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Nancy Lieberman Different From Most Other Females

NEW YORK — Nancy Lieberman of Far Rockaway, Queens, has two qualities that distinguish her from most other women.

First and foremost, she was recently voted the best woman collegiate player in the nation - second, she can keep a secret. Just a couple of weeks ago, she sparked Old Dominion of Virginia to the women's national championship, and congratulatory telegrams poured in by the dozen.

So, it wasn't any surprise when she walked into her coach's office and was handed a telegram. She took it, and headed for the gym while opening it. The telegram was from the Wade Trophy Committee, informing her that she had been voted the best college girl basketball.

But, the telegram also contained this note - "Keep the award news quiet. Don't tell anyone." Naturally, she was so happy she could have shouted the news from the rooftops but didn't, and kept mum until the Wade Committee made an official announcement last week. Miss Lieberman was guest of honor at the Waldorf-Astoria where she was presented her prize. The young

collegian reached the Waldorf-Astoria where she was presented her prize. The young collegian reached the Waldorf from Knoxville, Tennessee, where she had been trying out for the United States women's national team.

The Wade Trophy has been in existence two years, and girls from the Metropolitan area have been the winners. The first was Carol Blazejowski who played for Montclair State in New Jersey. Miss Lieberman learned the game near her home, perfected it on playgrounds in Brooklyn and Harlem.

Then she moved her game to Norfolk, Virginia, where she picked up a Southern accent, and a 6-foot 5-inch center named Inge Niessen by way of the Danish national team. Miss Lieberman is 5-10, a junior, and studies marketing at Old Dominion. She might turn pro after graduation, but right now, there isn't much money in women's basketball. There have been phone calls from agents, but she can't talk figures with them because that would be in violation of her amateur eligibility status, something she wishes to protect for next season and the 1980 Olympics.

Women Taking Passover Service Roles From Men

A model seder, prepared by a task force of Jewish women, was held last week for about 40 persons including 10 men, at the House of Living Judaism, Fifth Avenue at 65th Street.

Its objective was to make other women, particularly the heads of single-parent families, feel comfortable assuming roles in the Passover service which are traditionally performed by men.

The seder was different from all others because tradition underwent changes; because a man lit the candles and men helped prepare the meal of gefilte fish, unleavened bread and lamb, duties traditionally reserved for women.

Because the Haggadah, the text used during the seder was read by a woman and mentioned, along with Moses and Aaron, a number of Jewish women whose roles in the exodus of the Jews from Egypt into Canaan are not usually mentioned. The seder was prepared by the task force on equality of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, the metropolitan-area branch of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. From the start of the four questions

which were asked by two young girls instead of boys who traditionally take the parts, there was a sense of innovation among the participants.

Most of the men at the seder are married to members of the task force, and said they did not feel threatened by the changes. Annette Daum, coordinator of the federation's religious department, said the seder was one way of putting into practice the organization's goal of making women full participants in a religious event that symbolizes freedom. She said that in every age from the Biblical figure Miriam to Golden Meir, women have been involved in obtaining and maintaining their freedom.

Barbara Strongin who headed the task force, said that the group which cherishes every value, every branch, and every leaf of its heritage, did not want to change observance per se, but wanted to make women full participants. The group is not seeking to shut off the voices of the past, but as the meditation prayer says, "May the words of our mouths be acceptable to thee, O God." She continued that revising roles is not changing values.

For that reason, the task force revised the New Union Haggadah which was itself revised by the Central Conference of American Rabbis in 1976, but still contained sexist references to a male God and illustrations that focused primarily on men. The task force had the same kinds of problems with which issued in 1975.

Mrs. Daum said the task force rejected the hard-line feminism evident in some recent, revisionist Haggadahs which blame men for making laws, liturgies and rituals. The task force also carefully avoided referring to God as "she" because it is abhorrent within Judaism. It tried to enhance the concept of a god who is nonsexist.

The task force came up with pictures of Moses' mother, Yochebed, kneeling beside him in the bull rushes along the Nile. There is also a picture of four children, two of whom are clearly girls. In traditional Haggadahs, all four are boys. Another woman mentioned in a new way is Miriam, who joined her brother Aaron in speaking against Moses. But unlike Aaron, was punished with leprosy and banished from the camp for a week.

Traditional Haggadahs, which show Moses leading the people, do not show Miriam leading the women in dance and song. The task force thinks that they should, and that is why they ended the occasion with traditional Jewish dances. The model seder offers a do-it-yourself kit for every Jew. It considers it as a road map, a guide, and it's fine if people want to use other things with it.

"This Haggadah joins the Jewish woman of today to her sisters of generations past as people of strength, courage, wisdom and determination, capable of changing the course of society," Mrs. Daum stated.

The most noticeable change in the model seder is expected to soothe the feelings of some Jewish women who find Passover a time of sharp distinction between the sexes, a time when women put themselves through an elaborate ritual of cleaning house, and bringing out a second set of dishes, and cooking a festive meal, while men lead the service. Mrs. Daum added that the federation is trying to change everything, that her own husband helped with this, and these responsibilities should be shared.

The seder was held more than a week before Passover so members of the task force could see the result of their yearlong effort to abolish the idea that woman's chief contribution to the seder should be preparation of the refreshments after it.



ANNUAL LUNCHEON: The National Council of Jewish Women, Providence Section, will hold its Second Annual Community Service Award Luncheon at 12 noon, Tuesday, May 22, at the Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk. Taking part, from the left, Celia Adler, chairwoman of the selection committee for scholarships and camperships; Muriel Leach, council president; Sylvia Brown, chairwoman for the luncheon, and Gloria Winston, co-chairwoman and hostess for the kickoff coffee hour.

National Council Of Jewish Women Will Honor Selma Pilavin Robinson

The Second Annual Community Service Award Luncheon of the Providence Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will be held Tuesday, May 22 at 12 noon, at the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk.

The luncheon will honor Selma Pilavin Robinson, a distinguished national and local community leader. The luncheon will be preceded by a sherry reception at 11:30, and will include a student musical review, "The Voyagers," directed jointly by Jon Caliri and Larry Lo Verdi of Rhode Island College.

Reservations may be made by contacting the Providence Section at 60 Oak Hill Avenue, Pawtucket, 02860. Proceeds will

benefit the organization's scholarship fund and campership program. Selma Pilavin Robinson is a past national chairman of the women's division of U.J.A., now is a member of the executive committee, and is a board member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. She is also a trustee of the R.I. School of Design, and a member of the Museum of Fine Arts Committee. A member of the Brown University Library Committee, she has served as vice-president of the world Affairs Council of Rhode Island and Hadassah, as well as being on the Boards of Big Brother of Rhode Island and the United Addition. She has carried on work in the welfare

field as a member of the Providence Mayor's Recreation Advisory Committee to which she was appointed for a seven-year term and served 20 years.

She is also recipient of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Award for advancing the ideals of Brotherhood. She was awarded the 1971 Providence Art Club medal for contributing so much to the life of the community, and is responsible for the establishment of the Albert and Selma F. Pilavin collection of Hebraica-Judaica in the library of Brown University, and the establishment of the Albert Pilavin collection of 20th century art at the museum of the Rhode Island School of Design.

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NORTHEAST CONVENTION
Noah Temkin, as president-elect of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, will lead a delegation of Providence leaders who will join other Jewish communal leaders at the JWB's Greater Northeast Convention, April 20-22 at Grossingers, N. Y.

Leaders from Eastern Canada down to Norfolk, Va., and west to Harrisburg, Pa., will attend. Dr. Sidney Goldstein, outstanding sociologist and Brown University professor, will be keynote speaker, and scholar-in-residence. His subject at the opening session on Friday, April 20, will be, "The Jewish Community in the 1980s, a

Projection." Harlan J. Espo, Pawtucket, is a member of the conference planning committee.

PAWTUCKET LEAGUE
The Pawtucket League of Women Voters is sponsoring an evening of "Fiddler on the Roof" by the Pawtucket Community Players, Thursday, April 26, at 8 pm in the Flora Curtis Playhouse, Slater Park. The performance will be followed by a wine and cheese cast party at the Playhouse. Tickets are \$6.00, with proceeds going to the voter services work of the league. Tickets are available from members of the league and by calling 726-3970.

Obituaries

WALTER I. COHEN
Funeral services for Walter I. Cohen, 69, of 380 Humphrey St., Swampscott, Mass., who died Monday, April 9, were held April 10 at the Stanetsky-Schlossberg-Hymanson Memorial Chapel in Salem. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery, Peabody.

The husband of Lillian (Sudnovsky) Cohen, he was born in Providence Nov. 11, 1909, a son of the late John and Lizzie Cohen. He had lived in Swampscott for 35 years, before that in Providence. He was the former owner and manager of a real estate firm until retiring four years ago.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Dana L. Cohen and John M. Cohen, both of Swampscott; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Bongarten of Schenectady, N.Y.; a brother, Benjamin Cohen of Providence, and three grandchildren.

Medical Society, and, was an associate member of Fogarty Hospital.

He was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel and of B'nai B'rith. Dr. Israel was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, and was a member of the Blackstone River Lodge of Masons for 50 years.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Dr. Edward S. Israel of Holbrook, N.Y., a psychiatrist and teaching professor at Stony Brook Medical School of New York State University; Sanford L. Israel of Rickville, Md.; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Clayman of Gardner, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Eva Frumson of Providence, and six grandchildren.

RACHAEL COOPERSTEIN
Funeral services for Mrs. Rachael Cooperstein, 87, of 657 Cohannet St., Taunton, who died March 9 were held March 10 at the Agudas Achim Synagogue, Taunton. Burial was in Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

EARL NOVICH
Funeral services for Earl Novich of 64 North Pearson Drive, Warwick who died March 28, were held March 29 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Thelma (Reminick) Novich, he was born in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of the late Louis and Ziska Novich. He lived in Providence 33 years, Warwick eight, and for 30 years was office manager for the Biltmore Furniture Co. in Pawtucket. He was a member of Temple Beth Am; Reback Winston Post JWV; Overseas Masonic Lodge No. 40; South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association; was a former teacher for Sunday School at Cranston Jewish Center, Temple Beth Torah and Temple Sinai.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Barry Novich of Gaithersburg, Md., and one daughter, Cheryl Waldman of Bethesda, Md., and two grandchildren.

