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NCSJ Rebukes USSR

NEW YORK (JTA) — The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), in its year-end report, rebukes the Soviet Union for "a year of dramatic, but largely disappointing developments" in human rights and Jewish emigration.

In an 18-page wrap-up of Soviet moves and statements on human rights, released last Thursday at a press conference in Washington, the NCSJ assails the new policy of what is being called "glasnost," or openness, in the USSR since Mikhail Gorbachev assumed leadership as merely a tactical shift, more cosmetic than real, and decries the new Soviet "humanitarian campaign" as "hollow."

The NCSJ reports that Jewish emigration dropped 20 percent from the already low 1985 figure, with only 914 Jews leaving the Soviet Union last year as compared to 1,140 in 1985.

The NCSJ also accuses the USSR of attempting to "close the book" on Jewish emigration by making statements such as that at the Bern follow-up conference on the Helsinki Accords in April, when they said that "they could not permit the sending of Jews to the 'war danger zone' of Israel."

Such statements have been followed, says the NCSJ, by the



concrete new emigration regulations which went into effect January 1, which "fixed in law the narrowly defined family" of parents, children and siblings who may invite relatives to join them abroad, "condemning hundreds of thousands of Jews from ever applying for, much less receiving, permission to emigrate."

The NCSJ report says that "nearly 380,000" have begun the process of applying to emigrate. Of the 380,000, the NCSJ identifies over 11,000 as refuseniks. These cases, states the NCSJ, have been repeatedly raised with Soviet officials, notably by President Reagan at the Reykjavik summit last October.

The NCSJ report, titled "The Illusion of 'Glasnost': A Survey on the Status of Soviet Jewry in

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ADL Report: Fundamentalist And Evangelical Attitudes Toward Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) — The results made public last week of a nationwide survey of evangelical and fundamentalist Christian attitudes towards Jews challenge some commonly held assumptions, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith which commissioned the poll.

Conducted telephonically among a sampling of 1,000 religiously conservative Christians in September and October by the Houston-based Tarrance, Hill, Newport and Ryan research organization, the survey revealed that most of them do not "consciously use their deeply-held Christian faith and conviction as justification for anti-Semitic views of Jews."

The survey sampling was made up of 36 percent Baptists, 12 percent Methodists, 10 percent Lutherans, 7 percent members of the Church of Christ and the remainder included other Protestant evangelicals such as Pentecostal, Mormon and Assembly of God.

Some Of The Attitudes

Ninety percent disagreed with a statement that "Christians are justified in holding negative attitudes towards Jews since the Jews killed Christ," five percent agreed and five percent said they were "unsure."

Twenty-four percent felt that God views Jews "more favorably than other non-Christians" based on their belief that "Jews are God's chosen people" and the fact that Jesus was himself a Jew. Ten percent felt that God views Jews "less favorably than other non-Christians."

Eighty-six percent disagreed with the assertion that "God does not hear the prayer of a Jew," a statement that was originally made in 1981 by the then

president of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Rev. Bailey Smith. Only 12 percent agreed with this statement.

Sixty-eight percent said Jews are viewed by God "no differently than other non-Christians" because they have not accepted Jesus, 20 percent said they may be judged "more harshly" and 12 percent were "unsure."

Part Of An Ongoing Analysis

ADL national director Nathan Perlmutter said the survey is part of the agency's ongoing analyses of Christian attitudes toward Jews and that many of the findings of this particular poll are significant in view of the increased prominence in recent years of religiously conservative Christians in this country — "a group about which Jews have expressed apprehension." He added:

"While there are areas of important disagreement between the Jewish community and evangelicals and fundamentalists, such as prayer in schools and the teaching of evolution, these reflect differing values. Their support of voluntary prayer in the school, for instance, is no more necessarily anti-Semitic than our opposition to prayer is anti-religious. In a culturally pluralistic society, it is possible to be at opposite ends of an issue without religious bigotry being operative." Perlmutter cited as "troubling" the survey's finding that although 57 percent of the sampling revealed no secular anti-Semitic attitudes as measured by their responses to seven statements in an "anti-Semitic index," 22 percent agreed with one of the anti-Semitic characterizations and another 21 percent with two or more. Only five percent of those surveyed accepted four or more of the statements as valid.

It was found that 49 percent of those between 18 and 34 years of age agreed with at least one of the anti-Semitic characterizations compared to 34 percent of those 55 and over.

The survey noted a statistically significant relationship between belief in a literal reading of the Bible and expression of one or more secular anti-Semitic views.

The seven statements reflected stereotypical attitudes towards Jews, including the following: "because Jews are not bound by Christian ethics, they do things to get ahead that Christians generally do not do," 27 percent agreed; "Jews are tight with money," 51 percent agreed; "Jews want to remain different from other people, and yet they are touchy if people notice these differences," 39 percent agreed; "Jews are more loyal to Israel than to the U.S.," 27 percent agreed.

Some 'Positive' Traits

But, sizeable percentages of those who accepted these characterizations felt they were "positive" traits. For example, of those who believe "Jews are tight with money," 60 percent thought that was a positive trait. On the statement about greater loyalty to Israel, 49 percent of those who agreed thought it was a positive trait and 30 percent of those who saw Jews as wanting to be "different," viewed the characteristic positively.

On their perceptions of how much power is wielded in America today by six selected groups — big business, organized labor, Arabs, Catholics, Blacks and Jews — 67 percent thought big business has too much power; 55 percent cited organized labor; 36 percent, Arabs; 23 percent, Catholics. 11 percent said Blacks have too much power; (Continued on page 7)

Schechter Students Exhibit Artwork



Solomon Schechter Day School students admire their postcards of R.I. landmarks on display in the R.I. State Room of the Children's Museum of R.I.

Original art postcards of Rhode Island landmarks, created by students of the Solomon Schechter Day School, are on display in the new State Room of the Children's Museum of Rhode Island, Walcott Street, Pawtucket.

The postcards are serious and intense; others are humorous and tongue-in-cheek. All depict favorite Rhode Island landmarks seen through the eyes of first through sixth graders.

Among the landmarks portrayed are: Brown University Bear — Zev Alexander; The Arcade — Hyla Kaplan, Sam Kaplan; Touro Synagogue — Alan Mizrahi; Crescent Park Carousel — Deborah Bojar; Ladd Observatory — Jeffrey Martin; Maximilian's Ice Cream Parlor — Jonathan Snow.

The Children's Museum field a

special exhibit opening for these young artists and their families on November 4. Exhibits Director, Randi Harelson, said, "This is an exhibit about 'us,' whether we were born here or not. The paintings on the wall reflect how artists interpret Rhode Island... Thanks for adding your interpretations and making the display of Rhode Island kids' postcards possible."

Jan Newman, art teacher at the Solomon Schechter Day School, added, "Rhode Island was founded on the principle of religious freedom and tolerance. It is fitting that our students participate in the creation of a Rhode Island State Room. We are delighted to be associated with this project and with The Children's Museum of Rhode Island."

"Be A Book Mensch" At Emanu-El

Jewish Book Month in the Temple Emanu-El Library traditionally covers the time from the beginning of Religious School classes until Hannukkah. This year a special reading incentive program was created. "Be A Book Mensch" encouraged all students to read books from the collection and explain the Jewish values in each story.

As each story was read and evaluated, a picture of the student was raised from limb to limb on the giant family tree in the corridor outside the library. These smiling faces of all the religious school pupils are a bright focal point in the hall.

In conjunction with the school, special classes were scheduled in the library, allowing every child to participate in this program, reinforcing the importance of emphasizing positive values.

On Sunday, December 14, an awards ceremony was held. Each of the students who reached the top of the tree by reading seven books was presented a certificate. A duplicated certificate was placed in new books in the collection.



Seated (l to r) are Jennifer McCrary, Nikki Parness, Sara McCrary. Standing (l to r) are Joseph Allen, Richard Suls, Meryl Mactas, Stephanie Wexler, Amanda Jackson and Aaron Shield. Not present was Sonja Shield.

To honor these outstanding students, the Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El presented a gift to the Jewish Home for the Aged, enabling William Edelstein, Administrator of the Home, to

purchase a wheelchair with the following inscription: A gift from the Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El in honor of the Religious School Book Menschen 1986-5747.

Local News

PHDS DeRobbio To Attend Conference

Barbara B. DeRobbio, a Social Studies teacher at the New England Academy of Torah, the high school division of the Providence Hebrew Day School, has been selected to present a clinic at the 18th Northeast Regional Conference for the Social Studies, to be held in Boston in March 1987.

Ms. DeRobbio's presentation, which was selected from approximately 200 submitted, deals with using the stock market game as a means of teaching basic economic principles.

The conference expects to attract over 2000 educators from New York, New Jersey and the New England states and will highlight the latest developments in curriculum, computer assisted instruction, Advanced Placement programs, the use of media in the classroom and commercially available materials.

Coping With Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's disease doesn't just effect the patient. It places an enormous strain on family members as well. Now there's a program for the families of Alzheimer's disease patients. It's at The Miriam Hospital, and through its open, ongoing support group, families learn how to cope with the pressures that accompany Alzheimer's disease. The groups meet the first Thursday of every month at The Miriam Hospital. For more information, call during the week at 331-8500, extension 3100.

Dr. Hochberg To Speak At Beth-El

Dr. Mark Hochberg, son of Gertrude Hochberg and the late Robert Hochberg, will be the guest speaker at Temple Beth-El this Friday, January 16, at 8:15 p.m. in the Temple's chapel. Last year, Dr. Hochberg performed the first heart transplantation operation in New Jersey. Dr. Hochberg will offer a pulpit perspective on the new technology of cardiovascular medicine in his address entitled, "I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh."

The community is welcome to attend both services and the Oney Shabbat to follow. For more information, call 331-6070.

Dr. Feigenbaum To Speak At URI

Edward A. Feigenbaum, a pioneer in the development of artificial intelligence and knowledge-based systems, will discuss "Knowledge Systems: Intellectual Challenge and Economic Opportunity," Thursday, January 22 at 4 p.m. at The University of Rhode Island. The lecture, which will take place in Room 271, Chafee Hall, is free and open to the public.

Providence Hadassah

The Chapter's next current events discussion group and general meeting is scheduled for January 26, 1987. Notices will be mailed.

Dvorah Dayan To Meet

A planning meeting of Dvorah Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will be held on Monday, January 19 at the home of Gertrude Diwinsky, 175 Sessions Street at 7:45 p.m.

Committees will be assigned for upcoming events and discussions will be welcomed for new ideas on fundraising.

The next major fundraising event will be the Theater Party on Thursday, April 23 at Rhode Island College's presentation of "Oklahoma."

Geared to the active modern woman who has a strong commitment to Jewish survival, Na'Amat/USA, the women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, works to help fund Na'Amat in Israel. In the United States, Na'Amat also advocates progressive legislation for women's rights, child welfare, education, housing, employment and civil rights through its Washington Legislative Task Force and speaks out for Jewry in distress over the world.

Dr. Hofmann To Speak

Dr. R. Jeffrey Hofmann will be guest speaker Monday, February 2 at the paid-up membership meeting and petite luncheon of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association to be held in the hospital's Soppin Auditorium. This seminar is a continuation in the series of Health Education Programs sponsored by The Women's Association.

The subject of Dr. Hofmann's talk, "Ophthalmology: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery — a New Subspecialty," is of interest to anyone who has had trouble with tearing eyes or has considered cosmetic surgery. Dr. Hofmann will include these topics in his discussion of eye care.

A staff member of The Miriam Hospital and Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the Brown University Medical School, Dr. Hofmann is associated with Ophthalmology, Inc.

The 12:30 program which follows the petite luncheon, has been arranged by Doris McGarry and Ellen Geltzer. The open meeting will be conducted by President Claudia Deutsch. Also assisting in arrangements for the program are Harriet Horvitz and Miriam Rutman, luncheon; Lillian Zarur and Sylvia Kenner, decoration; Marcia Blacher, publicity; and Patricia G. Cohen and Patricia Hairabet, public relations. Reservations may be made by calling The Women's Association office at 274-3700 Ext. 2520.

JCC Field Day

The Children's Department of the Jewish Community Center is sponsoring a Joint Field Day with the Nickerson House for Martin Luther King Day. On Monday, January 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with extended hours available, the children will spend the holiday at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence.

