

Iosif Begun On Hunger Strike

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Inna Begun urged Americans last Thursday to help her husband, Iosif, who is now on a hunger strike in the Soviet Union's Chistopol prison.

"I am very afraid for my husband's life," she said over the telephone from Moscow to some 100 Jewish leaders gathered on Capitol Hill for a Capitol Hill Action Day for Soviet Jewry, sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ). They were in a room in a Senate office building dominated by photographs of Begun and other Jewish Prisoners of Conscience.

Begun, 54, was sentenced in 1983 to seven years in a labor camp and five years internal exile for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" for teaching Hebrew. He had served two previous terms of internal exile. He and his wife have been seeking to emigrate to Israel since 1971.

Inna Begun said she had last seen her husband in August 1985 and his last letter to her was in December 1986. She said he has been on a hunger strike for three months.

Noting that some political prisoners have been freed, Inna Begun said she did not believe her husband would be released, as he will never agree to the demand that he admit that he is guilty of the charges.

She said she and her son, Boris, accompanied by other long-time refuseniks, would begin picketing Monday for two hours a day to demand that her husband be set free and that they be allowed to immigrate to Israel.

U.S. To Raise Begun's Plight

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D. Md.), co-chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe which monitors compliance with the Helsinki Accords, told Inna Begun that "The Congress of the United

States is very very aware of the plight of your husband. We are raising that plight in every possible forum that we can."

Hoyer said he would raise the issue of Begun and other Soviet Jewish refuseniks with Soviet officials again when he returns to Vienna next week for the third review conference on the Helsinki Accords, known as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Morris Abram, the NCSJ's chairman, told Inna Begun that the people participating in the action day would "fan out" over Capitol Hill to describe Begun's plight to members of the House and Senate. He expressed "outrage" that the Soviet Union arrests people for teaching Hebrew.

Hoyer later told the Jewish leaders that never before have so many Western nations taken on the Soviet Union over human rights. He said the Soviets are trying to isolate the human rights movement by playing on the "hunger for change" in East-West relations by many in the West.

Jackson-Vanik Measure Won't Be Rescinded

Earlier, R. Spenser Oliver, counsel for the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that at Vienna the Soviet Union is trying to split the talks on arms control and trade from human rights. But he stressed that the Helsinki review conferences has been the one forum where the Soviets have had to pay attention to human rights.

Oliver and Dr. John Hardt, associate director for research coordination at the Congressional Research Service, urged the participants to watch the new foreign trade bill being worked on by Congress. While both said that there is no chance that the Jackson-Vanik amendment would be rescinded, efforts will be made by some to decrease restrictions on trade with the USSR.

A Conversation With Rabbi Greenberg



Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg was keynote speaker in a symposium held last week at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. His theme was "unity, not uniformity." Herald editor Robert Israel reports on his conversation with Rabbi Greenberg on page 4.

Peres: International Conference For Peace In The Middle East

PARIS (JTA) — Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres asserted here Saturday that Israel would back an international conference for peace in the Middle East but warned that speed is essential in advancing the peace process because the Iran-Iraq war, continued unrest in Lebanon and Arab economic difficulties threaten to destabilize the entire region.

But while Peres, at separate meetings with President Francois Mitterrand and Premier Jacques Chirac, was elucidating in some detail the conditions Israel would attach to such a conference and how it might be organized, Premier Yitzhak Shamir flatly rejected the idea. An international conference "will not bring peace or blessings to Israel," he said.

Peres, who arrived here from London Saturday, met with Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace for lunch and later conferred with Chirac. He met Sunday morning with Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond. At those meetings he stressed Israel's desire to see the peace process resumed at the earliest possible time and maintained that the recent visit to the Middle East by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy succeeded in paving the way for an international peace forum.

Three Points Must Be Settled

However, Peres told his hosts, three points must be settled: Israel considers the participation of the Soviet Union in a peace conference possible only after

Moscow renews diplomatic ties with Israel and restores normal relations with the Jewish State.

Secondly, the duration of the conference should be settled in advance. The conference itself should be a strictly formal affair which would launch negotiations between the parties. Actual negotiations should be conducted by various subcommittees, for example, a Lebanese-Israeli subcommittee, another composed of Syria and Israel and a third of Israel, Jordan and a Palestinian delegation, Peres said.

Thirdly, he made clear that Palestinian representation must be by independent Palestinians prepared to accept Israel's existence and to seek a peaceful solution to their conflict — not Palestine Liberation Organization delegates.

Peres reportedly told the French leaders, who themselves recently met with King Hussein of Jordan, that "Hussein is the key to peace" in the region and that Western Europe should use its influence to bring him to the negotiating table. Mitterrand and Chirac reportedly told Peres that Hussein was prepared to attend an international conference but also felt some preliminary points had to be settled.

No Change In West Bank Policy

Peres said that Israel's policy in the administered territories has not changed since the rotation of power last October when Likud leader Shamir took over as Prime Minister. Israel still wants to



improve the quality of life in the territories and ensure their economic development, with Jordan's participation, Peres said.

He said Israel would welcome European investments in the West Bank. Its only condition is that the investments be funneled through Israeli or Jordanian government-controlled bodies and not go to independent organizations which might serve as a cover for the PLO.

Peres met with French Jewish leaders Saturday. He said he was optimistic about Israel's future relations with the Peoples Republic of China but thought that much would depend on Moscow's attitude toward Israel. He said China would probably formalize its ties to Israel if the Soviets moved in that direction.

JTS To Accept Women Cantors

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America announced last week that it would for the first time certify women as cantors to lead services in Conservative congregations around the world.

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For centuries only men served as cantors or rabbis. The Reform movement was the first to break with that tradition; the Orthodox have resisted any change.

The announcement by the Conservative seminary has long been anticipated. Eleven women are studying to become cantors at the school's College of Jewish Music.

"All of us feel called to this profession," said Erica Lippitz, who is to graduate in May, "and, in my eyes, God does not look at gender.

