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## Miriam Smith To Be Honored At Yeshiva U. Award Dinner

Miriam Smith of Providence will be honored by Yeshiva University at the New England Heritage Award Dinner, Sunday, May 17, at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston.

Aaron Feuerstein, president of Malden Mills in Lawrence, Mass., is dinner chairman; Erwin Katz, New England sales manager of H. and P. Mayer Industries Corporation in Fairlawn, N.J., is serving as co-chairman. The Award Dinner will benefit the university's \$100 million Century Campaign.

Mrs. Smith and three prominent Brookline, Mass. residents — Marvin Gorodetzer, Dr. Benjamin Rabinovici, and Dr. Seymour Schiff — will receive Yeshiva University's Heritage Award for exemplary leadership on behalf of higher education, the Jewish community, and other philanthropic causes.

Featured as guest speaker will be Dr. Herschel Schacter, director of the Department of Rabbinic Services at the university's Division of Communal Services. Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, will make the presentations to the guests of honor.

The daughter of a Hebrew scholar, Joshua Bell, Mrs. Smith was born in Holyoke, Mass., and graduated from the Classical High School in Providence. After graduation, she settled with her mother and two brothers in Palestine, where she worked in a settlement in Nes Ziona. Following their return to the United States 15 months later, she attended Simmons College and later worked in the advertising office of Gladdings Inc.

In 1965, Mrs. Smith became the first Rhode Islander to serve as New England Region president of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations. Active for many years in Hadassah, she was vice-president and program chairman of the Providence chapter and editor of "Hadassah Briefs," the group's bi-monthly bulletin. She has served as vice president or board member of almost every major Jewish organization in her community as well as on the national board of the Women's Branch, and has played a prominent role in the campaigns of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra. When the Ladies' Association of the Providence Hebrew Day School was



MIRIAM SMITH

formed, she launched the school's successful donor luncheon program and served as chairman five times.

When Brown University began to attract increasing numbers of Orthodox students, Mrs. Smith and her late husband, attorney Archie Smith, extended hospitality both to students and professors, and were instrumental in establishing the kosher kitchen at Brown's B'nai B'rith Hillel House. They also opened their home for High Holy Day services for students attending the surrounding colleges until other Orthodox facilities were made available.

Mr. Smith's distinguished career included service as assistant attorney general of Rhode Island from 1942 to 1960, as the first legal director of the Rhode Island Legislative Council from 1960 to 1969, and as chairman of the state Public Utilities Commission from 1969 to 1975. He was a member of the Commission on Highway Laws of the Highway Research Board; National Academy of Sciences; and a member of the American and Rhode Island Bar Associations. In 1975, the Rhode Island chapter of the American

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## Baptist Leader Acts To End Controversy Over Remarks

PLANO, TEXAS — The Rev. Bailey Smith, a Baptist leader who attracted attention last year when he said that God does not hear the prayers of Jews, said this week he would die to protect the rights of Jews.

Smith attended a private Passover ceremony with Mark Briskman, director of the North Texas-Oklahoma Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Afterwards, the two announced plans for interfaith religious activities designed to bring their followers to a better understanding.

Briskman quoted Smith as saying during their meeting, "I would die for your right to live as a Jew in America."

And Smith himself said he wants "to do everything to promote the Jewish people and the sincerity of their faith."

It was at a conservative political-religious rally in Dallas last year that Smith said, "With all due respect to those dear people, my friends, God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew."

Smith later said of Jews, "I think they got funny looking noses, myself."

Briskman said Bailey had understood the

"hurt" he caused, and was sorry about it. "He is almost singlehandedly moving the Southern Baptist Convention to work in greater cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish faith," Briskman said.

### Cooperation Planned

Smith said the Southern Baptist Convention and the Anti-Defamation League would work in conjunction on Sunday School lesson plans, seminars at seminaries of both faiths and other interfaith cooperative activities.

Plans have also been discussed for Smith to lead a joint Baptist-Jewish tour of Israel, possibly as early as this fall.

The private service at Briskman's home evolved from a discussion the two men had last December after returning from an ADL meeting in New York, which Smith had attended in an attempt to defuse the controversy around his remarks.

An ADL official from New York will visit Smith's Oklahoma church this month to further the relationship between the two faiths.

## Soviet Press Says Zionists Strive To Undermine Poland

MOSCOW — The Soviet press has accused Western Zionists of interfering in Poland's affairs.

In the weekly newspaper of the Union of Soviet Writers, the Literaturnaya Gazeta, Zionist organizations were accused of engaging in a "massive campaign to undermine the socialist foundations of Poland."

The Soviet press in recent weeks has also accused American labor unions, West Germans, Western radio stations and Western imperialism of meddling in Poland.

Cited as evidence to substantiate the allegations was a visit by a delegation of the World Jewish Congress to the Polish Embassy in Washington to complain about manifestations of anti-Semitism in Poland.

The paper said the delegation demanded action against people trying to discredit the

Solidarity trade union by accusing it of Zionism.

In addition, U.S. Zionist leaders had expressed sympathy, the paper said, for the "leaders of the movement for undermining the Polish Communist Government" and had suad the movement's "anti-Communist and anti-Soviet aspect" guaranteed American and West European support.

The weekly also said an American writer, Irving Kristol, had in a Commentary article

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## Senate Celebrates "Jewish Day"

The second annual "Jewish Day" was celebrated in the Rhode Island Senate Tuesday, complete with a governor's proclamation and an early recess for a feast of Jewish food.

Sen. Richard A. Licht (D-Providence), one of the sponsors of the ceremonies, called on Americans to never "trade democracy for oil." Israel, Licht said, is "an oasis of democracy in a desert of tyranny."

Rabbi Leslie Gutterman of Temple Beth-El spoke to the Senate about the need for support of "Israel's right to exist in peace."

Established two years ago and now a permanent State House tradition along with St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day, "Jewish Day" gives non-Jewish Senate members a chance to learn about Jewish tradition.

This year's ceremonies were special because of the upcoming celebration May 10 of Israel's 33rd anniversary. The Senate passed a resolution to commemorate Israel's unity and brotherhood in the face of the continuous warfare and persecution that have marked Jewish history.

Rabbi Gutterman said he hoped other nations would, like Egypt, "extend a hand in friendship" to Israel.

The ceremonies and feast, which included delicacies such as lox and gefilte fish, were sponsored by Senators Lila Sapinsley (R-Providence), David Sholes (D-Cranston), and Licht.

Governor Garrahy signed a proclamation declaring "National Holocaust Week" in Rhode Island. Licht noted that Jewish people have emerged stronger from each adversity.

## Community Plans Gala Celebration To Mark Israel's 33rd Anniversary

The State House lawn in Providence will be the setting for a gala statewide community celebration to mark Israel's 33rd Anniversary on Sunday, May 10. This program, which is coordinated by the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation and sponsored by every major Jewish organization, synagogue and institution in the Jewish community, is expected to attract thousands of participants from all over the state. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the north side of the Rhode Island State House. (In the event of rain, the entire program will be held indoors at the Jewish Community Center. Please check your radio for confirmation.)

A fair-like birthday atmosphere will prevail throughout the afternoon and many surprises are in store for all participants. Balloons and Israel Birthday Cake will be distributed to every child in attendance, and vendors will offer Kosher food products that complement the theme of this day and also Mother's Day.

Among the dignitaries participating in the opening ceremonies will be Ambassador Michael Bavy, Consul General of Israel for the New England Region, Governor Joseph J. Garrahy, Congresswoman Claudine



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Schneider, Attorney General Dennis J. Roberts, Secretary of State Robert F. Burns, General Treasurer Anthony J. Solomon, Lieutenant Governor Thomas R. DiLuglio

and Marvin Holland, president of the Jewish Federation.

The entertainment will commence at 1:30

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# Obituaries

## SAUL SEINFELD

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Saul Seinfeld, 77, of 4201 Butterworth Place, Northwest, a former resident of Providence, died Thursday, April 23. He was the husband of the late Jean (Kortick) Seinfeld.

He was born in New York City and worked as a self-employed manufacturer of slip covers and draperies.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Ina Bechhoefer of Bethesda, Md.; a sister, Julia Seinfeld of New York, and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday in the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## ROBERT MELLER

Vice President Of Adolph Meller Co.

NEWPORT — Robert Meller, 63, of Goat Island, vice president and secretary of the Adolph Meller Co., died Thursday, April 23 at the Presbyterian Medical Center, Albuquerque, N.M. He was the husband of Harriet (Lifrak) Meller.

An employee of the Adolph Meller Co., 120 Corliss St., Providence, since 1946, he was a member of Temple Beth-El.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Adolf and Rosa M. (Balischansky) Meller, he lived in Warwick until he moved to Newport 10 years ago.

A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he was a member of the President's Council of Salve Regina College; a founding member of the Cranston Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Manufacturing Jewelers and Silversmiths of America. He was a member of the Jewelers Board of Trade and the New England Crystal Growers Association.

A member of the American Rose Society, Meller raised more than 400 varieties of roses and discovered an antibiotic for roses.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Michael Meller of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; a daughter, Carol Meller of Wakefield; a brother, Max E. Meller of Providence, and two sisters, Mrs. Pauline M. Berger of Bal Harbour, Fla., and Mrs. Fannie M. Shore of Providence.

A funeral service was held Sunday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Providence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the R.I. Heart Association.

## THERESA FREDA PULNER

El Paso, Tx. — Theresa Freda (Bloomfield) Pulner, died Friday, April 17 after a long illness. She was the wife of Warren M. Pulner.

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, she was elected a delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention. She was president of the Oaklawn Garden Club, Cranston, and active in the League of Women Voters in Rhode Island and Texas. She was also a member of B'nai B'rith, National Council of Jewish Women and B'nai Zion Synagogue.

Mrs. Pulner was president of Thunderbird Gems, Inc. and known world-wide for her jewelry.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Charles D. Pulner; two daughters, Ellen M. Pulner and Rachel B. Pulner, all of El Paso, Tx.; her father, Harry Bloomfield of Farmingdale, N.Y.; a brother, Masse Bloomfield of Calif.; and two sisters, Ethel Snyder of New Jersey and Sally Ruffmann of Farmingdale, N.Y.

Graveside services were held at the B'nai Zion Cemetery. Rabbi Stanley Hermanoff officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Nylene Eckles Foundation of the N.D. Anderson Hospital, 6723 Bertner Dr., Houston, Tx. 77030.

## SAM SUDAKOFF

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Sam Sudakoff, 68, of 21501 Juego Circle, a former resident of Providence, died Monday, April 27 at the Boca Raton Community Hospital. He was the husband of Lillian (Sklaroff) Sudakoff.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Karl Sudakoff of New Jersey and Nathan Sudakoff of New York; his mother, Sarah Sudakoff of Calif.; two brothers, Joseph Sudy of N.J. and Sidney Sudy of Calif.; a sister, Evelyn York of Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Menorah Chapel, Deerfield Beach, Fla.

## Maimonides Conference Planned For 1982

NEW YORK (JTA) — The American Jewish Congress has been asked by the government of Morocco to co-sponsor and assist in the organization of an international conference on Maimonides, the 12th Century Jewish sage and philosopher, Henry Siegman, executive director of the Congress announced. The unprecedented joint venture of a major American Jewish organization and an Arab government will take place in Fez, Morocco, next year.

## Survivors Join Garrahy In Remembering Holocaust

Six survivors of the Nazi Holocaust joined Governor Garrahy Wednesday in proclaiming this week as "Days of Remembrance" in Rhode Island.

In a brief State House ceremony attended by about 50 persons, six candles (each representing one million dead) were lit in remembrance by Raymond Eichenbaum, Judith Newman, Lenka Rose, Sam Jamnik, Minna Gastfreund and Henry Abramowitz.

"This event should be remembered by all," Garrahy said. "It is a shocking scar on the history of mankind."

Rabbi Gerald B. Zelermyer offered a prayer, and then said: "If I were a Jew, and I am; and if I had been born in 1939, and I was; and if I was born on European turf, which I was not — chances are I would not be talking to you today. I would not have been the victim of pure anti-Semitism, but anti-humanism."

## Former R.I. Resident Elected To Honor Society

Dr. Ron Gepner, associate professor of Mathematics and Technology, has been elected to the National Honor Society in Education, Kappa Delta Pi.

He will be a member of the Delta Xi chapter

of the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University. He has also been elected to membership in the Delta Chapter of Omicron Tau Theta, the National Honorary Society for Vocational Education.

Dr. Gepner and his wife Sandra (Weinstein) of Providence now reside in New Jersey.

## Eban Supports Dialogue With Palestinians, Urges Autonomy

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban offered the Palestinian people a dialogue and urged full autonomy for them on the West bank and Gaza Strip but firmly rejected any Israeli negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization. "Our stand is clear: No to the PLO, yes to the moderate Palestinians," Eban told a group of political reporters to whom he spelled out the differences between Labor Alignment policies and those of the Likud-led government.

Eban, who many expect will be named Foreign Minister should Labor win the June 30 Knesset elections, agreed on at least one point with Likud hawk Moshe Arens, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. Arens said that the outcome of the Palestine National Council conference in Damascus last week and the resolutions it adopted proved the futility of the European view that the Palestine Liberation Organization was moderating its position.

Eban said that the sharply worded anti-Israel resolutions in Damascus proved that Israel was correct in objecting to the European Economic Community's (EEC) Middle East initiative which calls for PLO "association" in the peace process.

He asserted that "Europe has not shown any rigor in its dialogue with the Palestinians. Instead of according recognition to the PLO on the basis of the PLO's extremist policies, attitudes and tactics, the European community should have refused any such recognition. It should have argued that its refusal was based upon the unacceptable ideology and terrorist policy of the PLO. Therefore, Europe has undermined its own bargaining power if it ever wants to bring about a change in the Palestinian community."

Foreign Ministry circles said last week that they had been told by certain European countries which they declined to name that the outcome of the Damascus conference would "surprise Israel" by its moderation. Arens said that the anti-Israel resolutions that emerged from the Damascus gathering should surprise no one.

He suggested that the Damascus conference might have provided "a lesson for some of the European community, or for the British who have seemed to be living under the delusion or illusion that the PLO could moderate its position, that it was only a matter of being nice to them."

## Temple Sinai Conducts Family Worship Services

Rabbi George J. Astrachan and Cantor Rennie Brown of Temple Sinai will conduct a family worship service on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

All children who will be celebrating their birthday will be called to the bima and the rabbi will bless the children in front of the open ark.

A Yom Ha Shoah observance with members of the senior youth group will also take place.

An Oneg Shabbat will follow services on Saturday, May 2 at the Sabbath morning service. Suzanne Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, will be Bat Mitzvah.

## Soviet Press

from Page 1 urged the U.S. to be "more active in destabilizing the situation in Eastern Europe — in other words, to prepare the overthrow of the socialist system."

It was the first time during the nine months of the Polish crisis that the Soviet press has accused Zionism of seeking to subvert Poland. Such anti-Zionist charges were raised frequently in connection with Czechoslovakia before the Soviet invasion of that country in 1968.

Eban told reporters that the gap between Labor and Likud was wider than that between any opposition and coalition anywhere in the Western world. "The choice is between a line which makes Israel breathe into her lungs a million and a quarter Arabs, despite their will, and the line which refrains from returning to the pre-1967 borders but without imposing Israel's permanent rule." He called for speedy resumption of the autonomy talks with Egypt, with the aim of granting the Palestinians full autonomy.

Beyond that, Eban said, the principle of territorial compromise should be added as another option on top of the Camp David agreements. He rejected criticism of Labor's proposed "Jordanian option" on grounds that Jordan has shown no sign of wanting to negotiate with Israel. "One cannot expect an Israeli political party to tailor its political platform according to the wishes of an Arab country," Eban said.

