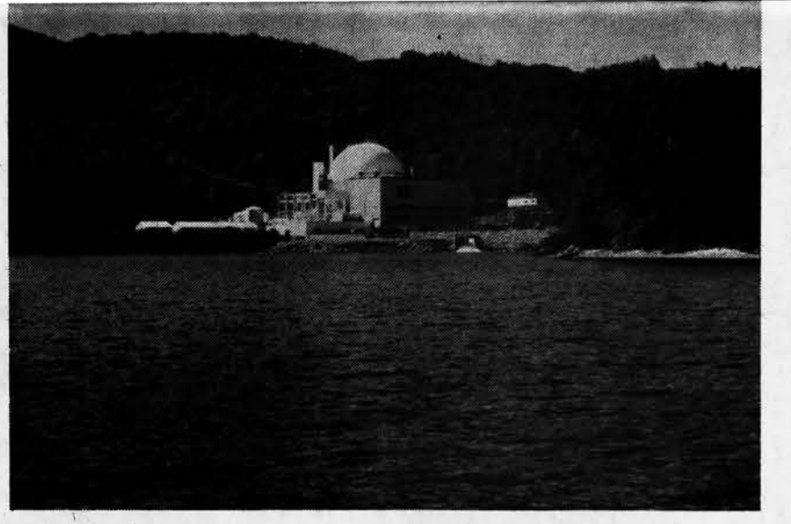

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Population Shifting

NEW YORK: The Jewish population of the greater New York area declined by 383,000 between 1962 and 1970-71, while the same period witnessed a substantial movement of Jews from the city to the suburbs, the American Jewish Committee has reported.

In addition, the proportion of children under five years of age in the over-all figure of 1,998,000 who live in the greater New York area also declined.

The figures are revealed in the 1976 edition of the committee's Jewish Year Book, published jointly with the Jewish Publication Society of America. The editors are Morris Fine and Milton Himmelfarb, with Martha Jelenko as the executive editor.

Low Birth Rate

The Jewish population in the United States has been estimated at 5,800,000. Jewish religious and secular leaders have expressed concern over the low birth rate among Jews—lower than any other group. Statistical evidence for such a conclusion is incomplete.

However, sociologists have indicated that the decline can be atributed in large part to Jewish fear over exploding populations the world over, economic conditions, and young Jewish couples' desire for small families.

Suburbs Larger

The movement to the suburbs has resulted in the Nassau-Suffolk area having a Jewish population of 605,000, larger than that of any borough in the city, Fred Massarik, director of the study said. The report had been based on the Jewish population study conducted under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds.

Brooklyn's Jewish population is now listed at 514,000; Queens 379,000; Manhattan 171,000; the Bronx 143,000, and Staten Island, 21,000. Westchester County has 165,000 Jews.

The study discloses that in New York City proper there was a loss of 608,000, while there was a gain of 191,000 in Nassau and Suffolk Counties and 34,000 in Westchester County.

The proportion of gainfully employed Jewish men and women is highest in Nassau-Suffolk and Westchester Counties, the article says, followed by Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx.

As to the percentage of women in the labor force, the highest figure is again found in Nassau-Suffolk.

MARCHED IN CHAINS

TUNIS (ZINS): Members of the Tunisian national basketball team reported on their return from Libya they were arrested and marched through the streets of Tripoli with signs around their necks because they ate in daylight hours during the Islamic fast month of Ramadan. The athletes were manacled during the march. While the traditional austerity measures of Ramadan are strictly enforced in Libya, Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba has urged his countrymen to abandon the fast "as a custom which does damage to the social harmony of a modern state." The Tunisian athletes have sworn never again to visit Libya.

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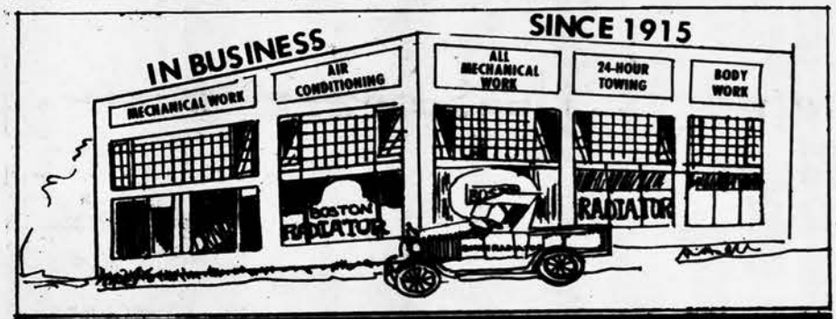

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ENGAGED: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weintraub of Kenmore Street, Cranston, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Reba Lee Weintraub of Baltimore, Maryland, to Barry Frank Novich of Rockville, Md. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Novich of N. Pearson Drive, Warwick. Miss Weintraub is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, and presently attends the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning to obtain a Master of Social Work degree. Mr. Novich is a graduate of Northeastern University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He is currently employed at Bechtel Power Corporation in the Washington office. The couple plan a July 11 wedding.