The widow of Abraham Cooperstein, she was born in New York City, Sept. 20, 1891, a daughter of the late Pincus and Rebecca (Zwetchkenbaum) Cooperstein. She had lived in Taunton for about 50 years.

She leaves four sons, Edward Cooperstein and Dr. Menaheem Cooperstein, both of Taunton; Robert Zwetchkenbaum of Hallendale, Fla.; Joseph Zwetchkenbaum of Hyannis; two daughters, Mrs. Mollie Waldman of Brookline and Mrs. Charles Case of Brookline; two sisters, Mrs. Max Schlomowitz and Mrs. Morris Kaplan, both of Providence; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

DR. CYRIL ISRAEL
WOONSOCKET—Funeral services for Dr. Cyril Israel, 79, a physician in this city for 42 years before retiring in 1969 who died April 5, were held April 8 in the B'nai Israel Synagogue. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery.

SAMUEL SHORE
Funeral services for Samuel Shore, 81, formerly of Providence who died April 7 in Miami Beach, were held April 11 at the Riverside Memorial Chapel in Miami Beach. Burial was in Mt. Nebo Cemetery, Miami.

The husband of Teresa (Slutsky) Shore, he was born in Russia on Dec. 31, 1897, a son of the late Samuel and Tillie (Borosofky) Shore. He had been president of the Retail Shore Supermarket Chain of Providence, and president of the United Public Markets of New England. He was a former member of the board of Miriam Hospital of Providence; co-chairman of the building fund of Miriam Hospital, and a former member of the board of the First Federal Savings and Loan of Providence. He lived in Miami for the past 20 years.

He leaves two sons, Harold Shore of Israel and Albert Shore of Davie, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Mondlick of New Mexico; a brother, Albert Shore of Providence; seven grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

The husband of Ida Z. (Jacobs) Israel, he was born in Millville on Feb. 24, 1900, a son of the late Simon and Ethel (Schlansky) Israel. He had been a Woonsocket resident since 1926. Dr. Israel was graduated from Dean Academy in Franklin, Mass., in 1917, and from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass. in 1921, as a chemical engineer. He worked as an engineer for the city of Woonsocket for one year.

Dr. Israel received his medical degree from Boston University in 1926, opened his office in the Stadium Building that same year, and continued to work in that office until he retired. He was a member of the Woonsocket Hospital staff and served as president of the hospital's medical staff association for several years. Dr. Israel was a member of the Woonsocket District Medical Society and the Rhode Island

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HARRY N. SIEGEL
Funeral services for Harry N. Siegel, 90, formerly of 490 Angell St. who died April 4 were held April 5 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Sons of David & Israel Cemetery.

The husband of the late Flora (Soforenko) Siegel, he was born in Lithuania May 12, 1888, a son of the late Morris and Sarah (Balme) Siegel. He owned the Style Millinery Store on Angell St. before retiring in the mid-1950's. He lived in Pittsfield before coming to Providence. During World War 1, he was a second lieutenant in the Army, lived at the Oak Hill Nursing Center for two years, and was a member of Temple Beth-El.

He leaves a son, Dr. Jason C. Siegel of Providence; two brothers, Max Siegel of Long Beach, Calif., and Louis Siegel of St. Louis, Mo., and two grandchildren.



QUOTA DINNER KICKOFF: Roger Williams Chapter, B'nai B'rith, held its kickoff dinner and buffet supper March 12, at the Jewish Community Center. Hostesses were, rear from left, Mrs. Estelle Forman, president; Mrs. Estelle Klemer, quota chairman; Mrs. Anne Bercovitz; Mrs. Sally Jacques and Mrs. Tedi Green, book chairmen; Mrs. Belle Awerman; Mrs. Marilyn Glekman, and Mrs. Dorothy Awerman; in front, Mrs. Ethel Shindler, buffet chairman, and Mrs. Beatrice Michaelson.

Jewish Prisoners Subjected To Torture

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Anti-Semitism is rife among the guards of detention camps in Argentina where some 1,000 Jews are presently being held, according to a committee of relatives of the victims of Argentinian repression. In addition, the Jewish prisoners are routinely subjected to torture. Members of the committee, who held a press conference here and asked to remain anonymous out of fear of reprisals against their relatives in Argentina, noted that the fate of the imprisoned Jews remains unclear and that most have disappeared from sight since being taken into official custody.

"The detention camps in Argentina resemble Nazi concentration camps," observed one committee member. "The Jews are not the only ones tortured there, but they are especially singled out and are forced to listen to anti-Semitic, Nazi songs."

According to committee members, a Jewish prisoner can be released only under what they termed the most improbable circumstances: if the courts have not received accusations against him for a long period of time, or if his request to leave Argentina is accompanied by another country's agreement to accept him in that country.

The committee is presently working with Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the Latin American Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. With his cooperation the committee has recently compiled a list containing the names of all the Jewish prisoners and those who have disappeared. The committee urged the Israeli government and the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires to work actively for the release of the prisoners.



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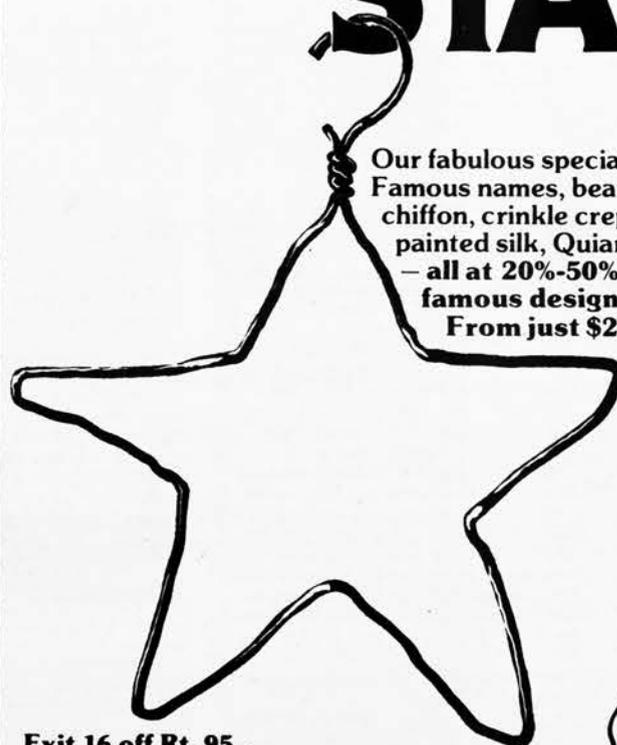
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CARMEN deLAVALLADE and Ford Rainey in Trinity Square Repertory Company's production of "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller, playing in the upstairs theater March 30 through May 13. Directed by Larry Arrick, set by Robert D. Soule, lighting by John F. Custer, costumes by Ann Morrell.

Trinity's Death Of A Salesman Is A Play Without Tension

Trinity Square Repertory Company is presenting Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* in the upstairs theater with Larry Arrick directing and Ford Rainey in the leading role. It is a play without tension, a presentation so closely geared to the pace of real life that it seems to unfold in that unhurried rhythm.

This makes it quite a different drama from what it has been in other hands. Here Willy Loman is played as an old man, defeated as much by age as by the changing world. He can still be angry, but that is the only real emotion left him. His boundaries have narrowed just as the area of his dwelling and the arena of his livelihood have constricted, a point that stage directions prescribe ("a solid vault of apartment houses around the small, fragile-seeming home," and "towering, angular shapes behind it, surrounding it on all sides"). But Robert D. Soule has instead designed a setting overarched with Route 95 signs on their gray metal supports, and set the house down firmly within these supports. The route signs are used as screens for projection of apartment windows, trees and car lights. Despite the dialogue, it could almost be a house on any street of similar small homes, rather than an area so squeezed that the sun no longer falls where Willy used to have a garden.

The story is probably too familiar to need recounting—Willy is a salesman whose career is coming to an end. He has had several near accidents with the car, and his wife and younger son are worried. Biff, the older boy, has just come back home when the play begins. It is a periodic hegira; at least yearly he leaves the outdoor, ill-paid work he enjoys and returns to the nest, planning to start afresh and make good this time. Biff was the golden boy whose promise came to nothing just after high school, and Willy is still so deeply hurt about it that he and Biff fight whenever they get together. Late in Act II, Biff proclaims the playwright's message: if you don't know who you are, you might as well be dead. Willy, of course, never gets beyond shallow bewilderment, and never

does learn who he is.

The Loman family revolves around Willy and is held together by Linda, yet in this production one never has a sense of family. The essential loneliness of every human being is here, but not the small, close family that has interacted for more than 30 years. The sons don't conjure up that kind of ensemble, and neither does the mother, who never seemed quite real. Richard Jenkins as Biff is in two of the play's best scenes, with Willy in a bedroom out of town and toward the end when he tries to tell Willy the truth.

Death of a Salesman is written so that scenes should ebb and flow, present time merging with dream time to form a dynamic of time and space that gradually heightens the tensions enfolding Willy and his sons. Scenes with that wily devil, Uncle Ben, should make their own staccato comment on the undercurrents of life at the Loman's and the sad humor of Happy's efforts to keep up with Biff afford an occasional mild laugh. Howard London's Uncle Charley and Barbara Meek's woman are among the best characterizations, both played vigorously and convincingly, and Carol Hanscom's Miss Forsythe is an effective cameo.

On press night, Mr. Rainey seemed to have occasional trouble with lines; nobody tried to structure a speech or scene for dramatic impact; directorial changes slowed down the somnolent pace; and trivialities kept yelling for the attention more important matters should have had from the audience. "I still feel kind of temporary about myself," says Willy at one point, and that's how I felt about Trinity's *Death of a Salesman*, which will play through May 13.