"God has given me the gift of a voice and I am returning this to the community."

Ms. Lippitz and Marla Rosenfeld Barugel, who will also finish

her studies in May, are to be the first women to graduate the seminary with the degree of Hazzan, the Hebrew word for cantor.

Ismar Schorsch, the school's chancellor, introduced them to reporters yesterday, saying the two "give you some idea of the talent that we are able to tap" by enabling women to be cantors.

Both women, wearing colorful crocheted yarmulkes, said that they had been drawn to the field out of a love for music and a desire to serve the Jewish community.

Ms. Barugel, of Merrick, L.I., who is 31 years old, said that the seminary decision should be a "message to women that they can and should be comfortable as active participants in the synagogue."

"Young girls and women need role models" in the synagogue, she added. "I certainly didn't have that as a child."

Like most of the women in the seminary's music school, the two came there after beginning work in other fields. Ms. Barugel had been a teacher of Spanish and then an international banker. Ms. Lippitz, 30, of Evanston, Ill., was in a more related field; she served as the Hillel director of Loyola University in Chicago.

Ms. Lippitz is married to John Schechter, a rabbinical student at the seminary who is a great-grand-

son of one of the founders of Conservative Judaism, Rabbi Solomon Schechter. Ms. Barugel's husband, Albert Barugel, teaches Spanish at Rutgers University. They have a 5-month-old son.

Rabbi Morton M. Leifman, the dean of the music school, said that, with the certification of women, both Conservative congregations and the traditional liturgy will have to make some adjustments.

"We are going to have to write some easy to transpose music for a bass and tenor."

The role of cantor reaches back to the period after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70, and many chants sung today have been traced to the 12th century. Virtually all were written for male voices.

Unlike rabbis, who are primarily teachers and leaders, cantors represent congregations in prayer. As a result, altering the tradition that only men could serve as cantors involved a more complex theological argument than the decision to allow women to serve as rabbis.

Dr. Schorsch said that the decision was based on a "further application" of the rabbinical legal ruling that enabled women to become rabbis.

Local News

Touro Fraternal News

February 22 — Association breakfast meeting. Lox and eggs, bagels and cream cheese, coffee, orange juice, with a short business meeting. Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Vassa Hall, Cranston.

February 25 — Fantastic 2 for 1 dinner at the 1025 Club. Choice of fish or chicken, full dinners. This Wednesday evening will have as a speaker former Providence Mayor and radio show personality Vincent "Buddy" Cianci. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Reserve early for this sure-to-sell-out dinner. Response must be made by February 20.

March 29 — Association meeting at Vassa Hall. Speaker will be named at a later time.

Touro is proud that as part of its program to help the Jewish Home a stereo system for group programs for the residents has been purchased.

Adoption Issues At JFS

The Adoption Support Center at Jewish Family Service will meet on Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. at 221 Waterman Street, Providence. Dr. S. Norman Sherry, Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School will speak on "New Issues in Adoption: Emphasis on Openness." Dr. Sherry is a member of the Child Welfare League of America and the former chair of the Adoption Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The talk is open to the public. Anyone interested in the adoption process is welcome to attend.

The fee is \$5 per person and preregistration is necessary. To register call Ellen Steingold at 331-1244.

Beth Sholom Bus Trip

Congregation Beth Sholom will be sponsoring a bus trip to the Kosher Foods and Jewish Life Expo in New York on Sunday, March 8, 1987. The exposition is being held in the new Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in Manhattan, which is America's largest exhibition center. It will feature thousands of new kosher food products, a gigantic kosher food tasting bazaar, a get-acquainted section with kosher hotels and resorts, and hundreds of new products and ideas for good Jewish living.

The chartered bus will leave Beth Sholom on Sunday, March 8, 1987 at 8 a.m. and return to Providence by 9 p.m. The cost will be \$30 per person. This includes both transportation and the entrance fee. A kosher lunch counter will be available at the show. The entire Jewish community is invited to avail themselves of this opportunity. Reservations with full payment are necessary. They must be received by the Beth Sholom office no later than February 28, 1987.

JFS Workshop

Jewish Family Service Family Life Education is again offering its Mothers and Infants Group. This popular parenting class for new mothers provides the opportunity for discussion and sharing about the growth and development of babies, mothers and the new family. Mothers are encouraged to bring their infants up to eight months.

The group will meet on eight consecutive Tuesdays beginning on February 17, from 1:15-2:45 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

Ivy Marwil, ACSW and Ruth Berenson, MSW both with Jewish Family Service will lead the group.

The fee is \$45. To register call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244, 331-1244.

Providence ORT

On Sunday, May 31, 1987 the Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT hopes to find Rhode Island's best bakers at their "Baker's Best" competition and expo. Bakeries, restaurants, and caterers from all over R.I. are invited to enter the competitions for the best strudel, chocolate cookies, nonchocolate cookies, cakes made of fruits or vegetables, and breakfast goodies.

The general public is invited to make their judgment after sampling all of R.I.'s best baked goods. Prizes will be awarded based on both the People's Choice and the Gourmet's Choice (three culinary expert judges).

The event will take place at the Providence JCC at 401 Elm Grove Ave. on the East Side. A donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child under 10 opens the door to this paradise of baked goods.

Rabbi Casper To Leave URI-Hillel

by David Pagliaro
Special to the R.I. Herald



RABBI CHAIM CASPER

After serving as director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Rhode Island for the past six years, Rabbi Chaim Casper will be leaving the Jewish student organization at the end of this school year.

Replacing Rabbi Karnofsky as director in 1980, Rabbi Casper is leaving URI-Hillel as a result of failing to receive tenure. According to Rabbi Casper, all professionals at Hillel are required to undergo and pass a tenure evaluation at their sixth year of employment. Rabbi Casper's evaluation came in January of 1986 and was conducted by an evaluation committee formed by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, which is a major source of financial support for the student run organization. Casper, upon being evaluated, instead of getting tenure, was given a recommendation from the committee calling for an increase in Jewish student involvement on the URI campus. Given one year to comply with the committee's request, Rabbi Casper said there did occur an increase in student involvement with the organization, although apparently not enough to satisfy the committee upon a return evaluation in November of 1986.