Each child needs to bring a dairy lunch, a bathing suit and a towel. The fee is \$15 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

To register call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

N.E.A.T. Girls Enter National Competition

In a joint effort between the English and Social Studies curriculum of the New England Academy of Torah, the high school division of the Providence Hebrew Day School, the 10th and 11th grade girls enrolled in American History are entering the National Bicentennial Essay Writing Contest. The title of the essay for all contestants is "The Constitution: How the Separation of Powers Help Make It Work."

The class, according to teacher Barbara DeRobbio, is engaged in extensive research for the April deadline. State winners will be chosen at that time, and in September, a national winner will be honored by President Reagan as well as by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. State winners will receive \$1000; the national winner will be awarded \$10,000.

Midwifery Workshop To Be Held

"The Traditional Midwife in a Modern World" is the title of a workshop to be held on Wednesday, January 14, 1987 at 7 p.m. at the New World Holistic Medical Center, 54 Briarwood Plaza, in Seekonk, Mass.

The workshop will be led by two area Midwives, Adele Alexandre of R.I. and Vicki Williams of Massachusetts. Slides will be shown and a discussion of "the five standards for safe childbearing" will involve the audience of parents and professionals.

The National Association of Parents and Professionals for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth (NAPSAC), defines the five standards as 1) good nutrition, 2) skillful midwifery, 3) natural childbirth, 4) home birth and 5) breastfeeding.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested. Call Vicki (617) 336-8984 or Adele (401) 831-2741.

Assault Prevention Program

The Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center is now offering assault prevention workshops designed specifically for adolescents. This program, presented in three classroom workshops, addresses the sexual assaults that are of particular concern to adolescents. The language and style of the workshops are appropriate to the developmental and educational levels of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders.

The workshops address the prevention of date, peer assaults, and incest, as well as stranger and acquaintance assaults that are discussed in programs for younger children. Adolescents are presented with the facts about sexual assault, how to prevent assaults, and what to do if they or someone they know are assaulted. Small groups discuss realistic situations to develop the communication skills that young people need.

Prior to the adolescent workshops, programs are provided to inform the parents and teachers about the facts of sexual abuse, the student program, and how to detect, intervene, and prevent child sexual assaults.

The Adolescent Program has recently been funded through a venture grant from the United Way of Southeastern New England.

For further information, please contact Jacqueline Jackson, Coordinator of Adolescent Programs, 941-2400.

Sen. Pell: U.S. Education Budget "Disaster"

Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), incoming chairman of the Senate Education Subcommittee, said the Administration's proposed education budget for fiscal 1988 is "a disaster."

"I predict," Pell said, "that it will receive almost no detailed consideration by the Congress, and that is precisely as it should be. It is a budget that deserves to be ignored and discarded."

"Overall," Pell said, "the Administration's proposals would amount to a cut of 28% in the federal education budget. This makes very clear what we have known for years, namely that the Administration places very little priority on education."

"The proposed 30% cut in Pell Grants would drop some one million students nationwide, including more than 4,000 in Rhode Island, from this valuable program, which is widely recognized as the foundation of our federal student aid efforts. This would be a crippling blow."

"The proposed changes in the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) program, which the Administration estimates would save almost \$1.9 billion, could, to my mind, mean the end of this loan program. I am afraid that leaders would leave the program in droves, and that the loan program as we know it would cease to exist."

"I am somewhat amazed," he said, "to receive such detailed proposals from an Administration that could not come up with them when we reauthorized the Higher Education Act last year. To quote an old phrase, in this area this Administration is most certainly 'a day late and a dollar short.'"

Pell noted that the total elimination of the supplemental grants, Perkins loans, state student incentive grants, and college work study "is an old Administration proposal which has been offered in past years." If enacted, he said, "it would mean an end to some 1.5 million loans, grants and college work study awards."

"The end of the small, but vital federal role in Vocational Education," he said, "would be a very unwise move. To kill a program that provides education and training for jobs for over 17 million young Americans is sheer folly. To end all federal assistance to libraries is equally foolhardy. These are highly successful and popular programs, and they deserve to be continued."

"The proposed \$100 million cut in the recently enacted Drug Free Schools and Communities Act is unbelievable. It would cut in half what I consider an already inadequate amount of funds for local school districts. For an Administration that has stressed the need to come to grips with this serious national problem, this is a very poor response."

"On the whole," Pell said, "I am very disappointed with the Administration's education proposals, and will most definitely work to see that they are changed."

Camp JORI

Registration is now open for the 1987 summer season at Camp JORI, the only Jewish overnight camp in Rhode Island.

The camp will be celebrating its 50th year of operation on its 13.5 acres on Point Judith in Narragansett.

For the past several seasons, Camp JORI has had long waiting lists and has had to disappoint some families. For that reason, campers and their siblings have been given the opportunity to register early and are given first preference.

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Cantors To Hold Convention In Israel



TO ISRAEL WITH SONG -- Newly-designed logo of the Cantors Assembly, world's largest body of hazzanim. In response to President Herzog's call for a massive increase in tourism, some 2,000 cantors, musicians, scholars and synagogue members will participate in the Assembly's 40th anniversary convention in Jerusalem July 7 to 21.

Interfaith Youth Conference At JCC

On Monday, January 19, Martin Luther King Day, 60 teenagers from throughout Rhode Island will join together to participate in the third Annual Interfaith Conference to be held at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the JCCRI, the Interfaith Conference is an all-day program that brings together high school students of various faiths and encourages them to explore their own and each other's religions and cultures. The goal of the program is to get students to take a hard look at religious stereotypes and prejudices.

The Conference will include experience-sharing, trust games, discussions between same-religion groups and mixed-religion groups, role playing and a panel discussion. There will also be time for swimming, basketball, bumper pool, gospel singing and Israeli dancing.

The Conference is designed and facilitated by a committee comprised of adults, teenagers and clergy of various faiths. Participating in the panel discussion will be Father Paul Desmarais, Spiritual Director of Father Barry Center; Rabbi Daniel Liben, Temple Emanu-El; Reverend Hope Kirkconnel, Happening Group; Reverend Elizabeth Nestor, Episcopal Chaplain, URI. The coordinators of the Conference are Charlotte Penn of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and Rob Haber, Youth Services Coordinator of the Jewish Community Center.

Registration is limited to 60 high school students in grades 9 through 12. The fee for the day is \$5 per student; preregistration is required. To get a registration form or for further information call Rob Haber at 861-8800.

Senior Adult Discussion Series

The Bureau of Jewish Education will present the winter session of its senior adult discussion series. The Series will be held at different locations throughout the state. The locations, dates and times are as follows:

Charlesgate, North Apartments, Providence, Tuesdays, January 27, February 3, and February 10, at 10:15 a.m.

Jewish Community Center, Providence, Tuesdays, January 27, February 3 and February 10, at 12:30 p.m.

Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, Tuesdays, January 27, February 3, and February 10, at 2 p.m.

JFS Mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, Wednesdays, January 28, February 4 and February 11, at 11 a.m.

The programs will continue with the theme of "The Immigrant Experience" which was the topic for the fall film discussion series. Using "A Bintel Brief" column from the "Fauvitz" or the "Forward," the Yiddish daily newspaper of the American Jewish immigrant, the course will examine the fears, anxieties and problems faced by the greenhorns as they fought to become real Americans and at the same time, retain their Jewish heritage.

Participants in the course will play the role of the "editor," as they too grapple with these issues and try to give advice to their readers.

Discussion leader for "A Bintel Brief" is Ruth Page. The series is free and open to the public.

"Simply Delicious" A Success

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association's cookbook, *Simply Delicious* continues to fulfill its mission of contributing to the health and well-being of its many satisfied customers. As a result of its ongoing successful sales, proceeds of the book will be used to purchase important equipment for The Miriam Hospital recovery room: a bedside 3-channel monitor and an electronic blood pressure monitoring device.

Now in its third printing, *Simply Delicious* has been recognized by *Town and Country* Magazine as a top community cookbook. With an emphasis on fresh ingredients and healthy foods, this cookbook has retained its popular appeal for eleven years. Co-Chairperson Harriet Samors has reported that *Simply Delicious* has been used in homes across the country and abroad. It is available at The Miriam Hospital Gift Shop and at other fine stores. *Simply Delicious* may also be ordered through The Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

Co-chairperson Sylvia Brown is Treasurer for the cookbook. Aiding Mrs. Samors on distribution are Zita Brier, Judy Deutsch, Lenore Leach, Joan Reeves, Dorris Berger, Betty Macktaz, and Claudia Deutsch, who is President of The Women's Association. Vicky Foster is liaison for The Miriam Hospital Gift Shop, Jim Morris is in charge of Stores, and Lori Mac Dougall is Executive Secretary.

Temple Emanu-El

"Finding God" is the theme of the January series of lectures at Temple Emanu-El's Minyanaire Program, hosted and organized by the Temple's Men's Club.

"The Challenge of Living Life" will be addressed by Dr. Bruno Borenstein on Sunday, January 18. Dr. Borenstein currently is involved in palliative care.

Rabbi Shalom Strajcher, Dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School and the New England Academy of Torah, will speak to the Minyanaires on Sunday, January 25. His lecture will be "Perspectives of Finding God."

The Minyan for the morning begins at 9 a.m. at the Temple, followed by breakfast. The lectures begin at 10 a.m.

Beth-El Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El will present a Sunday afternoon flute and organ recital on January 25, 1987, at 2 p.m. The concert will feature Jolie Shushansky, flute and Raymond Buttero, organ, playing pieces by Bach, Rossi and Handel. The program is the second of a three part Sunday afternoon series sponsored by the Beth-El Sisterhood and made possible through the generosity of the Benefactors Fund.

Jolie Shushansky began studying music at the age of 5 with her mother. She studied at the New England Conservatory of Music and holds a Bachelor's degree in flute performance and music education from the Conservatory and a Master's degree from the Carol Orff Institute for Music and Movement in Austria.

Raymond Buttero holds a Master of Music in performance from the New England Conservatory. He presently serves as organist at the United Brothers Synagogue and the St. Matthews Church.

There is no admission fee for the concert. For more information, call 331-6070.

JFS Workshop On Family Planning

Jewish Family Service Family Life Education is offering a workshop on Birth Control: Whose Responsibility? It will be held on Tuesday, January 27 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Jewish Family Service, Southern Area Office at the Cowesett Hills Office Park, 8657 Post Road in Warwick.

Ellen Steingold, ACSW, Jewish Family Service, and a counselor from Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island will give the presentation and lead the discussion. The focus will be on making the decision for birth control after the family is planned and the children are born.

The fee is \$7.50 per couple. To register call Ellen Steingold at Jewish Family Service, 331-1244.



Roger Williams Park Zoo Seeks Docents

The Roger Williams Park Zoo Education Project is seeking new recruits for the February Docent Training Program. A Docent is a volunteer teacher. There are, at present, over one hundred Docents at Roger Williams Park Zoo involved in all facets of zoo education. As a Docent, you may become an active member of various committees, such as research, photography, graphics, and newsletter. You will also have the opportunity to educate school children and the general public on all aspects of animal ecology. Docents bring "the zoo" to people, such as the institutionalized elderly, who are unable to come to the zoo.

To become a Docent, you must be a high school graduate and complete a fourteen-week training course that runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on either Tuesdays or Saturdays. The training course for weekday Docents starts on February 10, 1987. The course for weekend Docents begins on February 14, 1987. Topics covered in the training course include the purpose of zoos, ecology, endangered species, and animal handling. Upon completion of the training course, you will be asked to donate three hours per week to the Zoo Education Project.

Beth Shalom Youth Group

The youth group of Congregation Beth Shalom will be holding an afternoon of bowling fun on Sunday, January 18. The group will meet at Beth Shalom at 1:30 p.m. and go to the Bowling Academy in East Providence. They will return to the synagogue by 4:30 p.m., at which time they should be picked up.

The charge for the day, which includes snacks and bowling shoes, is \$5 per child. All children from the fifth through the eighth grades are invited to attend.

Robert Sherwin Appointed



Robert Sherwin

Robert D. Sherwin, a vice president with the Providence office of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc., has been appointed a shareholder by the company's board of directors. In this position he will report directly to Robert J. Gulla, vice president/resident officer at the Providence office.