He added, however, that the Palestinian problem cannot be solved without taking into consideration the position of factors east of the Jordan River, just as one cannot reach a peace arrangement with Jordan without solving the Palestinian problem. Eban observed that a position of territorial compromise would be more readily accepted by world public opinion than the policies of the present government.

## Melaveh Malkah Will Honor Memory Of Beryl Segal

A community Melaveh Malkah will be held at the Jewish Community Center, Providence, on Saturday May 9, at 7:45 p.m. in memory of Beryl Segal.

Dr. Edwin S. Mehlman, President of the Bureau of Jewish Education, has announced that this Melaveh Malkah, a festive celebration at the close of the Sabbath, will be an annual event, sponsored by the Bureau in memory of Mr. Segal, a noted Yiddishist and teacher.

At the May 9 event, dedicated to Yiddish language and culture, Chaya Segal and Geraldine Foster will receive the Bureau of Jewish Education's Melaveh Malkah Scroll in memory of their husband and father. Rabbi Leslie Gutterman of Temple Beth-El will pay tribute to the late Mr. Segal.

The Melaveh Malkah will feature the full-length Yiddish film, *Green Fields*, presented by the Foster-Segal families. The film, based on the play by Peretz Hirschbein, has been restored and subtitled in English by the Rutenberg and Everett Yiddish Film Library of Brandeis University. *Green Fields* tells the simple story of an other-worldly young student who sets out into the country in search of "authentic Jews," convinced that it is only there that they are to be found. This poignant pastoral romance has been a favorite of the Yiddish theatre for generations.

The chairperson of the Melaveh Malkah, Edith Grant, extends an invitation to the entire community to join in viewing *Green Fields* and honoring the memory of Beryl Segal.

## Miriam Smith

from Page 1 Society for Public Administration presented him with the John O. Stetely Distinguished Public Service Award. In addition, Mr. Smith was a founder of the Providence Hebrew Day School, which presented him with its Amudim Award; a member of B'nai B'rith; and a Board member of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mrs. Smith has four children: Zvi Herschel, Arthur, Meryl, and Earl.

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# P.L.O. Threatens To Exert More Political Pressure On U.S.

BEIRUT, LEBANON — The Palestine Liberation Organization says it will increase political pressures on the United States unless there is more flexibility on Palestinian issues.

Salah Khalef, deputy to P.L.O. chairman Yasir Arafat, said although the P.L.O. is willing to strengthen contacts with the Reagan Administration, its goal will be to affect American interests in the Middle East.

Khalef said the pressures would not be in the form of "explosives to blow up an American building," but rather "things like boycotting American products and stirring up Arab public opinion."

Khalef's remarks followed the conclusion of a nine-day meeting of the Palestine National Council. The council's final declaration showed no marked change in policy. Arafat emerged stronger than ever.

Khalef, who is believed to have been among the leaders of Black September, the terrorist group that hijacked planes and attacked the Israeli team at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, said the P.N.C. is moving toward moderation.

In a speech at the council meeting, Khalef said he was not advocating terrorism when he discussed the importance of "frightening" those who oppose Palestinian causes, but he did press for the formation of a special

guerrilla "front" to strike American interests in the Middle East.

In response to a statement by a P.L.O. spokesman that the guerrilla movement no longer frightened anyone, Khalef said there should be "serious talk and plan for dealing harmful blows to American interests and hitting every traitor in the region." Khalef further stated, "if hitting American interests and the traitors is terrorism, then we are the first terrorists. Arab liberation movements must drive out their traitor rulers and we shall help them."

But in an interview following the council meeting, Khalef said hitting at American interests meant taking political action.

Among the political steps, Khalef listed increased lobbying with Arab allies who could push the Palestinian cause with the Reagan administration. During Secretary of State Alexander Haig's recent visit to Saudi Arabia, for example, the Saudis voiced the view that Israel, and not the Soviet Union, posed the greatest threat to the Middle East.

Both P.L.O. spokesmen said the U.S. had refused to negotiate with the P.L.O. although offers had been made. The negotiations would have to be based on two key elements, another spokesman said: that the P.L.O. was the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and that the Palestinians had the right to self-determination.

# Two Jurists Decry Soviet Decisions On Jewish Rights; Urge U.S. Action

CHICAGO (JTA) — Two eminent Chicago jurists who recently returned from the Soviet Union decried "capricious decisions" regarding the rights of Jews there and urged firm U.S. action to improve the situation.

U.S. District Court Judge George Leighton and attorney Elmer Gertz formed their opinions after meeting more than 20 leading Soviet Jewish activists and refuseniks during a two-week visit to the USSR made on behalf of the National Lawyers Committee for Soviet Jewry.

The experts in U.S. civil rights law described several instances of the "random nature of decisions" in the USSR at a press conference at the Jewish Federation building.

### Examples Of Inconsistency

The first occurred on their arrival in Moscow. Gertz was allowed to enter the country carrying documents but copies of these documents were branded "anti-Soviet propaganda" when they were found in Leightons possession and were summarily confiscated.

Another example of inconsistency was the granting of permission to emigrate to one Soviet family despite a member's involvement in the highly classified Soviet space program. The release of the Kness family (after Grigori Kness had been imprisoned without charge for nine months) provided a drastic contrast to the experience of Col. Lev Ovischer, a Soviet World War II hero who for more than 10 years has been denied permission to rejoin his daughter in Israel, although he has not been involved in any classified programs.

Gertz pointed out that while the USSR

claims it allows Jews to emigrate for purposes of family reunion, "that rule is always violated." Neither Leighton nor Gertz could explain the reason for such inconsistencies in granting exit visas. However, it was noted that Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.) had written to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev on behalf of the Kness family.

Gertz suggested that such apparent policy contradictions were characteristic of an unsettled Soviet attitude toward the U.S. that was based, in part, on an ignorance of world events.

### More Affirmative Action Urged

Both Leighton and Gertz agreed that their visit did much to buoy the spirits of refuseniks. Leighton, however, felt that more should be done. He is drafting a report to the National conference on Soviet Jewry suggesting that they study ways of exerting affirmative action to secure the release of many refuseniks "deserving of great support."

Leighton noted that letters such as those sent by Percy were appropriate and effective tools. He added that he would advise well-placed political leaders of his findings and urge them to action. Leighton further suggested that the consistent Russian wishes for increased tourism and trade with the U.S. be used as bargaining points in human rights discussions.

Gertz, who visited the USSR 15 years ago, noted a substantial increase in "Jewish commitment." On this trip he said he saw great numbers of people of all ages at synagogue services gathering outside the synagogue — even in cold weather — of many more Jews who were openly demonstrating that commitment.

# Dutch Foreign Minister Meets Arafat

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw has returned from his visits to Syria and Lebanon, the most provocative aspect of which was his two-hour meeting in Damascus with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat and his PLO lieutenants.

The Dutch diplomat, who made that contact in his capacity of chairman of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC) which seeks to have the PLO "associated" with the Middle East peace process, was accompanied by a delegation from The Netherlands Foreign Ministry.

Van der Klaauw had little to say to reporters about his conversation with Arafat except that it had been useful but yielded no new elements. A PLO spokesman was less reticent. He told reporters in Damascus that Arafat had informed van der Klaauw that the PLO will not negotiate on the basis of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and that it is not prepared to recognize Israel even if it withdraws to its pre-1967 borders.

According to the spokesman, Arafat is willing to accept Israel only within the borders allotted to it by the UN General Assembly's

partition resolution of November 29, 1947 and only if all Palestinians are given the right to return to their homeland in what was Palestine at that time. Arafat was said to expect little from the European Middle East initiative but favored reviving the Geneva conference under the joint chairmanship of the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Van der Klaauw also met with President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon and visited, as Foreign Minister, the Dutch contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and visited, as Foreign Minister, the Dutch contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). He praised the Dutch soldiers and, on his departure from Beirut, strongly criticized Israeli attacks on south Lebanon. A four-member Dutch parliamentary delegation, which also visited Lebanon at the same time, urged Israel to restrain the activities of Maj. Saad Haddad's Christian militia.

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# Sylvia Hassenfeld To Receive NCJW Community Service Award

Sylvia Hassenfeld, national and international leader, has been named the 1981 recipient of the Community Service Award of the Providence Section, National Council of Jewish Women. The award is presented annually to an individual whose outstanding humanitarian pursuits exemplify the ideals of Council.

The honor will be conferred upon Mrs. Hassenfeld at this year's Community Service Award Luncheon, the proceeds of which will benefit the organization's scholarship program. This program offers partial aid to worthy college students in financial need. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at the Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk, Massachusetts. A reception at 11:30 will be followed by luncheon at noon.

Mrs. Hassenfeld is a past president of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and is a member of its Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. She is National Vice Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, the only woman to have served as an officer of the United Jewish Appeal, and is immediate past president of the UJA National Women's Division. She has been the leader of many women's missions abroad and is on the board of directors of numerous national and international organizations and agencies.

Ludmila Lifschitz, pianist, and Sophia Herman, violinist, will present a benefit performance for the afternoon's entertainment. They are sisters and professional artists who



SYLVIA HASSENFELD

have delighted audiences with their music since arriving in Providence from the Soviet Union in 1979.

Eleanor Shepard is chairman and Dorothy Schwartz is co-chairman of the day. Also serving on the committee are Isabelle Dickens, treasurer and reservations; Barbara Coen, hostesses; Sylvia Kenner, decorations; Nan Levine, entertainment; Marcia Blacher, Sylvia Brown and Shirley Rotkin, printing; Kay Abrams and Lillian Ludman, secretaries; Grace Alpert, publicity and Helen Gerber ex officio.

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## The Lighter Side Of Parliamentary Procedure

by Carl Alpert

**HAIFA** — The debates in a nation's Parliament prior to the enactment of laws are marked by political and legalistic elements, often far removed from the realities of life. But the enforcement of these laws in the courts of the land requires reason, warmth, understanding, compassion and sometimes even humor. Witness the following, a sampling of the proceedings in some of Israel's courts of justice.

**Unappreciated Mercy:** A Haifa engineer who was found guilty of speeding was fined and had his driving license lifted for two months. However, the latter part of the sentence was suspended on condition that he not repeat the offense during that period. The engineer appealed even the conditional suspension on the grounds that it hung over his head like a threat, undermined his self-confidence, and made him nervous during driving. The judge was unimpressed, and the verdict remained.

**When the Judge Wept:** Meir Alhiani was on trial before Judge Yosef Yehia in Tel Aviv court on charges of possessing a tear gas propellant intended for police use only. In his defense he contended that he had been told the weapon was inoperative. The judge took it in his hands, experimented with it, and pulled the trigger. A gaseous cloud emerged — and the judge shed copious tears.

**Young Mother:** Birth dates in Morocco were not always carefully recorded, and when the immigrant woman from that country reached Israel she asked the Ministry of the Interior to change her birth date to show her as being 60 years of age, and not 45. The difference would make her eligible for Social Security at once. The Ministry refused, despite the fact that they accepted the recorded age of her son, 44! The authorities were willing to compromise by giving her a 9-year leeway over her son. Young Mother!

**A Good Deed:** The complaint regarding the stolen rugs was withdrawn. Six valuable rugs that had been missing were mysteriously turned in at police headquarters with a note asking the police to perform the

"mitzvah" of returning them to their owner.

**Bingo!** It's now official. Israel's High Court of Justice has ruled that Bingo is not just idle pastime and entertainment, but a game of chance, and therefore subject to the laws which ban or control gambling. Despite the ruling, Bingo games are still flourishing, and there is talk of changing the laws.

**Would He Do it Again?** In his absence from court, Avri Coriat of Kiryat Gat was fined 60 Shekels on charges by lifeguards at Ashkelon Beach that he had gone into the water on a stormy day, when the black warning flag had been posted. Apprised on the verdict, Coriat explained that he had indeed gone into the water in order to rescue a drowning person. The judge reconsidered.

**Occupational Hazard:** Injuries sustained in connection with one's employment entitle the injured person to compensation from the National Insurance. A Tel Aviv diamond merchant, driving to work, was engaged in a traffic altercation with another driver, and the latter beat him up. National Insurance maintained the injuries had nothing to do with his occupation in the diamond business. The court ruled otherwise: injuries sustained while a man is on his way to work can not be separated from his actual occupation, no matter what it is.

**Illegal Movement:** Prison authorities had been administering enemas to newly convicted prisoners said the compulsory enema was an insult and a violation of their dignity. Despite the good purpose, the court ruled that the enemas have no basis in law and can not be administered without the consent of the prisoners. The movement was stopped.

**Jewish Law Replaces English Law:** Under English Common Law the marital contract gives a husband the right to impose his sexual will on his wife. Jewish rabbinic law prohibits forced intercourse, and the Israel Supreme Court has ruled that a husband who forces his will on his wife is guilty of rape. For Jews in Israel the enlightened Talmudic regulation protects women's rights better than English Common Law.

## Greetings From Begin In Honor Of Israel Independence Day

To the Jewish Community of New England:

From Jerusalem our eternal and indivisible capital I send to you all heartfelt greetings on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the proclamation of Israel's Independence in the land of our forefathers.

After the most terrible disaster which befell our people in Europe and the heroic fight in Eretz Israel for national self-liberation we lived to see the day, one of the greatest in the annals of our ancient people, when we became a nation amongst nations, free and independent in our own country. Since then we have brought home millions of the Jewish people from the four corners of the world. We have had to sustain our independence through five wars, in which 14,000 of our best men gave their lives and more than 30,000 were wounded. But we did protect and preserve our independence. We set our country free; we reunited Jerusalem; we built up the land and are turning it into green pastures.

This year we celebrate the second anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. No doubt this is a turning point in the annals of the two countries and of the Middle East. After 31 years of a state of war and of five actual wars waged on the battlefield with great sacrifice, sorrow and bereavement, we Egypt and Israel, declared that we shall never again raise arms against each other and the state of war is terminated.

The Middle East and its periphery are in a state of turmoil. Iraq faces Iran in armed conflict. Syria, itself seized by internal convulsions, is in confrontation with Jordan. Lebanon continues its inner bloody strife, mainly because of the presence of the criminal PLO now armed by Soviet tanks and heavy weapons, aided by Syria and financed, as before, by Saudi Arabia. In this arena of instability and dispute the only peaceful corner emanates from the treaty of peace between Israel and Egypt. We have since signed many agreements which stem from

the treaty. We still have problems; indeed we hope to solve them. Better the difficulties of peace than the sufferings of war. We will be faithful to all the terms and all the parts of the Camp David agreement. There may still be difficulties ahead but we have started this great new chapter in our life, peace. We live by the faith that in generations to come our people will live in this land together with their neighbors, in equality, in human dignity, in freedom, in independence and in real security. Mazal Tov and Hag Sameach to all of you.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin

## Survivors Condemn Bonn-Saudi Arms Sale Deal

**BONN (JTA)** — The Frankfurt-based Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors published an advertisement in leading West German newspapers condemning the Bonn government's plans to sell highly sophisticated weaponry to Saudi Arabia. They warned that such a move would only result in further Arab oil blackmail. The text of the ad reminded West Germans that Saudi Arabia reiterated its call for a holy war against Israel only a few weeks ago. It stated that the use of German arms to attack Israel would not make Germany's oil supplies more secure.

Meanwhile, officials here said that no final commitment on arms deliveries could be expected before or during Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's visit to Saudi Arabia, beginning April 27. Schmidt received three Saudi Arabian journalists to explain his position on arms sales to the Middle East. No details of the interview were made available. Schmidt had told German editors earlier that Israel does not have the right to influence Bonn's relations with Saudi Arabia.

## "Let Us Not Allow Their Deaths To Be Denied"

EDITOR:

And they say it didn't happen. I am a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau and Bergen-Belsen. I bear witness to the atrocities committed against the Jewish people under Nazi Germany. I speak for those who can no longer speak for themselves. After reading Arthur Butz's infamous book "The Hoax of the Twentieth Century," which claims that the Nazi extermination camp gas chambers were a fiction, I concluded that either the man sold his soul to the devil, or he went stark crazy.