Citing the student involvement issue as the main stumbling block stopping his tenure, Rabbi Casper said he does not feel bitter about the decision, just disappointed. "This is just another example of the old numbers game where people out in the community use quantity for their assessment instead of quality," he said. Most of the people he works with, he noted, are extremely happy with the Jewish presence on campus. Speculating on why there's not a greater Jewish student interest and involvement with Hillel, Casper said URI is one of the many universities that has to deal with the problem of having a large number of students on campus living within commuting distance from home. "With over 60% of the student population living within one hour's commuting distance from campus and going home on the weekends," said Casper, "it's hard for students to develop strong interests in campus organizations." With a Jewish student population between 700 and 800, Hillel currently has 400 students on its campus mailing list. This number though, said Casper, is not representative of active participation which usually ranges from a few students to up to 150, depending on the type of activity or event occurring.

Founded in 1923, the first Hillel unit was established at the University of Illinois. Today there are over ninety full-time Hillel foundations on college and university campuses across the country. The student run organizations provide religious, cultural, educational and social services for the Jewish student populations. Besides a full-time unit at URI, there is also a joint run counselorship which services Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design and a part-time one at Bryant College. The Hillel unit at URI is composed of a student body numbering 15 and a board of trustees totaling 38 which include as its members, fac-

ulty, students, South County residents and members of B'nai B'rith. As director of Hillel, Rabbi Casper's administrative responsibilities include Rabbinic duties, a weekly class on Judaic texts, lectures on Jewish themes, counseling and unveiling Jewish needs to the administration.

In addition to losing its current director at the end of '87, the continuation of a full-time Hillel counselorship at URI with a new director remains in question. According to Rabbi Casper, in May of 1986 the Jewish Federation of R.I. formed an allocations committee headed by Rabbi Leslie Guterman to assess the needs of the many Jewish interest groups it financially contributes to. Allocated a budget of \$30,000 annually, Casper said the URI unit is currently being reviewed to see if the full-time organization is best serving the Jewish student population. Asked if there is enough students to warrant a full-time counselorship, Casper replied, "There's not enough students to support that. But on the other hand, with the Board of Governors trying to increase the number of out-of-state students there probably will be an increase in Jewish students making it impractical for a part-time one." Casper added the atmosphere at URI does not make it conducive to a full-time presence because of the commuting population. "If Hillel is downgraded to a part-time unit," said Casper, "I'll understand, too, because we're living in an age of diminishing Jewish resources."

Beth-El Brotherhood

The Temple Beth-El Brotherhood will present Sociologist Gerald Showstack at its next breakfast Sunday morning, February 22, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. in the Temple's Meeting Hall. Assistant Professor in the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis, Showstack will discuss the question whether brotherhood exists among all Jews in America and Israel. Showstack is currently researching the attitudes of Reform Jews towards Israel and the Jewishness of American Reform Jews in suburban communities.

The program is open to both Temple and Brotherhood members and their guests. For more information, call 331-6070.

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Community Leaders To Attend NJCRAC Plenary

Norman Orodener, Chairman of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will lead a delegation of 10 community leaders from Rhode Island to the 42nd annual Plenary Session of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. Accompanying Mr. Orodener will be Norman and Flo Tilles, Robert and Marcia Riesman, Sylvia Orodener, Karen Dannin, Barbara Lightman, Rabbi Wayne Franklin, and Stephanie Gurwitz.

"The NJCRAC Plenum affords unique opportunities for leadership in the field of Jewish community relations to discuss together the issues we anticipate will impact on our community during the coming year," said Mr. Orodener. "Plenum sessions help us develop joint policies and strategies we can use to maintain and strengthen Jewish security at home and abroad."

More than 500 representatives of NJCRAC's 11 national and 113 community member agencies are expected to attend the Plenum, which is the highest policy-making body of the NJCRAC. Debates during the joint program planning session will lead to the 1987-88 Joint Program Plan, which sets forth the consensus of the Jewish community relations field on a wide range of domestic and international concerns.

Leading American and foreign personalities will be present to discuss critical issues that are high on the American political agenda in general, and the Jewish one in particular.

Marking the Constitution's 200th anniversary, Harry A. Blackmun, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, will assess what has been achieved in protecting the fundamental rights of Americans and what still needs to be done. Appointed as a conservative by President Nixon, Blackmun defies labels in having become a swing vote on critical constitutional issues addressed by the Court. He has drafted the Court's opinions in landmark decisions, including *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, which barred laws prohibiting abortion.

A member of the Senate Select Committee investigating military assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Contras, Senator Paul S. Sarbanes will assess United States foreign policy in the Middle East after Iran. An Israeli perspective will be offered by Nimrod Novik, a key political advisor to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

In anticipation of a major debate in the Congress over escalating sanctions against South Africa, Ambassador Herman W. Nickel, former U.S. Ambassador to South Africa, and Representative Howard L. Wolpe, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, will debate whether escalating U.S. sanctions against South Africa could contribute to the dismantling of apartheid.

URI Hillel Lunch Series

The Spring, 1987 schedule to the much acclaimed URI Hillel Lunch Program was recently announced.

The Lunch Program was begun in 1980 in an attempt to discuss contemporary issues in an informal setting. Topics include issues that affect the entire URI and RI community in general and the URI Jewish community in particular. Previous speakers to the Lunch Program have included Senator Claiborne Pell, former Governor J. Joseph Garrahy, Congresswoman Claudine Schneider, Lieutenant Governor Richard Licht, former URI President Frank Newman, and others.

The schedule for Spring, 1987 is as follows: On February 12, David Passer of the Pastoral AIDS Committee of Massachusetts will lecture on the "National Jewish AIDS Project." The NJAP was begun recently as a Jewish response to the deadly A.I.D.S. disease.