LOIS ATWOOD

The cast also included Carmen deLavallade, Linda; Dabiel Von Bargaen, Happy; Timothy Donoghue, Bernard; Ed Hall, Uncle Ben; David Kennett, Howard Wagner; Audrey Bullar, Jenny Letta; and Skip Osborne, Stanley. John F. Custer designed the lighting; Ann Morrell the costume; and Sandra Nathanson, properties.



FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

Dr. Jacob Neusner

By BERYL SEGAL

Dr. Jacob Neusner is Professor of Religion at Brown University. He is the author of many books and has contributed to numerous magazines and journals including our own Rhode Island Herald. Now we have a portrait of Dr. Neusner as teacher and molder of young minds at Brown. Dr. Neusner has just completed ten years on the faculty and the Brown Alumni Monthly, a slick magazine mailed to all the graduates of the university the world over, has honored him with a cover photograph framed by the title of his books. In the article written by Debra Shore, we see Professor Jacob Neusner as his students see him.

He does not want his students, for instance, to take notes of his lectures. Whenever he notices a student writing down some point or remark, he interrupts his lecture and remarks:

"No notes. Please stop . . . I want your eyes and I want you to learn how to listen in this course. Friday I will bring you lecture notes, and you will have them for every class so put away your pencils, please."

Dr. Neusner stimulates his students to ask questions, pertinent questions. He walks back and forth among his students and links his eyes with the eyes of each of them. He gesticulates, he is constantly asking questions, and he jokes.

"Societies," he says, "choose the things they want to talk about. For example the Catholics are worried about sex and Jews are worried about food." Laughter in the classroom.

"Jews might say, he is very religious. He will not even eat a hardboiled egg in the home of a Conservative Rabbi."

Dr. Neusner keeps up the barrage of questions:

"How do Jews choose to celebrate certain holidays? They either don't eat at all, or they have certain foods associated with that holiday."

As to the purpose of his course, Professor Neusner explains:

"We are not teaching people to be good Christians and good Jews and this is very difficult for the kids, because for them, religion has always been a matter of faith, and not of scholarly examination. A Jewish kid who comes into the classroom looking for

reasons to be Jewish is going to be disappointed. Those are questions I cannot answer."

Questions of belief have no place in the classrooms, Professor Neusner wants his class to understand at the outset. He is probably right. But where would kids learn about their religion? As some of us remember, Dr. Neusner advised us to close all the afternoon religious schools because they are a waste of precious time. Shall parents wait until their children are of college age, the age of understanding, and then be told that Judaism is a study of a "system and an interplay with the larger world that contains it?" To Jews Judaism is not a system but a world by itself, and it developed more often than not in spite of the world in which it lived. One can analyze a system, but not if the "system" is you, within you and you were born into it.

But back to Dr. Neusner's methods of teaching.

When a student, in answering a question directed at him by Professor Neusner mumbled "I don't know," the professor said: "That's good. Now we come to Neusner's Law Number One . . . The law is when in doubt, lie. Never say, 'I don't know.' Say in response, 'That's a good question!'"

"In Deuteronomy," Dr. Neusner continues, "Moses is the critical voice in the beginning, middle and end until you wish he would shut up. . . ."

Here again Dr. Neusner's method and choice of words are not for the young children at the elementary level. It's very good for the students in Judaic Studies to know that Deuteronomy was written 200 years before Leviticus. "It was written in about 620 B.C. by people who were very angry," Professor Neusner tells his class. But you cannot tell it to a youngster of twelve or thirteen. The reason is simply that Dr. Neusner deals with adults, capable of analyzing, while the children in the primary schools are waiting for positive things. These are the Five Books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, and no more questions asked. Scholarly examination will not do.

With all this, the students at Brown University think of Professor Neusner in these terms:

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So take your choice. You will probably find in Dr. Neusner, all of those characteristics. But I wouldn't hurry and close all the afternoon schools. Scholarly examination of the texts cannot take the place of innocent faith.

(Mr. Segal's opinions are his own and not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Super Relations Between U.S.-Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA): Premier Menachem Begin told an enthusiastic crowd of thousands who came to greet him at the Knesset that Israeli-U.S. relations have never been better than at present and that the entire Israeli nation was witnessing an historic event and a turning point in the entire Middle East.

"Our relations with the U.S. have never been as good as now since the establishment of the State of Israel," said Begin, pointing specifically to the U.S.-Israeli memorandum of agreement released yesterday. "This is a historic event, and we will make every effort possible to see that it bears fruit," he said.

Begin expressed hope that the peace agreement signed with Egypt would be the starting point for similar negotiations with other neighboring countries. He observed that while problems and difficulties still face us, he is confident that they will be worked out.



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- Temple Emanu-El, Arts/Emanu-El Program Business & Professional Group of Hadasah MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1979 9:30 a.m.
- Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Women's Division, Board Meeting 12:30 p.m.
- Providence Chapter of Hadasah, Open Board Meeting 7:45 p.m.
- Jewish Family & Children's Service, Board Meeting TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1979 12:30 p.m.
- Providence Section, National Council of Jewish Women, General Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- Sisterhood Bowling League, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth El, Bowling WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1979 8:00 p.m.
- Rhode Island-Southern Massachusetts Region, Women's American ORT, Full Board, Passover Kiddish



FEATURED PERFORMER: Elly Stone will be the center of all eyes at the May 12th Cabaret Night.

Temple Beth Torah's Cabaret Night Will Feature Elly Stone

Elly Stone, the original star of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," and the star of the recent revival, "Jacques Brel Is..." will be the featured entertainer at a cabaret night, May 12, sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Beth Torah, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston.

She has won the acclaim of critics from New York to Tel Aviv. Audiences cheered her most recently in the Jacques Brel revival, and as a guest of the Abbey Theatre in Ireland and the BBC in England.

Born of Jewish parents in Brooklyn, N.Y., Miss Stone is committed to making an impact on Jewish culture. Her performance on May 12 will combine English, Hebrew and Yiddish songs in an evening that promises to leave her audience singing her accolades as so many have done before.

She began voice lessons as a child in

Brooklyn, and is a classically trained lieder soprano. Miss Stone was a folk singer for a while and was Barbara Streisand's standby in "I Can Get It for You Wholesale," before first singing Brel's songs in "The Cockeyed Tiger." She turned down three Broadway offers to perform in "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris." She remained with that show for more than two years at the Village Gate in New York. For two more years, she toured internationally with the show.

Brel named her the finest lady performer he had ever seen. Tickets for the evening are \$7.50 each, and can be obtained by sending a check for the number of tickets desired to Temple Beth Torah Men's Club, 300 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. Further information can be had by calling the Temple, 785-1800.

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President Carter Says He's Not Planning Talks With PLO

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Carter has expressed hope that the Palestinians will "escape" from the terror against them and negotiate for peace in the Middle East. At the same time, the President reaffirmed that he will not negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization unless they meet the requirement he had previously described, the acceptance of Security Council Resolution 242.

Carter made his comments in response to a question at a press conference with editors and news directors from outside of Washington.

"As far as direct relations or consultations or negotiations with the PLO is concerned," Carter said, "we will not do this unless the PLO endorses the United Nations (Security Council) Resolution 242, the basis for all our discussions and a resolution that has been endorsed by all of the Arab countries as well as the Israelis, and also recognizes Israel's right to exist."

As long as the PLO's constitution and commitment is dedicated to the destruction

of Israel, we will not negotiate with them." Saying that "we are eager" for "the Palestinian people themselves to effectuate the agreements" reached at Camp David in September and encompassed in the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, the President added:

"My hope is that in a couple of months, when El Arish is returned to Egypt and the borders between Israel and Egypt are open, that the free travel of Palestinians and Egyptians, for instance, back and forth between their homes, will alleviate the tension and let the Palestinians escape from the unwarranted constraint of the threat of terrorism against them if they negotiate to get, to use Mr. (Menachem) Begin's expression, full autonomy."

Carter also stated: "I think (President Anwar) Sadat has done more for the Palestinians and their cause than any other Arab leader. Now they are fearful of the carrying out of threats of death by some of the more radical Arab elements in the Mideast. So we are eager to see the Palestinian people participate to have full autonomy."

Israel Bonds Begin Big Economic Effort

NEW YORK (JTA): A major effort to speed economic aid to Israel following the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt has been launched by the Israel Bond Organization. The 65-city cash campaign, which will continue until Israel Independence Day on May 2, began immediately following Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's farewell appearance at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center two days after the treaty was signed in Washington, where he referred to the role of Israel Bonds in the economic development of Israel.

In announcing the campaign, Sam Rothberg, general chairman of Israel Bonds, said that with the conclusion of the peace treaty Israel will be confronted with new and

serious strains on its budget.

"U.S. grants and loans," Rothberg said, "will not materially reduce the enormous pressures on Israel's economy. It will cost billions to develop the economic and social infrastructure of the Negev where thousands of people will have to be moved. In addition, Israel must continue to cope with many critical economic problems, including a stragglingly high inflation rate, a serious balance of trade deficit, and the urgent need to develop new energy resources."

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NYC Hopes To Be Considered As Holocaust Memorial Site

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The president's Commission on the Holocaust is being urged to consider New York City as the site of "a living memorial" to the six million victims of the Holocaust. New York City Mayor Edward Koch suggested this to the Commission at hearings being held by Congressional members of the Presidential group appointed to make recommendations for a suitable memorial.

Herbert Richman, special assistant to the Mayor, urged that New York City be established as the site inasmuch as the New

York area has the largest number of survivors of the Holocaust living there.

Richman made his suggestion to Rep. S. William Green (R.N.Y.), who held a hearing in New York to receive testimony on the Commission's mandate to establish a national memorial. Previous hearings were held by Rep. William Lehman (D.Fla.) in Miami and by Rep. Stephen Solarz (D.N.Y.) in Brooklyn. All three Congressmen are among the five Representatives and five Senators on the Commission.

Dore Schary, honorary chairman of the

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, suggested at the hearing that a "living memorial" such as a museum be established either in New York or Washington. He also suggested a special clock to tick off the minutes "one after another for six long years and every single minute for 60 minutes an hour for 24 days, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year for six years" to record the murder of six million Jews.