Mall To Have It's Own Man

Warwick Mall and the Warwick Mall Merchants Association have announced that they have awarded a contract to Douglas Corsini of Sculpture House Limited to execute a full-size replica of Rhode Island's Independent Man to be permanently installed in the center interior of Warwick Mall.

The idea for the project was spawned by "the overwhelming interest shown by the thousands of people from all over Rhode Island, both adults and school children, who have viewed this great statue and were inspired by it. It occurred to us that when the Independent Man is soon returned to the Capitol dome, it may well be almost another century before the people of our State will again have a close personal view of it. This full-size fourteen foot replica will make it possible for the people of Rhode Island to view an almost identical likeness of the Rhode Island Independent Man whenever they desire," a Mall official said.

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On Sunday, January 18, at the Jewish Community Center the stage will come alive with a gigantic magic show, complete with illusions, live animals, and comedy. Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women have brought back for a return engagement the magic of Bruce with his assistant Zippy. This youthful professional has been performing for eleven years on television, in theatres, at magic conventions, and has been featured in articles in both newspapers and magazines. Zippy, his assistant has studied dance, mime, and theatre arts.

Bruce will feature, for the first time in Rhode Island, the "Zigzag Illusion" currently being performed on television and Broadway by other notables in the field of magic. The show has appeal for all ages and will engage audience participation. There will be two performances at 1:00 and 3:30 P.M. Tickets will be sold at the door. Last year was a sell out; therefore it is suggested that ticket reservations be made in advance by calling 434-2754.

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Rabin Sees "Stalemate" In UN Moves

JERUSALEM: The United Nations Security Council would "stalemate" Mideast peace moves if it tried to take over Arab-Israeli negotiations, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has warned. He urged the United States to block any such development.

In a speech to the World Zionist General Council meeting here, Mr. Rabin hinted that the outcome of next week's Security Council debate could cause renewed warfare.

"Serious developments might result" from the debate, Mr. Rabin said, adding that Israel had "sufficient military strength to provide it with room for political maneuver, but possibly we will have to give expression to this sooner than many think."

This was seen as a delicate way of saying Israel would fight rather than accept undesirable political developments.

Earlier, the Israeli Cabinet adopted a statement written by Mr. Rabin urging Washington to block any attempt to transfer Mideast peace efforts into the hands of the Security Council at its debate Jan. 12.

A Cabinet communique indicated the United States had given Israel assurances to this effect during negotiations with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger for the Israeli-Egyptian interim agreement last August.

The Cabinet did not specifically claim United States promises to veto changes in United Nations resolution 242 and 338, the cornerstones of all Arab-Israel peace efforts so far, since the understandings reached in August were not for publication. However, Israeli officials say the assurances exist.

The Cabinet again ruled out any negotiation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and said it would boycott the Council debate if the P.L.O. attended it.

"The Israeli Government expresses its faith that the United States Government will apply these understandings" reached with Mr. Kissinger, "and will oppose any resolution" by the Council "that contradicts these understandings," the communique said.

The Cabinet met on the eve of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's departure for Washington where, Israeli officials say, he will discuss methods of blocking anti-Israeli developments at the Council meeting.

The communique spoke of "the urgent need to advance efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace," and said Israel was ready for unconditional talks with any of its Arab neighbors "for the conclusion of peace treaties."

It also urged that the Geneva Mideast peace conference, suspended since December 1973, be renewed, but without the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Arts

Medieval Music

The Providence Recorder Society will present an afternoon of music including French and Italian love songs of the 14th century, and musical offerings of the 16th and 17th century. The program will be presented in the Meeting Hall of the Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St., Providence, on Sunday, January 18, at 4 p.m. It will feature Charles Fassett, tenor; Alison Fowle, viola da gamba, rebec; Marcelle Gareau, recorders, krumhorn; Glenn Giuttari, harpsichord, percussion psaltery; Dov Jaron, recorders, krumhorn, viola da gamba; Deborah Robin, recorders, krumhorn; and Ilse Schaler, recorders, krumhorn, program coordinator.

Herald ads bring results.

ENGAGED: Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Camhi of Flushing, New York, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marlene Camhi, to Leonard Martin Rubin of New York City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rubin of Sprague Avenue, Warwick. Miss Camhi received a B.A. degree in Communication Arts and Sciences and Education from Queens College and an M.A. degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Hofstra University. Mr. Rubin received his A.B. from Brown University and M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Finance. He is a Senior Financial Analyst with the Exxon Corporation in New York City. A July wedding is planned.

Society

Miss Gentile Engaged

Mrs. Herman A. Gentile of Cranston has announced the engagement of her daughter, Susan Lynn Gentile, to Gerald L. Lerman of Brookline, Mass. Miss Gentile is also the daughter of the late Dr. Herman Gentile. Mr. Lerman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Lerman of Braintree, Mass.