I will share a horror story, one of many. As soon as we arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau, my mother and three sisters were selected for the gas chambers. My sister Rivka, aged 14, and I were sent to C-lager. Rivka lasted eight months in Auschwitz. She was selected by Dr. Mengele, the "Angel of Death," and his devoted assistant Irma Krause. This handsome pair reigned supreme in Auschwitz. Usually we would be taken to Birkenau for selections. This time in a surprise visit, the couple came to us. Barracks lined both sides of the street. Everybody was locked up on one side. When the selections started, we were stripped naked except for shoes. We were told to run across the street. Meanwhile trucks waited. SS soldiers armed with bayonets stood by. If allowed to run across, one survived the selection.

My sister did not make it. Out of fear, she was running backward, toward the barrack. Irma Krause whipped her emaciated body. Welts appeared all over her. She had no chance, but she fought them with her whole being. Upon seeing what was happening, I started screaming, "You are hurting my sister, stop!" She was chopped down with a bayonet and thrown on the truck. They took great pleasure in separating siblings even in death.

I was pushed away with such force that I found myself flying across the street, thus ultimately saved. The gas chambers must have been overloaded that day, because they stored those poor souls overnight a couple of barracks away from us. Their agonizing cries

until early dawn will remain with me until the last days of my life.

These people knew exactly what would happen to them after being in Auschwitz for such a long time, among the smoke stacks and the stench. Similar stories can be multiplied 6 million times. And they say it didn't happen. It's very sad for those of us who have gone through it and lost our families. For years we could not talk about it. Thirty-five years later, we have to prove that it really occurred, that Hitler had a final solution for the Jewish people. We testify with much pain still within us. The anti-Semites would like to rewrite history. But I still believe in human goodness, that justice will prevail.

Teachers, artists, doctors were lost in the holocaust. Who knows what benefits the world forfeited? Maybe the cure for cancer. But even in their ashes they contribute if we remember them — a silent protest against indifference, lies, cruelty, madness. I call upon the armed forces who liberated the camps to speak up so that history shall not repeat itself.

Six million people whose lives were denied: let us not allow their deaths to be denied to them as well.

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## Your Money's Worth

Are You Over-Tipping?  
Under-Tipping?  
What Are The Rules?

— by Sylvia Porter

Tipping — an extra payment for past or future service — is a multibillion dollar annual business in this country. Yet, if you're typical of most Americans, you are befuddled on "dos" and "don'ts," seeking guidance, particularly as you plan your summer trips.

Over-tip and you waste your money; under-tip and you waste your time and get shoddy services or goods. What is "right" on giving gratuities? The answers vary widely, depending on who you are, where you are and what you're doing, say the few experts in this exceedingly slippery field.

Restaurant tipping arouses the least controversy, but even here your tips can mark you as a "stiff" (cheapskate), "spender" (extremely generous) or "sucker" (foolishly extravagant).

In so-called "white tablecloth" establishments, 10 percent is a minimum, 20 percent a maximum for the waiter or waitress. An added 2.5-5 percent should go to the captain in posh places. At four and five-star spots, the wine steward's extra is \$2 a bottle.

In a diner, or the familiar plastic-top table or paper-place-setting type of place, percentages are meaningless. Since prices are so much lower, your tip percentage must be somewhat higher. A dime is about minimum even if you have just a 35-cent single cup of coffee. You wouldn't be overdoing with a 25-30 percent tip.

In other situations, leaders in the field are provocatively cagey. Those receiving tips don't want the Internal Revenue Service to know the realities. And the IRS itself doesn't want the tip-dependent taxpayer to know how much it does or doesn't know.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics claims at least 1.5 million of us get a minimum of \$30 a week in the form of tips.

This is a hefty \$2.3 billion annual minimum tip total. But it brings snickers from hairdressers, bartenders, cabdrivers, hotel and apartment house doormen, even hatcheck girls or delivery boys.

Those who will talk (but refuse to be identified) say top bartenders and hair stylists often make \$20,000 to \$75,000 in tips alone

each year. ("On top of what they tap from the till," say cynics.)

When in doubt, you can't go far wrong applying the 10-20 percent restaurant rule. If your barber or beauty salon bill is \$50, \$5-\$10 would be safe. A typical tip would be \$5 to the hairdresser; \$2 to the cosmetics person; \$1 to the manicurist; an extra \$1 if a different person shampoos your hair. Resist the temptation to give more than 20 percent top in a posh place. You'll be labeled a "sucker," get more services for more charges next time.

Without a direct bill, gratuities can be highly subjective, says Letitia Baldrige, author of a new book on etiquette. An "acceptable" tip can range from 25 cents for the youngster who pushes your grocery cart to your car to \$1 for a major city hotel or apartment doorman who gets you a taxi on a rainy day.

For restroom attendants, short-distance package delivery, coat checking and other services which take mere minutes, 25-75 cents is proper — depending on the locale and type of place. Bellhops should get \$1 per piece of luggage handled. For parking jockeys, 50 cents each way avoids dented fenders, 75 cents speeds service.

Even more subjective are services performed by usually invisible people (building superintendents, newsboys, porters, handymen, postmen) and these can at times border on bribery. The Postal Service, for instance, claims its deliverers are forbidden to accept Christmas tips. If you omit the tip, you may regret it.

In other areas — caddy, beach-boy, tennis ball retriever — ask two or three others and average the advice.

Tips can make or break your holiday — be it at a motel and plastic-top table or posh hotel and restaurant — and make or break your budget, too. Try the top-of-the-scale 20 percent, more in truly extraordinary circumstances. Acknowledge poor, slow, sloppy service with 10 percent or even nothing.

It may not seem a voluntary form of payment but it is. And a smile or "thank you" will make even an average tip seem bigger.

**SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?** The Rhode Island Herald welcomes comments from its readers. Write to Letters To The Editor, The Rhode Island Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940.

# Anniversary Celebration

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p.m. under the joint direction of Deborah Waldman and Robert Kaplan. Highlights of the afternoon include musical performances by school children from community Hebrew schools.

There will be a dramatic reading from the works of Golda Meir by the celebrated actress Barbara Blossom, and a comedy sketch



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presented by Dr. Elinor Grumet. The Cantalina Quintet, a woodwind ensemble, will present a program of Jewish music, and the 22-member Hamakor Dance Troupe from Boston will present an Israeli dance performance. Perry Rosenthal, cellist, will be accompanied by pianist Bella Miller. The largest performing group will be a combined chorus of children from the Providence Hebrew Day School and Temple Beth Torah and adults from all over the state, directed by

Cantor Aaron Marcus. There will also be a musical performance by residents of the Jewish Home for The Aged, under the direction of Irene Sousa. Our college students will be represented by special dance performances by Brown-R.I.S.D. Hillel and University of Rhode Island Hillel.

The Rhode Island Committee for Jewish Special Events, under the chairmanship of Stanley Grossman of Providence, has been working on this major undertaking since January. Mrs. Rachel Kaufman of Cranston has been designated chairperson of the day; vice-chairpersons are Dr. Shari Mandel and Mrs. Elaine Strajcher of Providence, and Mrs. Susan Woythaler of Newport. Representatives of Jewish organizations, synagogues, and institutions from all over Rhode Island are also serving on this committee.

## URI Extension Offers Course On Holocaust Literature

A course on literature of the Holocaust will be offered in Summer Session at the University of Rhode Island, Providence Extension, during Term I - June 22 - July 23, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

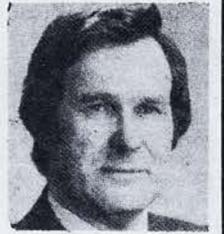
The course will be taught by Dr. Eli Pfefferkorn, a visiting professor from the University of Haifa, Israel, who has published widely on the Holocaust and is an international authority on the subject.

Works by Elie Wiesel, William Styron, Leslie Epstein, Rolf Hoch Huth, and others will be studied, along with documentary material and personal narratives from the Archives.

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# SOCIETY NEWS

## Marlene Karen Bleau Weds Joel Snow



MRS. AND MRS. JOEL SNOW

The marriage of Marlene Karen Bleau, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Bleau and Leo Bleau of Warwick, to Joel Mark Snow took place April 11 at Temple Beth Israel. Officiating at the ceremony were Rabbi Jacob Handler and Cantor Karl Kritz. A reception followed at the Windjammer in Warwick.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Snow and the grandson of Samuel Bloom.

The bride, wearing an original Bianchi creation with matching veil, was attended by Sheryl Labush, Maid of Honor. Best Man was David Snow, brother of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Susan Berkowitz, Mrs. Jerald Landes, Elena Buckhalter, Maxine Factor, Judy Buckler and Mrs. David Snow.

Louis Bleau, brother of the bride, served as an usher. Other ushers were Jerald Landes, Neil Landes, Reid Addis, Alan Buckler and Dr. Jerome Bloom.

Ring bearer was Brent Landes and Juna Snow was the flower girl.

## Deborah Leeman To Wed Peter Robbins

Rabbi and Mrs. Saul Leeman have announced the engagement of their daughter, Deborah to Dr. Peter Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Robbins of Cambridge, Mass.

Miss Leeman is a psychiatric social worker at the Eliot Community Mental Health Center in Concord. She received a bachelor's degree from Radcliffe College and a master's degree in social work from Simmons College.

Dr. Robbins is a staff psychologist at West-Ros Park Mental Health Center in Boston. He received a doctorate in counseling psychology from Boston University.

A July wedding is planned.

## Lori Surdut To Wed Marc Weinberg

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Surdut of 222 Garden City Dr., Cranston, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lori Rose Surdut to Marc S. Weinberg, MD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weinberg of 17 Tulip Circle, Cranston.

The bride-to-be graduated from Rhode Island School of Design and is currently a freelance illustrator and an instructor at RISD.

The groom-to-be graduated from Boston University School of Medicine and is currently a fellow in nephrology at the Boston University Medical Center.

The couple plans to wed December 5, 1981.

## Samuel Shaulson Becomes Bar Mitzvah

Samuel Scott Shaulson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shaulson, will be called to chant the Haftorah on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 2 at Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh. Guests are expected to attend from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maryland and Florida.

## Wantmans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Wantman of Framingham, Mass., have announced the birth of their second son, Evan Michael on April 10, 1981. Mrs. Wantman is the former Linda D. Levitt of Providence.

Evan's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Wantman of Cambridge, Mass. His maternal grandmother is Mrs. Gloria Levitt of Providence. Mrs. Annie Cohen of Providence is Evan's maternal great-grandmother.

## La Marches Announce Birth

David and Debra (Levin) La Marche of Reading, Mass., have announced the birth of their first child, a son, Lee Joseph on April 18, 1981.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Buddy Levin of Providence. Maternal great-grandparent is Philip Paige of Providence and the late Elizabeth (Lee) Paige.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald La Marche of Worcester, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. J.R. La Marche of Florida are paternal great-grandparents.

Godparents are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Levin of Philadelphia, Pa.

## Ackermans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Ackerman (Meryl Goldblatt) of Fresh Meadows, N.Y., have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, Sarah Rebecca on April 2, 1981.

Sarah's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goldblatt of Providence. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Micky Ackerman of Great Neck, Long Island.

## Temple Sinai Sponsors Program On Cults

The Social Action Committee of Temple Sinai will sponsor a program on "Cults, Charisma and Mind Control" on May 5 at 11:15 a.m. in the temple social hall.

The program will include a detailed analysis on the contemporary cult phenomenon, examining the leaders, members and why cultism is increasing in society. It will analyze the charisma and power of group leaders to control the minds of followers and the personality traits of potential cult members.

### CORRECTION

A birth announcement in the April 23 issue of The Rhode Island Herald should have read, "Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Half of Palo Alto, Calif., have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter, Julie Pauline on March 4, 1981. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Half of Pittsburgh, Penn. Julie's great-grandmothers are Mrs. Esther Klein and the late Edna Oppenheimer."



ALAN K. MITTLEMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron N. Mittleman of Pawtucket, has been elected president of the New York Epsilon Chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. Epsilon is the largest chapter of the International Fraternity Phi Delta Theta, which is the third largest. Alan is completing his junior year as an accounting major.

## Seymour Kleinman To Appear At Bonds Dinner



SEYMOUR KLEINMAN

Seymour Kleinman, corporation lawyer and raconteur, will appear at the State of Israel Bonds 30th Anniversary Dinner to be held on May 7 at Temple Emanu-El, Providence, according to Mr. and Mrs. David Horvitz, dinner chairmen.

The dinner, commemorating the launching of the Israel Bond campaign in 1951, will be in honor of Temple Emanu-El and the temple's founders and past chairmen of the Rhode Island drive for Israel's economic development.

Kleinman, a member of the Manhattan law firm of Golenbock and Barell, spends his weekdays practicing law and teaching at Columbia University Law School. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Kleinman also lectures on Jewish humor to a variety of professional groups.

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## Sheila Decter To Speak At JCC On Feminism And Family

Sheila Decter, executive director of the New England Region of the American Jewish Congress, will be the speaker for the ninth annual Arthur and Harriet Levy Memorial Oration on Tuesday, May 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Her topic will be: "Feminism and the Jewish Family: A Contradiction in Terms."

Mrs. Decter currently serves as chairperson of the Catholic-Jewish Committee of the Archdiocese of Boston, is a member of the board of Solomon Schechter Day School, and is on the national executive committee of the Conference of Jewish Communal Service and Association of Jewish Community Relations Workers. She has served as assistant director of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston where she coordinated the statewide campaign to pass effective anti-Arab legislation in Massachusetts. She came to professional community relations work after eleven years of teaching at Lasell Junior College in Newton where she also served as chairman of the faculty. She has also taught at Northeastern University of



SHEILA DECTER

Wisconsin. Her B.A. is from Milwaukee-Dowder College and her advanced degrees are from the University of Wisconsin, where her field of study was political science and political sociology.

Mrs. Decter has served on the Task Force on Energy and Task Force on Women of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

Mrs. Decter is married and has two children who attend a Solomon Schechter Day School. She is a former Hadassah president and a life member of Hadassah. She is a member of Temple Emanu-El, Newton.

The Levy Oration is held in memory of Arthur J. Levy, first president and one of the founders of Jewish Family and Children's Service. This will be the first year honoring the memory of his wife, Harriet, who passed away last year. Chairman of the evening is Robert Berkelhammer.

The public is invited to attend. There will be a reception following the program.

### Violinist To Perform For Arts/Emanu-El

Violinist Shlomo Mintz will perform at the Arts/Emanu-El Performing Arts Series on May 3 at 8 p.m. in the main sanctuary of the temple, Morris Ave., Providence. For tickets or further information call 331-1616. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Providence Plans Festival Of Historic Houses

The second Festival of Historic Houses, highlighting the historic preservation accomplishments, in Rhode Island, has been scheduled for May 1 and May 2.

Historic buildings will be open by candlelight between the hours of 7-10 p.m. on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2. A House and Garden tour on Prospect St., has also been planned for May 2 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Tickets for the Festival of Historic Houses are now on sale from the Providence Preservation Society, 24 Meeting St., Providence, R.I., 02903. Tickets will be available through May 1 at the main office of Industrial National Bank between noon and 2 p.m.

Forty buildings will be open during the celebration, including private houses, churches and other institutional buildings (some formerly private houses) representing a wide variety of architectural styles from colonial to twentieth century.

Imaginative restoration techniques and the adaptive re-use of historic buildings will also be presented. Private houses open include a variety of interior treatments, some authentic to the architecture of the houses, others modernized to suit individual owners' tastes.

For additional information contact the Providence Preservation Society.

## Emanu-El Sisterhood Holds Torah Fund Luncheon, Installs Officers

Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El will hold its Torah Fund luncheon in combination with the installation of officers on Monday, May 4 at noon in the Ruth & Max Alperin Meeting Hall at the Temple. Funds raised by this event support the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Entertainment by the Boston Folk Ensemble will feature Klezmer and Yiddish songs, a clarinetist, accordionist, base player and singer who specialize in international music.