Former New York Democratic Rep. Allard Lowenstein also supported the idea that the memorial be in New York or

Washington, or possibly Skokie, Ill. where there is a large concentration of Holocaust survivors.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington is urging that "every Jewish home" light a yahrzeit candle on Monday evening, April 23 in memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. The Council also urged that "no joyous activities be planned for this night and the following day," Tuesday, April 24.

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Plans Furthered For May 9 Hadassah Fete

A kickoff meeting for workers of the Donors Dinner of the Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah, was held recently at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Mervin Bolusky. The dinner will be held Wednesday evening, May 9, at the Ramada Inn, proceeds will benefit the Hadassah Medical Organization which supports the two hospitals in Israel, one at Ein Karem, the other on Mt. Scopus.

Assisting Mrs. Bolusky with details are Mrs. Ralph Levitt and Mrs. Gilbert Wasserman, co-chairmen; Mrs. Milton Rosen, treasurer; Mrs. David Horvitz, decorations; Mrs. Charles Woolf, program; Mrs. Ruth Goldstein, secretary, and Mrs. Arthur Plitt, publicity. Mrs. Jacob Cokin is ex-officio.

Serving as captains are Mrs. Philip Baron; Mrs. Sheldon Blustein; Mrs. Stanley Chasan; Mrs. Reuben Cohen; Mrs. Abraham Ehrlich; Mrs. George Feldman; Mrs. Howard Flamer; Mrs. Robert Finn; Mrs. Maurice Gereboff; Mrs. Herbert Katz; Mrs. Jacob Komros; Mrs. Robert Krasner; Mrs. Norman Levine; Mrs. Samuel Malkin; Mrs. Albert Miller; Mrs. Paul Policow; Mrs. Mathew Preiss; Mrs. Samuel Price; Mrs. David Richmond; Mrs. Herbert Rosen; Mrs. Herman Rosenberg; Mrs. Jack Rosenberg; Miss Ida Rubinstein; Mrs. Charles Schwartz; Miss Ethel Scoliard; Miss Hannah Scoliard; Mrs. Robert Shaffer; Mrs. Abraham Snyder; Mrs. Herman Zaleznick and Mrs. Arthur Ziegler.

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Concern Growing Over Vandalism At Cemeteries

NEW YORK (JTA): The growing concern of the Jewish community over the vandalism and desecration of its cemeteries was expressed at a meeting called by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC) and attended by representatives of Jewish organizations, the cemetery industry and state and city officials.

The emergency meeting was scheduled after some 700 tombstones were knocked over and defaced at the Mount Richmond Cemetery and United Hebrew Cemetery on Staten Island. This followed the vandalization of more than 800 gravestones at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Flushing, Queens.

Noting that the Jewish people have "a deep concern for respect for the dead," Stanley Lowell, chairman of the JCRC's Task Force on Cemeteries, said the vandalism must be stopped as "swiftly" as possible. He said the problem requires dealing with security, apprehension of vandals, educating juveniles against vandalism, the possibility of new legislation and the problem of who pays for restoring vandalized monuments, all issues which he said the task force has been dealing with since its creation three months ago.

Lowell said that while anti-Semitism may have been involved in the latest incidents, the JCRC does not consider the vandalism as a Jewish problem but one that involves the "entire New York City community." He said the JCRC would try to get the Catholic, Protestant and Greek Orthodox communities to join in dealing with this problem.

Donald Krasnow, president of the Metropolitan Association of Cemeteries, said he was not certain whether the problem was anti-Semitism or one of general vandalism. But he said non-Jewish members of his association told him they believe that the latest incidents were anti-Semitic in nature. This was echoed by Barbara Malone, a member of the association, who said that the Christian cemeteries that had been vandalized recently were ones that were always being vandalized. She said the attacks on Jewish cemeteries were anti-Semitic in nature because tombstones at neighboring Christian cemeteries were untouched.

Greater Police Protection Discussed

Representatives of the Jewish community and of the cemetery association urged greater police attention to the cemetery problem. Inspector Samuel Marion of the Police Department's Office of the Chief of Operations, noted that vandalism at cemeteries has been a problem during the more than 20 years he has been a policeman.

He said police patrols have now been ordered to give special attention to the cemeteries, there will be plainclothes policemen checking some of the areas and each precinct's anti-crime personnel will discuss with cemetery managers how to prevent vandalism. In addition, in the areas where the vandalism has been the greatest, police helicopters using strong lights will conduct nightly patrols over the cemeteries.

Rabbi Saul Eisner, of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Staten Island, praised the efforts of the police and said several vandals have been caught. Most vandals arrested so far range in ages from 7 to 12. But Eisner called for a permanent special police unit to deal exclusively with cemeteries.

There were also calls by public officials and community leaders for greater efforts by the cemeteries themselves to provide for security. Richard Rifkin, deputy counsel to New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams, said that one problem is that if the cemetery owners are required to increase their security they will have to seek increases in their already high rates.

The other major financial problem concerned the cost of repairing vandalized tombstones which now falls on the families. It was suggested that home owners policies might cover this. In addition, there were several suggestions for the state to pay the cost through some type of insurance program.

Many of the participants urged increased penalties for vandals, making the crime a felony rather than a misdemeanor. There were other calls for greater educational programs in the schools against vandalism.

Psychological Impact Of Vandalism

But the personal tragedy was also not forgotten. "The psychological impact is unbelievable" on the families involved, Eisner stressed. He said some families feel the destruction of a tombstone even more deeply than the actual death since the monument is their only link with a departed loved one.

Malcolm Hoenlein, the JCRC's executive director, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he has never seen the Jewish community so upset as it has been by the recent vandalism. He said he has received hundreds of letters expressing anguish over the situation. This is a problem that is not confined to New York but is plaguing other Jewish communities across the nation, Hoenlein stressed. He declared that the JCRC will continue dealing with it until a solution is found.

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Long Missing Person Case Has Taken A New Twist

LONDON (JTA): The longest running "missing person" case of the century has taken a new turn with an exchange of notes between Sweden and the Soviet Union. Sweden recently asked the USSR to make new inquiries about the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat imprisoned in the Soviet Union towards the end of World War II after saving thousands of Jews from Auschwitz.

Traffic Law Violators Must Pay Their Fines

TEL AVIV—Israeli diplomats who break New York City's traffic laws, will be required to pay fines out of their own pockets instead of being allowed to invoke diplomatic immunity, according to Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

In New York, a spokesman for the city's commission for the United Nations said that the 24 cars registered to the United Nations Israeli Mission, had been given 2, 803 parking tickets from March 1978 through last February, and that 55 cars registered with the Israeli consulate had been given 4, 656.

The city normally collects an average of \$18.75 for each parking ticket issued, but because of immunity laws, it collects nothing when the tickets are put on diplomats' cars.

Mr. Dayan said that his government had asked the City of New York for all the tickets, so that the offenders could be identified, and that officials who declined to pay would be penalized in various ways, including the revocation of diplomatic or consular license plates.

The Russians, with ill-concealed anger, repeated their argument, used for the past 22 years, that Wallenberg died of a heart attack in Moscow's Lubyanka Prison in 1947, at the age of 34. The Soviet reply has failed to satisfy the Swedes who intend to follow up any further information which becomes available.

The latest evidence is the most dramatic for many years. Among those who never lost hope for Wallenberg were his aged mother and step-father. Both of them died in Sweden in February, shortly after hearing about the new "sightings" of their missing son.

The freshest information in the Swedish aide memoire dated Jan. 3, 1979, came from Jan Kaplan, a Moscow Jewish antique dealer, who was imprisoned between 1974 and 1977. Last year, he telephoned his daughter, who lives in Israel, and told her not to worry about his health after being in prison. He said: "In the Butyrka Hospital department, I met a Swede who had been in prison for 30 years, and he did not look bad at all." Last December, following the phone call to his daughter, Kaplan was again arrested.

Information On Wallenberg

The Swedish note also contained more direct and detailed evidence about Wallenberg. Although it relates to an earlier period than Kaplan's stay at the Butyrka in 1975,

it further demolishes the Soviets' claim that Wallenberg died in 1947. It came from Abraham Kalinski, who arrived in Israel in 1976. A former Polish officer, he had been arrested in Moscow in 1944 and spent 15 years in Soviet prisons and camps.

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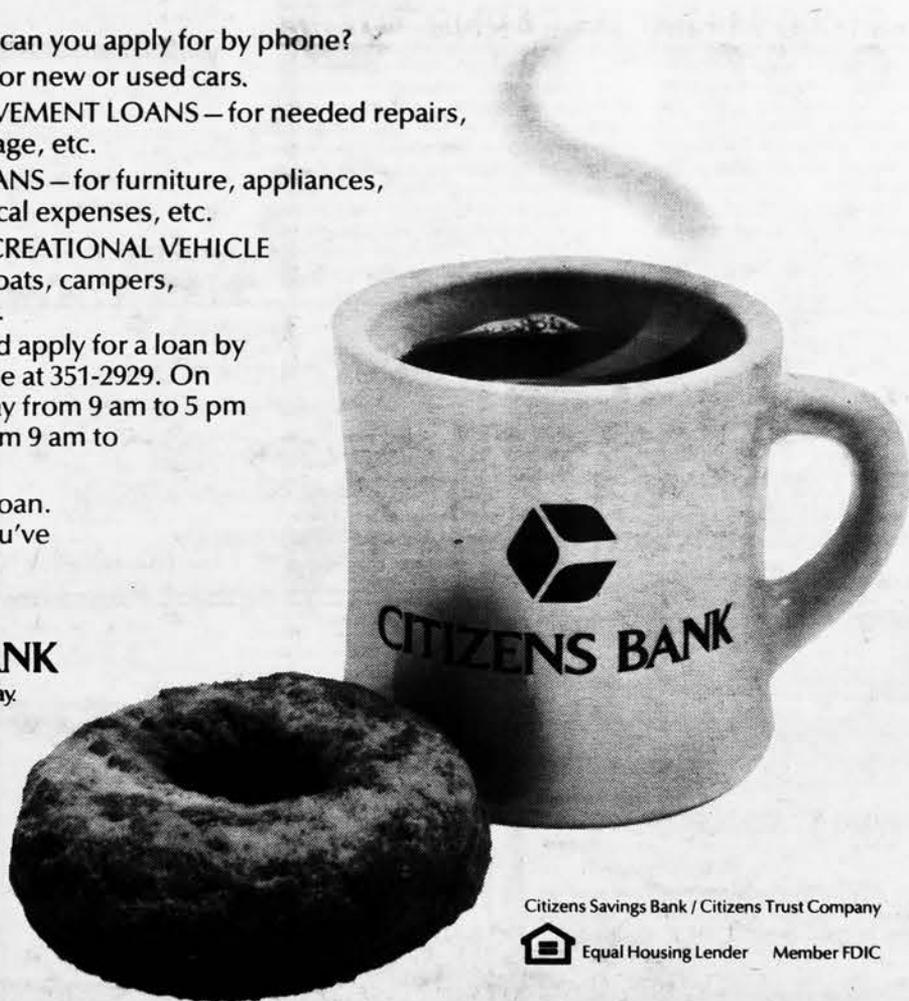
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By Sylvia Porter