Miss Gentile attended the University of Rhode Island, and Mr. Lerman is a graduate of the College of Pharmacy and Applied Health Sciences at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. The couple plan a June 6 wedding.

Son for Zeidmans

Troy Edward Zeidman

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zeidman of Greenville, R.I., have announced the birth of a son, Troy Edward Zeidman, born on November 25, at Kent County Hospital. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Zeidman, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. Lackey.

Fourth Child Born

Dr. and Mrs. Robert N. Smith of Martha Circle in Barrington have announced the birth of their fourth child, a daughter, Danielle Renee Smith, born on December 15. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bertram U. Weinberg of South Orange, New Jersey. Paternal grandparents are Cantor and Mrs. Jacob Smith of Cranston.

Mr. Gladstone to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon V. Zitter, of Hyde Park, Massachusetts, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kim Susan Zitter of Brookline, Mass., to Alan B. Gladstone of Chestnut Hill, Mass. Mr. Gladstone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gladstone of Beachmont Avenue, Cranston. Miss Zitter is a graduate of the Bay State Junior College of Business. Mr. Gladstone is a graduate of Northeastern University. The couple plan to marry on October 23.

Engineering Degree

Mrs. Cheryl Zimmerman of Marlboro, Mass., formerly of Providence, has graduated from the University of Hartford magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. She is a member of Kappa Nu Engineering honor society. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller of Providence and her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shore and Mrs. Charles Miller of Providence.

PROPAGANDA POWER

NEW YORK (ZINS): Soviet Russia was the first to capitalize on the U.N. anti-Zionist resolution. The Soviet delegation in the U.N. lampooned American Jews as "Zionist Racists." Political observers believe that the Soviet attack on American Jews is a signal for a new anti-Semitic propaganda line which Moscow will let loose in Russia as well as in other foreign countries. Moscow will contend that her action is based on the U. N. resolution, which "legitimized" anti-Semitic propaganda through the camouflage of "Zionist racism."

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Q: What good quality stocks would you recommend with the objective of maximum price appreciation by 1985? R.B.C.

A: Without doubt, the high-quality companies will continue to show maximum growth over a long time span such as by 1985. Although the top-tier growth stocks have not been above-average market performers during the past year, their strong consistent earnings records should restore their premium price-earnings multiples. Avoid the fad stocks that soar temporarily and then collapse, perhaps permanently. Remember Winnebago and Levitz Furniture?

On the other hand, conditions could change along the way. So you must keep a close watch over every investment to make sure the fundamentals have not taken a negative turn. With this warning, I shall mention a few companies of established quality that have continued growth appeal for many years to come: Abbott Laboratories in the health care industry; Dow Chemical for participation in the chemical field; Eastman Kodak which leads the photography parade but has other potential growth areas; IBM, still the computer king and now has eased anti-trust pressures, and Ralston Purina with diversified food-related interests. These stocks are not only strong growers but comprise a well-diversified portfolio along industry lines.

Q: I will be 65 in May and have no pension other than Social Security. But I intend to work another five or ten years. Am I eligible for the tax-sheltered Individual Retirement Account the banks are advertising up to $1,500 per year? My income after I am 65 will be $6,000-$8,000. L.T.P.

A: Yes, you may start an IRA (Individual Retirement Account) since you are not a participant in any other qualified retirement program. You must, however, begin reclaiming any funds built up in an IRA by the time you reach 70½. Several disbursement options are available, including an annuity form.

The attractiveness of the tax-sheltered feature seems marginal in your case both because you can shelter relatively little money each year and because of the small number of years you have to build such a retirement fund. The maximum amount that may be so sheltered is the lower of 15% of earned income or $1,500—in your case $900-$1,200 per year. The tax savings in your relatively low bracket would be modest. Then, too, check your state tax laws. Some states, such as Massachusetts, do not exempt IRA principal or accrued interest from state income taxes.

DIVERSIFY YOUR PORTFOLIO

Q: I have 1,500 shares Coca-Cola Bottling and 1,000 shares of Union Electric. Should I purchase another 1,000 shares of Union Electric at 12½? S.H.K.

A: Don't buy another 1,000 shares of Union Electric. Consider a holding in a different industry. Your present holding of Union Electric, however, may be retained on the basis of its liberal dividend yield. The $1.28 dividend rate seems sustainable, but the company has been unable to raise it for four years. In view of its heavy future financing requirements and unsympathetic regulatory environment, the outlook is poor for future dividend increases. Earnings for this year should continue on a recovery track. Hold Coca-Cola Bottling of New York for potential price appreciation.

Unless you hold other stocks you failed to mention, you are too heavily concentrated in these two issues. You should diversify your portfolio by adding a stock in a different industry as well as one with a higher probability of dividend increases in future years. Instead of Union Electric, buy United Telecommunications. It owns the second largest independent telephone system. It has a much better record of dividend boosts, yet it still offers almost 8% return.