Co-chairmen are Libby Peiser and Barbara Feldstein. The committee includes Glenda Labush and Joyce Starr, hospitality; Olga Lun, treasurer; Barbara Greenberg, decorations; Ruth Shaffer, publicity; Bernice Kumins and Elaine Odessa, advisors; Lila Winograd, ex officio.

The installation will be conducted by Cantor Ivan Perlman. The incoming officers are: president, Lila Winograd; presidential advisor, Elaine Odessa; president-elect, Bernice Kumins; vice president, Doris McGarry; vice president, Jani Rosen; treasurer, Zelda Goldman; recording secretary, Marilyn Soll; financial secretary, Bertha Weintraub; ass't. financial secretary, Barbara Rosen; corresponding secretary, Barbara Greenberg; mailing secretary, Eve Greenberg; Ass't. mailing secretary, Charlotte Fishbein; ass't. mailing secretary, Sandra Waldman; comptroller, Shirley Kestenman; auditor, Sylvia Mandell; and auditor, Linda Motamed.

There will also be an opportunity to meet Rabbi Wayne Franklin, the new rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, and his wife Ellen.



TEMPLE EMANU-EL SISTERHOOD Torah Fund Luncheon co-chairmen are Barbara Greenberg (left) and Libby Peiser (right).

## CALENDAR

### Seudah Shlishit At Sons Of Zion

Congregation Beth Shalom-Sons of Zion will hold a community Seudah Shlishit on Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m., which will include special readings and melodies conducted with Rabbi Jake S. Rubenstein who will speak on "Holiness, Halachah and the Holocaust."

Following Minha services in the main sanctuary, the community will be invited to Seudah Shlishit. Rabbinic literature and diaries will be examined with an emphasis on faith and the Holocaust. Maariv and Havdalah service will follow.

### Sackin-Shocket Post

The Sackin-Shocket Post will hold its meeting on Sunday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m. at Les Kesler's Restaurant.

Plans will be made for the installation of officers to be held at Sir Williams Pub and for the annual picnic.

### Hope Link No. 46 Installs Officers

Hope Link No. 46 will install its new officers on Sunday, May 3 at Doric Temple, 1237 Reservoir Ave., Cranston.

The annual dinner dance, to be held in honor of Rochelle Goldman, Worthy Matron, and Carmine Petrarca, Worthy Patron, will take place on May 2 at Conrad's in Central Falls. For tickets, call Becky Petrarca, 943-3526, or Hy Goldman, 467-8292.

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# New Beginnings, Inc. — An Alternative Birth Center Offering A Compromise

by Heather Magier

There's no denying that childbirth is a stressful experience; the physical and emotional toll on parents and child is awesome, and going to the hospital, while assuring the most careful attention and technological capabilities for safe delivery, may add stress to the event. There is little privacy during labor, activities are controlled by hospital personnel, and the process is made less "natural" by medical intervention.

More and more couples are opting for a different scene: either their own bedrooms, or a homey, comfortable environment in an alternative birthing center.

Noreen Mattis, education director at New Beginnings, Inc. in Warwick, says the choice of "homier" childbirth alternatives reflects increased consumer awareness, particularly among women. The fact that women are having fewer babies, she adds, makes them more interested in quality care. And then there is the overriding belief that giving birth is a natural physiological event best left to its own devices.

At New Beginnings, which started offering childbirth education services four years ago and delivered its first baby last August, the emphasis is on taking responsibility for one's own health. It's a compromise between hospital and home delivery settings, with a complement of nutrition, exercise and rest education.

Muriel Cohen, a therapist on the New Beginnings Board of Directors, says she did not have a good experience when her child was born. She recalls having resented the fact that her father could not visit right after delivery. As a family therapist, she sees the consequences of the stress of childbirth. "It



that would make it advisable for the woman to give birth in a hospital. A woman should be under 35 and if this is her first child, for example. Also ruled out are multiple births and babies in the breech position.

"We are providing care for normal, healthy women with normal pregnancies," Mattis said. "She has to stay in the best of health." One woman developed a blood clot in her leg just a few weeks before her due date, for example, and the center transferred care to the physician for hospital delivery.

Participants at New Beginnings the center schedules a regular series of exams — once a month for the first seven months, every two weeks in the eighth month, once a week in the ninth month. The mother sees the center's physician at least twice during pregnancy.

### Medical Opposition

Reaction from the medical establishment to such alternative birthing centers is mixed, Mattis says. Giving birth outside a hospital, even under the supervision of trained midwives and nurses, adds a risk, many physicians say.

At New Beginnings, emergency equipment is on hand behind a screen in the birthing/bedroom. And Kent County Hospital is right across the street. But for many physicians, and most prospective parents, that is not enough.

More than 10,000 babies are born in Rhode Island each year. New Beginnings is the only alternative birthing center in the state (there is only one other in New England), and currently there are 20 families involved in programs there. Four babies have been born at New Beginnings so far.

"Many in the medical establishment are very negative about the concept because they don't believe it can be safe," Mattis said. "They don't show a willingness to look into this. It has shown good safety rates. But Rhode Island is a very conservative state." The childbirth system has not been reevaluated in recent years, Mattis says, and "inertia" has set in.

Another major obstacle is the fact that Blue Cross-Blue Shield does not cover New Beginnings services. The center is working to change that, and there are some insurance companies willing to pay.

The total cost at New Beginnings (from the first visit through delivery, with unlimited consultations with the nurse midwives and education classes) is \$950, about half the cost for a usual three-day hospital stay. For couples who are set on using the services, but who cannot pay the fee directly, New Beginnings will work out an extended financing plan, Mattis said.

Interested families can attend the center's monthly open-houses (the next are scheduled for May 27 and June 24), which include a tour of the center and a film of four birth alternatives — a hospital birth, a cesarean birth, a midwife-assisted birth at an alternative birthing center, and a home birth. The open houses are free.

Then there is an orientation session, when the criteria for admission are carefully explained.

"We talk to people, tell them what we are and what we are not," Mattis said. "We're not a hospital. If they are looking for a high technology approach, it's not here. There are risks in that. Technology is necessary in high risk interventions. There are women who need it. But with normal low-risk births, they don't need it; it can even create risks."

### "I Want Control"

Visiting the center on this day are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Capoccia of Barrington, the parents of two children. One was born in a hospital and the second in their home. They've just moved to Rhode Island, and want to investigate all options before deciding where a next baby would be born.

"I want to have control over what's going on," Mr. Capoccia says. "Compared to a hospital birth, it's more relaxed, easier. Unless there are serious complications, there's no reason to go to the hospital. Only our generation was born in a hospital."

"I also feel birth is a physiological event," Mrs. Capoccia says, "normal and natural."

We have made it complicated. There are emotional aspects too. It makes for a good beginning."

### Education

Any family members or friends can be present during labor and birth, Mattis says, provided they have attended the educational sessions.

There are two sets of formalized classes for prospective parents: pregnancy classes, and labor and birth classes, where the Lamaze method of natural childbirth is taught. There's a library and a wealth of pamphlets and brochures. And nurse midwives are always available for telephone consultations. "There is so much support here," Mattis says.

"There's a heavy emphasis on education, and the family takes part in all decisions. There is flexibility during the birth; there is having the people you want and being up and about. Those who come here are looking for non-intervention. They want it as normal as possible."

During labor, the family has access to the center's warmly decorated family room, bedroom and kitchen. A nurse midwife and registered nurse are on hand at all times, and the mother's vital signs are carefully watched. She can drink fluids as she chooses, can walk around or lie down; the choice of activity is hers.

The mother is encouraged to assume any comfortable position for delivery — kneeling, squatting, lying on her side. These are all more physiologically comfortable than lying on the back, the usual hospital position. "The only one we don't like is on the back," Mattis says.

Women are usually on their backs in hospital deliveries, Mattis said, because it's the most convenient position for the person assisting the birth.

Couples may choose the Leboyer childbirth method, which emphasizes gentle handling, low lights, touching and stroking of the baby. And the newborn is placed in a tub of warm water to ease the transition.

New Beginnings also places a great emphasis on the concept of parent-infant bonding. The baby is placed immediately on the mother's chest or abdomen after birth, where it remains through examination and as long as the parents choose. A few hours after birth, the baby can be placed in a warming area in the bedroom while the parents choose to rest or sleep. The family's pediatrician comes in to examine the baby, and six to 12 hours after delivery, parents and infant go home.

"We send them home with a good deal of instruction. Home visits are critical, and part of the education is in the first few days. They come back in at one week, then 5 weeks, for exams of mother and baby," Mattis says.

Staff members visit the family on the first and third days after delivery to evaluate health of mother and child.

"We have highly personalized care," Mattis says. "We don't expect to ever become an enormous care facility. With the amount of time we take, we truly get to know each person. By the end of the pregnancy, we're friends."

### "Not Much Was Offered"

Mattis, a registered nurse and childbirth (Continued on page 9)



NOREEN MATTIS

can be made easier," Cohen says, "and more beautiful with people around you who care. The family process is very important."

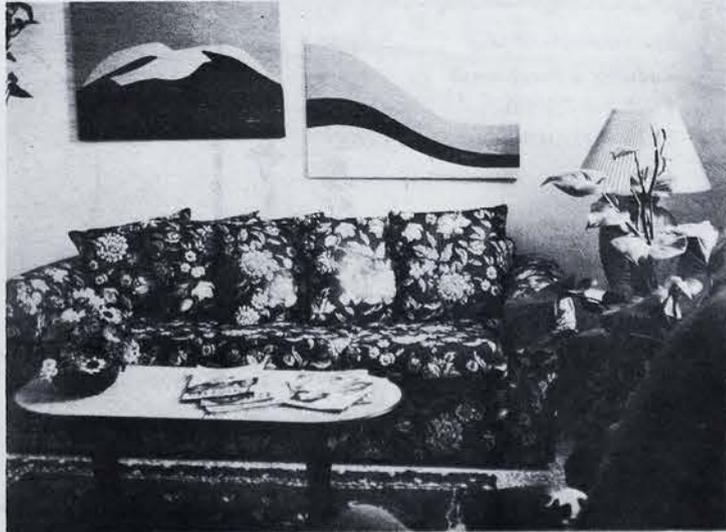
### Careful Screening

The New Beginnings staff includes two licensed, certified nurse midwives and a consulting physician/medical director. The nurse midwives and the physician, working closely in consultation, are the primary managers of the pregnancy, Mattis says.

Interested women are carefully screened for risk factors — such as high blood pressure, anemia, diabetes and heart disease — and a host of complicating factors



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THE FAMILY ROOM, where expectant mother and family can relax during labor.

## Spotlight On Local Artist

### A Short Order Cook With A Unique Style Of Painting

by Linda A. Acciardo

Ida Schmulowitz is an artist with a unique style of painting and a short order cook with a flair for baking. She stands about 5'2" high, creates paintings that are about eight feet wide, and works behind the counter of a small submarine shop.

When Ida begins to paint, instead of mounting her canvas on an easel, she spreads about eight feet of it out on the ground. Sometimes working at night, she paints by the glimmer of the street lights. The state capitol building at night has been a subject of one of Ida's wall-sized paintings, as well as many of the other sights of Providence where she lives, works and creates.

When she's not painting, Ida is behind the counter at Jay's Subs 'n' Stuff on Hope Street, where her creations are the homemade pies served at the shop.

"I'd like to be able to have the time to do just my art," but the rent must be paid, food

must be bought, and I'd rather have a job like this, one that I don't have to think about instead of a fulltime job with a lot of pressure."

Overlooking the state capitol, her apartment has been transformed into a studio filled with rows and rows of canvas literally stretching from the floor to the ceiling. Her paintings, over 50 of them, are of landscapes. The reason for the large size? "To let the viewer get into the landscape," Ida says.

"I hope the size is not the only attraction. There's power from it, but the colors and shapes are important." Because of the immense size of the paintings, at a close view one sees a mesh of colors, contrasting light and shapes. But, from a distance, the scene takes on a new dimension and the shapes become buildings, windows, lights in the city or narrow streets of the East Side.

It has taken Ida a few months and sometimes up to a year to complete her creations, working on more than one at the same



WALL-SIZED CANVAS entitled "Night Painting At Capitol" is on exhibit at School One and is one of over 50 paintings produced by Ida Schmulowitz.

## An Alternative Birth Place

(Continued from page 8)

educator, taught for 7 years before becoming involved in the creation of New Beginnings. It was the idea of Peg Staley, a mother and counselor who wanted to establish a "gentle and positive birth place."

"I was very concerned about people talking about giving birth at home," Mattis says. "I felt there were not enough adequate safeguards at home. This is an alternative to hospital birth that is safer than birth at home."

"She (Staley) was interested from the emotional point of view; I was interested from the medical point of view. We were both aware that not much was being offered."

The idea generated much interest in the community. Education programs were in place four years ago, and two years ago certified nurse midwife Jean Groenjes-Fink was hired as executive director for the alternative birth program.

Aside from the pregnancy, birth and postpartum classes, the center offers exercise, massage and sibling education programs.

New Beginnings is modeled after the Childbearing Center of the Maternity Center Association in New York City, which has been in existence for five years.

### At The Hospital

Mattis says natural childbirth in the hospital differs from the birth center experience because of limitations at the hospital on who will be present and on activity during labor. And in the birth center, monitors and intravenous fluids are not used.

There is an increasing flexibility, however. At Women and Infants Hospital, which delivers over 6,000 babies a year, there is a birthing room. It was founded in response to patient requests for a home-like atmosphere, according to public relations spokesman May

Kernan. Like the birth center, the birthing room is pleasantly decorated with colonial furnishings and rocking chairs.

The husband or a friend can be present during labor, Kernan said, and permission is required from the physician to use the room. The family remains in the childbirth "suite" from labor through recovery, rather than being moved from room to room. And the parents are given time with their babies. The delivery suite is right across the way, Kernan said, in case there are complications. Some patients may be discharged 12 hours after delivery.

## R.I. Heritage Hall Of Fame Names New Members

The Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame has announced the names of new members who will be inducted in ceremonies on May 19.

Among the individuals to be recognized for achievements are:

Maj. Gen. Leonard Holland, Rhode Island adjutant general and commanding general of the Rhode Island National Guard since 1961. He has been decorated with the Purple Heart, the Legion of Merit, Asia-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and many others.

Sol Koffler, philanthropist and head of American Tourister luggage.

Alfred Hahn Joslin, retired associate justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. He has served as a trustee, vice chancellor and fellow of the Brown Corporation.



IDA SCHMULOWITZES part-time job at Jay 'n' Subs supplements her income to allow her to pursue the work she loves — that of painting.

time. She didn't plan on specializing in making wall-sized paintings; she intended to enter the commercial arts business by drawing illustrations for children's books. While attending the Rhode Island School of Design, one of her instructors said, "These are the drawings of a painter." That's all the inspiration Ida needed.

First she started on a small scale with easel-size paintings and gradually created the wall-sized canvasses. "It gives me more freedom than when I was painting smaller," she says.

Sometimes during the actual painting Ida's canvasses will pick up elements from

Some persons who have artistic ability lack the dedication and ambition to grow as artists, says Ida. "If you have the ability, you have a responsibility to keep it going," she says.

Her work has been displayed at School One on Pine Street and Woods Gerry (Gallery) on Prospect Street. In September, Providence College will also exhibit her paintings.

During the School One exhibit, a very favorable critique was given of her work. The canvasses were described in the critique as "impressive, both in size and execution and

*Overlooking the state capitol, her apartment has been transformed into a studio filled with rows and rows of canvas literally stretching from the floor to the ceiling.*

the environment including sand from the ground. When the foreign substances accumulate on the surface of the painting, they become a part of the texture of the print, providing an earthy effect.