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The reluctance of Treasury Secretary Blumenthal to act at once to raise the interest rate on the E bonds to the new maximum of 7 percent just voted by Congress, shows an abominable disregard on the part of a public official for the welfare of America's small savers.

I will no longer remain silent about this rip-off. Nor should you tolerate such shameful treatment any longer.

In the recent law raising the limit on the public debt, Congress finally approved a clause permitting the Treasury to boost the rate paid on U.S. Savings Bonds E and H now, EE and HH starting in 1980 from 6 to 7 percent.

The Treasury has raised the rate in savings bonds eight times since the program was born in World War II. Even 7 percent on a fairly long-term bond against the background of high interest rates in the 1970s, is no sensational shakes. One easily can get more than a 6 percent on many top-notch savings mediums these days.

As for the Treasury, the sophisticated open market is forcing it to pay 9 percent plus to investors in its short, intermediate and long-term obligations. But if Blumenthal were to seize the chance to raise the savings bonds rate even to 7 percent, at least it would be a gesture of fairness, an indication that he sympathizes with your plight. It would put him in a different light than many see him now, and that light isn't becoming at all.

The inside report I get, though, is that Blumenthal wants to drag his feet in the hope that interest rates soon will be heading down sharply, and he won't have to touch the 6 percent rate. At this point, let me get my bona fides on paper without qualification.

I was among the first; I always have remained, and I still am a devoted partisan of the U.S. Savings Bond program. I believe in it as the greatest mass investment-savings plan for average investors ever devised by any nation, anywhere in all history. I am proud of my long-term connection with it, of any contributions I have made. My major

New Bowling League Hope Of B'nai B'rith

Hope Lodge, B'nai B'rith, will hold a mixed bowling party Saturday night, April 28, at 7 o'clock at the Brunswick Warwick Lanes, 1160 Post Road in Warwick. All members of R.I. B'nai B'rith Lodges and Chapters are invited.

A meeting will be held at the same time to form a state B'nai B'rith Bowling League, those interested are asked to contact one of the following: Ken Tolchinsky at 353-6900 or 739-5321; Bob Levy, 521-2200 or 942-4902; Alan Horowitz, 737-5616 or 737-3435; Arlene Churne, 421-5097; Mitch Rifkin, 751-9500 or 737-3892.

argument is that this is a form of forced savings, and that by small payroll deductions regularly, you can build a sizeable nestegg over a period. I also believe that it's far better for you to earn a mediocre return on something than to be able to earn a spectacular return on nothing.

This is the heart of the savings bond program. But, how much should you be penalized just because you're small, unsophisticated and need the discipline of payroll deductions? Even worse, Blumenthal has pondered long and hard, and has come up with new bonds - EEs and HHs - to replace the familiar E and H bonds starting in January, 1980. The terms are even less favorable.

As written now, on the new EE bonds, you still would get 6 percent if you held them five years, but your maturity date would be stretched to 11 years, nine months. You no longer could buy a \$25 bond at a discount. The smallest denominations you could buy would be \$50, to cost you \$25 and to rise to \$50 at maturity. You would have to hold your EE bonds until after six months from issue date to redeem them.

Today, you can redeem two months after issue date. And you would still earn only 4.5 percent after one year of ownership. What should you do as an E bond buyer? Knowing as I do what havoc you would raise with management of the public debt if you cashed in on a massive scale, I dare not say cash in. But in good faith, I submit this report to you. You can easily come to your conclusion, and maybe Blumenthal will also see this report.



50TH Anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gershan of Blodgett Avenue, Pawtucket, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion at the home of their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pearlman of 8403 Glode Lane in Jacksonville, Fla. In Jacksonville, the guests of honor were joined by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levin of Chelmsford; their granddaughter Linda and husband, Steven Horvitz of Atlanta, Ga.; their two great grandchildren, Jeffrey and Marcie Pearlman. Mr. and Mrs. Gershan were married March 17, 1919 in Providence. They have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Literary Critic Will Speak at URI

KINGSTON—Literary Critic Alfred Kazin will discuss "The Earthly City of the Jews: Jewish Writers from Bellow to Singer," at the University of Rhode Island on Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 pm at Memorial Union on the campus.

The talk is being sponsored by the University's English Department, the Visiting Scholars Committee, and the URI Jewish Activities Council. Kazin achieved early fame with his first book, "On Native Grounds," published when he was 27. The

book, a critical history of modern American literature, has been published in a number of foreign editions.

A native of the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, Kazin became a regular contributor to the New York Herald Tribune book supplement before his graduation from college. He has written for all the leading publications of this country and abroad, and is a former literary editor of The New Republic, and a former editor of Fortune magazine.

He has taught at CCNY; Queens College; The New School; the University of Minnesota; Cambridge; the University of Cologne; the University of California; Harvard; Smith; NYU; Amherst; the State Un-

iversity of New York at Stony Brook and Hunter College. During 1977-78, he was a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, where he was working on a major new book on American writers of the 19th century. He is currently White Professor of English at Notre Dame University.

His most recent book, "New York Jew" continues his saga of growing up in New York, which he began in "A Walker in the City," and continued in "Starting Out in the Thirties."

He has been a Guggenheim, Rockefeller and Carnegie fellow. He has also won the George Polk memorial award in criticism and the Brandeis medal for creative arts.

Jewish Community In Cairo Has Hopes

TEL AVIV (JTA): The tiny Jewish community in Cairo has high hopes for a revival once normal relations are established between Israel and Egypt and Israel opens its Embassy in the Egyptian capital in about nine months. Salim Salameh, secretary of the 75-year-old Shaar Shamayim Synagogue in downtown Cairo said in an interview published in Maariv that the arrival of Israeli families to work at the Embassy should add new members to the congregation so that it can resume many of its religious and communal functions.

The synagogue, once the center of a flourishing Jewish community, is in a bad state of disrepair and its membership has dwindled to about 170 elderly persons. Salameh, 64, is the only Jew still in the employ of the Egyptian government. He praised President Anwar Sadat as the "angel" who brought peace and said that the visit of Israeli Premier Menachem Begin to the synagogue was the greatest day in his life.

Having the proper insurance is the key to financing major medical expenses, such as surgery and hospital bills. Both individual and group health policies available include a combination of plans that cover a wide range of possible health costs. You should take inventory of your current health insurance, checking on what is covered by insurance at your place of work.

Any coverage you get should protect your family against the health problems most likely to occur. Later, as your financial situation improves, you may want to add coverage for the less likely risks.

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NEW PRESIDENT: Robin Weissman, left, recently installed as president of the Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, was presented a gavel by Arlene Chorney.

Robin Weissman Installed As President Of Hope Chapter

Robin Weissman was installed as president of the Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women March 21 during ceremonies at the Hillel House.

Other officers seated by Arlene Chorney, ranking officer of the New England Central

Council and Past President of Hope Chapter were Joanne Pattek, Harriet Priest, Merry

Hebrew Day Schools Taking N.Y. Reimbursement Funds

NEW YORK (JTA) — An official of Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, said the agency was advising its approximately 200 affiliated day schools in New York State to accept state reimbursement funds following a U.S. Supreme Court decision ending a lower court stay on such payments.

The State Comptroller's office announced, shortly after the Supreme Court action that checks totalling \$20 million were being mailed to some 2,000 non-public schools. Under a 1974 law the Jewish schools are entitled to about \$800,000 annually in such reimbursements.

Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg, chairman of the Torah Umesorah executive committee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the affiliated yeshivas had been advised to accept the funds — totalling about \$1.6 million — though the Supreme Court had not, in its action ruled on the constitutionality of the state's 1974 Mandated Services Law. Under that law, reimbursement is made to non-public schools for costs they incur in performing state-required tests, such as Board of Regents examinations and pupil attendance reporting.

Asked about the possibility that, if the Supreme Court rules the 1974 law unconstitutional, the non-public schools might be required to return the reimbursement

funds, Goldenberg said, "We will cross that bridge when we come to it." Dennis Rapps, executive director of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), said no court has ever required repayment of such funds. Rapps has been the attorney for the Jewish schools throughout the legal battle.

Chair for the evening was JoAnne Patek, entertainment was provided by the Hope Belles under the direction of Past President Eunice Kalver.

Shlesinger, Barbara Zenofsky and Evelyn Zuckerman, vice-presidents; Meri Tolchinsky, treasurer; Bobbi Bram, Shirley Galkin and Donna Podrat, secretaries; Faye Goldman, counselor.

Background Of Issue

The struggle between Jewish supporters and foes of such payments to Jewish day schools dates back to a 1970 state law for reimbursement of mandated services which the Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional in that year because the court held the law lacked safeguards to assure its application did not involve an "entanglement" with religion in violation of the First Amendment. The New York Legislature promptly approved a new law in 1974 which required the school records be audited and exact use of the funds for reimbursement of mandated services be spelled out.