Dr. Devorah Eiferman will lecture on February 26 on "The Case of the Abandoned Wife." Jewish law has always allowed for divorce as a means for dissolution of an unsuccessful marriage. But if the husband chooses to not give the divorce, the wife has few options; she cannot remarry and remains in an unfortunate limbo. Dr. Eiferman's group, Getting Equal Treatment (known by its acronym GET which is the Hebrew word for divorce) works by all means possible to obtain divorces for women caught in such situations.

There has been much discussion in the general media about the massive building which is occurring in Jerusalem by the Israelis. On March 5, Nurit Lessovsky, a graduate student in Urban Planning at Harvard University, will lecture on "Is the Jerusalem Master Building Plan Changing the Ethnic Character of the City?"

There is no lecture on March 12 due to URI's Spring Vacation.

Brian Jones, former TV reporter for *The Providence Journal*, will lecture on March 19 on the topic of "Can the Holocaust Be Adequately Portrayed on TV? Should It Be Attempted?"

All Lunch Programs begin at 12:15 p.m. on the Thursdays listed above. The lecture starts promptly at 12:45 p.m. and concludes at 1:20 p.m. Lunch costs \$3.00 while the lecture is free. The public is invited to attend.

URI Hillel, the sponsoring organization, was founded on the URI campus as a part-time organization in 1949. It became a full-time foundation in 1968 with the hiring of its first full-time director. Its current leadership consists of Lori Davis, Student Board President, Professor Louis J. Kirschenbaum, Board of Trustees President, and Rabbi Chaim Casper, Director. For further information about this or other Hillel programs, call the Hillel office at 792-2740 during normal business hours.

Rabbi Greenberg At Brown Hillel

by Suzannah Challis

"Will there be one Jewish people by the year 2000?" asked Rabbi Irving Greenberg in a talk at Brown University Feb. 3. "American freedom allows social and political forces to erode our viewpoint of ourselves as one people. Can we develop a Jewish identity to enable us to handle freedom properly?"

Greenberg pinpointed three major issues that divide the Jewish people today: conversion to Judaism, children with a non-Jewish mother, and remarriage.

Greenberg called for a "common conversion" acceptable to all forms of Judaism, one that conforms to halakic standards. "A convert generally wants to join the Jewish people, not to be acceptable to only one group," he said.

"The child with a non-Jewish mother is accepted as a Jew by Reform movement," said Greenberg. "Accepting patrilineal descent works for Reform Jews, but not for others." Such solutions that are "good" for some denominations but not for others further divide the Jewish people. "We are heading toward a fractured community," he said.

Jews have the highest remarriage rate of any group in America. "People who have remarried are in danger of being rejected by Jews who are more conservative," said Greenberg. Orthodox Jews require a "get" for a religious divorce, seeing only a civil divorce as insufficient to insure the legal status of children born in a marriage. Reform Jews do not require a "get." "Orthodoxy can get around problems by saying that Reform marriages — and Reform rabbis — have no standing.

"These problems are happening because Jews are being accepted into American society as they have never been accepted before," said Greenberg. "It is easier to create solutions that divide the Jewish people... [than to] reach out of the polarization, with its infighting, and cooperate. Pluralism is a better way... we need a variety of options to strengthen the Jewish people." He cited Ben Franklin's aphorism: "We shall hang together, or we shall hang separately."

Greenberg called for an active dialogue among Jews on how to come closer together. "We need comparative religious courses on the types of Judaism," he said.

"... Many Jews know more about Zen Buddhism than they know about Orthodox Judaism." But this works both ways. Brought up in an Orthodox environment, as an adult Greenberg met Reform and Conservative Jews and found to his surprise that many preconceptions he had held were incorrect. "They were not less educated than I, nor was I more committed," he said.

"We Jews should have a dual loyalty, one to our own type of Judaism, and the other, to the total Jewish people."

BBW Applauds Supreme Court

"B'nai B'rith Women applauds the Supreme Court decision upholding pregnancy leave laws," said Irma Gertler, international president of the 120,000 member Jewish women's organization.

The Court's January 13 ruling upheld a California law, similar to statutes in eight other states, which requires employers to give female workers up to four months of unpaid pregnancy disability leave and guarantees that their jobs will be available when they return.

"This is a positive step toward true equality for women, and moves us closer to a time when women will not have to choose between having a career and

having a baby," Gertler said.

B'nai B'rith Women unites Jewish women to promote social advancement through education, service and action. The organization has long been concerned with women and work issues, and last September hosted a day-long conference where 14 national Jewish women's organizations agreed to concentrate their efforts on educating their members about and working to attain parental/family leave, pay equity and pension reform.

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From the Editor

by Robert Israel



A Conversation With Rabbi Greenberg

PROVIDENCE — Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg, an Orthodox rabbi and president of the Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL), met with a group of reporters last week to discuss the theme of his visit, a speech he would be giving later that day as part of the symposium, "Approaching Common Ground: Living With Our Differences As American Jews." His contribution to that symposium, a six week series that runs until March 10, would explore the answer to the question, "Are We One Jewish People?"

"Yitz" Greenberg is a tall, affable man, whose balding head is covered with a yarmulke and whose long fingers reach out into the space in front of him when he makes a point. And the point he was making to the reporters, and later, to those that had gathered to listen to him at Temple Emanu-El, is that the issue of Jewish unity has become an increasingly important one due to divisiveness and mounting tensions between Jews.

"It's important to stress that the tension has been so great between Jews that it will kill us, and that people have recognized this and have pledged to work together so that this doesn't happen. During the past couple years, it has gotten worse and we haven't dealt with it," "Yitz" Greenberg said. "But now, the feeling that I am getting from my contacts, from my speeches around the country and in Israel, is that it is worth the effort."

"Yitz" stressed that his quest for unity is not a quest for uniformity.