With a mirror stationed in front of her, Ida guides her brush to create an abstract view of herself, a self-portrait imposed on the painting with the landscape as the backdrop. "It's a symbolic type of thing," she says.

At age 30 (although she doesn't look a day over 18), Ida has been painting for over ten years. "It's not fun all the time, but I have the need to do it and it's what I love to do," she says.

certainly demonstrated formidable skill in handling the medium of oils."

When evaluating the work of others, Ida is honest. "I have a set of standards and there are certain things that make a good painting. Colors are important to convey what is happening and shapes are created for a purpose," she says. "I don't think I'm good at anything else, but I know about painting," she adds.

A native of Linden, New Jersey, Ida is not looking for worldwide recognition for her work. She would be pleased if "people in the arts could appreciate and learn from what I've done."

## JCC Gala Benefit A Gershwin Tribute

"Fascinatin' Gershwin," this year's gala benefit for the Jewish Community Center's Cultural Arts Program, will be held Sunday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the center. "Fascinatin' Gershwin" is a tribute to the music of George Gershwin.

Produced by Dr. Mayer A. Levitt, the evening will feature such popular melodies as "Lady Be Good," "I Got Rhythm," "Summertime" and "Foggy Day in London Town." Performers will be: The Dental Connection-Mayer Levitt, piano; Danny Morretti, saxophone and flute; Todd Baker, bass, Paul Mason, drums; Matt Cornish, flugelhorn.

Also, Rose Weaver, singer-actress, a resident member of Trinity Theatre who has ap-

peared on television as well as on many local stages; David Rodriguez, who was the 1980 Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Winner and represented New England with his performance at Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., last April; Beryl Powers, jazz vocalist, currently performing with jazz guitarist, Bill Giacovelli. She has performed with Clark Terry, Herbie Mann, the Heath Bros., and Sonny Costanzo.

Tickets may be purchased at the Center or by mail. There will be a reception following the performance.

This project is directed by Lola Schwartz, Assistant Executive Director. Committee chairpeople are: Judy Levitt, Ruth Shacter, Carolyn Roseman, Ruth Baron.



Rose Weaver



Mayer Levitt

# Successful Investing

A Stronger Dollar

by David R. Sargent



**Q:** The strength of the dollar versus the German mark in recent months has given me a large paper loss on some money I inherited in West Germany. Should I exchange these marks at the current rate, or is a more favorable exchange rate likely in the near future? — F.A., Michigan.

**A:** For much of this year, the dollar has been increasing in value vis-a-vis other world currencies. Its strength can be attributed to several factors. Interest rates are one reason. Short-term interest rates in the U.S. have been at high levels for several months, attracting foreign currency to the domestic bond market. This increases the worth of the dollar. Also, the relative health of the U.S. economy has given strength to the dollar. The recent recession in the U.S. was not as bad as many people feared it would be, and government statistics now show that economic recovery is beginning. Europe, however, is currently in the throes of its worst recession in recent years.

The strength of the dollar versus the German mark this year has been particularly notable. At the end of 1980, the exchange rate stood at less than two marks to the dollar (1 DM=50 cents). In recent trading, the exchange rate was quoted at 2.17 marks to the dollar (1 DM=46 cents). There are two principal reasons for the faltering of the mark. First, the recession in Europe has hit Germany especially hard. The country's GNP (total production) is expected to fall 1.5 percent below last year's level and unemployment is rising. Second, the continuing crisis

in Poland is perceived as a threat to the stability of the German economy, which has extensive financial links with Poland. Foreign exchange traders believe that any worsening of the Polish situation or of the German economy could send the mark as low as 2.25 over the short term. Therefore, you should exchange your marks for dollars if you are likely to need the inheritance money anytime soon.

**Q:** I read your column every day, and I have seen very little on food stocks. What do you think of Carnation? The company seems to be on the conservative side, but each year they continue to set new records in sales. — D.S., Iowa

**A:** Earnings of the major food processors are vulnerable to volatile commodity prices, but the group turned in a strong performance over the past two years. Archer-Daniels-Midland (NYSE) continues to rate a buy in this group. Packaged food stocks have also gained in appeal, as margins expand due to food inflation price increases. Those companies with international diversification will experience gains along with world population growth and rising living standards. Conservative investors like yourself are naturally attracted to this group for characteristically steady growth and good yields. Right now, however, I rate Carnation a hold. I prefer CPC International, Heinz, Kellogg, and Quaker Oats for new buying.

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — The 10th International Book Fair opened here last week with the expectation that at least 100,000 visitors will attend. About 350 publishers from 46 countries are participating, including a number of countries which have no diplomatic relations with Israel.

## Israel Widens Tax Break For Tourists

**NEW YORK** — Israel now exempts all tourists from paying the 12 percent "Value Added" sales tax on hotel services, accommodations, car rentals and sightseeing tours. This can be a substantial reduction in an actual vacation cost, especially in light of Israel's hotel rates, which are considerably less expensive than comparable accommodations in Europe.

Additionally, on departure from Israel, and on presentation of receipts at the airport, visitors may obtain a refund of sales tax paid on all purchases of gifts and merchandise bought during their stay.

The "Value Added" sales tax exemption is available to tourists paying with Israel or foreign currency, credit cards or travelers checks on presentation of their passports.

## Rockwell International Fined \$71,000 In Arab Boycott Case

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — Rockwell International Corporation of Pittsburgh has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$71,000 for 127 alleged violations of the federal laws against the Arab boycott against Israel and U.S. firms doing business with Israel.

The Department of Commerce said that most of the alleged violations occurred at the company's facilities in West Germany and Great Britain and "were discovered by the Rockwell parent through an internal audit." The Department said the company "volun-

## Littauer Gives \$500,000 For Harvard Judaica Endowment

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (JTA)** — A grant of \$500,000 to the Harvard College Library to establish "The Harvard-Littauer Judaica Endowment" has been described as the largest preservation endowment yet established and the first such endowment to preserve a collection of Judaica.

The grant was made by the Lucius Littauer Foundation of New York. The status and significance of the grant were evaluated by Charles Berlin, Lee Friedman Bibliographer in Judaica at Harvard.

He said the endowment was a permanent one and that its income would be used in perpetuity to fund preservation microfilming of materials in the library's Judaica collection, as well as to acquire other microfilmings to strengthen the library's Judaica holdings.

He said the grant was in the tradition of support for Harvard that Lucius Littauer, a member of the 1878 class, and the Littauer Foundation, have sustained for half a century.

These benefactions include the School of Public Administration, which became the Kennedy School of Government; the Nathan Littauer Professorship of Hebrew literature and philosophy, the first endowed chair in Jewish studies at any American university; the Nathan Littauer Fund, the university's first endowed book fund for Judaica; and the

Harry Starr Professorship of classical and modern Hebrew and Jewish literature.

The \$500,000 Littauer gift was accepted for the college by Oscar Handlin, Carl Pforzheimer university professor and director of the university library. He said that "the central role of research libraries in supporting scholarship is in danger" and that "we at Harvard are almost alone in this country in the potential for guarding the cultural heritage in our books, so that the responsibility affects not only this institution but the scholarly community as a whole."

Handlin called the endowment for preservation "one of my highest priorities," adding that the \$500,000 endowment gift "is of the greatest importance to us, both in meeting the urgent needs of the Judaica collection, as well as on stimulating other efforts to obtain urgently-needed endowments for other areas of the library."

The gift was made through a Harvard campaign which seeks to raise \$250 million in endowment funds to support the university's teaching and research programs, including \$13 million in library support. Officials said that in recent years, more than 140 Judaica book fund endowments have been established in the Harvard library to strengthen the university's library resources for Jewish studies.

## Aid To El Salvador From Funds Allocated To Israel, Egypt

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — The \$63 million in economic aid the White House has decided to provide to El Salvador will be taken temporarily from economic assistance funds already allocated to Egypt and Israel for the current fiscal year, the State Department has said.

Department spokesman William Dyess said the funds for El Salvador will be taken

"in equal amounts from each program." Israel has been allocated \$785 million in economic assistance and Egypt \$750 million for the same purpose. Dyess emphasized that this is "a temporary shifting of money and not really taking something permanently" from the two countries. He said the U.S. "is fully committed to restoring the re-programmed funds."

While not unprecedented, the reprogramming of allocated funds is rare and in the case of Israel and Egypt has not occurred in the past. It is believed due to the Reagan Administration's tight budget practices.

Responding to a question on another matter, Dyess said "We have not made a decision" yet that U.S. troops will participate in the multi-national force in the Sinai area from which Israel will withdraw in April, 1982. He said "We're in the process of consulting informally with certain governments to ascertain whether they will be willing to participate."

## Concert To Benefit School For Deaf

Cantor Ivan E. Perlman will be joined by Brenda Bedrick and Bob Kaplan in a concert presented by the Friends of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf on Thursday, May 21 at 8 p.m. A tour of the school will be conducted at 7:15 p.m. before the concert.

All proceeds will be directed to the school and provide those programs and materials unavailable through ordinary channels to enrich the educational experiences of these special students.

Tickets for the concert may be purchased by sending a tax-deductible contribution, made payable to the Friends of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, Corliss Park, Providence, R.I. 02906.

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# JCC Basketball: Where Dribbling Is Tradition

by Jeffrey L. Goldberg

To the men who represent the Jewish Community Center and play the game of basketball, tradition and commitment are synonymous. Like clockwork, practically twelve months a year, *roundball* (as it is known in slang) is as normal a function to its participants as getting up in the morning.

Basketball (the technical part) is really not the point of this story. Who wins and loses is yesterday's news. There is always tomorrow for these players. The thrill of a win and the pain of a loss are quickly forgotten. The strength of basketball at the Jewish Community Center is devotion and love for a game that keeps its players fit and develops tremendous camaraderie.

Through the years the game has seen many changes. Naismith's peachbaskets and center taps after every point are only memories. Dimly lit social halls, wooden backboards and six-foot centers have given way to 15,000-seat arenas, rubberized floors, and seven-foot giants. At the college and pro level, it truly has become a big man's game.

Bob Cousy in his day was the top of his profession. Today the ball boys are bigger. The game is played by millions who only can dream of playing for money. To the participants at the Jewish Community Center, yesterday's heroes can have the opportunity to rise to glory. Their remuneration is a last second shot, a steal, a win.

There really isn't a clear-cut answer to the madness that overtakes some players who have been involved for years. Some say when you have been playing three or four times a week the withdrawal symptoms can be devastating. It gets in your blood, the game, the guys, the friendships, the tradition.

Many have suffered sore backs, twisted ankles, jammed thumbs. They continue on. No one really knows why. Plans have been changed, schedules rearranged, late for dinner, sometimes no dinner. It's Monday, it's Wednesday, it's Saturday, it's Sunday. If you want me, catch me on the dribble. I need that last shot, got to take that pass and grab the big bagel. I'm whirling, I'm twirling, fiddle and diddle, daddle! It's hoopla, it's roundball, it's a way of life.

One might think this madness overtakes the participants so they know nothing other than the game. At this writing, there are six

attorneys, four doctors and numerous businessmen involved. The game, the place, the friends let them escape from the pressures of the day.

The cast of characters provides the lighter side of the game. There have been many nights when the conversations have turned to toothaches, backaches and arthritis. It isn't strange to hear complaints about the sluggish market, the account that's 120 days late, or the judge that really puts you through the pressure cooker. Locker room talk is unprintable.

Naturally there are some great stories. A former coach who designed a play with twelve options. Tried teaching the play on a bus ride to the game. To make matters worse, it was written in Yiddish.

One evening a team came out with five players, no substitutes, a desperate situation. When they could least afford an injury one player had his toe stepped on. He let out a scream that could have shaken a mountain. In obvious pain a teammate said, "Meyer don't cry you've got nine more."

A player had his nose broken and wondered how it would affect his appearance. A chorus chimed in, "It helped."

At the Jewish Community Center you will not witness 360's, slam dunks, or three-pointers. You can enjoy a good brand of ball played with speed, agility, and finesse. Other times you can still enjoy the game even though it might not look like what you are supposed to be playing. From *Basketball Digest* to the *Book of Shmageege*. You need diversification to keep things interesting. There are nights when everything runs smoothly and you watch Baryshnikov, other nights it resembles dodg'ems at the amusement park.

The players themselves are a fine lot. On the court the competition is fierce. Off the court things run smooth as a whole. There are the gentlemanly gents, the fun-loving fanatics, the rabble-rousers, and naturally the passive, the quiet, the few. If ever there was a place to air your opinion this is it.

You will not witness a player that flies like a Bird, none that run as smoothly as a Carr. You will not experience the taste of Cornbread, or see any Pearls. Certainly no operations from the Doctah, and you won't see any players Kareem-ing off the boards. Nor view any Magic nor worship in a Parish. The

league at the center is full of surprises and packed with fun. It is realizing its purpose and developing bonds of friendship.

It will continue to survive and grow, to remain a breeding ground for friendships. More stories will be written, and old ones retold. One more dribble, one more shot, in your eye, you have been faced, but never never disgraced.

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The author is commissioner of the JCC men's basketball league.



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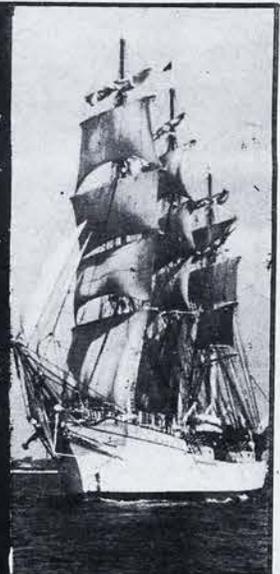
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# Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



Although there are several little parts to today's hand, the featured one is the trap the complacent Declarer can fall into if he fails to think ahead. Of course, the Defenders must defend in such a way that the situation does come up.

North  
♦ 72  
♥ 2  
♦ K Q 8  
♣ K Q J 10 8 5 4

West  
♠ J 5 3  
♥ J 7 5 4  
♦ J 9 6 2  
♣ A 6

East  
♠ 10  
♥ A K 10 9 8  
♦ A 10 4  
♣ 9 7 3 2

South  
♦ A K Q 9 8 6 4  
♥ Q 6 3  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Void

East and West vulnerable, North Dealer with this bidding:

|    |    |    |     |
|----|----|----|-----|
| N  | E  | S  | W   |
| 1C | 1H | 1S | 2H  |
| 3C | P  | 4S | End |

Even though North has but 11 high card points, most players would open with a one bid. Some did open three Clubs but I feel it is much too strong in high cards to preempt. Probably the best bid is Pass but that is hard to do for most players. After that the bidding went quite normally until every pair reached game in Spades.

West, honoring his partner's overall, leads a low Heart, won by East and here is the first little part. If East thinks, he realizes Clubs are no immediate problem as he can see there are but two out, the Ace and 6. Declarer probably has no more than one of them and it matters not which. So East

should return a Trump to stop Heart ruffs.

Trumps are no problem but Declarer must take care of two Diamond losers and two more Hearts. He wins the Trump lead and next ruffs one of the Hearts with Dummy's last Trump. Next he leads the Club King. If East plays the Ace he will ruff, draw Trumps, eventually get to a Diamond honor and be able to discard whatever losers he still might have. The defenders can cash a Heart when they get in with the Diamond Ace but that would be all.

But East does not play the Ace so Declarer should discard that Heart Queen anyhow. It will be a loser and that will make those Clubs again good after West wins the Ace. But here is where West can create a problem for Declarer. Watch what happens if West returns his other Club. If Declarer fails to see what can happen to him because of this he can lose his contract. I watched as a few Declarers won in Dummy thoughtlessly while discarding a Diamond in their own hand. Now how were they to get back to their own hand to draw Trumps? If they now did what they should have done the trick before and ruffed a Club, West will be able to overruff and the Diamond Ace will be the setting trick. If they lead the Diamond King East can accomplish the same result by leading a Club himself. So, if the defenders take advantage of their opportunity they can set the hand.