The 1974 Required Services Law was challenged by Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL), an umbrella group which opposes government funds for non-public schools. A federal district court held here last December that the revised law was constitutional but it also granted PEARL a stay until Tuesday to permit PEARL, represented by Leo Pfeffer, to appeal the district court ruling to the Supreme Court.

Ex-Pawtucket Resident Gets Army Commission

LARCHMONT, N. Y. — Rabbi Hershel E. Portnoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Portnoy of Hillside Avenue, Pawtucket, who obtained his early schooling at Classical High in Providence and the University of Rhode Island, has been commissioned a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve, and will serve as chaplain to the 74th Army Field Hospital in the Bronx, N.Y.

Spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Synagogue in this city since 1973, Rabbi Portnoy has

added another degree, master of science in education, pastoral counseling, from Iona College. The rabbi holds a B.S. from Columbia with a major in sociology and a minor in psychology; a bachelor of Hebrew Literature in Talmud from the Teacher's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and a M.A. from the rabbinical department of the seminary. Rabbi Portnoy has also been accepted as a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

70-Year-Old Woman Could Be Number One

JERUSALEM (JTA): A 70-year-old Egyptian Jewish woman will probably be the first Egyptian immigrant to Israel following the peace treaty, due to efforts on her behalf by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, and various governmental aides.

The woman, Leah Mandelbaum, comes from a renowned family in Alexandria. She remained in Egypt despite the fact that most of her family now lives in Jerusalem because of a promise she made to her brother before his death that she would rebury him in the Holy Land. Once Egyptian President Anwar

Sadat's peace initiative began, Rabbi Simcha Kook of Rehovot wrote to the elderly woman, telling her she could leave her brother's body behind. She, however, refused.

The situation attracted the attention of Dulzin, who promised one of Mandelbaum's relatives, Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, a member of the Jerusalem Municipal Council, that he would take up the issue with the Egyptians during his visit to Cairo yesterday where he accompanied Premier Menachem Begin, and that he would bring her to Jerusalem.

Last Passover Services At Area Synagogues

AHAVATH SHOLOM SONS OF ZION

Providence

For the last days of Passover, the schedule is as follows; Tuesday, April 17, evening service and candle lighting at 6:10 p.m.; Wednesday, April 18, morning service, 9 o'clock, evening at 6:15, candle lighting, 7:13; Thursday, April 19, morning service, 9 o'clock; Yizkor Memorial Service will be chanted at 10:30, children's care will be provided, evening service, 6:15.

B'NAI ISRAEL

Woonsocket

On Wednesday, April 18, the Seventh Day of Passover, there will be a family service and sermon at 9 am, Mincha and Maariv, 6:15 in the evening; on Thursday, April 19, sermon at 9 am, Mincha and Maariv, 6:15 p.m. There will be no late Friday Service on April 13.

CONGREGATION SHAARE ZEDEK SONS OF ABRAHAM

Providence

The lighting of candles will be held at 6:08 the night of April 17, with evening services and Mincha-Maariv at 6:45; on Wednesday April 18, morning service, 9 o'clock, evening at 6:15, candle lighting, 7:13; Thursday, April 19, morning service, 9 o'clock; Yizkor Memorial Service will be chanted at 10:30, children's care will be provided, evening service, 6:15.

CONGREGATION SONS OF JACOB

Providence

The morning service on Sunday, April 15, will be at 8 o'clock; Monday and Tuesday, April 16 and 17, morning services at 6:30, Minchah Services, 6:10 pm; on Tuesday, lighting of the candles will be at 6:08 pm, and on Wednesday, 7:17; evening services both days at 6:15; on Wednesday and Thursday, April 18 and 19, morning services at 8:30; on Thursday at 10 am, Yizkor Services, the holiday ends at 7:18 pm.

TEMPLE BETH AM

Warwick

All services will be conducted by Rabbi Bernard Rotman and Cantor Natan Subar, holiday kiddush will follow each morning service. Evening service at 6:15 on Tuesday, April 17; on Wednesday, April 18, morning

service, 9:30; Junior Congregation, 10 o'clock, and evening service, 6:15; Thursday, April 19, morning service, 9:30; Junior Congregation, 10 o'clock; Yizkor evening service, 6:15.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

Providence

On Thursday, April 19, the last day of Passover, Yizkor, First Minyon, 7 am, Second Minyon, 9 am, Rabbi Jacob Handler will conduct all services.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Cranston

On Friday evening, April 13, Sabbath of Pesach services at 6:30, and on Shabbat, Saturday April 14, at 9:30 am. The final days of the Festival will have evening services at 6:15 on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17 and 18. Wednesday and Thursday mornings, April 18 and 19, services are at 9:30. Yizkor Memorial prayers are recited on the 8th morning of Pesach at 9:30 am.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Providence

Services for the concluding days of Passover will begin Tuesday at 6:15 pm; services Wednesday morning, April 18, will start at 9:30 with Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman delivering the sermon. On Thursday morn-

ing, April 19, Rabbi Alvan H. Kaunfer will conduct the Yizkor service starting at 9 o'clock; there will be a service of dedication in memory of Rabbi Israel M. Goldman, the founding rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, conducted by Rabbi Zaiman. Cantor Ivan E. Perlman will conduct all services.

TEMPLE SINAI

Cranston

The Tuesday night, April 17, 8:15 service will include the Annual Memorial Dedication Service; gifts to the congregation in memory of those who passed away during the year will be dedicated, as will memorial plaques to Gertrude Charren; Belle Kotlen; Dora Hayes; Sydney Hyman; Ann-Rose Taylor and Lois P. Cohen. Wednesday morning, April 18 at 10:30, there will be a Festival and Yizkor Service.

Council of Jewish Federation Names Hiller Of Baltimore

NEW YORK (JTA) — Robert I. Hiller of Baltimore has been appointed executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations beginning Sept. 1, according to an announcement by Morton Mandel, CJF president. Hiller, currently executive vice president of the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund of Baltimore, will succeed Philip Bernstein who has held the post since 1955.

In making the announcement following a CJF Board of Directors meeting, Mandel noted that the appointment of Hiller "represents our efforts to build the strongest possible executive leadership for the Federation movement in North America. Mr. Hiller's appointment is a major step in our effort to bring together outstanding executive talent to head our Council."

Hiller has served as the professional head of the Baltimore Jewish Federation for 14 years, during which time he has directed and provided consultation to national and international organizations engaged in self-studies and reorganizations, including the

Council of Jewish Federations, the Jewish Welfare Board and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

In Baltimore, he developed the concept for the Institute for Jewish Communal Service, a dual Masters Degree program in social work and Jewish studies, conducted jointly by the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning and the Baltimore Hebrew College.

Prior to coming to Baltimore, Hiller served as executive vice president of the Pittsburgh Jewish Federation from 1956 to 1965 and as associate director of the Cleveland Federation from 1950 to 1956.

He began his professional career in 1948 as associate campaign director of the Detroit United Foundation. In 1969 he played a leading role in the creation of the United Fund of Central Maryland and has continued to serve as a leader of that organization. Hiller has been active in his synagogue, the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, where he has served as a board member and officer.

Bomb In Postal Bag Carded For Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Officials here reported confirmation by Frankfurt police that an explosion recently at the Frankfurt Airport cargo terminal came from a bomb in a postal bag slated for delivery to Israel, one of seven such parcels.

It was also reported that the bomb apparently exploded prematurely, having been set to detonate in an airborne Israeli plane which usually carries mail to Israel. The blast was considered here another sign of an increased effort by Arab terrorists to step up terrorist acts in response to the signing of the

Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Officials here said the incident was not a new one for the Frankfurt Airport, noting that on Nov. 27, 1973, a parcel exploded at the Frankfurt postal distribution department, injuring two postal workers. In other cases, experts intercepted and dismantled booby-trapped parcels and letters at West German post offices.

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However Hodding Carter 3rd, the State Department spokesman, said the United States would take careful soundings in the Arab countries to determine the extent of the decision. For instance, it was not clear whether Saudi Arabia would go ahead with its commitment to finance the purchase by Egypt of 50 F-5E planes from the United States for about \$500 million.

Privately, officials said they had expected some kind of unanimous action to emerge from the Baghdad meeting, but when it appeared as if the Arabs were split, there was some hope that the Saudis might prevail and limit the punishment to be meted. The main concern was that Saudi Arabia's participation in what seems like severe castigation of Egypt might provoke strong anti-Saudi action in Congress.

The focus was on Saudi Arabia because it is the largest oil exporter, and its monarchy is respected in the Islamic world. Moreover, the Saudis' traditionally close

relations with the United States have been strained in recent months by United States sponsorship of the Egyptian-Israeli peace talk, and by the Saudi perception that the United States did not do enough to forestall the fall of Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlavi in Iran.

Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has already threatened to take steps to stop the sale of F-15's to Saudi Arabia if it does not back the peace treaty. The Baghdad conference thus far has not evoked much comment on Capitol Hill.

The administration still feels that Saudi Arabia is trying to play a constructive role. The officials said the Saudis, by keeping Oil production at nearly 10 million barrels a day after Iran stopped exporting oil, were making sacrifices to benefit the West.

Asserting that the United States could not accept a policy that is purely critical and doesn't propose a constructive solution, one State Department spokesman added, "We recognize the strong feelings of those who took part in the Baghdad conference, and are going to undertake careful soundings before we reach any definitive decisions on our action."

Not An Average Texas Cowboy

By Rochelle Sidel Wolk

ALBANY (JTA): When 79-year-old Jake Luskey stepped up to me and offered his assistance in a faint Yiddish accent, I knew at once that I wasn't face to face with an everyday average Texas cowboy.

On a recent visit to Texas, I had walked into Luskey's Western Store in Fort Worth to buy a hat for my son. I needed help in selecting the correct cowboy hat, so I had hoped that the salesman would be an authentic cowboy. Instead, I met an authentic Jewish native of Pinsk, Russia, who had emigrated to Texas in 1913.