As a stockholder, Sherwin is responsible for managing individual and corporate investment accounts, and for developing financial programs and strategies for the firm's clients. He will also be active in training new brokers at the firm's corporate headquarters in New York.

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From the Editor

by Robert Israel



Living In An Age Of Treachery And Deception

Many people have told me lately that I have nothing to worry about, that I am living in an age of great promise. Look at the advancements made in science and technology, they say. Isn't it wonderful, the new buildings going up in downtown Providence? People point to the stock market and say, "Look at the Dow Jones industrial average and how it climbed last week!" Then they look at me strangely when I tell them the Dow Jones industrial average could climb to 5,000 points and it wouldn't change me from feeling that these are still the most worrisome times to live in. They think I'm being pessimistic when I tell them we are living in an age of treachery and deception.

Let me give you a few examples:

- Watching national news the other night, reporter Peter Van Sant of CBS news described the Ku Klux Klan activities in the south. A group of white supremacists had been arrested for, among other things, planning to assassinate a lawyer at the Southern Law Poverty Center in Atlanta. Their other targets included "Jews and blacks" in the south. The KKK men — who were shown on the television footage shooting at targets in the woods in North Carolina — were arrested with an arsenal of guns and explosives. They would have possibly eluded the police had it not been for a rash mistake on their part: they were caught robbing a store to obtain money to finance their exploits. This led investigators to discover their cache of weapons.

- And while on the subject of weapons, the Iran-contra arms fiasco seems to be getting thicker. There is more evidence pointing to the fact that President Reagan and his closest aides did indeed approve of Lt. Col. Oliver North's activities, and that arms for shipment to Iran were indeed to be traded for the hostages.

- And Israel, which has repeatedly denied it was involved in shipping weapons to the contras in Nicaragua, appears to have been doing it anyway. When Prime Minister Shimon Peres was in Washington visiting President Reagan on September 15 last year, the two men reportedly discussed the subject of shipping arms to the contras. This was at a time when the Congress had prohibited United States officials from providing the contras with direct or indirect military assistance. After news broke implicating Israel, the government again denied all activities. A member of the Knesset urged a complete investigation into the affair. Is Israel being made a scapegoat or did Israel indeed play an intrinsic part in the Iran-contra fiasco? What are we supposed to believe when the entire affair has been clouded in deception, allegation and counter-allegation?

- All of this leads to further evidence that shipments of arms to Nicaragua by mercenaries like Eugene Hasenfus (who was shot down while trying to deliver arms to the Central American country) had been going on for two years before evidence became known. The arms were reportedly purchased in Portugal by operatives of Lt. Col. Oliver North who used money he obtained from the National Security Council office in the White House to pay for such shipments. Operating out of an office in a suburb of Washington, D.C., the arms were purchased in Portugal to be sent to Guatemala. CBS news revealed that the arms were instead shipped to mercenaries like Hasenfus who airlifted them into Nicaragua.

Not only is it easy for individuals to

obtain weapons in this country, but it seems extremely easy for governments to obtain weapons with this country acting as purveyor. And when the governments pay for those weapons, it seems relatively easy for money to be laundered for other exploits, namely support of the contra-Sandinista war.

A mercenary interviewed by CBS news last year fingered the National Security Council and said that money for his activities came from the National Security Council office in Washington, D.C., not the office of the CIA, as is widely believed.

The sniper that is stalking the woods and dales of Smithfield, R.I., who has already shot at eleven people randomly and without provocation is but one menace that has surfaced in our gun-happy world.

This individual or individuals shooting at innocent people obtained weapons as easily as the KKK obtained them in North Carolina and Georgia.

No one can stop people from obtaining weapons. No one can stop people from using those weapons. And no one can stop unstable people from choosing human targets or for venting their hatred against groups or individuals.

We are living in an age of treachery and deception.

In New York, a Yeshiva University student was killed. In the Old City of Jerusalem, there were stabbings and riots that followed the stabbings. In Oakland, California, a family was shot and killed over an argument involving a barking dog.

In Meriden, Connecticut, the Ku Klux Klan is gaining a stronghold. Will they obtain weapons, like their fellow Klansmen in the South?

When will we learn the truth from our government about its activities funding and fueling wars and operating clandestinely?

If we expect law and order to prevail in this country, it seems logical, it seems sensible, that the government itself should set an example by setting into motion a way of abiding by the laws that all citizens must obey, that no citizen is above. Didn't we learn what happens to a government that considers itself above the law during Watergate?

We are not getting that logical, sensible example from this administration.

And the tension, hatred, frustration and anger that can already be found in people all over the world is mounting.

People now as ever before have the weapons in which to vent that anger and frustration against living targets. Against you and me, each and every one of us.

Which is why news of a sniper running amok in Smithfield, R.I. is frightening news because it can happen in Cranston, or Warwick, or Narragansett.

Which is why news that weapons can be obtained through the clandestine connections leading to the National Security Council office and then to the office of the President of the United States is frightening, because other countries can obtain these weapons, too, for a price, or promises of certain favors, or to insure favorable treatment of requests for Congressional aid.

When you arrive at these conclusions, you must also realize that we are living in an age of treachery and deception.

And this age of treachery and deception is growing more perilous by the hour.

Cardinal O'Connor's Journey

by Henry Siegman

The recently completed trip by Cardinal O'Connor of New York to Jordan and Israel was to have been a journey of the spirit. As it turned out, it evoked nothing as much as the spirit of a circus.

Contributing to that circus spirit were not only Cardinal O'Connor's ex-cathedra pronouncements on complicated subjects he is largely uninformed about, but the breathless attention focused on every twist and turn in Cardinal O'Connor's itinerary. It began with the unasked-for and presumptuous statement to the *New York Times* by a Jewish professional describing the Cardinal's intentions — as if the Cardinal were too shy to speak for himself. Particularly silly — not to say lacking in Jewish self-respect — were the effusive encomiums heaped on the Cardinal when he finally condescended to meet with Israel's President Herzog in his office. The worst, though by no means sole offender was the Presidents' Conference, whose chairman's statement strained mightily to find events of sufficient historical greatness to compare this meeting to.

Unfortunately, with the exception of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who properly refused to meet with Cardinal O'Connor in other than an official setting, Israel's representatives did not deport themselves much better. Surely, it is they who should understand — better than most — that the Vatican's refusal to establish normal diplomatic ties with their country is arbitrary and deeply offensive. The Vatican has normal ties with the most oppressive and morally odious regimes, including Chile, Paraguay, South Africa, and even Communist Nicaragua. Indeed, it maintained formal diplomatic ties with Nazi Germany until the very end of World War II. Apparently, it considers only the State of Israel undeserving of its recognition!

Cardinal O'Connor sought to portray himself as a victim of Vatican bureaucracy, a game with which Jewish organizational leaders, and some of Israel's representatives as well, foolishly went along. Cardinal O'Connor was hardly a victim of circumstances. While it was the Vatican that decided that he may not visit with Israeli political leaders in Jerusalem, that decision was dictated by a policy for which Cardinal O'Connor has publicly expressed complete support. Specifically, Cardinal O'Connor is on record that formal diplomatic ties between the Vatican and the State of Israel must

await a solution to the Palestinian problem, and the establishment of some new, vaguely defined international status for Jerusalem.

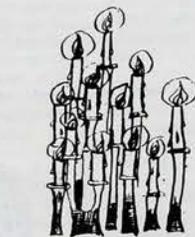
The implication of that condition is that it is Israel that is solely responsible for the persistence of the Palestinian problem. In fact, the reason it festers 40 years after the United Nations called for the establishment of a Palestinian state is the moral and political bankruptcy of Palestinian leadership.

The Palestinian people could have had a homeland in 1947, had they accepted the UN's action establishing a Palestinian and a Jewish state. Instead, they declared war on the newly-established State of Israel and sought to destroy it. In the wake of the 1967 war, when Israel offered the return of the territories in exchange for Arab acceptance of Israel, the Arabs responded with the infamous "nos" of Khartoum: no negotiation, no recognition, no peace. The Camp David Accords, and more recently, Prime Minister Peres' and King Hussein's efforts to involve the Palestinians in negotiations for a Palestinian homeland were similarly rejected by the PLO.

Cardinal O'Connor's insistence (*New York Times*, December 31) that it is the Vatican's concern over the status of Jerusalem, not its failure to extend full diplomatic relations to Israel, that is at issue, is entirely unconvincing. Other countries that do not recognize the present political arrangements in Jerusalem regularly meet Israeli heads of state in Jerusalem. No one considers such meetings to imply an acceptance of Jerusalem's current status. It is therefore clear that it is the Vatican's diplomatic ties with Israel, not the status of Jerusalem, that is in fact the issue.

The Vatican seems to be afflicted by a kind of schizophrenia. On the one hand, since Vatican Council II, dramatic and courageous changes have been made by the Catholic Church in an effort to eliminate the sources of anti-Semitism in its religious traditions and dogma. Pope John Paul's recent trip to the synagogue in Rome was only the most recent of the Catholic Church's efforts to shape a friendly and sympathetic relationship between Christianity and Judaism. No one can question the genuineness and significance of those efforts.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We would like to make several points regarding the support of public Menorah lighting ceremonies by Government officials:

1. All members of the Jewish Community would undoubtedly agree that strengthening Jewish values and stemming intermarriage and assimilation are the primary goals of Jewish organizations, lay leaders and, hopefully, Jewish newspapers.

Public menorah lighting ceremonies help do exactly that. In the words of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, "Experience has shown that the Chanukah Menorah displayed publicly has been an inspiration to many, many Jews and evoked in them a spirit of identity with their Jewish people and the Jewish way of life. . . . In recent years, hundreds, even thousands of Jews have experienced a kindling of their Jewish spark by the public kindling of the Chanukah Menorah in their particular city and in the Nation's capital, etc. as publicized by the media."

By placing the Menorah on the State House, with its coverage by the media, we have been able to reach many unaffiliated Jews who said to us in effect "You made us feel proud."

2. As explained in the Talmud, the purpose of lighting the Menorah is to "publicize the miracle." This is why for thousands of years, the Menorah was placed in view of the street, for the benefit of both Jews and non-Jews; as our sages have said "From the Menorah, light goes out to the entire world." It is not, as was suggested in your editorial, a private expression of a particular holiday.

This also explains why public Menorah-lighting ceremonies have been held at Lafayette Park in front of the White House attended by President Carter, as well as in New York, Boston, Los Angeles and many other cities throughout the country. In Rhode Island, Chanukah Menorah ceremonies have taken place in the City Halls of Cranston and Providence, as well as in the State Capitol with the Governor expressing his support and joining in the celebration.

3. The Chanukah Menorah, with its universal message of the triumph of freedom over oppression is especially akin to the spirit of liberty and independence of this nation. It has won a place not only in Jewish life, but also in the life of the American people. It has never been offensive and *was never opposed from any non-Jewish quarters*. Regrettably, the only objections and opposition to public menorahs have come from some Jews who would forego the claim that public places also belong to them as part of the public, and who refuse to accept the fact that the season's religious displays are found in every public and private place imaginable.

4. Over the last ten years, Senator Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota, Attorney General Robert Abrams of New York, author Elie Weisel, and many Jewish and non-Jewish legal authorities participated in these public events. All of these people support the tradition of lighting a menorah on public property, by private sponsorship.

5. The Supreme Court has ruled that "the Constitution affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance of all religions."

In March of 1986, the Supreme Court invalidated a ban of display by the Scarsdale Village Board. The town was told to comply with

the wishes of its residents and provide an area where a privately-sponsored religious symbol could be erected.

In every case where Federal judges have evaluated the legal acceptability of public Menorah displays, the opinion has always been positive. In the Iowa case to which you refer, ("Creating More Disunity," *Herald*, January 9, 1987) the Judge was not deciding on the validity of a Menorah, but rather on various legal motions. And in fact, the Menorah was displayed on the State Capitol grounds one of the nights of Chanukah with full permission of the State!

It is clear that displaying privately-sponsored religious symbols on public property is totally permissible, and does not in any way infringe on the issues of Church and State. What's more, according to the Supreme Court, Local, State and Federal governments are obligated to assist in these matters.

Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer,
Director
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Menorah Lighting Committee

To the Editor:

There is an old Yiddish song which proclaims that Jerusalem is like a Yiddish Mamma. It also proclaims that the Kotel (Western Wall) is like the knee of a Jewish mother, where a child sits and tells the mother his or her woes. It seems that Cardinal O'Connor and Pope John Paul II are unaware of the song.

The Jewish People were given the entire Land of Israel, and that includes Jerusalem, by G-d himself. The Torah is the document which gives us ownership forever. When the Torah was given to the Jewish People there were no Christians or Moslems. Now, we see one of the newborn faiths claiming that the Jews have no legitimate rights to Jerusalem (before 1967, it was enough to say Jews had no rights to Israel). This religion, the Catholic Church, claims that it is the new Israel (since when is Rome part of Israel?) and, therefore, the Jews have no claim to "old Israel" and Jerusalem.

When Cardinal O'Connor mixed politics with his visit, he should have been sent packing, back to the U.S. If anything proves that the ecumenical movement is a farce, this is it. In one moment, the Pope tells the Chief Rabbi of Rome (who visited the Day School Minyon a few years ago), Rav Toaff, that the Jews are the elder brothers of Christians. In the next moment, Cardinal O'Connor is calling for international rule of Jerusalem and refuses to meet Israeli politicians in political edifices within the city limits.

Does Cardinal O'Connor have pre-1967 Alzheimer's Disease? I can recall how Jews cried at the freeing of the Kotel in 1967. I can recall the embarrassment of the World when the Jewish State exposed the Moslems for setting up toilets before the Holy Site, as well as in some Shul sanctuaries that Jordan captured from the Jews in 1948. Does the Cardinal or the Pope really expect the Jews to allow the World to protect the Kotel and Jerusalem. No Jew would sell his Jewish mother. How can the Vatican expect the Jews to trust the world with our Yiddish Mamma, Yerushalayim. I would recommend that the Church not hold its breath!

Jerry Snell

To the Editor:

It was the intent of Hitler and Stalin to exterminate the Jews, Judaism, Jewish belief in G'd and Jewish culture. Both dictators attempted this in their own ways.

Sociologists predict that at the present rate of assimilation and cultural genocide, the Jews will finish what Hitler and Stalin started, the elimination of the Jewish people and culture.

Are we, in the midst of our great freedom and prosperity here in America, going to stand by idly and let it happen? How can we snatch our youth from the box cars heading toward assimilation and cultural genocide? Is not our only hope Torah oriented Judaism inculcated in our young people through intensive quality education that teaches a love, understanding and commitment in depth to our great heritage?

To truly prevent Hitler and Stalin prevailing as to the Jews, the clear solution is to support, nurture and encourage the only system that has kept our Jewish people alive throughout past generations, i.e. intensive and quality Torah education of our Jewish youth.

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Holocaust Lectures At U. Of Hartford

"Other Victims: The Holocaust and the Gypsies" is the title of the second lecture in a series on the Holocaust, sponsored by the University of Hartford's Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies.

Dr. Marlene Sway, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Alabama, will speak Monday, February 9, at 8 p.m. in the faculty dining room, Gengras Campus Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

A magna cum laude graduate of the University of California where she received her PhD in 1983, Sway's fascination with Gypsy culture stems from an early childhood association with Gypsies who frequented her father's clothing store in Los Angeles. She did her initial research on Gypsies as an undergraduate and has since developed that interest into a significant area of academic concern.

The recipient of numerous grants, Sway has done research in the areas of race and ethnic relations, medical sociology, sex roles, the Holocaust, and Gypsy culture in Europe and America.

Her publications include "Gypsies As a Perpetual Minority: A Case Study," "Examining the Policies of Indifference: American Apathy Toward Hitler's Victims," "Ethnic Communities and Ethnic Entrepreneurs," and "Simmel's Concept of the Stranger and the Gypsies."

Sway's lecture will focus on the parallel experience of Jews and Gypsies in Europe during World

War II.

The third lecture in the series on "Perspectives on the Holocaust" will be on Thursday, February 19, at 8 p.m., also in the faculty dining room. Three University of Hartford professors will present a panel entitled "Holocaust: Some Facts." The panel will provide an opportunity to exchange ideas and clarify some misconceptions on the Holocaust.

Speakers will be Dr. Peter K. Breit, professor of political science; Dr. Steven T. Rosenthal, associate professor of history, and Dr. John J. Schloss.

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JCC Singles

A busy month is planned for the Jewish Community Center Singles for January. All singles activities take place at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, and are open to single, widowed, divorced or separated men and women between the ages of 21 and 60.

A Jukebox Jamboree is planned for Singles 21 to 35 on Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. Dance away the winter blahs with friends old and new. Admission is \$2 for members and \$2.75 for nonmembers.

For the Business and Professional Singles 35+, there will be a special Happy Hour on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. This will take place at the Center's Gallery 401 Multi-Media Exhibit. Wine and cheese will be served. The cost is \$2.50 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

Nancy Shulkin To Wed Kenneth Rabinovitz

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin P. Shulkin of Cranston announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Jane Shulkin of Brookline, Mass., to Mr. Kenneth M. Rabinovitz of Brookline, Mass., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rabinovitz.

A June 7, 1987 wedding is planned.

Israel Teen Exchange

The opportunity to spend a month in Israel this summer is available to five Rhode Island teenagers. From June 24-July 22, 1987, the high school sophomores and juniors will live with a family and work at a day camp at the Community Center on Stern Street in Jerusalem, Rhode Island's sister community for project renewal. For further information call Ron Haber at the Jewish Community Center, 861-8800.

Teacher Training Courses At BJE

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People interested in testing their hearing can now do so free and conveniently by simply picking up their telephone and dialing 351-EARS. This service is available for the first time in Rhode Island and is sponsored by Sargent Rehabilitation Center, a fully accredited Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation Facility, located on the Eastside of Providence. Sargent was selected as the exclusive sponsor of the nationwide "Dial A Hearing Screening Test" for the state. Rhode Island now joins a nationwide effort to increase hearing health awareness and to assist people in detecting hearing loss.

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This service has been available for only a few months and already several thousand people have dialed 351-EARS. Feedback to Sargent Rehabilitation Center indicates that callers dial 351-EARS for a variety of reasons, ranging from curiosity to concern about their hearing ability. Comments also indicate that the convenience of a telephone screening test is particularly appreciated by the homebound.

Miriam Women Plan Equipment Event



(Seated L-R) Hinda Semonoff and Patricia G. Cohen, Co-chair-people. (L-R) Claudia Deutsch, President; Barbara Rosen, Reservations; Harri Sutton, Workers' Liaison; Sylvia Brown and Judy Deutsch, Treasurers.

Excitement is in the air as preparations have begun for The Miriam Hospital Women's Association major fund raiser: the Annual Equipment Event. Scheduled for April 8 at the Providence Marriott Inn, An Afternoon with Tiffany's and Sara Fredericks promises to be a dazzling and unique experience for all.

The noontime luncheon and presentation will be co-chaired by Patricia G. Cohen and Hinda Semonoff, President of the Women's Association is Claudia Deutsch. Committee members are — Treasurer: Sylvia Brown, Judy Deutsch, Harriet Samors; Reservation: Harriet Horvitz; Barbara Rosen, Gertrude Hak; Program & Invitations: Gussie Baxt, Lillian Zarum, Harri Sutton, Joanne Summer; Mailing: Gladys Sollosy, Mollie Fishbein; Public Relations: Patricia Hairabet, Diane Salmanson, DeeDee Witman, Helene Brodie, Lenore Leach; Decorations: Lillian

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The proud grandparents are Fay and Joe Dress of Providence and Helen and Arthur Karp of Florida, and the late Fannie Karp.

Israel Program Information From BJE

A national talent search is under way to find twenty high school upperclassmen who show exceptional promise in the sciences.

Those selected will be invited to join an elite international group of 75 science-oriented individuals that will attend the Dr. Bessie F. Lawrence Summer Science Institute at the Weizmann Institute of Science, July 6-August 6, in Rehovot, Israel. Full and partial scholarships are available.

The students will have the opportunity to work alongside top Weizmann Institute researchers, using the most sophisticated equipment, including electron microscopes, lasers, and computers. Courses are offered in English for Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science.

The program is comprised of labs, lectures, and mini-courses. One of the highlights is a week in a field school in the Negev desert. The itinerary also includes tours of Jerusalem and the Galilee.

Accommodations and meals are provided on campus. The cost of the program (room, board, tuition, and tours) is \$1600, plus \$50 for health insurance. Airfare is not included.

Only science-oriented students who will have graduated high school by June 1987 (and a few outstanding students due to graduate in 1988) will be considered.

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1986," notes that in April, a top Moscow specialist on nationality questions delivered a lecture before a leading Soviet propaganda body in which he "acknowledged that 10 to 15 percent of Soviet Jews currently would seek to emigrate," a figure which tallies more with Western figures than with official Soviet statements on the number of Jews wishing to emigrate.

This acknowledgement, says the NCSJ, was rendered "hollow" by the actual numbers of Jews permitted to emigrate.

Good News And Cynical Twist Of Fate

The "good news" of the release of "several prominent former POC's and long-term refuseniks ... allowed to emigrate," was accompanied by "a cynical twist" of the release of Inessa Flerova and her family to go to Israel to give her bone marrow to her leukemia-stricken brother, Michael Shirman, when it appeared to be far too late for the procedure.

The NCSJ report also noted that David Goldfarb, released suddenly in October and brought to the U.S. aboard Armand Hammer's private jet, was subsequently found to have lung cancer, "tragic proof," it says, "that he had not received adequate medical attention in the Soviet Union."

The NCSJ report notes that nearly half the number of Prisoners of Conscience were

sentenced to prison or labor camp since Gorbachev took the reins of the Soviet government. Just within the past eight months, the report says, "alarming news continued to reach the West of the physical abuse of several Jewish prisoners, especially Aleksei Magarik, Yuli Edelshtein, Iosif Begun and Vladimir Lifshitz."

The report also notes the tightening of the vise on religious observances, including the shortage of matzoh at Passover, raids on private homes at Purim, warnings of prominent teachers of Jewish culture and religion, and the denial of basic rights of religious observance as written into the Helsinki Accords.

Gorbachev's promise at the Geneva summit of November 1985, as well as in other public statements, to resolve "humanitarian cases in the spirit of cooperation," writes the NCSJ, remains "mere words."

power in this country was overwhelmingly rejected by the interviewees. Regarding Blacks, the fact that nearly a third of the sample, the largest percentage by far, felt that they do not have enough power suggests that the view that evangelicals and fundamentalists are disinterested in the Blacks' struggle for social justice may not be justified."

Women's Studies At URI Presents Lectures

The Women's Studies Program at The University of Rhode Island will present a Spring colloquium series, "Critical Social Issues and Feminist Theory," on Wednesday, January 21. Four other topics will be explored at evening events throughout the semester. The series, co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Women's Studies Program, is free and open to the public. All lectures will be signed for the hearing impaired and the site for all programs is handicap-accessible. All lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in White Hall auditorium, Room 113.

On February 18, Judy Norsigian, a member of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, will examine the issue, "New Reproductive Technologies."

ADL Report

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31 percent felt Blacks do not have enough power; 7 percent said Jews have too much power and 11 percent said they have too little power.

"The findings on Blacks and Jews," Perlmutter said, "are particularly instructive. The old canard that Jews have too much



Eight-year-old Yochai David Meital, a Hadassah-University Hospital "preemie," gets ready for practice at the Israel Tennis Center where he is in a special training program for future stars of the game. Yochai, who was born 14 weeks prematurely, is one of hundreds of Israeli children whose lives were saved by the Hadassah Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

JERUSALEM — Yochai David Meital, 8, moves deftly across the sun-baked court at the Israel Tennis Center with the aggressive abandon of a young Jimmy Connors.

Standing about five feet tall and weighing 70 pounds, Yochai is one of only 10 eight-year-olds whose physical attributes, skills and competitive spirit have won them a place in a special training class for Israel's tennis stars of the future.

When Yochai was born 14 weeks prematurely on the first day of Pesah in 1978, it seemed unlikely that he would ever set foot on a tennis court or hold a racket in his hand. In fact, it seemed unlikely that he would survive at all.