"I think it is healthy to have differences," he said, and, giving the analogy of marriage, he added, "just like I think it is healthy in a marriage to have arguments and to fight before resolving the issues."

He is asked specifically about some of the events in the Jewish community that have created disunity, such as the Menorah lighting by the Lubavitchers at the State House in Providence (and at the State Houses all across the United States.)

"The Lubavitch movement, which has accomplished many good things, gives the impression that it cares for all Jews, but that is only partial truth," Rabbi Greenberg said. "And the Menorah issue is just one example that they care for the issues they themselves represent, which are not the same issues which are of concern to all Jews. I think they have to do a lot more soul searching if they claim they care about all Jews. As far as the Menorah lighting itself is concerned, we in the Jewish community have been extremely sensitive about the issue of separation of church and state and perhaps we're overly sensitive about it. I don't see the Menorah lighting as an example of eroding that issue any more than any other religious group trying to do a similar act."

He is asked about ways of accomplishing a dialogue between Jews, the "unity" he is seeking, when one of the main thrusts of this community has been to improve the interfaith dialogue and not the same faith dialogue. My example is from a rabbi that told me, "We are spending more time on interfaith communication than we are with same faith communication." Did he find this statement to be true?

"Yes," Rabbi Greenberg said, in reply to my question, "I think we should spend from one-half to one-third less on the Jewish/Christian dialogue and more on dialogue between ourselves. On a national level, at this point in time, we are spending very little. What I would like to see is more

dialogue between ourselves, and we could do it if we spend our resources on it."

Asked about several concrete steps he might suggest toward this new unity, he said:

"When I met with the Board of Rabbis this afternoon, I learned that they have this nice, polite forum, but that they don't discuss theology and their different interpretations of it. And I urged them to discuss these issues and to explore their differences, even if it meant losing some of that politeness for a few moments, to get it out. It takes an effort to live together. American Jews have never had this kind of freedom before, and they are flourishing here. But we are not exploring ways of improving that

"I think we should spend from one-half to one-third less on the Jewish/Christian dialogue and more on dialogue between ourselves. On a national level, at this point in time, we are spending very little. What I would like to see is more dialogue between ourselves and we could do it if we spend our resources on it."

— Rabbi Irving Greenberg

freedom and avoiding what I call the panic of freedom. One of the examples I use to define that panic of freedom is when the Orthodox, confronted with the high numbers of intermarriage rates, made statements like, 'Cut them off,' meaning, building high barriers between these people and the Jewish community. In other words, anyone less than absolute would not be accepted. A different approach, and one that I advocate, would be to keep the channels of communication open between people, and not to display such arrogance."

The symposium, "Approaching Common Ground: Living with our differences as American Jews," continues.

Session three, on February 17, is entitled, "Approaches to Kashruth," with Rabbi Kaplan, Rabbi Rosen and Rabbi Rosenberg.

Session four, on February 24, is entitled, "Ve-Talmud Ke-Neged Kulam — Approaches to Education," with Rabbi Kaunfer, Rabbi Strajcher and Rabbi Zoob.

Session five, on March 3, is entitled, "Views of Intermarriage, Conversion and Patrilineal Descent," with Rabbi Casper, Rabbi Liben and Rabbi Silverman.

The final session will take place on March 10, "Exploring our Common Ground and Building Bridges," which will include small discussion groups facilitated by Rabbinic leaders.

All sessions will take place at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Arms Exports: No Apologies

by Eric Rosenman

One of the secondary shockwaves from the U.S. shipment of weapons to Iran via Israel can be seen in the explosion of news stories about Israel's role as a weapons exporter. Major papers have bannered headlines reading, "Israel, Arms Merchant to the World" and "Israeli Economy Depends on No-Questions-Asked Arms Sales." The condemnatory mood reached the Jewish press, with one weekly putting the headline "Israel's Merchants of Death" over a relatively objective analysis.

Whenever the media hounds are after the Israeli fox, one can be sure that the adjacent countryside has escaped their notice. Getting barely *pro forma* mention this time were a number of salient facts, among them:

- Israel must maintain a domestic weapons industry. Even before the 1948 War of Independence, an arms embargo was slapped on Palestine by mandate-holder Great Britain; another was imposed by the United States after the war broke out. These affected the beleaguered Jews much more than the attacking Arabs and nearly aborted the Jewish state.

- In the early and middle 1960's Israel's major weapons systems came from France. In the wake of the 1967 Six-Day War, De Gaulle, angered that Israel had complicated his diplomatic courtship of the Arabs, imposed a new embargo, refusing even to deliver material already paid for.

- With such a history — and still surrounded by Arab states which not only refused to recognize Israel but also considered themselves at war with it — Jerusalem determined to become as military self-sufficient as possible. Even so,

- Weapons systems jumped at least two generations in complexity and destructiveness from 1967 to the 1973 Yom Kippur War and then to the 1982 Lebanon War. Their costs escalated accordingly. Selling Israeli-manufactured weapons only to the small Israeli military no longer generated enough revenue to sustain the domestic arms industry. Notwithstanding high levels of U.S. military aid, exporting weapons became critical.

- The need for exports intensified in the first half of the 1980's. While Israel

slashed its defense budget to help cut triple-digit inflation, Arab states continued to accelerate the Middle East arms race. From 1973 to the present, Arab states have imported over \$100 billion worth of weaponry. During the same period Israeli imports were about \$10 billion.

- A number of stories, citing private sources, have alleged that Israel now ranks as one of the world's most important arms exporters. In fact, the authoritative U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency's *World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers, 1985* listed the Soviet Union as number one, with 28.4% of all weapons exports from 1981 through 1984. The United States was second, with 24.6%, followed by France, 10.7%; Great Britain, 5.2%; West Germany, 4.3%, and Italy, 2.9%. The figures available, for 1980-1983, showed Israel's share at 0.77%.

- Many of the world's relatively few democracies build their own weapons or buy them from other Western states. So Israel — which now reportedly ships half the exports of its military industries to the United States — must find other markets among the much more numerous non-democratic states.