If Jake's father, Abraham Luskey, hadn't given America a second chance, Jake probably never would have left Pinsk. A bootmaker for the Russian cavalry, Abraham didn't have any great love for his employer. In addition, he was worried about the treatment of the Jewish population of Pinsk, which didn't improve as the city kept changing hands between Poland and Russia.

In 1908, Abraham set off alone for New York City, expecting to work as a bootmaker for a few years and then send for his family. When he discovered that he had to work on Shabbat in order to earn a living, he turned around and went back to Pinsk in despair.

Three years later, Abraham heard a rumor in Pinsk that people in Texas were bringing Jewish immigrants through the port of Galveston to settle in their state. After investigating the situation further, he booked passage for himself and left for Galveston. From there, he was sent to Fort Worth. In 1913, he sent for his wife, Molly, his three daughters, and his 13-year-old son, Jake.

Arrives After His Bar Mitzvah

"I came right after my Bar Mitzvah," Jake told me. "In Pinsk I had already gone to a special yeshiva, and I was studying to be a rabbi or a shochet. Then I had to go to the 'goldena' land." In America, Abraham had started a business making and repairing shoes and boots. When the family arrived, Jake continued his schooling and polished boots for his father. He later worked in a store that sold western apparel.

In 1919, Jake and his father opened a general store in Fort Worth. A. Luskey & Sons, as it was first called, was located about 17 blocks from downtown Fort Worth, across from a wagon yard where farmers and ranchers parked their wagons when they came to town. The store sold Abraham's

handmade boots, piece goods, and big brimmed straw and felt hats. The next year Jake married a Dallas native named Rose, and the store began specializing in western wear. When Abraham was killed in an accident in 1933, Jake became head of the family business.

Meanwhile, Jake and Rose were busy raising a family of their own, five sons and two daughters. Today all five sons are in the business, and there are six Luskey's Western Stores throughout Texas. The main store and a thriving mail order business are still in Fort Worth, at Houston and Weatherford Streets. Although Jake officially retired in 1960 and turned the business over to his sons, he still comes to the store every day to work.

Active In The Jewish Community

During the years that Jake was building a successful business, he never forgot his Jewish training in Pinsk. Today he and his family are all active members of the Texas Jewish community.

When he arrived in Fort Worth in 1913, there were already a few Jewish families and a small synagogue. By 1936, when Jake became president of Congregation Ahavath Shalom, the Jewish community had grown considerably. "At the time, I was the youngest president in this whole country of a synagogue with over 400 members," he said. Including that first term in office, Jake has been president of his congregation four times. He has also served as chairman of the synagogues' Hebrew school since 1920.

Today, the Fort Worth Jewish community numbers 3000. There are two synagogues, a Jewish Federation, a Jewish Community Center and a Jewish Social Service Agency. There are chapters of most major Jewish organizations, and a Jewish day school is in its second year of operation.

Jake's oldest son, Louis, is a past president of the B'nai B'rith lodge, and his wife, daughters and daughters-in-law are all active life members of Hadassah. Even the Luskey men are all Hadassah Associates. In addition to his communal dedication to Judaism, Jake has visited Israel four times.

This year the Luskey family opened their sixth Luskey's Western Store, located in Odessa, Texas. The original Odessa and Pinsk, now part of the Soviet Union, are approximately 450 miles apart. Jake set out from Pinsk in 1913. It has taken him 66 years to arrive in Odessa.

announcements last Thursday took the government by surprise inasmuch as the Cabinet has not approved any new settlements in the occupied territories at this time.

The Gush said they were going ahead in order to create "unerasable facts." They were supported by Transport Minister Haim Landau, a Likud hardliner opposed to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.



BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr

Not quite half the Declarers who played today's hand made it. Those who did could not understand how anyone could go down mainly because they happened to be fortunate they had chosen a certain way of playing the hand. Without one exception every one of them just decided to do one of two things before the other not realizing that there was a very definite preference as to which should come first. Those who "guessed" right naturally made the hand and felt there had been no problem. There is as you will see and you will also see why so many went down.

North		
♦	A 8 4	
♥	A 9 3	
♠	A 10 5 4	
♣	Q 5 2	
West		
♦	Q 10 7 5 3	
♥	8 6 4	
♠	9 8 2	
♣	A 9	
East		
♦	J 9 2	
♥	Q J 10 5	
♠	K 6	
♣	10 8 7 3	
South		
♦	K 6	
♥	K 7 2	
♠	Q J 7 3	
♣	K J 6 4	

North was Dealer, all vulnerable with this bidding:

N	E	S	W
1D	P	2NT	P
3NT	End		

Some Souths bid three Diamonds as a response to their partner's opening bid. Their reason was that they were afraid of their doubleton Spade King. It is that very doubleton King that should make them bid two No Trump instead, a much better call. They have a No Trump type hand and certainly would want a Spade lead coming into that King rather than through it.

They aren't sure North has that Ace and

that three Diamond call almost automatically invokes a three No Trump bid from partner.

When North was Declarer, a Heart lead from East caused no problem and the hand was made no matter how Declarer went about it. It was a different story when South played the hand. Now West led a Spade and most Declarers ducked but had to win the continuation with their own King. Right here is the crux of the hand for if the wrong suit is attacked first the hand can go down.

I watched most Declarers take the Diamond finesse feeling that that was their longest suit so should be the one to go after. It is but see what happens when the finesse loses. East still has a Spade and leads it to remove the last stopper. Before enough tricks can be cashed to make the hand the Club Ace must be knocked out and unfortunately for Declarer, West, the opponent with the two good Spades holds that card, wins it and sets the hand.

Seems normal, doesn't it and those going down felt that way. But watch what happens if that Club Ace is removed first. West will have to win it and lead a third Spade which will dislodge the last stopper all right but also takes away partner's last Spade, too. Meanwhile, that Club Ace was West's only entry to cash that now good Spade suit and it is gone. So when East does win his Diamond King he has no way to get to partner, has to lead something else and the hand is made.

Why this is the only right order to play the two minor suits is because we assume the lead shows West with the long Spade suit. If they break even nothing can hurt. If he has no entries he can't set us and his only sure one is the Club Ace. If he is the one with the Diamond King we can finesse right through it. So it is imperative we remove his entry at the right time.

Moral: Again what may seem a guess at the time really isn't if you think it through all the way.

Begin Informs The Knesset Of Agreements With Sadat

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin informed the Knesset of the agreements he reached with President Anwar Sadat during his two-day visit to Cairo. The main points are the exchange of letters of ratification between Israel and Egypt which will put their peace treaty formally into effect, the proclamation of open borders and the establishment of civilian air corridors between the two countries, and the installation of a direct telephone line between Begin and Sadat.

The latter became operative as of April 11, Begin told the Knesset, "so that we can tell each other what we like whenever we want." Technicians began work on the Israeli end of the telephone link in the Prime Minister's Office.

Change of Venue For Documents Exchange

With respect to the exchange of ratification documents, Begin said that it will be done at Umm Khushiba, an American-manned early warning station in Sinai. This represents a significant change of plans, for Begin had told the press in Cairo that Egypt's Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali would fly to Israel next week with a ratified copy of the peace treaty while Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan would take the Israeli copy to Cairo. The Egyptians apparently were reluctant to have Ghali go to Jerusalem with the document because it would imply that Egypt recognized Jerusalem as Israeli's capital.

Begin confirmed that he and Sadat agreed to proclaim open borders and establish air corridors on May 27, a day after El Arish is returned to Egyptian sovereignty. The two leaders will symbolize the inauguration of free movement between their nations when Begin flies to El Arish to meet with Sadat and then returns with him to Beersheba. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman is in Cairo this week, accompanied by senior Israeli military officers, for talks with his Egyptian counterpart, Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali. The Israeli-Egyptian joint political and military committees will begin their meetings next month, alternating between El Arish and Beersheba.

Begin likened this timetable to the

counting of the Omer, the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. "We have concluded the counting of the Omer in building peace," he told the Knesset. He warned, however, "There still stands before us very difficult and serious problems. ... There will be differences of opinion between us and Egypt. They say so and so do we. But there is no reason to repeat this fact," Begin said. He said "My visit to Cairo surpassed all expectations."

The Knesset adjourned after the session for the Passover holidays. Begin's speech was well received except for minor interruptions from Herut hardliner Geula Cohen and Toufik Toubi of the Rakah Communist faction. Some MKs had lavish praise for the Prime Minister. But Yigal Allon, speaking for the opposition Labor Party, said he was suspicious of the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip and reiterated Labor's view that negotiations over the West Bank must be conducted with Jordan.

Ministers Exude Optimism

The Knesset session followed a 20-minute Cabinet meeting at which Begin briefed the ministers on his Cairo visit. No details were disclosed but most of the ministers seemed optimistic as they left the Cabinet room. It was learned that each ministry will draft working papers in the next few days affecting various aspects of the normalization of relations with Egypt.

Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir said he has already issued instructions for legal measures to change the status of Egypt from that of an enemy state to a friendly neighbor. He said new legislation would be introduced if necessary.

U.S. Signs Agreement

TEL AVIV (JTA): Israel and the United States have signed an agreement for the United States to build two new airfields in the Negev to replace the two in the Sinai the Israelis are turning over to Egypt under the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Gush Emunim Backs Off

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA) — The Gush Emunim backed off from their plans, announced last week, to break ground for 10 new settlements on the West Bank over the Passover holidays. The Military Government prohibited any action of that sort. But a senior official said today that permission was granted the Gush to tour the sites of the proposed settlements. The official explained that they would visit the sites and leave without ceremonies of any kind. The Gush

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GETS DEGREE

Dr. Ronald Owen Furman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Furman of 95 Mason Avenue, Cranston, recently received a Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree at graduation exercises of the New England College of Optometry in Boston.

He was among 63 men and 21 women who were awarded O.D. degrees at the commencement in John Hancock Hall. Dr. Furman received a B.A. in biology from Boston University in 1974, and in 1977, was awarded the Optometric Editors Association Award for best student publication for Scope, the monthly publication of Southern California College of Optometry. He lives in Allston, Mass.