Weighing only two pounds at birth, he faced death or permanent disability from blindness, brain damage or blood and respiratory diseases that once afflicted 60 to 80 percent of premature newborns. But Yochai was destined to become a statistic of a different sort.

He is one of hundreds of Israeli children who are living full and healthy young lives today because of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Hadassah-University Hospital on Mount Scopus.

Yochai and the Hadassah Neonatal Unit were born only months apart, and the skilled and technologically sophisticated care that saved his life has been a significant factor in dramatically reducing the mortality rate among Israel's premature infants to one of the lowest in the world.

Like all of the tiny patients in the Unit, Yochai was monitored around the clock by highly trained doctors and nurses and an array of computer-assisted medical equipment which measured his skin temperature, oxygen intake,

blood pressure, heart rate and lung function. He was fed intravenously with a diet of liquid nutrients that included his mother's milk, and treated with photo-therapy to prevent jaundice.

When he was just five days old Yochai underwent a transfusion to replace his blood which contained high levels of bilirubin — the chief cause of jaundice in premature infants.

At the age of three and a half months, and weighing a healthy five pounds, Yochai was well enough to go home with his parents, Danby and Dr. Moshe Meital. Two months later, the entire community of Armon Hanatziv joined in celebrating Yochai's brit mila.

Once home, Yochai was checked regularly by Hadassah doctors and underwent physical therapy to improve the tone and coordination of muscles in his arms and legs.

Today, Yochai demonstrates enormous promise as an athlete and is a world traveller fluent in English, Hebrew and Portuguese. He enjoys playing soccer and is an excellent swimmer.

Yochai is also part of a Hadassah family. His mother is the daughter of Dr. Daniel Berman, an eye specialist formerly of New York now on the staff of Hadassah Hospital, and Beatrice Berman, who is active in Hadassah-Israel.

Mrs. Meital, who had made aliyah from Milwaukee with her husband in 1972, was active in the Midwest Region of Hadassah. She is currently completing work on a Master's Degree at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health and frequently discusses the problems of premature birth with other parents in a Hospital-sponsored program.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Her face filled with emotional strain as she ended her talk to Temple Beth-El's Brotherhood on Sunday morning.

Two days later, Marcia Lieberman and I spoke alone. I told the coordinator of the Rhode Island Chapter of Amnesty International that I felt she was a bit drained after delivering her intense speech which recounted inhumane treatment inflicted upon prisoners of conscience by one third of the world's governments . . . nearly 60 countries.

Sensing Marcia's deep caring, concern and sensitivity, it was visibly apparent that speaking to groups is no easy task.

"I don't think about it," Marcia said softly. "Maybe I'm not aware of it. I'm sure that is the case . . . not just in the hour of giving a talk and answering questions, but also in focusing on some of these often painful searing events."

In assessing the equality of the group emotionally and mentally, I told Marcia that if another member from Amnesty's Rhode Island Chapter, Group 49, had been up there at the podium, I would probably have sensed the same intensity and compassion.

Seeing and hearing Marcia speak is equivalent to seeing and hearing Group 49. The smile in her voice affirmed her satisfaction that she had conveyed this residual impression. During her talk, she emphasized there is no president, only a coordinator.

She defined how Amnesty International works impartially for the release of all prisoners of conscience, for fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, and for an end to torture and the death penalty without reservation.

"Please notice that we draw a distinction between prisoners of conscience and political prisoners. We define a prisoner of conscience as anyone imprisoned for his or her beliefs, race, religion, language, or ethnic origin, provided they haven't used or advocated violence.

"Amnesty has no quotas; it does not take a case from a right bloc country only if it has a case from a left bloc country. In order to preserve its impartiality, Amnesty accepts no money from any government, and relies on donations from the public.

"Most groups," Marcia said, "work on behalf of two prisoners at a time who must come from different ideological blocs or parts of the world."

Responding to common misconceptions about Amnesty International, Group 49's coordinator replied, "That occurred in the past when people heard and thought Amnesty was an organization dealing with those young men who had evaded the Vietnam draft by running off to Canada.

"People seem to think we're a prisoners' rights organization that is concerned with the rights of prisoners in American prisons . . . that we're some kind of left wing group soft on crime, feeling that nobody should be in prison. That being in prison is in itself a social wrong.

"We're not an American organization, and we don't feel it's wrong for people to be in prison. If people commit violent crimes or other crimes as well and are fairly and adequately tried, and if a case is proved against them, then society has a right to punish them.

"Violent criminals should be in prison, and economic criminals should be punished. So that is another misconception."

Although Amnesty International is not usually confused with A.C.L.U., Marcia said that "people may assume that we're interested in the same kinds of issues, or they may assume our attitude is going to be a political attitude that prevailed in the Sixties . . . that maybe those in prison are the true patriots. We're not like that."

Mid-way through a new question,

Marcia remembered another misconception. "Oh, right wing countries accuse us of being a tool of the left, and left wing countries accuse us of being a tool of the right.

"Countries don't like being criticized. The Soviet Union says that Amnesty is a tool of the C.I.A. and right wing countries say we're a tool of Moscow . . . which proves how impartial we are."

After speaking to groups, Marcia said that she is always asked whether Amnesty recognizes any prisoners of conscience in the United States, and what are Amnesty's concerns about the United States. Often, as was the case on Sunday morning, she was asked if Amnesty International takes a stand on those people who protested nuclear submarines.

"That is civil disobedience," she clarified.

Worldwide, Amnesty International has over 3600 local groups with sections in 44 countries, according to Marcia. In the United States there are 500 with two chapters in Rhode Island, a campus group at Brown, the other to which she is coordinator, Group 49.

Amnesty's headquarters is based in London where it was founded.

"Amnesty gets its information through many channels, sending missions to various countries when possible, to observe trials and to investigate human rights conditions," she explained. "Over the years, Amnesty has developed remarkable networks and sources.

"The Research Department in London is staffed by researchers who are fluent in languages not only like Russian, Spanish and Arabic, but also such languages as Indonesian, Tamil, Vietnamese, Swahili. Researchers visit countries whenever possible.

"They correspond with, and interview refugees, exiles, escaped prisoners, and receive all sorts of communication from within the countries themselves . . . letters from their families, their lawyers. They're also in contact with local human rights groups who monitor the situation in their countries, often at great risk to themselves.

"Security is extremely tight in the Research Department. The files are guarded like classified documents, and the researchers work behind bullet-covered glass.

"The Research Department must undertake a very thorough investigation, verifying every case before pronouncing that a person is a prisoner of conscience. Researchers look for independent confirmation from at least two sources so that a prisoner meets our strict criteria. The case is then sent out to a local group for "adoption."

Group 49 has two cases, Marcia said. One is a South African black lawyer from one of the "so-called homelands, the poorest parts of the country that the South African government set up as so-called independent states, except that no one recognizes them diplomatically . . . a reserve where black people are forced to live.

"This lawyer represented some students from a local university group involved in a protest. He has been in deep trouble since then. He was banished to a remote place in the outback. Of course, he can't practice law anymore.

"He has a wife and two children, so he defied the banishment order and came back to town, was arrested and sent to prison. He is sick with colitis.

"We received an urgent action letter at one point. When he was sent to the hospital, this lawyer, a non-violent man, was handcuffed to the bed. Even the hospital officials protested. The handcuffs were removed, and he was put into leg irons.

A Name, A Face, A Life



Marcia R. Lieberman, coordinator, Rhode Island Chapter, Amnesty International grips several special reports published by Amnesty about human rights abuses and situations in various countries. Having recently completed a Master's degree in the Brown University Writing Program, Marcia has a Doctorate in English Literature from Brandeis University. She is a free-lance writer. (photo by Dorothea Snyder)

"This is a sick man," Marcia said, her voice faltering. "We've had letters from him a few times. He sent us photographs of his wife and children. He's been banished again. We're protesting the banishment order, and trying to keep him out of prison.

"If possible, we want to send relief to his family. That's not easy to do. It's a very bad situation. His career is probably over, and he has a family to support."

Marcia said a personal relationship has developed between her Chapter and the lawyer over the two-year case.

Group 49 has had the second case for six years, a 32 year old Pakistani. A bookseller, he was picked up with a large group. He belonged to a political party, headed by the former prime minister of Pakistan.

"He was held in prison for years without being charged at all. During this time, he was tortured. We received smuggled communications from him in prison.

"Once a member of our group received an envelope containing a scrap of towel, and crumbled into that little scrap was a smaller scrap of toilet paper with scribbled words, "Please keep it up. It's helping."

The paper was smuggled out of prison, Marcia said, and ended up in Tennessee with our address. The person, who got to Tennessee, put it in an envelope, addressed it to us without any return address.

"Finally, the Pakistani was charged and tried. The charges were extremely vague. They charged him with conspiracy. They didn't say with what. He was tried in secret without the cross-examination of witnesses or any of the recognized legal safeguards. He was sentenced to 14 years.

"Now, he's allowed to write more freely evidently because we've been getting letters from him that aren't on scraps of toilet paper. He's been asking for books, and again we feel a personal link to this individual. In his case, we're appealing for a new trial, a fair trial. He's not a prisoner of conscience, but what is called an investigational case.

"Even though we have no evidence that he was ever involved in any planning of violence, Amnesty in London somehow cannot be absolutely sure that never was the case. Amnesty is so particular about that point that they haven't granted him prisoner of conscience status."

Marcia Lieberman joined Amnesty International as a result of reading an article in Time magazine aboard a

jet-liner in the summer of 1976.

"I came across an article about torture, and I was horrified to read about the kinds of torture going on in the world today. I had no idea that these unspeakable things were happening.

"The reason that article appeared was that Amnesty, at that point, was running a campaign against torture, trying to generate more publicity in sending out press releases.

"In my case, it really worked. I was so hurt by the article. Knowing that there was active torture in the world was something that I didn't want to live with. We were getting ready to move to Providence, and I knew that once I got there, I would join Amnesty.

"I can't tell you how moving it is to meet one of these people when they've been released. Amnesty has regional and national conferences every year, and often they'll invite former prisoners of conscience to come and address us.

"One, a black minister from South Africa, told us his story. It was extraordinary. I'll never forget the way he looked at us.

"If it hadn't been for you, Amnesty, and the letters you kept sending," he said, "I could have so easily slipped on a bar of soap and broke my neck . . . as has happened so often."

Marcia said, "Twice I met a man from Uganda who gave us his testimony, brutality that you can't imagine. This man is alive. He got out. His family is in Canada.

"I heard the testimony of a man from Cuba. I can't remember if he was a Seventh Day Adventist or a Baptist. He was given the most severely brutal treatment because he wouldn't recant.

"Last year at the Annual Amnesty Conference in Washington, I met a man from Cuba who had been a prisoner for 20 years. Some of the time they're kept in pitch black cells.

"It's very moving to meet one of these people. You almost don't know what to say to them. We've heard testimony from these people we've met, and some I've talked to personally.

"It kind of reinforces what you're doing. The whole thing is that as much as possible, we make it human. It's not just the abstractions, but whenever possible, a name, a face . . . a life. It's very real."

Potential Amnesty International members are urged to reach Marcia Lieberman at 831-0720.



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With the addition of the right accessories, she can chair a business meeting in the afternoon and host a social event at night — without changing her dress.

"Day-into-night wear is very important this season," said Carolyn Moeller, a buyer for Susie's, a national chain of women's apparel stores.

"It gives a busy woman additional time to concentrate on her day without worrying about her looks."

The tailored look, available in prints or solids and with buttons reaching down to the hemline, is a popular style this season, Ms. Moeller said.

Colors this fall are bright, with special emphasis placed on jade, royal, red, purple, turquoise, yellow, gold and silver, Ms. Moeller said. As for fabrics, a light-weight soft cloth is comfortable for day-wear, and provides added protection at night for those autumn breezes.

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The difference is, these luxe fabrics are pared down and made elegantly chic in styles that emphasize clean, simple lines. No fuss or flourishes — just classic, moveable looks.

Whether it's a cashmere sweater set or the timeless "little black dress," these understated, elegant styles look best paired with classic cultured pearl jewelry.