The Declarer can easily get out of this predicament by simply ruffing the Club return even though he will be sort of ruffing his own Ace. But he has loads of other high Clubs over in Dummy which he can use after he pulls Trumps. All he has to do is after doing this, lead a Diamond. The other Diamond loser can be discarded on a Club with the other high Diamond the entry.

Moral: Complacency is not a good attitude at the Bridge table.

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## Soldier Discharged After Protesting West Bank Service

TEL AVIV — An Israeli soldier who chose to spend eight months in military prison rather than join the Israeli occupation forces in the West Bank was discharged from military service last week.

Gadi Elgazi, 19, was declared "unfit" to serve. He completed boot camp and armored corps training with distinction before going to jail for the first time last June. Elgazi said he wanted to serve his three years of military service in Israel proper.

Elgazi was one of 27 teenagers who met at peace demonstrations in 1979 and sent a letter to the Defense Ministry saying they would refuse to serve in the occupied areas — the West Bank, Golan Heights and Sinai — when drafted at age 18.

Only four of them stood their ground when the time came. A spokesman for the group said three of the four agreed to take part of their basic training in the West Bank on the understanding they would be stationed later in Israel. Elgazi was the only one ordered to serve in the West Bank after receiving his training in Israel.

## Refuseniks Get Visas, But Shcharansky Gravely Ill

NEW YORK (JTA) — After waiting for almost nine years for an exit visa, Grigory Goman, his wife Larissa, and their five-year-old daughter Geula have received permission to emigrate to Israel, it was reported here. Goman, 45, of Leningrad, was subjected to constant police harassment since he first applied for a visa in 1972. A doctor of radiophysical engineering, he has not been able to work in his field since 1972.

Meanwhile, the life of Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky hangs in the balance. His wife, Avital, reported that his weight is now down to 91 pounds, he is going blind and is losing his memory. "The situation is now so grave that I feel he is going to die," she told reporters during a visit to England several days ago. "He is only being given bread and soup" in the Soviet labor camp where he is serving a 15-year term.

In another development, Ida Nudel reported that the hut in which she lives in the remote Siberian village of Krivesheino, to which she was exiled in 1978, was searched by Soviet authorities after fellow activists visited her. One of the visitors, Dr. Isai Goldstein, was detained and interrogated and the tape of his conversation with Nudel was confiscated.

According to reports, Nudel has received 4,000 registered letters from 19 countries since she was exiled after she was convicted on charges of hanging a banner from her

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The House of Representatives passed by voice vote last week a resolution urging the Soviet Union to provide medical attention for imprisoned Soviet Jewish scientist and dissident Viktor Brailovsky, who is reported to be in failing health.

# Jews Are Secure In U.S., But Complacency Is Risky, AJC Says

NEW YORK — Recent studies on anti-Semitism undertaken by the American Jewish Committee indicate that "on balance . . . the Jewish position in the U.S. remains secure," according to a report just issued by the AJC.

The number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States has risen sharply in the past year, the report states, but "AJC investigations indicate . . . it would be a mistake to interpret the recent outbreaks as signaling a new and dangerous wave of anti-Semitism in the United States."

During 1980, continues the report, entitled "Anti-Semitism in America: A Balance Sheet," 377 anti-Semitic incidents were reported in this country. These acts, the paper points out, have "stirred understandable fears" in the American Jewish community, but, the AJC analysts stress, they should be considered "in the perspective of other events taking place in this country and abroad."

The report was prepared by Alisa H. Kesten and Milton Ellerin, of AJC's Dis-

crimination Division in its Domestic Affairs Department, and by Sonya F. Kaufner, Director, Publications Service.

Citing one "perspective," the "Balance Sheet" notes that most of the recent anti-Semitic events took place after the highly publicized bombing of a Paris synagogue, and were mainly the work of "politically uninvolved" teenagers whose actions seemed to be "imitative" rather than a "personal expression of anti-Semitic sentiment."

The AJC report urges also that "the current outbreak of anti-Semitic vandalism . . . be viewed against the alarming increases in all kinds of crimes . . ."

Turning to the question of whether today's climate poses any serious dangers to American Jews, the AJC paper recalls that "historically anti-Semitism has constituted a powerful threat . . . only in those countries where it has . . . been institutionalized in the laws and tradition of the land," and then points out that today "no organized late groups have any appreciable political or social influence in this country . . . The various Ku Klux Klans and neo-Nazi groups . . . receive media attention far beyond what their numbers and strength warrant . . ."

There is no individual of stature on the political scene today who is an overt anti-Semite."

The report then cites statistics garnered from opinion polls and other researches indicating that "the vast majority of Americans are favorably disposed toward their Jewish fellow citizens"; that "more Jews than ever before . . . were elected to . . . Congress in 1980, and the number of Jews serving in . . . other political offices is too large to . . . trace," and that "in the arts, sciences, business and professions the same acceptance is evident."

However, note the AJC writers, examining the other side of the "balance sheet," there continue to be developments — such as "anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric" in the United Nations and "attempts to deny the Holocaust ever happened" — which, "like every reported case of overt anti-Semitism . . . require constant vigilance."

Concluding, the report says that "though . . . American Jews continue to enjoy a secure and respectable status in this country, history underscores the risk of complacency. But . . . reason (must) dictate strategy."

## Press Attacks Brazil Government For Awarding TV Licenses To Jewish Firms

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA) — Leading newspapers have attacked the government for awarding much sought after television licenses to Jewish-owned firms, one headed by an immigrant from Czarist Russia and the other by a Brazilian-born son of immigrants.

The licenses granted by the Communications Ministry are for nine TV channels in Rio, Sao Paulo and other cities. Although radio and television are private enterprises, they are controlled by the government. The channels in question were applied for by several groups, including Journal do Brasil, published here, and the Abril publishing company in Sao Paulo.

But they were assigned to Manchete, a mass circulation illustrated weekly owned by the Rio-based Bloch Publishing Co. which is headed by Adolpho Bloch, 73, who was born in Byelo-Russia; and to Silvio Santos, 51, who heads the Sistema Brasileiro de Televisao Ltda. Bloch, whose small printing business established in Rio about 50 years ago grew into one of the largest publishing companies in Latin America with over 2000 employees, identifies himself as "a Brazilian Jew and a Zionist."

Santos, born Abravanel, is the son of Jewish immigrants from Greece. He began his career as a pushcart peddler, became a producer of television programs in 1968 and is considered to be one of the wealthiest men in Brazil. He is not identified with the Jewish community.

The daily, O Estado de Sao Paulo, criticized the government's choice of a

naturalized "foreigner" (Bloch) and a "merchant" (Abravanel) to purvey national culture. The Estado editorial was widely reprinted in other newspapers under the headline "Cultural Poverty."

## Greene Receives Jerusalem Prize

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Graham Greene, the noted British author, received the prestigious Jerusalem Prize for literature from Mayor Teddy Kollek last week. The prize, which is awarded once every two years, was this year awarded in conjunction with the 10th International Book Fair which opened here yesterday. The previous recipient of the award was Sir Isaiah Berlin.

Greene, in accepting the award, warned against political and religious dogmas. "Heresy is only another word for freedom of thought," he said in an outline of his view on the writer's role in society. He recalled visiting Jerusalem 14 years ago, following the Six-Day War, and found the city suffering from "physical and spiritual scars."

Now, Greene said, "Jerusalem is a smiling and friendly city." He said he had met Arabs living in Jerusalem and found that they are fearless and speak openly, "thus implanting their freedom of the individual."

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Moscow apartment balcony demanding an exit visa to Israel. She said she has not been able to answer her correspondents because her hands are swollen from her deteriorated physical condition.

## N.Y.C. Schools To Teach About KKK, Neo-Nazis

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (JTA) — New York City school children, and possibly pupils in the rest of the state, will soon be learning about the nature and dangers posed by such extremist hate groups as the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party. The 250,000-member New York State United Federation of Teachers (UFT), spearheaded by the New York City branch of the UFT, decided at its convention here to include lessons on the Klan and the neo-Nazis in their social studies projects.

The teachers view it as a way of combatting the dangerous growth of racist groups in the country. They noted the establishment of para-military training camps by the Klan and other extremist groups in several southern states and also in Connecticut and Illinois. The teachers also cited the epidemic cross burnings and daubings of swastikas on schools and synagogues around the country.

UFT president Albert Shanker said his union thought even small children should be made familiar with the history and background of racist groups as an antidote to their poisonous propaganda.

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## Youth Groups Present Holocaust Memorial

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The production will be "Nightwords-1981, 36 Years After," produced by Rabbi Jake S. Rubenstein, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom - Sons of Zion, and David Unger, director of group services at the JCC. The program will survey the chronology of the events in Europe, the response of American Jews and the death camps. It will conclude with a candlelighting ceremony by six survivors and the recitation of the Kaddish.

Participating will be students representing B'nai B'rith AZA, Newport; B'nai B'rith Girls, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, United Synagogue Youth, Young Judea, the Bureau of Jewish Education High School and the Midrasha. All are invited to attend.

## Rare Hagaddah Given To Hebrew U.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A rare and valuable handwritten 15th Century Hagaddah, beautifully illustrated, has been donated to the Hebrew University library by Mrs. James de Rothschild of London. Until now the Hagaddah has been kept at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut where it was known to all scholars as the "Murphy Hagaddah."

Last year a Yale professor discerned a catalog marking on the Hagaddah indicating that it belonged to the Baron Edmond de Rothschild collection. The university followed this up and learned that the Hagaddah, passed on to Baron Edmond's heirs in 1937, had been stolen by the Nazis in World War II and subsequently disappeared. Yale offered it back to Mrs. de Rothschild who accepted it and promptly donated the treasure to the Hebrew University library.

The Hagaddah is the work of the famous German scribe and artist Joel Ben Simeon who was active in Germany and Italy in the mid-15th Century. His manuscripts, and especially his illustrated Hagaddot, are an important source for the study of Jewish art and culture in the Renaissance period.

Although Ben Simeon did not actually sign this Hagaddah, there is no doubt that he wrote and illustrated the work.

## Dolphins Imported From Austria To Train Others

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two temporary residents arrived in Israel by air last week from Austria, smeared with lanolin and lying on stretchers.

They were Fritz, a 650-pound male dolphin, and Tivie, a female whose weight was not disclosed. They took up residence at the Tel Aviv dolphinarium nearing completion on the seashore between Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

The dolphins were imported to help train five others recently captured in the Red Sea by dolphinarium teams and due to be shipped from Eilat to Tel Aviv in a temperature-controlled truck next week.

According to the trainer who accompanied the two visitors from Austria, they took the air trip quite well despite the 20-hour journey, twice as long as the acceptable stay out of water. The imported pair will be returned to Europe in a few months.

# The French Jewish Vote: Tide Running Against Giscard

by Shimon Samuels

PARIS — With the polls showing Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Socialist challenger Francois Mitterrand running neck and neck in the upcoming French presidential elections, the French Jewish vote could conceivably tip the balance, according to political observers here.

In 1974, they point out, Giscard won the presidency with a paper-thin margin of 250,000 votes. The Jewish electorate in France is estimated at 350,000 and this year Jews have been given special rabbinical dispensation to vote in the first round balloting April 26, the last day of Passover.

While one cannot speak of a French Jewish vote in the same sense as an American Jewish vote, according to these observers, the fact remains that French Jewry is being politicized and wooed as never before in the wake of the Rue Copernic synagogue bombing.

And the tide is running against Giscard among Jewish voters.

In the seven years of his presidency, there has been an upsurge of anti-Semitism and racism. Jews have become scapegoats among some extremist elements for French economic troubles. Many Jews blame Giscard's consistently anti-Israel, pro-Arab foreign policy for helping to fan the flames of anti-Semitism. Some Jews even harbor misgivings — or worse — for the way French officials reacted to and handled the traumatic events of Rue Copernic.

The extent of the swing against Giscard can be seen in the "Jewish Renewal" movement, which has waded into the presidential campaign with a massive leaflet campaign, condemning Giscard as "dangerous" for peace in the Middle East and "dangerous" for the future of France. While not endorsing Mitterrand, the Jewish Renewal group is urging the French to "vote against Giscard" — its election slogan.

In a survey conducted by the magazine "Le Point," 53 percent of Jewish voters polled expressed a preference for Mitterrand as against only 23 for Giscard. Giscard and Mitterrand are considered the front runners among the

four leading candidates and are expected to survive into the second round of voting May 10th.

The influential Rothschild family, some of whose members supported Giscard in 1974, has withheld its endorsement this time around. Alain de Rothschild, who heads CRIF (the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France) declared in a pre-election press conference that voters should have "freedom of choice" in the elections. He then proceeded to take the French government to task on a host of issues, denouncing what he called French submission to Arab "blackmail" and condemning the climate of discrimination leading to a "resurgence of Nazism" in France.

Despite the anti-Giscard sentiment, however, Mitterrand may not pick up as many Jewish voters as might be expected. Political observers point out that there is an awareness — at least among Jewish voters with longer memories — that Mitterrand's Socialists, with probable support from the Communists, will be no more pro-Israel than Giscard.

While the forces of Giscard and Mitterrand jockey for Jewish votes all other parties in France are also wooing them, mobilizing prominent Jews in their ranks for this purpose. The Communists, for example, published an appeal in their newspaper L'Humanite to French Jews to back the candidacy of their leader, George Machais.

The realization has evidently gotten through to French politicians that times are changing for French Jewry. Traditionally the French Jewish community has been more diffuse than its American counterpart. But even before Rue Copernic, which galvanized the Jewish community, French Jews had been evolving into a more cohesive entity and asserting its identity.

One dramatic manifestation of this trend was the recent publication of "The Book for the Perplexed" by Francois Debre, son of the former Premier, Michel Debre, who is a Gaullist candidate in this year's elections. The son roundly criticizes his father for his assimilation into French Christian culture.

Similarly, Dominique Schnapper, the daughter of noted scholar Raymond Aron, stresses her Jewish identity in her book, "Jews

## New Argentine President Vows To Outlaw Anti-Semitism, Neo-Nazism

NEW YORK (JTA) — Argentina's new President, Roberto Viola, who took office March 29, has assured leaders of the American Jewish Committee that his administration would take all action possible under law against any anti-Semitic acts and neo-Nazi publications.

Viola, meeting with the AJCommittee delegation last week, indicated close knowledge of Jewish concerns as a result, he said, of meetings with the representative body of Argentine Jewry, the DAIA, personal family ties, and frequent cordial exchanges with Israeli representatives to Argentina over the years.

Responding to AJCommittee queries about recent decrees that would introduce confessional teaching into the traditionally secular Argentine educational system, Viola declared that a previous move in this sense had been revoked because of unfavorable reaction and that he would see to it that "each confession will be able to teach in accordance with its own precepts and faith."

The AJCommittee delegation told Viola it welcomed reports following his meetings in Washington that action would be taken with regard to the thousands of "disappeared" persons and prisoners in Argentina, many of whom are Jewish.

Viola affirmed that anti-Semitic acts in Argentina such as the desecration of cemetery gravestones and the bombing attacks some time ago against various Jewish institutions were the work of maladjusted persons and could not be considered the responsibility of the Argentine government any more than one could hold the U.S. government responsible for the deaths of black children in Atlanta.

"We shall take action against such persons and incidents and against any forms of Nazism, not because the Jewish community or Jewish organizations request this, but because this is something that is in keeping with what our entire people and tradition demand," Viola declared.

With Viola were the Argentine Ambassador to the United States, Jorge A. Aja Espil, and Marta Oliveros, Legal Counselor to the Argentine Mission to the United Nations. The delegation presented Viola with a copy of "Five Centuries of Jewish Life in Argentina," by Alberto Klein, a volume originally sponsored by the AJCommittee Argentine office that has just reappeared in a second edition in that country.

and Israelites."