This plainly clashes with the Jewish state's biblical vocation to be "a light unto the nations" and with the Zionist ideal of a model ethical state. But any government's first duty, as the U.S. Constitution notes, is "to provide for the common defense." To do so Israel must support its arms and related industries — now employing an estimated 10% of the work force — and has no choice but to export a large portion of their output.

To protest this reality one should go not to Jerusalem but to the capitals of Europe, to Moscow and to Washington itself. Western Europe sells to the Arabs but not to Israel; Eastern Europe joins the Soviets in massive arms shipments to Syria, Libya and other Arab states. Washington sells to both sides and has no serious policy either to get the West to drop its boycott on arms to Israel or to induce both sides to cease fueling the Middle East arms race.

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Hijacking Of The ICAO

by Abraham H. Foxman

While 1986 was a year marked by events of global importance — Chernobyl, democracy in the Philippines, freedom for Natan Shcharansky — the year may be most memorable as one of increased terrorism, with roughly 800 incidents worldwide, and at the same time, as one in which much of the world community, for the first time, attempted seriously to combat the terrorist threat. Although the impact of the U.S.-Iranian exchange is yet to be determined, the American air raids on two Libyan military installations in April sent a powerful message to Khaddafi that Libyan-sponsored terrorism would no longer be tolerated. Later in the year, Britain sent a forceful signal of its own by breaking relations with Syria when Damascus' terrorist connection was indisputably exposed. And in Turkey, the government issued an arrest warrant for the Second Secretary of the Syrian Embassy who allegedly plotted the murder of a Jordanian diplomat in Ankara.

Unfortunately, not all governments and international organizations have acted so responsibly. Ironically, despite the fact that air travel has been a prime target, if not the prime target, for terrorist attacks, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the sole body charged with insuring secure aviation, has failed to join in the international effort.

Meeting this fall for its 26th General Assembly in Montreal, Council members were greeted by Canadian and Israeli proposals for the imposition of strict security measures and mandatory prison sentences for terrorists prompted, in part, by the then-recent massacre of 21 hostages aboard a Pan Am jet hijacked by Palestinian gunmen in Karachi. Sadly, even the Karachi incident and the relentless string of aviation-related catastrophes that preceded it — the slaughters at Rome and Vienna airports and the tragic murder of 60 people aboard an Egyptian airliner among them — failed to provoke the Council into decisive action. Instead, the session closed with no more than a promise to review the steps proposed and a hope to have them formally ratified and adopted when the Assembly next meets in 1988.

But this should come as no surprise. Created by the United Nations in 1947 for the express purpose of establishing and enacting international guidelines for air safety, the ICAO regrettably surrendered its mandate to politics long ago. As has happened with other U.N. agencies, Arab and Third World domination succeeded in steering the Council away from its assigned role as guardian of the skies. And despite its declared agenda, the agency itself has fallen victim to the very forces which threaten civil aviation.

For nearly two decades, Israeli representatives to the Council have encountered unyielding resistance to their government's appeals for meaningful ICAO anti-terrorist action. Although it is not a political body, ICAO's failure to move in this direction has been curiously tied to the political machinations of some of its members. As noted by the Chief Delegate of Israel in his official address before the ICAO 20th General Assembly in 1973:

Groups of men openly organized to attack international civil aviation and to threaten innocent passengers have been able to operate for a number of years thanks to the assistance they receive from Arab states such as Syria, Libya, Iraq and Lebanon. In these countries they have found bases for their operations, national facilities, the possibility of circulating freely and of taking refuge. These countries and their governments have become their protectors and their as-

sociates. That is why these states have done everything they could to stop ICAO from making progress on the establishment of international standards and [anti-terrorist] provisions that would be effective.

And so it was that beginning in the late 1960's and throughout the skyjacking era that was to last a decade, the Council's most common response to the growing terrorist threat was that of silence. Indeed, the most heinous crimes of the period, including the attacks on El Al jets in 1968, 1969 and 1970, the 1972 Arab terrorist massacre at Israel's Lod International Airport and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's senseless murder of 47 people aboard a Swiss plane in 1970, all failed to spark the ICAO's condemnation.

The Council's failure to act upon these violations of its charter contrasts sharply with the ease with which it has passed resolutions over the years denouncing Israel. Since 1967, Israel has been bombarded by repeated condemnations, some, such as the Council's denunciation of the application of Israeli law to Jerusalem, have had no connection to civil aviation. Others, including the condemnation of Israel's continued operation of Jerusalem's Atarot Airport which had been previously maintained by Jordan; the Jewish state's numerous attempts to curb air terror and insure the country's security; have occupied countless hours of ICAO attention while scores of incidents designed to threaten civilians have gone unchecked.

This special brand of ICAO selectivity has extended as well to incidents of remarkable similarity. In these cases, it is the nation involved, not the event itself, that appears to determine what ICAO action, if any, should follow.

Thus, in 1973, ICAO called for immediate sanctions against Israel following the Israel Air Force's brief detainment of an Iraqi airliner believed to be carrying ring leaders of Arab terrorist groups. Israel's explanation that the interception was a defensive move, prompted by reports that George Habash, the terrorist mastermind, was on board, did little to temper the Council's condemnation. Months earlier, however, a Libyan interception of a BOAC jet that resulted in the eventual execution of two passengers, passed without ICAO comment. Similarly, in 1986, Israel diverted a Libyan plane suspected of carrying top PLO officials en route to Damascus. The interception and short detention of the jet led to harsh ICAO condemnation; yet, that same year, Iraq's seizure and extended detention of two Iranian planes resulted in no such penalty.

Of the many contradictions that have riddled the Council's 40-year record, its 1977 admission of the Palestine Liberation Organization as an observer and subsequent recognition in 1981 as a working member of the aviation group, was perhaps the most striking. What could the PLO possibly offer but additional obstacles, indeed, insurance, that no meaningful anti-terrorist measures would be adopted?