The perfect accessory for the new fall collection, a single strand of cultured pearls embodies a discreet elegance reminiscent of summers in Newport, games of lawn tennis and fall afternoons at the hunt — a "quality above all else" attitude reflecting the trappings of a properly gracious lifestyle.

Whether simple or elaborate, classic or dramatic, the cultured pearl maintains a no-nonsense sophistication few gems can match.

It is one of the few gems that can stand totally on its own, sans elaborate settings, and maintain its regal position.

It is no wonder then, that such designers as Ralph Lauren chose to show their fall collections this year with cultured pearl jewelry as the accessory. There's no more fitting accompaniment to this season's wool jersey dress than a cultured pearl choker or a three-strand matinee length necklace of cultured pearls.

Elegantly tapered to the waist and flared at the hips, the soft, fluid lines of wool jersey and other clothing this fall demands understatement, and cultured pearls add just the right amount of basic chic.

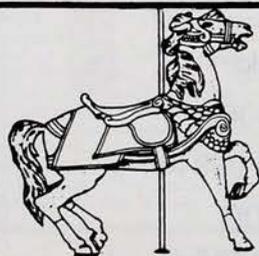
Equally dramatic are matinee length cultured pearls teamed with this year's go-anywhere black leather "suit." Chic and ultra-sophisticated, a strand of cultured pearls counterbalances this look with the requisite subtlety and softness.

Classy and feminine, a pair of mabe cultured pearl earrings, worn with hair sleeked back in a chignon, creates a look that is perfect for this season's fashions. Paired with a cashmere sweater or silk blouse, this clean and uncluttered look

will take you from that important business lunch midtown to that equally important auction in the country.

Varying lengths of cultured pearls, reminiscent of the Chanel look, are flirty and fun, lending a whole new meaning to the word "layering."

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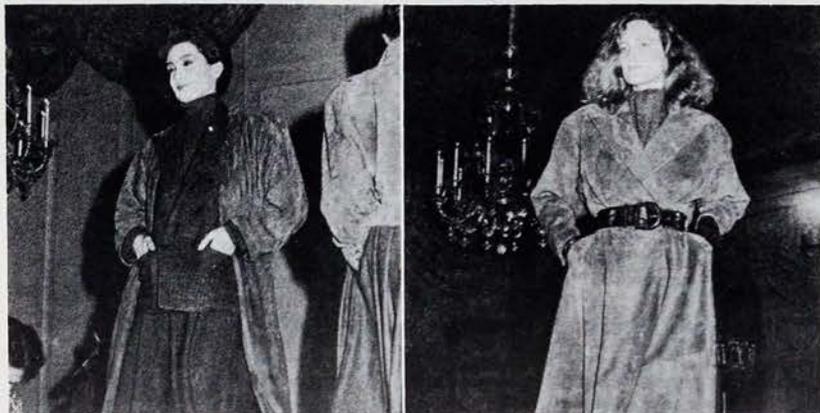
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The Bear instigates a crisis of identities in the Puppet Workshop production *The Rabbit Loses His Ears* at Roger Williams Park on January 18 and 25, at 1:30 and 3 p.m.

The Puppet Workshop continues its series of public puppet shows at Roger Williams Park, Providence, with a revival of *The Rabbit Loses His Ears* on January 18 and 25. Fourth in the series which is supported by the R.I. Arts and Tourism Commission, the show was originally developed by The Puppet Workshop in the early 1970's, and has continued to be highly popular.

Performances on the two Sunday afternoons will be at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., in the auditorium of the Natural History Museum,

Roger Williams Park.

The Rabbit Loses His Ears is an original Puppet Workshop story that deals with the emotional issues of identity. Is a rabbit still a rabbit without his long, fluffy ears? When the Bear steals Henry the Rabbit's ears and tries to take his place in Punch and Judy's variety show, all of the puppet characters have to deal with identity questions.

The production features music written by Steve Snyder and the large moving-mouth puppets that have come to be associated with most Puppet Workshop

productions. Tickets cost \$3 at the door and are available on a first-come basis if reservations are not made in advance. Some discounts and group rates are offered. For further information, call The Puppet Workshop at 521-4250.

The Puppet Workshop is R.I.'s only puppet theatre company and is a non-profit group supported by the R.I. State Council on the Arts.

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The program, one of a number of audio-visual materials on Dr. King listed in ADL's Human Relations Materials catalog, is available on 3/4" and 1/2" VHS video cassette. It can be ordered for \$25 including mailing, from the Television, Radio and Film Department, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017. The catalog is also available at no charge.

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The Square Root of Three, a new comedy by Michael Golder, will open at the Jewish Repertory Theatre (344 East 14th Street) on Wednesday, January 21 (8 p.m.). Previews begin on Saturday, January 10 (8 p.m.).

Originally presented at the O'Neill Theatre Center, *The Square Root of Three* received the ABC Theatre Award and the Charles MacArthur Award. The story revolves around the personal relationships of three generations of a family. Under the direction of Steven Robman, the cast features: Larry Block, Brian Drillinger, Sylvia Kauders, Bonnie Gallup and Dominic Chianese. Mr. Drillinger can currently be seen co-starring as Stanley in the film version of Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs." Sets are by Marjorie Kellogg; costumes by Jennifer von Mayrhauser and lighting by Donald Holder.

Performances are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2 and 7. Tickets are \$15 on weekdays; \$18 on weekends. Box office number for information and reservations is (212) 505-2667.

The Square Root of Three is a presentation of the Jewish Repertory Theatre, Ran Avni, Artistic Director.

R.I. Philharmonic At PPAC

The Rhode Island Philharmonic, under the direction of its Music Director and Conductor Andrew Massey, will perform on Saturday, January 17, beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Providence Performing Arts Center. Joining the Orchestra as guest soloist will be clarinetist Jean Kopperud.

The program will open with *Symphony, Op. 21* by Anton Webern, followed by the *Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra* by Mozart featuring Miss Kopperud. The program will conclude with the *Symphony No. 9 in C Major* by Franz Schubert.

Jean Kopperud is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music and a former student of Nadia Boulanger, Leon Russianoff and Stanley Drucker. She made her New York recital debut in 1981 in a concert broadcast on National Public Radio. Miss Kopperud regularly performs with the New York New Music Ensemble, Philharmonia Virtuosi, and the Omega Ensemble. The Omega Ensemble has spent part of the past two seasons in residence at the Center for the Arts in Westerly where they have given many performances. Miss Kopperud has toured Europe, Canada, Japan and the United States, and has recorded for Pro Arte, Musical Heritage, Second Hearing and Zoe Records. She lives in New York City.

Tickets for this concert are priced at \$16.50, \$14.50, \$12.50 and \$8.50 for students and senior citizens. They may be purchased at the theater box office or by calling 421-ARTS or 831-3123. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

Pianist Russell Sherman To Perform

The renowned pianist Russell Sherman will perform for the Wang Celebrity Series in a recital Sunday, February 1 at 3 p.m. in Jordan Hall of the New England Conservatory.

Sherman's multi-faceted career began in New York where, at the age of 15, he gave his first recitals at Town Hall and at Carnegie Hall. Within months, he was booked by Leonard Bernstein to perform the Brahms *Concerto in D minor* with the New York Philharmonic. Despite auspicious beginnings — and enviable critical acclaim — Sherman abandoned the concert stage in 1959 for a 15 year period of musical reflection.

Sherman became well-known to Boston audiences when in 1971, at the end of this self-imposed isolation, he was appointed head of the piano faculty of New England Conservatory. He re-emerged as a performer several years later, first appearing in chamber ensembles, and later in a series of highly regarded recitals in Boston and in New York — including a landmark performance of the twelve *Transcendental Etudes* of Franz Liszt.

In recent seasons, Mr. Sherman has concertized with the San Francisco Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Boston Symphony, as well as the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, and the Chicago Symphony at the Ravinia Festival. He records exclusively for Pro Arte records, and his recent recording of the Beethoven *Appassionata* was selected by the New York Times as one of the 10 best classical releases of the year.

Remaining tickets for the Russell Sherman recital at Jordan Hall go on sale January 19 at the Jordan Hall box office (536-2412) and through Concertcharge, 497-1118. Ticket prices are \$19.50, \$17.50, and \$16.50. Special group rates are available by calling the Celebrity Series at 482-2595.

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Book Review:

"Last Jews Of Eastern Europe"



Two photographs from "The Last Jews of Eastern Europe."

The Last Jews of Eastern Europe. Text by Yale Strom, illustrations by Brian Blue and Yale Strom, preface by George Schwab. Philosophical Library, 200 West 57 Street, New York, NY 10019. Distributed to bookstores by Alpha Books. Hardcover, \$29.95.

Reviewed by Ira L. Neiger
In *The Last Jews of Eastern Europe*, a photographer-reporter team of two young Americans have given us an intimate and surprising glimpse of Jewish life today in seven countries and 26 communities stretching from Prague to Odessa and from Warsaw to Plovdiv in Bulgaria.

The author is Yale Strom, who also happens to be a practicing klezmer violinist — a fact that enabled him to gain entry into many Jewish homes where outsiders are looked upon as possible government informants.

Mr. Strom traces the colorful history of each kehilla — its origins, travails and triumphs, its schisms, decline and attempts at rebirth. Through brief but perspective descriptions and interviews, he creates a series of cameos revealing the lives, customs and institutions of today's Eastern European Jews — remnants of once large and flourishing Jewish communities, among them Kishinev, Bratislava, Krakow, Budapest, Bucharest, Zagreb and Sofia, some dating back more than 700 years.

But the stunning duotone photographs by Brian Blue are what make this volume truly remarkable. Through his eyes we see the synagogues and schools, canteens and clubhouses, celebrations and rites of passage that give Jewish life in Eastern Europe today its distinctive flavors. The author and photographer found aged and weary Jewish survivors, but they also discovered young people and children. Their images spring from the pages: the concentration of a young boy at Shabbat services in Budapest, university students at the kosher canteen in Cluj, Romania; father and child celebrating Tu b'Shvat in Sarajevo, the Jewish children's choir in Bucharest (a thriving center of Jewish cultural and religious life), a boy lighting Chanukah candles in Prague, a couple under a chupa in the synagogue in the Romanian town of Roman.

There are other arresting images: an old Yiddish teacher in Krakow, a group in Sofia commemorating the yahrzeit of a friend, a woman resident of the Jewish old age home in Zagreb, a funeral in Kosice, Czechoslovakia. In the author's words:

"East European Jewry... I am astonished to note that it exists today, that it has survived, endured a millennium unbelievable in its lack of mercy." The photographs bear witness: a worshiper at morning services in Odessa, proudly wearing his medal of valor from World War II; a

78-year-old kosher butcher framed by salamis hanging in his shop in Miskolc, the shamash of the abandoned Beit Kneset Zion in Plovdiv, the elderly rabbi of Bucharest's Mare synagogue walking home, cane in hand; a Budapest baker displaying one of his challahs.

It is a pleasure to report that these and all the other photographs — including many of Eastern Europe's few remaining synagogues — are beautifully reproduced.

In a preface, historian George Schwab writes that the story these photographs tell is "the sorrowful narrative of a people who, despite dispersion, persecution and systematic slaughter, continue to live and to contribute to the progress of civilization and culture."

Then Prof. Schwab poses the question that every thoughtful reader must ask in turning the pages of this fascinating book: Is the vigor, vitality and zest that still characterizes Jewish life in East Central Europe enough to spark a rejuvenation of the once brilliant centers of cultural, intellectual, scientific and commercial life? He concludes: "Logic says no. Yet history is known to deceive reason."

Dr. Greenberg To Speak

Dr. Moshe Greenberg, a noted Hebrew University Biblical scholar, will give a lecture at the University of Hartford on Tuesday, Jan. 27. Sponsored by the University's Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, Greenberg's talk will deal with "Jewish Conceptions of the Biblical Prophet as Author."

The lecture, funded by the Charles B. and Irene B. Jacobs Foundation, is the first in a series of three dealing with the Bible and archaeology. Greenberg will speak at 8 p.m. in the faculty dining room of Gengras Student Union.

Currently the Jacob Perlow Fellow in Judaic Studies and the Humanities at Yale University, Greenberg earned B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, which awarded him a master's degree in Hebrew letters. He was appointed professor of Bible at the Seminary in 1970.