O-: Will Gulf Oil stock ever go up? I bought 100 shares at $25 and don't want to lose any at my age of 81. G.A.M.

A: Gulf Oil seems to be oversold because the profitability of its former international crude oil operations has been threatened. I feel that Gulf may be able to shift its emphasis toward marketing, thereby creating turnaround potential. Meanwhile, the well-covered dividend provides a secure yield of over 8%, based on its recent market price. Hold Gulf.

GO-GO FUNDS HAVE BEEN MORE DOWN THAN UP

Q: I purchased 1687 shares Keystone S-4 and 1803 shares Keystone Polaris Funds in 1969-70. They have paid no dividends save one small dividend the first year. There would be a large loss if I cash them in. Should I recover what I can? Also, Keystone takes a $2.00 service charge each year from the S-4 Fund. J.M.C.

A: You have every right to be discouraged with the performance of your holdings of Keystones S-4 and Polaris. Both these funds have failed to match the progress of either the Open-End Fund Average of the S&P 500 since 1969 with the exception of the first 11 months of 1975 (latest available data) when both slightly bettered the 30% gain in the Open-End Fund Average and just about equaled the S&P 500's 38% surge.

Their poor performance during bear market periods is characteristic of speculative funds. Their portfolios are remarkably similar in makeup. The holdings in each range from a few top-quality companies sprinkled among a preponderance of lesser-known growth companies and some decidedly speculative ones. Such portfolios tend to take wider swings than blue chip-type portfolios. Since these funds simply haven't rebounded well beyond the averages during 1975, your chances of recouping your losses appear better elsewhere. Switch both.

As for the $2 service charge, Keystone Custodian Funds deducts $2 per year from the whole account (not $2 per share) on open accounts only. This means that a total of $2 is deducted from your account if you do not keep all your certificates yourself. You can avoid this charge by requesting that all your shares be issued to you in certificate form. The service charge applies to all Keystone funds but is deducted against only one account per shareholder, so if you hold several Keystone Funds, you still pay but $2 per year.

To participate in the future growth of the economy, I recommend replacing your two funds with two no-load mutual funds with better track records over the past several years, Babson Investment and Price Growth Funds. These funds both have portfolios composed of high-quality companies and both have achieved above average performances for the past 10½ years. These funds must be purchased directly from the funds themselves. Write to Babson (David L.) Investment Fund at 301 W. 11th St., Kansas City, MO 64105. Price Growth Stock Fund's address is One Charles Center, Baltimore, MD 21201.

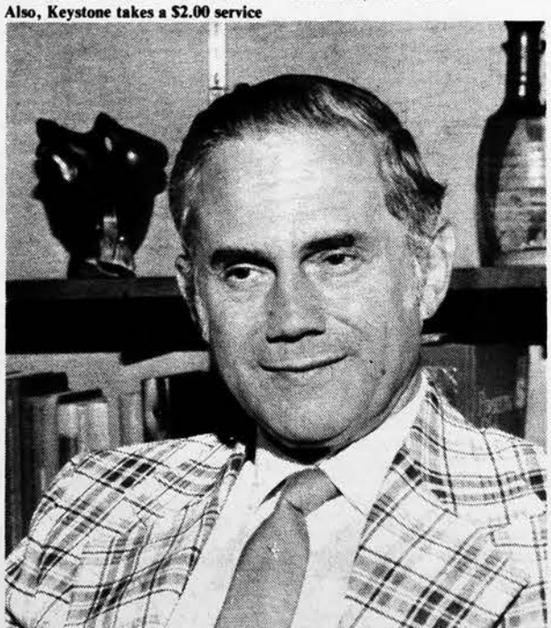
Notices

Semantics of Self

The semantics of self will be explored semiologically, a new concept of how and why, and how our gestures, conduct and dress affect our personal advancement with administrators and employers at the List Art Building at Brown University on Sunday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. The program is presented by Barbara Anne Sunderland and is open to the public.

UFO Discussion

The Providence Chapter of Parents Without Partners will feature a discussion on "UFO-We Are Not Alone," at its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 15 at 8:30 p.m. at the Prudential Building in Garden City, Cranston. Guest speaker will be Warren Deitzel, Chairman of the National Investigative Sub-Committee on Aerial Phenomena.



BETH EL SPEAKER at tonight's Sabbath Worship service will be Dr. Stanley H. Cath, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Cath will speak on "The New Religious Cults and our Kids." He has done research on the psychological dynamics of groups such as the Hari Krishna and Rev. Moon's Unification Church and offers a unique perspective on their attraction to so many young people.

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More use of the label would save millions of tax dollars in processing costs in addition to expediting refunds.

It costs 12 cents for the IRS to process an individual return in a Service Center without the name label and three cents with it, making an estimated saving of about nine cents a return.