Once on the inside, the PLO joined in the Arab government effort to influence key ICAO votes. Thus, the Council's erratic posture has continued, culminating these past 14 months in its quick condemnation of Israel's defensive raid on the PLO's military headquarters in Tunisia, while ignoring most of the 28 hijackings and an equal number of aircraft and airport explosions that wracked the period.

Clearly, the time has come for the ICAO to live up to its mandated responsibilities.

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Israel's Nuclear Strategy

NEW YORK (JTA) — The strategic issues raised in the Jerusalem trial of Mordechai Vanunu, charged with leaking Israel's atomic secrets to a foreign newspaper, have been largely lost in the shuffle.

According to Vanunu's information as published in London's Sunday Times, Israel now ranks as the world's sixth largest nuclear power — just after (in descending order) Great Britain, France, and The People's Republic of China.

According to the report, Israel has stockpiled at least 100 nuclear weapons, and has the "components and ability to build atomic, neutron or hydrogen bombs" of both the "suburb-busting" nuclear and "city-busting" thermo-nuclear types.

At the outset, observers expressed doubt that Vanunu's nuclear story was on the level, reading it as an intentional leak in order to warn off the Syrians, whose chemical weapons build-up was recently discussed in the media.

In fact, quite the opposite may be true: the "sudden" appearance of information on the Syrians' chemical warfare capabilities was probably introduced to provide part of the strategic context for the discussion of Israel's nuclear force which the Vanunu revelations have thrust upon us.

Division Among Israeli Strategic Planners

Israel's nuclear strategy is at the heart of one of the critical debates dividing Israeli strategic planners and leading politicians. The key question is to what extent Israel should employ, and rely on, a nuclear umbrella to balance out what is ultimately an insurmountable Arab conventional edge.

This division cuts across other issues, like the dove/hawk territorial one. Both the annexationists and the doves are divided among pro-nuclear and pro-conventional lines.

Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, an internationally recognized expert on nuclear physics who heads the far-right Tehiya Party, is pro-nuclear. Ariel Sharon, no less a committed annexationist, sees Israel's future wars in conventional, non-nuclear terms.

The nuclear/conventional strategic debate also divides Israeli moderates. There are doves who see a nuclear umbrella as a substitute for strategic depth. Others doubt that Israel could live safely within the old 1967 borders.

This debate was the secret text animating supporters of Shimon Peres (Israel's foremost champion of nuclear thinking) and Yitzhak Rabin in the years when the two struggled for leadership of the Labor Party. It also explains why Rabin briefly took Sharon on as an adviser, while Peres appointed Ne'eman, during the last Labor government in the mid-1970's.

Important Questions Left Unanswered

Now this internal Israeli discussion, suppressed by a tradition of self-imposed silence on national security matters, has come out into the open. But the new disclosures still leave the most important questions unanswered.

What are the geographical and situational — not to mention the ethical — limitations on the use of Israel's nuclear weapons? What governs the "when" and the "where" of their use?

Presumably, nuclear weapons could only be employed in a "Samson"-type scenario, with Arab armies breaking through and threatening the heartland. How could Israel justify their use in a limited conflict, like a conventional Syrian offensive aimed at recapturing parts of the Golan Heights, or an anti-PLO foray into Lebanon? Or doesn't that leave Israel without recourse to its nuclear arsenal in the overwhelming majority of possible military confrontations?

Moreover, just where could Israel use a thermo-nuclear "city-buster"? Or even the small "suburb-busting" variety? On bellicose Damascus?

A Major Problem

There is a major problem with this scenario even if one discounts the unpredictable Soviet response to an Israeli first-use of nuclear weapons against Syria, Moscow's regional ally. With a sudden gust of wind, the radioactive material released over Damascus could boomerang back and cover Israel within a few hours.

According to the new information, however, Israel can produce neutron weapons which can kill the people and leave the buildings standing — and which would not pose a boomerang threat to Israel proper.

These severe restrictions on the use of nuclear weapons bolster the arguments of the anti-nuclear strategists whose thinking remains dominated by traditional conventional categories, like territorial depth.

But there is no escaping a confrontation with the necessity for a nuclear counterweight to growing Arab power.

The Gulf War won't go on forever. Israel planners must imagine the possibility of conflict not only with Syria, armed to the teeth by the Soviets, but with an "eastern front" including Iraq, Jordan and Iran. Even given today's political reality, they cannot rule out the possibility that Egypt will return to the war front against Israel.

Dispelling Arab Illusions

This scenario overwhelms with sheer numbers and weight the traditional military doctrine which balanced the Arab advantage in men and weapons systems with Israeli quality and sophistication, and since 1967 with some territorial depth.

No wonder someone began to make nuclear contingency plans. And if nuclear weapons cannot do everything, they do act to dispel any lingering Arab illusions about wiping Israel off the map. They

also serve notice on the Syrians that chemical weapons or no, Israel retains the strategic upper hand.

Of course, the possible Arab conventional advantage and the introduction into Arab arsenals of longer-range missiles capable of hitting Israeli air bases and mobilization centers raises another possibility. And that is that the most hard boiled conception of Israel's strategic interest is to work for the reduction of tensions and for peace.

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The Institute of Jewish Studies of Temple Emanu-El is proud to present the following course offerings for the Winter Semester: FIRST HOUR - 7:30-8:20 p.m.

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 - 4) A Creative Approach to Raising Jewish Children, Rabbi Daniel H. Liben, Ivy Marvil.
 - 5) Interpreters & Elucidators of Torah, Rabbi Saul Leeman.
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Social Events

Trudy Goldfarb To Wed Martin Silverman

Mr. Samuel Goldfarb of Lauderdale Lakes, formerly of Providence, and the late Doris Goldfarb, announce the engagement of their daughter, Trudy Goldfarb of Natick Mass., to Martin D. Silverman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Silverman of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Albany, New York.