The lectures are free and open to the public. For further information, call (203) 243-4964.



Artists Use Mice To Represent The Jewish Experience

by Bob Kuttner

By some bizarre coincidence, the holiday season brought with it two unrelated pieces of pop culture — a saccharine cartoon movie and a devastating comic book — both about Jewish mice.

The film is the Steven Spielberg-Don Bluth cartoon, "An American Tail," billed as a kiddie show about the American immigrant experience. A mouse family, oppressed in czarist Russia (by Cossack cats), emigrates to America. En route, the young mouse son is blown overboard, and eventually washes up on the shore of Manhattan. He knocks around, pursued by cats, and is at last joyfully reunited with his parents.

The movie is sentimental drek, and worse. As my Uncle Max might have said, it is to wince. Spielberg goes to the trouble of creating a hero with an obviously Jewish name and background — Fievel Mousekewitz — and then drops the Jewish angle like a hot knish, except to idly throw in a Star of David now and then.

Spielberg also offensively stereotypes other ethnic groups. On arriving in New York, seven-year-old Fievel goes to the local ward healer, a drunken Tammany Irishman. Fievel befriends a young street tough guy, who is, of course, Italian. If the young hero were, say, an Irish mouse, would the Jewish character have been represented as a ratty landlord?

To Spielberg, apparently, history is an old closet of cheap symbols, to rummage through for casual backdrop. Spielberg even gives the father a Russian accent, rather than a Yiddish one. Papa sounds more like Gorbachev than Reb Tevye.

After a couple of nice early touches — a sweatshop, an Ellis Island landing — "An American Tail" falls apart. Fievel has one stock narrow escape after another, with far more of an intellectual debt to Tom and Jerry than to Isaac Bashevis Singer or Irving Howe.

The story rapidly degenerates into generic cat-and-mouse. Ultimately, a ruse is contrived, and the cats are tricked into deporting themselves.

Even for a cartoon, the story line makes no sense. Who are the cats supposed to represent? Poverty? Repression? Intolerance? Lotsa luck. Jewish mice, incidentally, should know better than to celebrate deportations, even of cats. Many fascinating stories are contained in the rich history of emigration to America, but few of them make it into this tale.

Well, what's the harm? This is just an innocent cartoon, for little kids, right? But even little kids absorb stories. Why bother to appropriate the immigrant experience only to sloppily misrepresent it. Why not stick to extraterrestrials, and pure fantasy? (I wasn't wild about "The Color Purple," Spielberg's version of the black South, either.) Fievel's symbolic grandchildren, comfortably watching this film in the Chestnut Hill Mall, will learn nothing useful about their heritage — or any one else's — from this travesty, except the supreme American lesson that everything is fair game to trivialize.

By contrast, an even more improbable cartoon, this one in book form, also uses mice to represent Jews. But *Maus*, by Arthur Spiegelman, is a brutally moving work of art. Unlike Fievel, *Maus* will never be recycled into Happy Meal stuffers at McDonald's.

Maus is the story of Arthur Spiegelman's real-life father, Vladek, a survivor of Auschwitz. It is also the autobiographical account of the son's harsh attempt to come to terms, belatedly, with

his father, now a stubborn old man.

Art Spiegelman, the son, is an avant-garde comic artist, in the style of R. Crumb. In *Maus*, he weaves back and forth between his father's story and his own, in the art form he knows — an extended comic book. All of the characters are depicted as mice. It is hard to convey the power, or the cold horror, of the resulting story.

It begins with Spiegelman visiting his father, and finally persuading the old man to tell his story. The father is crochety, unhappily married to his second wife, and crudely critical of the hippie son. He did not survive Auschwitz by being a doormouse. Vladek's story begins in Czechochowa, Poland, in the late 1930s. Spiegelman, astutely, begins the tale well before the Nazis arrive. Long before the deportations, we get to know the Spiegelman/Maus family, as ordinary creatures with ordinary conflicts and dreams, who did not volunteer to be heroes or martyrs.

Over four excruciating years, Vladek keeps wriggling out of the Nazi grasp, as the noose tightens around Poland's Jews, until finally, in 1944, he is betrayed and sent to the camps. This is a far cry from Fievel and New York's cats.

The story of how a Jewish mouse stayed one step ahead of the Nazis is not a pretty one; weaker people, including Vladek's first-born son, perished, and this legacy is one more indignity inflicted on the survivors.

Art Spiegelman makes no effort to varnish his father's story. On the contrary, some might find his telling of it coldly brutal. But the telling is somehow appropriate, for it suggests how the Nazi horror cascaded even onto the children of survivors.

I didn't quite appreciate how annoyed I felt at Spiegelman's Jewish mice until I read Spiegelman's. History is nothing to trifle with, least of all the recent histories of brutalization, exodus, and imperfect redemption.

So skip Spielberg's movie, and pick up a copy of Spiegelman's book. And brace yourself: *Maus* is grim reading. But *An American Tail* is easily the more grotesque of the two.



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Obituaries

MONROE BERROL

PROVIDENCE — Monroe Berrol, 59, of 326 Lloyd Ave., a psychotherapist with a private practice in Providence, died Sunday, January 11, 1987, at Miriam Hospital shortly after being stricken at home. He was the husband of Arlene (Herman) Berrol.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., a son of Sadie (Ryavitch) Berrol of Miami Beach, Fla., and the late Philip Berrol, he lived in Providence since 1977. He formerly lived in New Rochelle, N.Y.

Mr. Berrol was previously a social worker at Bradley Hospital for seven years. He was a lawyer in New York for many years, and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a graduate of City College of New York and graduated from the New York Law School in 1949. He received a master of social work degree from Boston College in 1980. He was a student at the Boston Center for Psychoanalytic Studies for four years.

He was a teacher at Roger Williams College, and a leader of step-family workshops, a lecturer for the Anti-defamation League of New York, and a member of the Friday Group, Providence.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves a son, David Berrol of Hadley, Mass.; two daughters, Amy Berrol of Providence and Lisa Berrol of Boston; a stepson, Avram Gleitsman of New York City; a stepdaughter, Leah Gleitsman of Madison, Wis., and a brother, Edward Berrol of New York City.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

PHILIP WILLNER

PROVIDENCE — Philip Willner, 74, of 11½ Rutland St., a production worker in jewelry manufacturing for many years before retiring, died Saturday, January 10, 1987, at St. Joseph Hospital, Providence.

Born in Poland, a son of the late David M. and Dina (Frischer) Willner, he lived in Providence for more than 30 years.

He leaves two brothers, Dr. Herman Willner of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Bernard Willner of Delray Beach, Fla.

A funeral service was held at

Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MARGARET ZANDER

PROVIDENCE — Margaret Zander, 85, of 111 Everett Ave., an employee of the Arden Jewelry Co. and the P. & B. Mfg. Co., Warwick, until retiring 20 years ago, died Thursday, January 8 at home. She was the widow of Arthur Zander.

Born in Germany, a daughter of the late Salo and Betty (Arnholz) Loewy, she lived in Providence since 1941.

She leaves no immediate survivors.

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

RUTH FALK

PROVIDENCE — Ruth Falk of 2 Jackson Walkway died Thursday, January 8 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Benjamin M. Falk.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Fannie (Stevens) Torgan, she lived in Woonsocket for many years before returning to Providence 12 years ago.

Mrs. Falk was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel, and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, both in Woonsocket, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Temple Beth-El, and the Ledgemont Country Club, Rehoboth.

She leaves a brother, William Torgan, and two sisters, Esther Torgan and Nora Cohen, all of Providence.

A funeral service was held at B'nai Israel Synagogue, Prospect Street, Woonsocket. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery, Woonsocket.

MINNIE DEAN

Minnie Dean, 82, of 255 59th St. N., died Friday, December 26 at Palms of Pasadena Hospital.

She came here in 1977 from her native Providence, R.I., where she was an assistant buyer and a member of Hope Link and Majestic Senior Guild. Locally she was a member of Temple Beth El and Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, William L. of Charleston, S.C. and Charles E. of St. Petersburg; a sister Irene Sentler Goldberg,

South Pasadena, and one granddaughter.

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ANNA LABUSH

MARGATE, Fla. — Anna Feiler-Labush, 74, formerly of Dartmouth Street, Pawtucket, died Friday, January 9 at a hospital. She was the wife of George Labush. She was the widow of Max Feiler.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Morris and Lena Porcelain, she lived in Pawtucket for 13 years.

Mrs. Labush was a member of Hadassah, the Sons of Jacob Synagogue, the Turka Society, New York, the Majestic Senior Guild, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the B'nai B'rith.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Alan Feiler of Sunrise; two daughters, Glenda Labush of Pawtucket and Paula Pabian of Gaithersburg, Md.; a brother, Sam Porcelain of San Diego; three sisters, Helene Astrow of Rosedale, N.Y., Kay Frank of Bayonne, N.J., and Sally Stolow of Lauderdale; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Norman Jeffer Memorial Chapel, Brooklyn, N.Y. Burial was in Old Montefiore Cemetery, Brooklyn.

FREIDA PULNER

WARWICK — Freida Pulner, 67, of 913 Strafford Lane died Saturday, January 10 at the Rhode Island Medical Center General Hospital, Cranston. She was the widow of Louis Pulner.

Born in New Bedford, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Kline, she lived in Warwick for a year. She previously lived in Cranston and Providence.

She leaves two sons, Martin I. Pulner of Exeter and Ralph N. Pulner of Warwick; two sisters, Jennie Bloom of Los Angeles, Irene Goldstein of Miami, Fla., and a grandson.

A private funeral service was held. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

ADL Report: Repression In Paraguay

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South America Robert S. Gelbard told a meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that there has been "a significant increase in the level of repression in Paraguay" in recent months.

Speaking in Washington December 17 to a joint meeting of ADL's Latin American Affairs Committee and the agency's D.C./Maryland Regional Board, Mr. Gelbard cited an increase in the number of political prisoners detained for exercising their political rights, as well as violent actions against labor groups.

The meeting was chaired by I. Barry Mehler, chairman of ADL's Latin American Affairs Committee, and Carl Goldberg, chairman of the League's D.C./Maryland Regional Board.

According to Mr. Gelbard, the continued crackdown on expressions of dissent in Paraguay is of "extremely grave concern." He said the major newspaper, *ABC Color*, has been closed for three years and that government authorities are now engaged in a campaign to shut down Radio Nanduti, which is owned and operated by Humberto Rubin.

Measures taken against the station, which has been openly critical of the government of President Alfredo Stroessner, include pressuring advertisers to cease support for the station and the jamming of news and even classical music broadcasts, Mr. Gelbard told the ADL meeting.

Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal, director of ADL's Latin American Affairs Department said that although the action against Mr. Rubin by the Paraguayan authorities has been motivated primarily by political considerations, the fact that he is Jewish has also been a contributing element. ADL has made representations on several occasions to the Paraguayan government about anti-Semitic attack against Mr. Rubin.

Recently, the U.S. government formally protested to the government of Paraguay the jamming of broadcasts and other actions directed against Radio Nanduti.

Mr. Gelbard also told the ADL representatives that South American countries which are working to consolidate democratic institutions and improve their

economic conditions are faced with major obstacles, including internal threats posed by an alliance of narcotic dealers with terrorists seeking to undermine democratic governments in the region.

This problem, Mr. Gelbard continued, is compounded by the formation of the "Americas Battalion," a cooperative effort by terrorist groups from Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and other countries to unite in carrying out their terrorist activities. He also said the region is threatened by the efforts of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Libya and the Soviet Union to gain influence among the newly emerging democratic governments.

NEW YORK (JTA) — A 10-year Moscow refusenik is beginning a hunger strike of indefinite duration to try to persuade the appropriate authorities to grant an exit visa to his son. Alexander Ioffe, 48, who is a mathematician, announced he would begin his strike Thursday according to Lynn Singer, executive director of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Ioffe's son, Dimitry, 23, who is married and the parent of a baby girl, has been refused permission to emigrate to Israel because of "absence of reasons for family reunification." His family is still in the Soviet Union. They are also refuseniks.

Ioffe himself wants to emigrate to Israel but he is staging his hunger strike not on his own behalf but that of his son's because the Soviet authorities are using his presence in the country as a reason for denying Dimitry a visa.