The IRS also assured taxpayers that the label data pertains only to information required for speedy and accurate computer processing.

Explaining the data codes, the IRS said the two letters at the left of the first line are alpha check digits with which a computer can verify the Social Security Number for correctness. The letter D and two numerals following the second or spouse's Social Security Number indicates the District Office involved.

The next numeral, 1-2-3 or 4, indicates the type of tax package sent. Some taxpayers, based on a previous year returns, require more schedules than others. As an example package 1 would contain two copies of a Form 1040 and schedules A and B. A figure 2 would indicate the same type form with schedules A-B-C-D-E-R, etc...

Three asterisks on the bottom line next to the zip code advise postal personnel of a different zip coded area for delivery. If a number symbol (#) is on a label it pertains to a revenue sharing code.

IRS is explaining the label details because some taxpayers have been unduly suspicious the various codes indicate the necessity for IRS action. Not so. If taxpayers wish to save the government, and indirectly themselves, a lot of money they should use the label.

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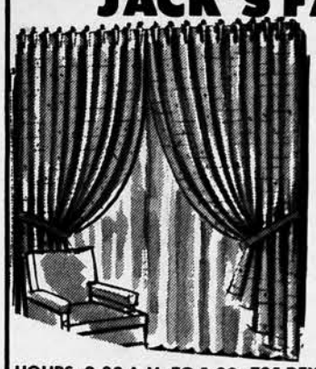
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MEXICO CITY: Mexican President Luis Echeverria Alvarez says he would "rather die" than ask forgiveness for Mexico's anti-Zionist vote in the United Nations.

He said no one could confuse a courteous explanation of the Mexican vote supporting a United Nations resolution condemning Zionism with an appeal for forgiveness.

"Any Mexican would rather die than ask forgiveness, starting with the President of the Republic," Echeverria said at the closing session of the Mexican Congress yesterday.

His remarks, which departed from his prepared text, received a standing ovation.

The President was apparently referring to the trip by the former foreign minister, Emilio O. Rabasa, to Israel during which Mr. Rabasa was quoted as having said that the misunderstanding over Mexico's support for the resolution had been "forgiven."

Mr. Rabasa, who resigned, was sharply criticized by the Mexican press for the statement, which he said had been taken out of context.

His trip to Israel was an attempt to mend relations with Israel—and with the world's Jewish population in general—after the Nov. 10 United Nations vote. Mexican support of the resolution prompted a tourism boycott by Jews that has cut deeply into a major source of Mexican income.

By terming Mr. Rabasa's mission to Israel a "courteous explanation," Mr. Echeverria appeared to defend the former minister.

Mr. Rabasa gave no reason for stepping down, saying only he was "painfully obliged" to resign.

He has been replaced by Alfonso Garcia Robles, a career diplomat who has headed Mexico's delegation to the United Nations since 1971.

Some political observers saw the Cabinet change as an effort to end the Jewish boycott by demonstrating a change at the top of the Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Echeverria's appearance in Congress marked the first time a chief executive has attended the closing session.

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By: Conrad Wilkes, C.L.U.

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The plan must be documented and communicated to employees but that is easy to accomplish. Such a plan might result in substantial savings to you by way of reduced income taxes and that money could be used to buy Israel Bonds, pay GJC pledges or help with those college expenses.

Next month some more ideas and suggestions to cut your tax bill and shelter income from the New England Financial Group.

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Israel Holiday Traffic Is The Best In Years

BOSTON: Israel had its best Christmas season in years with more than 25,000 visitors arriving in a flood of traffic that promised to push the country's tourist total for the year past the 600,000 mark.

The volume was 50% higher than the same time in 1974 and most major hotels in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa reported holiday occupancies of 90% or better.

El Al put on 81 extra sections to handle added Christmas traffic, which was 40% higher than the previous year.

The boom spilled into January with bookings 30% ahead of January 1975, it was announced in Boston by Moshe Eilat, El Al's District Manager in New England. Both Hertz and Avis reported that their entire fleets were rented for the holiday period up to January 3. Some of the 350 groups touring Israel for the season came from as far away as Argentina and Japan.

Despite the spate of new hotels that opened during the last year or so, Yuletide accommodations were at a premium for the first time since 1971. The Tel Aviv Hilton, Israel's largest hotel with 620 rooms, was sold out for most of Christmas week, and the New Jerusalem Hilton was packed until January 3. Another new Jerusalem property, the 414-room Plaza, recently taken over by CP Hotels, was hovering between 95% and 100% occupancy till January 6.

Many Israeli resort areas were also enjoying a good holiday season, with the most successful destination being Eilat on the Red Sea. The Sea of Galilee and Dead Sea vacation areas were running close behind.

The year-end bonanza gave a much-needed uplift to the Israeli trade, which had been unsure how the winter would work out.