Rothschild, in his press conference, declared that "considering the contributions of Judaism to French culture, (CRIF) desires to see the teaching of Jewish history and notably of the Holocaust in the national educational program."

Referring to the tendency in some circles to blame Jews for the nation's economic ills, Rothschild went on to say that the "Jewish community condemns... attempts to exploit racism, xenophobia and intolerance on the basis of economic difficulties and unemployment."

Much of Rothschild's pre-election statement was concerned with French policy towards the Middle East and the PLO. He condemned the European initiative toward the Palestine Liberation Organization, in which France played a leading role, and the presence of PLO representatives on French soil.

The French Jewish leader also asserted that the government's nuclear assistance to Iraq will contribute to the development of a nuclear weapon that would expose the world to a "mortal risk."

Rothschild urged a more "equitable" policy towards the Middle East and called on the French government to support the Camp David peace accords.

In summing up the mood of French Jews, Emile Touati, a leading member of CRIF, wrote recently:

"The common denominator of French Jewry is not economic, ideological nor even religious. It can be distilled into two worries: the aggressive resurgence of anti-Semitism and racism and the sovereignty and security of Israel."

Mr. Samuels, director of the European office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, is based in Paris.

## Final Concert Of R.I. Philharmonic Features Leonard Rose

The Rhode Island Philharmonic will present its final classical concert of the year on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 8:30 P.M. in the Ocean State Theater. The guest soloist for the evening will be cellist Leonard Rose.

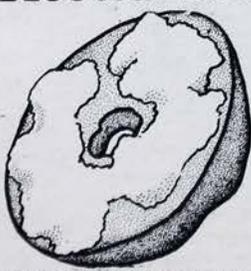
Conducted by Maestro Alvaro Cassuto, the program will open with two of the Nocturnes by Debussy - Nuages and Fetes - followed by Schelomo, a Hebraic Rhapsody, for Cello and Orchestra by Ernest Bloch. After Intermission, Rose will return to perform Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations for Cello and Orchestra. The concert will conclude with a performance of Suite No. 2 from the ballet Daphnis and Chloé by Maurice Ravel.

Called "the most successful American cellist playing today," Leonard Rose has had a long career performing with orchestras and in the recital hall. In 1951, he left orchestral work to concentrate on a solo career. Since then, he has performed to high critical acclaim throughout the world.

In addition to his solo work, Leonard Rose formed a trio with Isaac Stern and Eugene Istomin, which has made numerous recordings, television appearances and has performed extensively, placing himself in the forefront of chamber music ensembles. Rose is also on the faculty at the Juilliard School of Music. Rose plays a rare Amati cello dated 1662 which is described by experts as one of the finest Cremonese instruments existing today.

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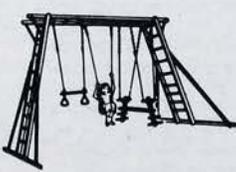
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## The Moral Majority:

# Not Quite A Monolithic Movement

by John L. Goldwater

We talk about *THE* evangelicals as if we were dealing with a mass of evangelical voters who, like toy soldiers, are moved about on the scene of history by the preachers of the "electronic church." Things are not as simple as that.

Evangelicals tend usually, but not inevitably, to be conservative in politics as well as theology. But they are far from a monolithic movement. For example, the type of biblical literalism that has characterized fundamentalist theology has been and continues to be challenged in several of the largest conservative Protestant denominations. Both the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church and the Southern Baptist Church have been rocked in recent years by what is called the "Battle of the Bible."

The "radical evangelical" movement has been gaining strength, especially through the influence of the magazine *Sojourners*. These so-called "radical evangelicals" tend to be conservative in theology but liberal in politics.

Protestant evangelical beliefs, and in particular Protestant evangelical power, variously described as the Religious Right or the Christian Right, have become the subject of much public attention from advocates and foes alike on radio, TV and in the print media. A Religious News Service article reported on the view of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church that "their actions distort Christian truth and threaten American religious freedom."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has asserted that "a careful look at the so-called 'new right' reveals that the persons and ideas bearing that label are really the old extremists, both religious and political.

The other side of that coin is the comment of the Moral Majority leader, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who said, "Nobody's ever accused the National Council of Churches of mixing

religion and politics. But when Jerry gets into it, that's violating separation of church and state."

The really dramatic change has taken place among that segment of the evangelicals today called the Christian Right who seek to translate the power of the pulpit, magnified a thousand times by the power of the TV camera, into a campaign for political votes and power. Enthusiasm for this new strategy is far from universal in evangelical circles. Southern Baptist leader Jimmy Allen minces no words about his opposition to fellow Baptist Jerry Falwell when it comes to this new political doctrine.

### Evangelical Power Politics

Many questions have been raised about evangelical power politics. There are even some who call themselves evangelicals who see an imminent threat to the traditional American stance of separation of church and state. While the separation of church and state doctrine does not mean the silencing of the religious voice or vote in the political process, it does imply resistance to a narrow sectarian approach to politics. And that is precisely where the rub lies with some of the statements made by representatives of the Christian Right and what causes profound concern among many Americans.

European history teaches very clearly that sectarian domination of the political process can in the end only be maintained through oppression. History also shows that, invariably, the first people to suffer from a narrow "Christian" definition of society are likely to be the Jews.

Perhaps it is best to retain a healthy sense of skepticism. No one will deny that demagoguery can be dangerous to a democracy's health. But right-wrong rhetoric emanating from the right and the left is not something new. The Rev. Jesse

Jackson and others from the left have engaged in quite a bit of it with respect to Middle East issues, while mainline Protestant leaders seemed blissfully unconcerned.

When the National Council of Churches issues statements on nuclear energy and the need for the U.S. government to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization, it is called "prophetic witness." But when evangelicals oppose government funding for abortions and support the State of Israel, the same National Council of Churches calls it "single issue politics."

Religion plus political involvement can add up as a threat to civil liberties and civil rights — but not necessarily. Beginning with Amos, there is a valid Jewish prophetic tradition that through the ages has spoken with passion about social-political issues. The doctrine of church-state separation ought never be used to silence the voices of those who wish to speak out on issues in the name of their religious convictions and who seek to persuade others to vote accordingly. The greatness of the American political system is that it allows for free interplay among a diversity of beliefs. It is even willing to take the risk of tolerating the intolerant.

It is true that some of the staunchest supporters of the State of Israel in the United States are to be found among conservative, evangelical Christians. It is also true that their particularistic, theological view raises questions that cast doubt upon Judaism's authenticity and integrity. Israel is a survival issue for the Jewish people and it needs all the friends it can get in the world — where too many people, including too many mainline church leaders, forget all too soon what forces of destruction can be unleashed upon the earth when nations follow the road of expediency and prejudicial propaganda reigns supreme.

However, our gratitude for voices that speak out in defense of a beleaguered Israel ought not persuade us to declare a moratorium on criticism when we believe that not only Jewish interest and integrity, but the interest and integrity of the American people as a whole, are at stake.

### Role Of Religion In Society

What is the role of religion in shaping a culture? What are the fundamental values that underlie the ordering of a society? To what extent do Jews and Christians share common perspectives on such questions? We need to talk with each other about such issues. Now that evangelicals are entering the political arena as a militant force, using such phrases as the "Moral Majority," the chances are great that tensions and misunderstandings will be aggravated.

What ought we do? Obviously, the task of teaching Christians about the Jewish experience in Christian societies belongs to the churches and their educational programs. It is basically their problem. But the problems

of Christians have a way of affecting Jews who live as a minority in a predominant Christian society. Hence the importance of keeping all possible avenues of dialogue open. Patient communication of Jewish perceptions and concerns often seems a terribly slow way of getting rid of prejudice — and is, but there is no viable alternative or adequate substitute.

There is no need to panic about what is perceived to be the growing power of the Christian Right in American politics. In fact, we ought to accentuate the pluses in our relationships with evangelicals. One of these pluses is our common concern about Israel, even though we may reach that position from very different assumptions. It is ironic that the topic of Israel, which in recent years has made contact with mainline churches and their councils of churches increasingly difficult, is the subject that opens up opportunities for dialogue with evangelicals.

While the churches today do not openly preach anti-Semitism, and their official positions often reflect one of reconciliation and rapprochement, in reality the orthodox Christianity, reflected by some segments of the Christian Right, continues to serve as an agent of anti-Semitic prejudice. It provides the potential for anti-Semitic actions in America by introducing a set of assumptions that provide reasons for people to dislike Jews.

While not everyone who accepts these assumptions draws from them the same hostile conclusions about Jews, the majority of theologically conservative church people do make such connections. Despite the expressions of an American religious pluralism, orthodox Christianity continues to have a strong impact upon what people think about Jews.

Because we have good reason to follow this movement very carefully, and to do so with both legitimate concern and possible promise, the Jewish community is pursuing the painstaking task of analysis and reflection.

Tolerance must not become a bad word among us. Yet, frustration and fear often lead people to destructive actions. It is, therefore, important that we recognize the concerns that are alive in broad circles in the country today. For instance, there is a genuine fear abroad that tolerance has come to mean indifference, permissiveness and total relativism. Calling worried people extremists is probably one of the fastest ways to drive them into the arms of extremists, who are eagerly waiting to recruit people for their hate campaigns. For tolerance is best nurtured only in an environment where people listen to each other and learn to respect each other.

John Goldwater is a member of the National Commission and National Executive Committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

## Assimilation Threatens Judaism In The 80's

by Rabbi Chaim Casper

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, spiritual leader of the Lincoln Square Synagogue in Manhattan, predicted serious consequences in the American Jewish Community as a result of assimilation and the neglect of the Shabbat. Rabbi Riskin spoke at the University of Rhode Island's Hillel House as part of its "Judaism in the Eighties" forum.

His topic, entitled "A Traditional View," encompassed Judaism in the 80's in terms of the past and future 40 to 50 years.

"Can one eat non-kosher, marry a non-Jew and still be ethnically Jewish?" asked the rabbi? Seventy-three percent of all American Jews bought kosher meat in 1944, said Rabbi Riskin. "They may have eaten non-kosher food outside their homes, but at least," he said, "their dishes went to heaven."

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Today, only 16 percent of all Jewish homes purchase kosher meat and fifteen kosher slaughter houses have closed down in the last 10 years, said the rabbi.

In addition, only three percent of all marriages involving Jews were intermarriages in 1953 and today, 51 percent of all such marriages are mixed, according to University of Maryland figures. This figure is expected to increase in the next ten years, the rabbi said.

"We see the Jewish Community in disillusion. We are presiding over the funeral of American Jewry," he said. "It is a wake — a fancy wake with roast beef."

By the year 2076, according to the findings of the Harvard Center for Population Study, there will be between 10,000 and 100,000 Jews in the United States, not the six million of 1980, Rabbi Riskin said.

"At the same time of disillusion and assimilation, there is the phenomenon of the returning Jew. The assimilation is the natural inclination; the return is the unnatural," he said. The question for the 80's is what can be done to facilitate this return?

The choice facing Jews today is existence versus life. Philosophically, the choice is existence versus essence. "What's the difference between human shelter and animal

shelter? How many suits can you wear? Fundamentally, it's the same food, clothing, and shelter. Once a human obtains these, what's left? What is life's purpose?"

Humans are guided by a purpose and life must have meaning, said the rabbi. "For the Jews, shabbat from Friday night at sundown to Saturday night at sundown is what gives life meaning." A common mistake in religious homes is to observe shabbat so that one will be rested for the six weekdays. Instead, "we work six days so that we can observe shabbat. The days of the week are preparatory for shabbat."

Jews of today are looking for essence and that essence is shabbat. "It's not a noun, but a verb," he said. "You sing, dance, eat and learn shabbat, which is an experience that expresses Jewish existence." The long promised redemption of the Jewish people will occur when they correctly observe shabbat, he added.

"What the American Jewish community will look like in ten years depends on shabbat," said the rabbi.

Rabbi Riskin is educating people in his yeshiva high schools who will go out into the world and educate people on the need to observe shabbat. He has founded the Institute of Authentic Jewish Living, which is what he calls a "Shabbat Institute." It is specifically designed for UJA and Federation people who are in the forefront of the Jewish community.

The rabbi is currently developing in New York a prime time, Jewish "All in the Family" TV show, which will serve as a heart-warming program that get a message across.

"Our yeshivot must stop producing doctors and lawyers," he said. "Instead, they must produce teachers and rabbis who will go out into the community and teach the meaning of shabbat."

Rabbi Casper is the Jewish Chaplain at the University of Rhode Island.

BONN (JTA) — The number of neo-Nazi incidents in West Germany has increased dramatically, Interior Minister Gerhard Blum said in a radio interview last week, and the number of and membership in neo-Nazi organizations has also increased sharply. According to Blum, about 1800 neo-Nazi incidents were reported in 1980 compared to 1300 in 1979 and fewer than 1000 in 1978.

## Annual Donor Event For Prov. Hadassah

The Annual Donor Event of Providence Hadassah will take place on Monday, May 11 at 12 noon at the Marriott Inn in Providence.

This year marks the 120th birthday of Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, and the 33rd anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Leach will be honored as the founders for 1981 and will be pre-

sented with a founders' scroll as contributors to the Hadassah Medical Organization.

Congresswoman Claudine Schneider, guest speaker, will address the group on "Women's Issues."

Program chairman is Doris McGarry, Claire Seiden is treasurer and Lola Epstein decorations chairman.



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# Jews Of Mexico: Can They Survive?

by Morton Rosenthal  
NEW YORK (JTA)—Can a Jewish community of 140 families survive the forces of assimilation and perpetuate itself in a city of three million non-Jews? This nagging question surfaced in many conversations during a recent visit to Guadalajara, capital of the State of Jalisco in Mexico. Despite the formidable numerical and sociological odds, leaders of the Guadalajara Jewish community have committed themselves to Jewish survival.

The first Jews arrived in Guadalajara in the 1920's from Europe with the intention of staying there only a short period of time. They intended to settle in the United States, but to their surprise and disappointment they were denied entry because of immigration quotas. Having been turned away in California, they cast about for a temporary place of refuge until their names would rise to the top of the immigration waiting list. Guadalajara, then as now Mexico's second largest city, seemed to be the closest place with significant cultural and business opportunities.

The experience of Roberto Buchwald, one of the earliest Jewish settlers is typical. Arriving in Guadalajara in 1928 to await his opportunity to enter the United States, he began earning his livelihood by peddling. Soon after arrival, he met Nechoma, who also intended to settle in the United States. They married in 1936 and had three children.

When in 1936 the U.S. authorities notified him that he was eligible for entrance to the United States he decided to remain in Guadalajara. Today, his sons, Jose and Jaime, operate a mattress factory which their father founded and also engage in other business enterprises.

**Avoided Ashkenazic, Sephardic Distinctions**  
Jews of Guadalajara have avoided the distinctions between Ashkenazim and Sephardim which divide many Jewish communities in Latin America along sharp sociological lines. The mutual accommodation between the two groups goes back to 1928, when a cemetery was established as the first act of the community, a joint effort of the Ashkenazim and the Sephardim.

Some years later, when Sephardim objected to the inclusion of Yiddish in the curriculum of the Jewish day school, which had been established by the Ashkenazim, Yiddish instruction was eliminated so that all students might attend and Hebrew instruction was begun. Today, the Jewish day school has about 160 students in grades kindergarten through nine.

Ten years ago, the Conser-

vative synagogue and the Sports Center moved into an ultra-modern complex on several acres of land, where the peaked roof of the synagogue soars above the eight-foot high walls which customarily surround property in Mexico. The architecturally dramatic sanctuary, whose seating capacity may be greater than the total number of Jews in Guadalajara, is the home of congregation Bet Shalom.

For the past three years, the leader of the congregation has been a 34-year-old Argentine social worker who studied for several years at the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary in Buenos Aires. Although he carries out all of the rabbinic functions for the congregation, he makes it quite clear that he is not an ordained rabbi. On the bulletin board, he is identified as Prof. Shmuel Szeinhendler, Community Leader.