MOES CHITIM FUND

The Moes Chitim Fund of Greater Rhode Island, and the Jewish Family & Children's Service, will sponsor a Passover Dinner April 17 at 12 noon at the State Institutions, Howard. Rabbi Jacob Handler will conduct services, Mrs. Gerald Zellermyer and Mrs. Albert Cohen are co-chairwomen.

HADASSAH MEETING

A regular meeting of Providence Hadassah will be held April 16, 12:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center. Marie Presel will be the speaker, hostesses will be Kay Abrams and Lillian Ludman.

Editor's Mailbox

From The Board Of Rabbis

In every generation... reports the Haggadah... a Jew is entitled to feel as though he personally had left Egypt. Especially our generation. Especially this Passover Eve...

Prime Minister Begin was not posturing for exercise that memorable Monday afternoon, when in Arabic, English and Ivrit pens touched papers. When Menachem announced himself a free son of Israel and the Jewish people, these were more than calling cards. Far more than diplomatic credentials. These were the lips of the liberated, confiding what Moshe himself never lived to see: an Egypt that in black and white acknowledges our freedom from serfdom, our raison d'etre, our terra firma.

We are on the map. We always were. Still, there is no denying that acceptance is better than rejection... that a state of peace, however tenuous, is preferable to a state of war. That we all age in a beneficent sort of way this Erev Pesach. At last, there is an Egyptian, who nervously and for whatever motive, is someone to "go to the table with."

And what is Pesach, if not a table? The Seder participants... whether older or younger, richer or of moderate means, stranger or familiar... are "recliners." This is the feast of the liberated all right who this year for the first time in more than two thousand do more than reenact.

So what is it like to be liberated? It is both scary and challenging. Scary for those who wear "chips on the shoulder" for their crutch. Challenging for those who feel that every Jewish particle is sacred and viable and will stand on its own merit.

It is both new and old. New to refer to Anwar as a cousin. Old when we realize that cousinhood is steeped in our Genesis. It is spring with its sprigs of green, its promise of temperate air and with hope revived.

Kol she-n'ya-keish lu y'hee... "All that we shall ask is let it be!"

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Temple Emanu-El's spring session of the Institute of Jewish studies will start Tuesday night, April 24, and continue for six consecutive Tuesdays through May 29.

The institute offers a wide variety of courses. During the first session from 8 to 8:50, courses range from Hebrew reading by Edward Adler to Ulpan Hebrew, Fania Gross; Sidrah of the Week, Rabbi Joel Zaiman; Messiah, Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer; Shabbat Morning Service, Cantor Ivan Perlman; BarBat Mitzvah Pep, Carol Ingall; Women in the Bible, Marcia Kaunfer; Jewish Family in America, Dr. Eliot Barron; Hasidic Way of Life Today, Rebecca Twersky; Grown Child-Aging Parent, Dorothy Wahl; Holocaust, Mr. Feldman.

For the second session, 9:10 to 10 o'clock, Words We Live By, Mr. Adler; Social Justice, coordinated by Mr. William Robin presenting Mr. Michael Dollinger; Father John Paul Mahoney and Michael Van Leesten; Hebrew Conversation, Rebecca Twersky; Judaism: The Way of Sanctification, Rabbi Zaiman; Love Thy Neighbor, Rabbi Kaunfer; Haftarah Chanting, Rabbi Perlman; Great Moments in Jewish History, Carol Ingall; Jewish Story Tellers and Writers, Geraldine Foster; The Joseph Story, Can People Change, Dr. Ingall; Russian Jewry: Their Plight, Meira Eides.

Registration is Sunday, April 22 in Room 25 at the Temple from 10 am to 12 noon. For further information contact Jenny Klein, Director of Adult Education at Temple Emanu-El, 331-1616.

La'am Faction Splits,
Shamir Joins Likud

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The La'am faction voted 18-13 to remain within Likud, but at the cost of a split within its own ranks. Bitter opponents of the peace treaty with Egypt, headed by MK Moshe Shamir, announced that they would seek to form a new political party composed of elements opposed to Premier Menachem Begin's peace policies.

Shamir, a former Labor Party member, joined Likud because of its platform urging a Greater Israel. He announced after the vote that he would proclaim himself a one-man Knesset Faction and try to rally others who hold similar views to join him. He denounced the peace pact signed by Begin and President Anwar Sadat in Washington as a "terrible agreement that would lead only to catastrophe." He also attacked Begin as "a figure of red carpets, bulges and embraces, not a leader."

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Cabinet, Knesset Delay Debate On Bedouin Lands Construction

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Cabinet postponed discussion of the Supreme Court's contempt citation against the government for unauthorized construction work on Bedouin lands in the Negev because the issue is still under investigation by the Attorney General. Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir also announced that the Knesset debate on the subject, to have begun will be postponed at least until after the Passover holidays.

Although the Knesset recessed for Passover last Wednesday, debate was demanded by the Labor Alignment and the Shai faction which obtained more than the 30 signatures required to recall it. Shamir ruled, however, that the debate could not be held while the matter is under judicial consideration. This was disputed by Alignment Whip Dan Rosolio who argued that the subject of debate was the unprecedented ruling by the nation's highest court, not the legal dispute over construction now before the courts.

At the Cabinet meeting, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir said "we look at the high court ruling with the utmost respect and seriousness and the government will be the first to reach any and all conclusions necessitated by the high court's position." However, he said, "because the issue is presently before the high court, the government had decided not to discuss it at this time. Rather, it will wait and discuss it in its entirety once the investigation is completed. Premier Menachem Begin, confined to

bed with flu and temperature, did not attend the weekly Cabinet session which was chaired by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin. Begin's doctors ordered him to remain in bed for the next day or two.

Background Of Court Action

The Supreme Court issued its citation last Thursday when it ordered a halt to road-building work on disputed land near the Beersheba-Arad road. The court acted on behalf of a local Bedouin, Sulieman Abu Garen, who complained that the work was started by a government agency without obtaining the required permit from the Beersheba district court. The arrival of bulldozers and workers on the site touched off clashes in which several policemen were injured and 11 Bedouins arrested, including Sulieman. They were released Monday.

The work is on a road to give access to a planned new Bedouin township in the Negev. Government policy is to concentrate the various tribes in towns, thereby ending their nomadic existence, a policy to which many Bedouins object. Government officials said Friday that the land for the road was requisitioned in a legal manner long before last week's protest and that they were under the impression that the court permit was required for work at the proposed township site, not the road leading to it.

Tamir rejected claims that the incident was due to a misunderstanding in the affair, but it is also possible that certain persons will have to stand trial as well, he told reporters after the Cabinet meeting.

The high court's action stunned government officials and Attorney General Itzhak Zamir ordered an immediate investigation. The law allows 21 days to reply to the contempt ruling. Zamir said today that he would submit "a frank, thorough and reliable report."

Earlier Decision Brought To Light

The current dispute brought to light an earlier decision by the Supreme Court in which a different panel of judges criticized the Israeli army for beginning work on the site of a new air base near Beersheba nearly two months before it obtained the necessary court permit. That matter was also the subject of an appeal by Bedouin tribesmen. The court ruled that the government failed to observe orderly administrative procedures and ordered it to pay the Bedouins IL 5000 in legal expenses.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said that the work done in the area without permit was preliminary and of limited scope. He said the area was closed by the army last December in preparation for building the air base. A permit was requested from the

Finance Minister early last month and was issued on March 21, he said. This was some time after the Bedouins' appeal to the Supreme Court.

Sadat Urges Talks

CAIRO—In his first formal speech since signing a peace treaty with Israel, President Anwar Sadat urged Palestinians to disavow the terrorism, intimidation and threats of their leaders, and join the talks he has arranged with Israel on home rule for Israeli-occupied Palestinian areas.

Mr. Sadat challenged the approach taken by the Palestine Liberation Organization which has spearheaded the opposition to such negotiations. Mr. Sadat said a bomb here and there will not liberate the land, and slogans will not help establish a government or state, contending that such methods would result in further failure. He urged the Palestinians to participate to learn the lesson of the past, and to trample the threats and intimidation under their feet.

However, Mr. Sadat's appeal, made before Egypt's Parliament, the People's Assembly, carried the risk of a backlash. His contention that he was more sensitive than their own leaders to the aspirations of the Palestinians seemed certain to increase the P.L.O.'s hostility. He coupled his invitation to the Palestinians with a warning to Arab radicals that Egypt had enough deterrent force to strike back against terrorism. "For them to try to seize our ambassadors here or there, and do this or that in such a mean way, I would tell them that I am going to retaliate and very strongly," Mr. Sadat said.

Mr. Sadat's speech which lasted 2 hours and 45 minutes, was his only report to the People's Assembly on the treaty before its ratification. He left the details to be explained by Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil, and concentrated instead on rebutting foreign and domestic criticism.

In view of the animosity the treaty has aroused in the Arab world, Mr. Sadat was otherwise notably restrained. He made a point of championing the Palestinian cause, and did not threaten any counter measures against Arab nations that met in Baghdad to approve political and economic boycotts against Egypt. "Some Arabs have chosen to wage a battle against Egypt, so let us arm ourselves only with the weapons of Egypt, faith, steadfastness, character, dignity and putting everyone in his place," Mr. Sadat continued.

Concerning the ambassadors who had been recalled, Mr. Sadat said that if they returned, they would be welcomed. He charged that King Hussein of Jordan and President Hafez al-Assad of Syria while accusing him of selling out, the Palestinian cause, were responsible for repressions and widescale killing of Palestinians in 1970-71, and in Lebanon in 1975-77.

Mr. Sadat's strongest words were directed at the leadership of the P.L.O. and particularly at its second-ranking official, Salah Khalaf, better known by the guerrilla code name, Abu Iyad. Mr. Sadat reported that the Palestinian, whom he did not identify by name, has once quipped that "the problem" with Sadat needs only one bullet.

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