Mr. Eilat said "it looks like the tide has turned, we're back in business." He ascribed the sudden pickup to a number of factors, including the improving economic situation in the US, the relative quiet in recent months on the military front and low winter air fares.

One million tourists to Israel is the goal for 1976, Tourism Minister Kol declared last week. But he told a press conference that "we will not achieve this goal without doubling tourism from the United States."

Kol said that this year, in which Israel expects to register a total of 610,000 visitors, tourism was up from all other parts of the world but was down from the U. S. There were only 200,000 visitors from the U. S. in 1975, Kol said.

He noted that the peak year for American tourists was 1972 when 280,000 visited Israel. However, Kol, who has visited 10 American cities to meet with travel agents, said that since the "shameful" anti-Israel resolutions were adopted by the UN there has been a tremendous response by American Jews in deciding to visit Israel.

Teacher Conference Set for January 18

The Educators' Council of the Bureau of Jewish Education has announced its Mid-Winter Pedagogic Conference for all teachers in the Religious Schools of the State, to be held on Sunday, January 18 at Temple Beth Torah, Cranston, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Nathaniel Entin

The theme of the Conference is "Audio-Visual Techniques for Effective Teaching", and the guest speaker and workshop leader will be Dr. Nathaniel A. Entin. Dr. Entin, one of the leading educators in the United States, is Director of the Audio-Visual Media Department and assistant professor of education at Gratz College in Philadelphia. He is a graduate of the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and earned his Doctor of Education degree from Dropsie University.

The Conference is the third in a series this school year, devoted to practical methods in teaching the various subject areas in the curriculum of the Jewish School. The two previous conferences were devoted to The Teaching of Prayer and the Teaching of Jewish Values.

Teachers who attend the conferences become eligible for Certification in the Bureau's Teacher Certification program.

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P. C. President Series Speaker At Emanu-El

On Friday evening, January 16, Temple Emanu-El will present the fourth speaker of its Shabbat Evening Presidents Series, the Very Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, President of Providence College. Father Peterson will speak to the congregation immediately following Shabbat services which begin promptly at 8:10 p.m. and are held in the Main Sanctuary.

A New Jersey native, Father Peterson received his Bachelor's Degree from P. C., his Licentiate and Lectorate in Sacred Theology from the Dominican House of Studies and his Ph.D. from Aquinas Institute of Philosophy. He was ordained to the priesthood in the Dominican Order in 1956, and holds two Honorary Degrees from Mount Saint Joseph College and Our Lady of Providence Seminary College.

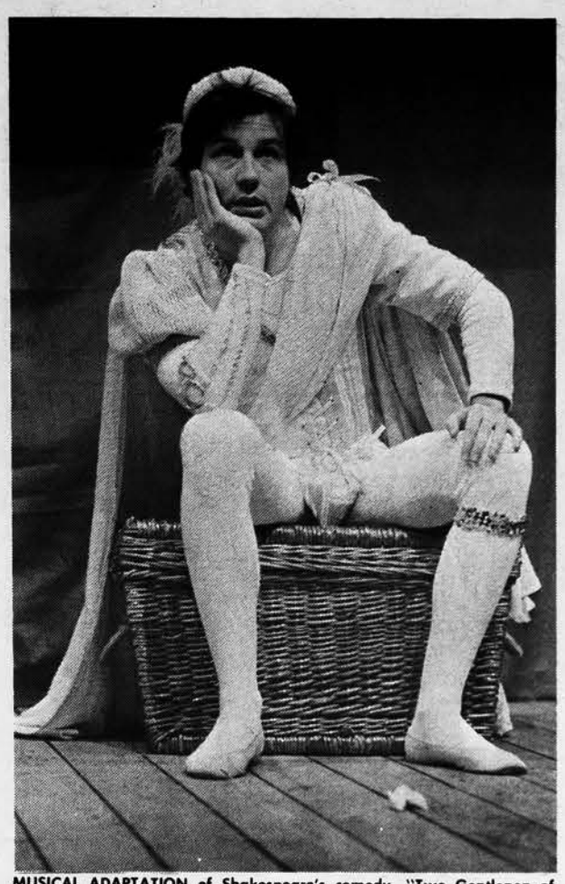
At Providence College, Father Peterson has been a member of the Philosophy Department, Assistant Dean of the College, and Dean of the College before assuming its Presidency in 1971. He has done graduate work in Academic Administration at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, and Loyola University in Chicago.

Reverend Thomas R. Peterson

Father Peterson serves on the boards and as an officer for numerous civic, education, and business as well as religious organizations, including the Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America, Board of Directors of the Meeting Street School, Board of Directors of Columbus National Bank and the Governor's Commission to Review the Rhode Island Scholarship Program. He serves currently also as vice-chairman with Dr. Newman of URI of the United Way Campaign for Universities and Colleges.

The United States Army bestowed its highest civilian award, the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, upon Father Peterson in 1974.

The community is invited to Shabbat services and to the lecture which will follow in the Meeting House. A Kiddush will follow.