About a third of the community attends Friday night services, presenting a cross section of old and young. When a family celebrates a Bar Mitzvah, most of the community is present for the early morning service and the brunch which follows the service; lunch is generally eaten between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m.

The Club Deportivo Macabi operates the athletic facilities, which include tennis courts, swimming pool, basketball court and football (soccer) field. During my visit, an elderly couple from the United States and several women whose husbands are studying at the nearby medical school of the Universidad Autonoma were at poolside.

### The Fate Of The Community

The fate of the community will ultimately be determined by the younger generations. High school age youth generally participate in community activities; about forty attended my lecture at the Center on Saturday afternoon. When they reach college age, many enroll at the university in Mexico City and some of them do not return, preferring to become part of the larger community in the capital. Another variable is the intermarriage factor. Until now there have been few intermarriages and in all cases, the non-Jewish partner has converted to Judaism. However, the prospect of a higher rate of intermarriage is troubling.

Some Jews doubt that this small community can maintain itself, but there is a basic mood of optimism which is best exemplified by the President of the community, Simon Cohen. Outgoing and charming, and the father of three children, Cohen at 40 years is philosophic about the future of Guadalajara Jewry and determined that the community will perpetuate itself.

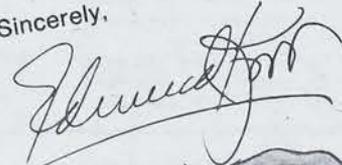


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The RIJWVLA will meet with General Treasurer Anthony Solomon at 10:30 at the state house. An afternoon luncheon is planned at Veterans House in Bristol with Louis Alfano, commandant.

Following a visit to Veterans Hospital in Providence, a dinner will be held in Mrs. Mermenstein's honor at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk at 7 p.m. Chairperson of the event is Emma Cohen, PDP of JWV.

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# Scottish Town A Center Of Arab-Israeli Conflict

LONDON (JTA) — Until very recently Dundee was best known as a fishing port in eastern Scotland famous for its fruit cake and its football team.

But it has now acquired unlikely significance as a cockpit of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Some 400 Jews, and Gentile friends of Israel from all over Scotland, attended a stormy meeting at Dundee University last week to protest the town's decision to "twin" itself with Nablus as a gesture of solidarity with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

If Ernie Ross, the town's pro-Arab Labor MP, had thought that this "twinning" arrangement could go through smoothly, he was gravely mistaken. The meeting attracted not only local Jews, but Gentile friends of Israel, such as Scottish nationalist leader Winifred Ewing, and the Board of Deputies of British Jews led by its president, Greville Janner MP, who flew to Dundee from London for the day with fellow honorary officers. The national press, radio and television were also on hand.

What attracted them to Dundee was not merely the gesture to the PLO, symbolized by the display of its flag in Dundee's Council chamber, but the fact that it coincided with unprecedented displays of anti-Jewish prejudice in Dundee.

There are only about 20 Jewish families in Dundee and there is no previous record of anti-Semitic outbreaks since the community was founded over a century ago.

The fact that the "twinning" did not go unopposed was initially due to the leader of Dundee's tiny community, Dr. Albert Jacob.

His outspoken and single-handed protests were "rewarded" three weeks ago by the appearance of anti-Semitic daubings on the home of his 81-year-old father.

## Nazi Symbols On Town's Synagogue

The shock was redoubled last weekend when more Nazi symbols appeared on Dundee's synagogue. The perpetrators, however, performed an unwitting service to the Jewish and Israeli cause. On landing in Dundee, Janner asked his pro-Arab colleague, Ross, as well as James Gowans, the Lord Provost, to inspect the daubings.

It was a graphic illustration of Janner's arguments about the affinities between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism. Directly attributing the outbreak to the link with the PLO, Janner told the protest meeting: "When you twin a city with an organization of terror and hang up its flag you are creating a climate of hatred." An abashed Lord Provost promised to ask the Civic Council to have the flag removed.

Council members still remain committed to visiting Nablus in exchange for a visit by the Arab town's mayor, Bassam Shaka, who was himself the victim of a terrorist attack last June widely attributed to Jewish extremists. Under the influence of the weekend's uproar, however, Council members are considering extending their visit to an Israel Kibbutz.

PARIS (JTA) — The French Foundation for Jewish Culture last week awarded its first prize to historian Leo Poliakov. The award, a check for 50,000 francs (\$10,000) was presented on behalf of the jury by Nobel Prize winner Andre Lwoff.

# Most Americans Want Successful Talks

WASHINGTON (JTA) — An overwhelming majority of Americans who study and discuss foreign policy is clearly in favor of the U.S. continuing to work closely with Egypt and Israel to make the Palestinian autonomy negotiations a success, according to the results of the Foreign Policy Association's annual nationwide "Opinion Ballot" survey for 1981.

That option was endorsed by 64 percent of the respondents, compared to 15 percent who favored bypassing the Camp David process in favor of a new initiative and 17 percent who favored letting Israel and the Arabs work matters out for themselves.

With respect to U.S. policy in the Middle East generally, and its stance in the Persian Gulf in particular, the survey found opinion almost evenly divided.

A more direct role by the U.S. in maintaining the security of the Persian Gulf and an increase of U.S. military capability for that purpose was supported by 36 percent of the respondents; 28 percent would build up the

military capabilities of friendly powers in the region; and 26 percent preferred to limit U.S. commitments to their present level, up from 15 percent a year ago.

# Plantations Lodge, B'nai B'rith Installs Officers

Plantations Lodge #2011 B'nai B'rith will hold its installation of officers on May 3 at the Ramada Inn, Seekonk. Officers for the 1981 term include:

President, Martin Waldman; vice president, Alan Gaffin; vice president, Irving Wolpert; vice president, Larry Hopfenberg; vice president, Jack Wilkes; corresponding financial secretary, Lawrence Waldman; recording secretary, Martin Uffer; treasurer, Lester Katz; chaplain, Jack Wilkes.

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# The Moral Majority: Not Quite A Monolithic Movement

by John L. Goldwater

We talk about THE evangelicals as if we were dealing with a mass of evangelical voters who, like toy soldiers, are moved about on the scene of history by the preachers of the "electronic church." Things are not as simple as that.

Evangelicals tend usually, but not inevitably, to be conservative in politics as well as theology. But they are far from a monolithic movement. For example, the type of biblical literalism that has characterized fundamentalist theology has been and continues to be challenged in several of the largest conservative Protestant denominations. Both the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church and the Southern Baptist Church have been rocked in recent years by what is called the "Battle of the Bible."

The "radical evangelical" movement has been gaining strength, especially through the influence of the magazine *Soliloquies*. These so-called "radical evangelicals" tend to be conservative in theology but liberal in politics.

Protestant evangelical beliefs, and in particular Protestant evangelical power, variously described as the Religious Right or the Christian Right, have become the subject of much public attention from advocates and foes alike on radio, TV and in the print media. A Religious News Service article reported on the views of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church that "their actions distort Christian truth and threaten American religious freedom."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has asserted that "a careful look at the so-called 'new right' reveals that the persons and ideas bearing that label are really the old extremists, both religious and political."

The other side of that coin is the comment of the Moral Majority leader, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who said, "Nobody's ever accused the National Council of Churches of mixing

religion and politics. But when of Jerry gets into it, that's violating separation of church and state."

The really dramatic change has taken place about that segment of the evangelicals today called the Christian Right who seek to translate their faith, magnified a thousand times by the power of the TV camera, into a campaign for political votes and power. Enthusiasm for this new strategy is far from universal in evangelical circles. Southern Baptist leader Jimmy Allen mimics words of his opposition to fellow Baptist Jerry Falwell when it comes to this new political doctrine.

## Evangelical Power Politics

Many questions have been raised about evangelical power politics. There are even some who call themselves evangelicals who see an imminent threat to the traditional American stance of separation of church and state. While the separation of church and state doctrine does not mean the silencing of the religious voice or vote in the political process, it does imply resistance to a narrow sectarian approach to politics. And that is precisely where the rub lies with some of the statements made by representatives of the Christian Right and what causes profound concern among many Americans.

European history teaches very clearly that sectarian domination of the political process can in the end only be maintained through oppression. History also shows that, invariably, the first people to suffer from a narrow "Christian" definition of society are likely to be the Jews.

Perhaps it is best to retain a healthy sense of skepticism. No one will deny that demagoguery can be dangerous to a democracy's health. But right-wrong rhetoric emanating from the right and the left is not something new. The Rev. Jesse

Jackson and others from the left have engaged in quite a bit of it with respect to Middle East issues, while mainline Protestant leaders seemed blissfully unconcerned.

When the National Council of Churches issues statements on nuclear energy and the need for the U.S. government to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization, it is called "prophetic witness." But when evangelicals oppose government funding for abortions and support the State of Israel, the same National Council of Churches calls it "single issue politics."

Religion plus political involvement can add up as a threat to civil liberties and civil rights — but not necessarily. Beginning with Amos, there is a valid Jewish prophetic tradition that through the ages has spoken with passion about social-political issues. The doctrine of church-state separation ought never be used to silence the voices of those who wish to speak out on issues in the name of their religious convictions and who seek to persuade others to vote accordingly. The greatness of the American political system is that it allows for free interplay among a diversity of beliefs. It is even willing to take the risk of tolerating the intolerant.

It is true that some of the staunchest supporters of the State of Israel in the United States are to be found among conservative, evangelical Christians. It is also true that their particularistic, theological view raises questions that cast doubt upon Judaism's authenticity and integrity. Israel is a survival issue for the Jewish people, and it needs all the friends it can get in the world — where too many people, including too many mainline church leaders, forget all too soon what forces of destruction can be unleashed upon the earth when nations follow the road of expediency and prejudicial propaganda reigns supreme.

However, our gratitude for voices that speak out in defense of a beleaguered Israel ought not persuade us to declare a moratorium on criticism when we believe that not only Jewish interest and integrity, but the interest and integrity of the American people as a whole, are at stake.

## Role Of Religion In Society

What is the role of religion in shaping a culture? What are the fundamental values that underlie the ordering of a society? To what extent do Jews and Christians share common perspectives on such questions? We need to talk with each other about such issues. Now that evangelicals are entering the political arena as a militant force, using such phrases as the "Moral Majority," the chances are great that tensions and misunderstandings will be aggravated.

What ought we do? Obviously, the task of teaching Christians about the Jewish experience in Christian societies belongs to the churches and their educational programs. It is basically their problem. But the problems

of Christians have a way of affecting Jews who live as a minority in a predominantly Christian society. Hence the importance of keeping all possible avenues of dialogue open. Patient communication of Jewish perceptions and concerns often seems a terribly slow way of getting rid of prejudice — and it is, but there is no viable alternative or adequate substitute.

There is no need to panic about what is perceived to be the growing power of the Christian Right in American politics. Instead, we ought to accentuate the pluses in our relationships with evangelicals. One of these pluses is our common concern about Israel, even though we may reach that position from very different assumptions. It is ironic that the topic of Israel, which in recent years has made contact with mainline churches and their councils of churches increasingly difficult, is the subject that opens up opportunities for dialogue with evangelicals.

While the churches today do not openly preach anti-Semitism, and their official positions often reflect one of reconciliation and rapprochement, in reality the orthodox Christianity, reflected by some segments of the Christian Right, continues to serve as an agent of anti-Semitism and injustice. It provides the potential for anti-Semitic actions in America by introducing a set of assumptions that provide reasons for people to dislike Jews.

While not everyone who accepts these assumptions draws from them the same hostile conclusions about Jews, the majority of theologically conservative church people do make such connections. Despite the expressions of an American religious pluralism, orthodox Christianity continues to have a strong impact upon what people think about Jews.

Because we have good reason to follow this movement very carefully, and to do so with both legitimate concern and possible promise, the Jewish community is pursuing the painstaking task of analysis and reflection.

Tolerance must not become a bad word among us. Yet, frustration and fear often lead people to destructive actions. It is, therefore, important that we recognize the concerns that are alive in broad circles in the country today. For instance, there is a genuine fear abroad that tolerance has come to mean indifference, permissiveness and total relativism. Calling worried people extremists is probably one of the fastest ways to drive them into the arms of extremists, who are eagerly waiting to recruit people for their hate campaigns. For tolerance is best nurtured only in an environment where people listen to each other and learn to respect each other.

John Goldwater is a member of the National Commission and National Executive Committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

# Assimilation Threatens Judaism In The 80's

by Rabbi Chaim Casper

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, spiritual leader of the Lincoln Square Synagogue in Manhattan, predicted serious consequences in the American Jewish Community as a result of assimilation and the neglect of the Shabbat. Rabbi Riskin spoke at the University of Rhode Island's Hill House as part of its "Judaism in the Eighties" forum.

His topic, entitled "A Traditional View," encompassed Judaism in the 80's in terms of the past and future 40 to 50 years.

"Can one eat non-kosher, marry non-Jew and still be ethnically Jewish?" asked the rabbi? Seventy-three percent of all American Jews bought kosher meat in 1944, said Rabbi Riskin. "They may have eaten non-kosher food outside their homes, but at least," he said, "their dishes went to heaven."

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Today, only 16 percent of all Jewish homes purchase kosher meat, and Jewish kosher slaughter houses have closed down in the last 10 years, said the rabbi.

In addition, only three percent of all marriages involving Jews were intermarriages in 1953 and today, 51 percent of all such marriages are mixed, according to University of Maryland figures. This figure is expected to increase in the next ten years, the rabbi said.

"We see the Jewish Community in dissolution. We are presiding over the funeral of American Jewry," he said. "It is a wake — a fancy wake with roast beef."

By the year 2076, according to the findings of the Harvard Center for Population Study, there will be between 10,000 and 100,000 Jews in the United States, not the six million of 1980, Rabbi Riskin said.

"At the same time of dissolution and assimilation, there is the phenomenon of the returning Jew. The assimilation is the natural inclination, the return is the unnatural," he said. The question for the 80's is what can be done to facilitate this return?

The choice facing Jews today is existence versus life. Philosophically, the choice is existence versus essence. "What is the difference between human shelter and a bird's

shelter? How many suits can you wear? Fundamentally, it's the same food, clothing, and shelter. Once a human obtains these, what's left? What is life's purpose?"

Humans are guided by a purpose and life must have meaning, said the rabbi. "For the Jews, shabbat from Friday night at sundown to Saturday night at sundown is what gives life meaning." A common mistake in religious homes is to observe shabbat so that one will be rested for the six weekdays. Instead, "we work six days so that we can observe shabbat. The days of the week are preparatory for shabbat."

Jews of today are looking for essence and that essence is shabbat. "It is not a noun, but a verb," he said. "You sing, dance, eat and learn shabbat, which is an experience that expresses Jewish existence." The long promised redemption of the Jewish people will occur when they correctly observe shabbat, he added.

"What is American Jewish community will look like in ten years depends on shabbat," said the rabbi.

Rabbi Riskin is educating people in his yeshiva high schools who will go out into the world and educate people on the need to observe shabbat. He has founded the Institute of Authentic Jewish Living, which is what he calls a "Shabbat Institute." It is specifically designed for UJA and Federation people who are in the forefront of the Jewish community.

The rabbi is currently developing in New York a prime time, Jewish "All in the Family" TV show, which will serve as a heart-warming program that get a message across.

"Our yeshivot must stop producing doctors and lawyers," he said. "Instead, they must produce teachers and rabbis who will go out into the community and teach the meaning of shabbat."

Rabbi Casper is the Jewish Chaplain at the University of Rhode Island.

BOON (JA) — The number of neo-Nazi incidents in West Germany has increased dramatically. Interior Minister Gerhard Blum said in a radio interview last week, and the number of and membership in neo-Nazi organizations has also increased sharply. According to Blum, about 1800 neo-Nazi incidents were reported in 1980 compared to 1300 in 1979 and fewer than 1000 in 1978.

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