"Yes, it is my dream to go to Israel, but, even more, it is the most important thing that my son be able to live his life as a Jew in his homeland with his family," Singer said Ioffe wrote in a letter on the eve of his hunger strike.

Dimitry and his wife, Tanya, and their one-year-old baby, Ilana, applied for an exit visa in 1985. In 1976, Dimitry, his father, his mother, Rosa, his sister, Anna, applied as a group to emigrate to Israel. They were turned down on the grounds that Alexander Ioffe had access to "state secrets" at his job at the Moscow Institute of Automobile and Road Building. That has been the basis for refusing exit visas since then.

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Institute Of Jewish Studies

The Institute of Jewish Studies of Temple Emanu-El announces that registration for second semester courses will be held on February 1, 1987, following the Blazer Memorial Lecture (10 a.m.-12 noon) and on the first evening of classes, February 3, 1987 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Among the first hour courses of special interest to the entire community are "Judaism and Christianity," led by Rabbi Wayne Franklin, and "Israel Today," which will be taught by Professor Joshua Stein. In addition to the continuing courses in Hebrew Conversation and Hebrew for Beginners there will be a course in "Interpreters and Elucidators of Torah, (conducted in Hebrew). Other courses include "Raising Jewish Children," a course in chanting of the Megillot, and a survey of writing by children of the Holocaust. The second hour will be devoted to a six-week symposium "Approaching Common Ground — Living with Our Differences As American Jews" with a notable roster of community rabbis as discussors and leaders.

All courses at the Institute are open to the public, and there is a nominal course fee of \$6 for each semester hour. Classes begin on February 3, 1987 at 7:30 p.m., and all sessions of the symposium will commence at 8:30 p.m. The Institute office at Temple Emanu-El will provide any further information or course assistance as required. (331-1616)

Rabbi Greenberg At Emanu-El

Rabbi Irving Greenberg, president and co-founder of CLAL, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, will be the opening speaker for a six-week symposium "Approaching Common Ground: Living with our Differences as American Jews." Rabbi Greenberg's talk "One Jewish People?" will deal with questions of unity, diversity and pluralism in the Jewish community. It will be held on February 3, 1987 at 8:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El. Rabbi Greenberg, an orthodox scholar and leader, is known for his efforts and interest in bridging Jewish religious and organizational divisions. He has published widely on Jewish thought and religion in the course of his career as rabbi of Riverdale Jewish Center and founding chairman of the Department of Jewish Studies at City College in New York City.

The symposium is sponsored jointly by the Institute of Jewish Studies of Temple Emanu-El and the Community Relations Council of R.I. Jewish Federation.

The following five sessions of the symposium will be led by community rabbis representing all branches of Judaism and will deal with the range of issues common to all Jewish congregations. The fee for the entire symposium, which is open to the community, is \$6. Further information on this course as well as other Institute activities may be obtained from the Temple office at 331-1616.

AMHERST, Mass. — The National Yiddish Book Center — a nonprofit organization which has attracted world-wide attention by saving more than 600,000 discarded and unwanted Yiddish books — has launched a new, multifaceted educational program designed to further Yiddish culture in the American Jewish community. The Joseph and Rosalyn Newman Program will conduct research to assess existing Yiddish resources in American Jewish family and communal life, and will develop innovative programs to facilitate communication and transmission of Yiddish culture across the generations. Program staff will work with local youth groups and cultural and educational agencies to develop resource materials and educational programs geared to the special needs of local communities.

The National Yiddish Book Center began its book collection campaign in 1980. Since then, staff members and volunteers have travelled extensively throughout the United States and Canada. They have spoken at hundreds of synagogue and community groups, have sponsored a popular residential Yiddish summer program, and have become increasingly aware of the growing interest of American Jews in their own Yiddish cultural roots. The vast majority of American Jews are descended from Yiddish-speaking parents or grandparents.

The Joseph and Rosalyn Newman Program was begun in order to ensure that Yiddish culture will once again play a central role in the lives of American Jews. Many innovative projects are already underway or planned for the near future, including training programs for teachers, conferences of specialized groups involved in the perpetuation of Yiddish culture, ethnographic research on the maintenance of Yiddish in Jewish communities today, and the development of materials in English and Yiddish suitable for a variety of culture clubs, havurot, reading and discussion circles.

Perhaps most exciting is a special "Model City" Program for Yiddish Intergenerational Education, begun in Worcester, Massachusetts with the support of the Boorky Fund of the Worcester Community Endowment Fund. During this first year of the program, Book Center staff are becoming familiar with the Worcester Jewish community, fostering general public awareness of Yiddish culture, and involving young people in a direct way in the discovery of Yiddish resources within their own community. Jewish teenagers in the city will soon organize a city-wide Yiddish book collection drive, and at the same time will conduct oral history interviews with senior adults. The Center hopes to apply the experience in Worcester to similar intergenerational programs in other Jewish communities around the country.

The staff of the Joseph and Rosalyn Newman Program also plans to work with existing cultural and educational groups, helping them to integrate Yiddish content into their own programs.

The Center hopes to serve as an educational catalyst, generating programs and materials necessary for a grass-roots resurgence of interest in Yiddish culture.

The Newman Program has been established through the generosity of Joseph and Rosalyn Newman of Scarsdale, New York, longtime supporters of the work of the National Yiddish Book Center. The Newmans' concern for the Jewish cultural life of future generations is a direct continuation of their parents' devotion to Hebrew and Yiddish education and Jewish communal service.

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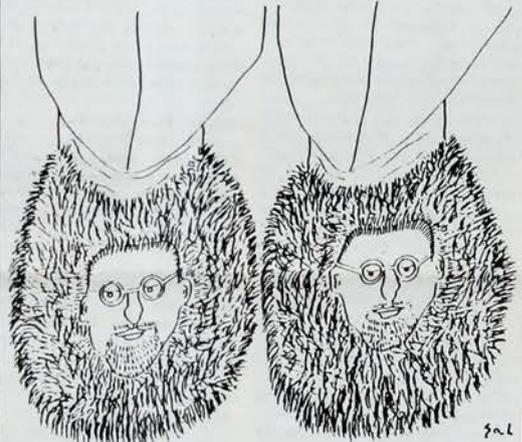
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Gotham Book Mart Sues AFHU

NEW YORK (JTA) — Frances Steloff, the 99-year-old former owner of a New York landmark, the Gotham Book Mart, has filed suit against the American Friends of the Hebrew University (AFHU) charging that the organization defrauded her out of her midtown Manhattan building after she offered AFHU a million-dollar gift.

Since 1920, Steloff has owned, managed and lived on the floor above the Gotham Book Mart, a literary jewel in the center of Manhattan's diamond district on West 47th Street. The Gotham specializes in unusual books, experimental or controversial literary works, poetry, theatre, film and Eastern spirituality.

Steloff is credited with boosting the careers of now legendary authors when they were little known or unaccepted, including James Joyce, T.S. Eliot, William Carlos Williams, Gertrude Stein and Ezra Pound. Steloff defied the censors and sold James Joyce's "Ulysses" in the Gotham. She smuggled D.H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover" into the country when it was banned. She befriended some of the most celebrated and controversial literati of this century.

The Gotham Book Mart was born in 1920 at 128 W. 45th Street, just a few blocks from its present location. At 33, Steloff founded the shop with \$100 and less than 200 books. In 1923 she moved the Gotham to 51 W. 47th Street where it grew into a center not only for the sale of avant garde literature, but as a gathering place for struggling artists and writers.

After the landlord refused to renew her lease in 1946, Steloff searched desperately for a new home for the Gotham but found the real estate prices beyond her means.

Three of Steloff's friends then approached Columbia University, one of the city's largest landowners, to ask for a building to house the Gotham. Columbia offered her the building at 41 W. 47th Street. Steloff bought the five-story brownstone now under dispute from Columbia in 1946 for \$65,000.

Evolution Of A Dispute

In 1967, Steloff, then 80, sold the Gotham Book Mart to Andreas Brown, a California bibliographer, rare book appraiser and a loyal Gotham customer. She entrusted Brown to preserve and continue what she called her life's work.

But Steloff still owned the five-story brownstone at 41 W. 47th Street, where both she and

Brown lived in apartments above the bookstore. The bookstore occupies the ground floor and the basement once housed Steloff's most valued literary treasures. One floor above the bookstore is devoted to a gallery where the James Joyce Society, which Steloff founded, meets periodically.

The dispute which has resulted in Steloff's case against AFHU began about seven years ago when she decided to sell the building to Andreas Brown to insure the Gotham Book Mart's survival.

Steloff, in 1979, agreed to sell Brown the building for its fair market value at the time, an estimated \$1 million, according to an affidavit filed in the case by Steloff's attorney Martin Gold.

She decided to donate the proceeds of the sale to AFHU to set up a scholarship and fellowship fund for students and to sponsor speeches at the Hebrew University by prominent writers. Steloff planned to donate the money in the name of her parents, who were religious Jews.

Differences Of Opinion

AFHU then advised Steloff that she could increase her gift by giving AFHU the building and avoiding a capital gains tax of roughly \$250,000 she would incur by selling it to Brown. Then, according to Steloff's lawsuit, she made a verbal agreement with representatives of AFHU to make the gift of the building conditional on favorable lease terms and an option for Gotham to buy the building for \$1 million.

AFHU Attorney David Ellenhorn said no verbal agreement was ever made. But in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Steloff seemed to have a sharp recollection of the events some seven years ago.

She recalled a meeting in March 1980, while on vacation in Florida, with Charles Feinberg, vice president of AFHU, to review a draft of the agreement.

During this meeting, Steloff told the JTA she crossed out portions of the agreement which she did not accept, including a provision to allow AFHU to sell the building "at the highest price obtainable." Steloff said she understood at the meeting with Feinberg that the draft would be amended to include a lease and option to buy for Gotham. Steloff signed the draft.

Although a second agreement followed, also signed by Steloff, it did not contain any provisions for the resale of the building to the Gotham Book Mart, she said.

Following the meeting with

Feinberg, Steloff spelled out in a series of letters to AFHU her explicit wish that Gotham Book Mart be given the option to buy the building for \$1 million. As the years went by and the option or new amended agreement never materialized, Steloff became increasingly agitated in her correspondences.

In August 1984, Steloff wrote to Feinberg, "I naturally expected further discussions about the matter I objected to. It is certainly not a new objection, nor was it an afterthought. It was clearly understood at that first reading that the objectionable part would be revised. I never intended that the building should be used for real estate speculation or offered only to the highest bidder. . . ."

By late 1985 Steloff said she demanded that AFHU return the building to her unless she received a guarantee that Gotham would be given an option to buy for \$1 million.

The building is now worth about \$2.5 million. Brown said diamond dealers come in almost daily offering to buy the building from him. Brown cannot compete with the diamond dealers in an open market situation today, he said.

Bob Pearlman, AFHU executive vice president, said "the facts are pretty clear — we have a documented agreement — with no understanding with regard to resale." AFHU has lived up to its end of the agreement, Pearlman said. "We can't have people going back and forth on agreements they made."

But Brown said even if AFHU does not have a legal obligation to resell the building to Gotham, it has a moral one. Ellenhorn, AFHU's attorney, said Steloff only wanted Brown to be given a five-year lease with favorable terms. Furthermore, Brown has never offered to buy the building for a million dollars, he said.

Ellenhorn claimed Brown initiated the lawsuit and pressured Steloff to include the option to buy. "Mr. Brown would like to purchase the building for a million dollars to resell it," Ellenhorn said. "The lawsuit was brought by his attorneys — we believe the lawsuit was guided by Mr. Brown."

'Not Here To Buy Or Sell Real Estate'

But Brown said that it is the AFHU, not himself, which would like to speculate with the building. "I've been running this bookstore for 20 years — I'm not here to buy or sell real estate, that's what they do."

ORT

February 15 is the day to interview prospective summer camp directors right here in Rhode Island. The third annual Camp Fair sponsored by the Providence Chapter of ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) is that day between 12-4 p.m. at the Providence Marriott Inn, Charles and Orms streets. Admission is free to this community oriented event. The whole family is invited to have their questions answered by representatives from some 20 camps.

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