MUSICAL ADAPTATION of Shakespeare's comedy, "Two Gentlenen of Verona," which began with the New Year in the Trinity Square Repertory Company's upstairs theatre, finds Robert Black waiting impatiently. "The Little Foxes," by Lillian Hellman continues in the downstairs playhouse through January.

Two Jazzed-Up Gentlemen At Trinity Square

By Lois Atwood

Trinity Square Repertory Company presents *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, by William Shakespeare, in the New York Shakespeare Festival adaptation by John Guare and Mel Shapiro, somewhat altered by Trinity. Songs and music are by Guare, Galt MacDermot, Robert Black, William Damkoehler, Vern Graham, Richard Cumming, and Queen Elizabeth I. Scenery design is by Eugene Lee, costume design by James Berton Harris, lighting by Mark Rippe, properties by Sandra Nathanson, musical direction Richard Cumming, and direction and choreography by Word Baker.

Members of the company are Robert Black, Robert J. Colonna, Timothy Crowe, William Damkoehler, Lane Davies, Timothy Donahue, Kirk Feather, John D. Garrick, Kathy Giebler, Brad Gott-Lin, Vern Graham, Tom Griffin, Ed Hall, Richard Jenkens, Melanie Jones, Howard London, Mina Manente, George Martin, Derek Meader, Robert Mingus, Julie Miterko, Nancy Nichols, Barbara Orson, William Sadler, Margo Skinner, Cynthia Strickland, Bonnie Strickman, Daniel Von Bargen, and Rose Weaver (the listing includes musicians and back-stage personnel as well as actors).

Trinity's fourth production is lively and entertaining. The comedy has a plot line that suggests that Shakespeare wanted to use everything he had in stock, and that is pretty much what the music is like. The entire cast is dressed in white, accented with either silver or gold, and plays against a handsome set, a two-story columned building prefaced with a courtyard and hidden at need behind an enormous patchwork curtain. The upstairs theater is ringed with open arches just above a story-high runway that is also a playing area, and the musicians use a corner of the courtyard.

The two gentlemen of Verona are Valentine and Proteus, who go off to the big city of Milan. Proteus leaves behind his beloved Julia — and soon joins his friend in adoration of the duke's daughter Silvia. Julia gets lonesome alone, so she and her waiting woman Lucetta dress in men's clothes and head for Milan. There Proteus hires them, Julia becoming his go-between with Silvia. (Proteus probably doesn't recognize her because the male costume given to Julia, one of the two heroines, is unbecoming, looks wrong, and should have been wished on a minor character if it had to be used.)

The lovesick gentlemen are ably played by Black and Damkoehler, the duke by Jenkins, delicious Julia by Melanie Jones, and Silvia by Rose Weaver, who in *Another Part of the Forst* and now in *Two Gentlemen* has chance to display her considerable abilities and charm. With Colonna's and Martin's excellent clowning, very good production numbers, and a general feeling of gaiety and light, the play may be a jazzed-up version that old William wouldn't quite recognize, but probably most of the audience liked it a lot more than his original. If five or six songs were shortened or removed (even that sung beautifully by Barbara Orson could be abbreviated, because of its placement in Act II), the evening would go much more briskly. Chalk another success up to the company with this one, and let's hope Trinity will continue to show us what a professional company can do with material that would be disastrous in the hands of a less talented group.

The Arts

Watercolor Exhibition

The Boston Watercolor Society will present an exhibition of member's work at the Providence Water Color Club Gallery, 6 Thomas Street, from January 11 through 31. The opening public reception will be held Sunday, January 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12:30 through 3:30 p.m. and Sundays other than opening date from 3 to 5 p.m.

Philharmonic Concert

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra will present its first concert of 1976 on Saturday, January 31 at 8:30 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Francis Madeira will conduct and Gov. Philip W. Noel will appear as narrator. He will narrate "A Lincoln Address" by Vincent Persichetti. The work is a setting of portions of Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, and was commissioned in 1972 for the inauguration of Richard Nixon. However, the Inaugural Committee, at the insistance of the President, deleted the piece from the program because of the conciliatory, anti-war nature of some of Lincoln's remarks. The notoriety that resulted caused a furor and the piece has since been performed by many orchestras throughout the country. The concert will also include works by Schubert, John Knowles Paine, and Richard Peaslee.

Film Classics

The annual Gordon School Film Festival will feature *Kind Hearts & Coronets* with Alec Guiness on January 22, *The General* with Buster Keaton on February 5, and *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* with Basil Rathbone on February 19. The purpose of the series is to offer appealing movies suitable for students as well as adult fans. Co-chairmen are Mrs. Ronald Beckman and Lee DeJasu. Call the Gordon School at 434-3833 for further information.

New Newport Shows

Four new shows will open at the Art Association of Newport with a reception on January 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibits will run through February 1. They include The Rhode Island Association of Craftsmen, a juried exhibition in the Main Gallery, a selection of Navajo rugs from 1860-1895 in the Wright Gallery, and Illustrations by Richard Carbotti. In the Drury Gallery, Architectural Models of Newport Houses, done by students of architecture at St. George's School will be on display. The Art Association is open to the public Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday and holidays 2 to 5 p.m.

Revue at Marriott

The *Kico and Jeanette Revue*, is performing at the Providence Marriott In through January 17. Songstress Jeanette Colin has performed from Florida to Las Vegas, and singer and dancer Kico Ferrari comes from Columbia, South America. The show also includes five musicians.

Batik Display

A special display of batik paintings by Marie K. Bloom (Neshumeleh) is on exhibition at Eastbourne Gallery, 250 Thames Street in Newport, from January 10 through 31. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 9:30 p.m. On Saturday, they are from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9:30 p.m. A reception will be held on January 10 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Collective Show

A show of *Joe's Around Town* employees will be held at What Cheer Arts Gallery, 128 North Main Street, 4th floor, from January 19 through 24. The show includes paintings, sculpture, ceramics, glass, jewelry and graphics. The opening will be Monday, January 19 from 8 to 10 p.m. and Gallery hours are from 2 to 8 p.m. throughout the show.

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Notices

B'nai B'rith Conference

The winter conference of the Central New England Council of B'nai B'rith will be held on Sunday January 11 at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, Mass., beginning at 9:30 a.m. Following a short coffee period, the men and women will meet in separate business sessions. Mrs. Gertrude Rogers of Worcester, Mass., will introduce guest speaker Mrs. Doris Landman of Brooklyn, New York, who will discuss the new volunteer program "Help Our People Everywhere (HOPE)." Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Philip A. Isaacson, of Fitchburg, Mass. will preside at a joint council business meeting to discuss current events involving the Jewish people. Reservations may be made with Jack Wilkes of Providence.

Cocktail Party

The Greater Boston Singles Unit of B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith Women will hold a cocktail party on Thursday, January 15 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the State Street Bank and Trust Co., Penthouse Suite, 33rd Floor, 225 Franklin Street, in Boston. Music will be by Mel Simons and his band. It is open to those between 24 and 35.

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Psychiatrists Debate Morality of Suicide

JERUSALEM: Is suicide necessarily a negative act? Are there circumstances under which it is a courageous choice of death rather than a pathological escape from life? Should psychiatrists always intervene in the plans of a suicidal patient?

These and other moral and medical questions were raised here this week at the Eighth International Congress on Suicide Prevention. More than 500 psychiatrists from 21 nations assembled in the Jerusalem Hilton to hear more than 100 papers on the social and psychological aspects of suicide.

Although the conference was ostensibly devoted to the subject of suicide prevention, several speakers expressed doubts about whether the traditional approach of intervention at all costs was necessarily the best.

In a paper entitled "The Ethical Issues in Suicide Intervention," Dr. Seymour Perlin, a professor at George Washington University, asked rhetorically, "Is the best life the longest life?" It depends, he contended, on an individual's definition of what is right and good for him.

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Crewel Classes

A crewel group is forming in conjunction with the Cranston Dialogue Group, to work on several pieces relating to the theme of the Bicentennial. They will be presented to the city at the June 13 gathering of the Cranston Dialogue Group, which will be held at Temple Sinai. Crewel classes will be held on Monday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jerome S. Gurland. For further information regarding the crewel classes call the Temple Sinai office at 942-8350.

Sabbath Family Dinner

Temple Beth Am will hold another Sabbath Family Dinner on Friday, January 9. Services will be held at 6:15 p.m. and the dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend the services even if they do not plan to attend the dinner.

JDL

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the Protestant group's offices on the afternoon of December 24. The JDL demanded that $600,000 be granted Jewish liberation groups, since the WCC had granted a similar amount to African liberation groups. The JDL also demanded that the WCC boycott all corporations dealing with Syria, Iraq, or the Soviet Union; that the WCC call on President Ford to work for free emigration of Jews in those countries; and that the WCC recognize that G-d, in the Bible, promised the Land of Israel to the Jewish People.

At the WCC take-over, Marcus Rosenheim, a JDL spokesman, told officials of the Protestant group, "We don't need your recognition to validate our right to the Land of Israel. That right exists forever, whether you recognize it or not. The reason we have raised this demand for recognition, however, is to force your organization into coming to grips with this issue. If you really believe in G-d; if you really believe in His Word, as uttered in the Book of Genesis; then you must realize, for yourselves, that the Land of Israel was promised to Isaac, not to Ishmael."

Dov Fisch, interviewed by WABC-TV after the demonstration, explained that the JDL left after being promised a meeting with Charles Long (head of the WCC in North America), Bill Thompson (President of the National Council of Churches), and Bill Weiler (Chairman of the NCC committee on Jewish relations).

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