Ms. Goldfarb is the Operations Manager for the Care Connection, an affiliate of the Boston Visiting Nurse Association. Mr. Silverman is a Hospital Service Representative for the Schering Corporation.

A September, 1987 wedding is planned.

Dr. Smith To Speak

G. Richard Smith, Jr., M.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Medicine at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine and past President of the Arkansas Psychiatric Society, will be guest speaker for the Fain Oration at The Miriam Hospital.

The Oration will be held on Monday, March 16, 1987 at 11 a.m. in The Miriam's Sopkin Auditorium. Smith, who is the Vice Chairman in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, will address, "Somatization Disorder: Patients with Multiple Unexplained Symptoms." Physicians and others interested in this topic are invited to attend the lecture.

Smith has researched and published extensively on the topic of Somatization Disorder. He is an active member on the APA Task Force on Private Insurance and the APA Task Forces on Cost-Effectiveness in Consultation and Liaison Psychiatry. He is also a consultant for the APA Task Force on Treatment of Psychiatric Disorders and an Examiner for the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Smith, who is an attending and consulting physician at numerous hospitals in Little Rock, Arkansas, received a B.S. degree in Chemical Biology, with distinction, from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. His M.D. was earned at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine in Little Rock.

Dr. Deutsch Receives Fellowship

A great honor was recently bestowed upon a physician at The Miriam Hospital. Allan M. Deutsch, M.D., Radiologist-in-Chief, was elected to Fellowship in the American College of Radiology.

Dr. Deutsch was elected to Fellowship by the Board of Chancellors of the College in Virginia. The honor was given to him based on his outstanding contributions and services to radiology. He will receive his degree at a Convocation to be held in San Diego, California in September of this year. Upon receiving his degree, Dr. Deutsch will be eligible to place FACR after his name to indicate his new status.

The dedicated physician has been practicing medicine at The Miriam for 15 years.

Prof. Sela At Miriam

Michael Sela, Ph.D., Professor of Immunology at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, and Past President of the Weizmann Institute, was guest speaker for the Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Oration at The Miriam Hospital.

Sela, who has had extensive involvement in international health organizations, addressed, "Macromolecular Drugs and Vaccines," which dealt with the pathogenesis and therapy of Multiple Sclerosis. Multiple Sclerosis is a progressive, genetic disease which affects nerve fibers of the brain and spinal cord.

Sela is a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Advisory Panel on Immunology and is also head of the WHO, Immunology Research and Training Centre for Advanced Training in Immunology, at the Weizmann Institute of Science. He is a member of the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies. His accomplishments and honors include having received over 25 national and international awards for his research.

Sela, who is Chief Immunologist, New England Medical Center in Boston, and Visiting Professor at both Tufts University School of Medicine and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

URI Holds Blood Drive

Lori Davis, URI Hillel Student Board President is proud to announce a successful blood drive run on the URI campus, December 2 and 3, 1986.

The blood drive netted 290 pints of blood with 52 medical deferrals. On an average day, Rhode Island needs 150 pints to handle its medical needs.

Ann Sepe, the Rhode Island Blood Center's Director of Community Resources, in a letter to Miss Davis, called the results "outstanding." Ms. Sepe also singled out for appreciation two Hillel students for their help on behalf of the blood drive: Jeff Pavlov of Randolph, MA and Laura Harris from Stony Brook, N.Y.

In conclusion, Ms. Sepe said in her letter, "Your University and our community should be very proud of the support showed to our life-giving program." Sponsorship of the blood drive is a yearly public action program of URI Hillel. In addition, URI Hillel runs a full and varied program consisting of social, cultural, educational, religious, and advocacy programs on the URI campus in Kingston.

Marla Schlessinger To Wed Mitchell Tapper

Dr. and Mrs. G. Gustav Schlessinger, 8 Norton Court, Norwich, Connecticut, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marla Ann, to Mitchell Jay Tapper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tapper of Brighton Beach, New York.

Mr. Tapper graduated from Brooklyn Talmudical Academy and received a Bachelor's degree in Marketing from Baruch College in New York. He is employed as a Detective Investigator in the Queens County District Attorney's Office. He is also a professional freelance photographer.

Ms. Schlessinger graduated from Norwich Free Academy and attended Touro College and New York University where she graduated with a B.S. degree in Finance. She is employed at Shufro, Rose & Ehrman, members of the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street as an investment trainee — client accounts.

An August 16 wedding is planned.

Violin Recital At Jewish Home

The students of Sophia Herman will present a Valentine's Recital at the Jewish Home on February 15, 1987 at 2 p.m. The violinists will be accompanied by piano. The relatives and friends of the residents of the Home are invited to attend.

Charles Waterman Honored



(l-r) Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, Co-Chairman; Charles I. Waterman, Honoree; Morton D. Kosch, Co-Chairman.

A capacity crowd filled the social hall of Temple Shalom in Middletown, Rhode Island to pay honor and tribute to Mr. Charles I. Waterman for his many years of dedicated and devoted service to the Judah Touro Lodge #998 of B'nai Brith. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, Co-Chairman of the event was Master of Ceremonies.

Also participating in the festivities were Charles Green, President of Judah Touro Lodge #998 who brought greetings. Mr. Samuel Shlevin, Chief Justice of the District Court and ADL Chairman paid tribute to his dear friend Chuck Waterman and presented him with a citation. Also speaking and making a presentation was Mr. Martin

Waldman, Past President, Central New England Council. Proclamations from the City of Newport and the Town of Middletown were given to Chuck, as were Resolutions from the State of Rhode Island House of Representatives.

Co-Chairman and long time friend, Morton D. Kosch introduced the guest of honor and presented Mrs. Waterman with a memento of the occasion. Charles Waterman spoke of his love for B'nai Brith and his dedication to the organization over the years. It was an afternoon long to be remembered for its warmth and meaning. A tribute to the man, Charles Waterman and the organization, B'nai Brith.

Prov. Chapter Of Hadassah

The Providence Chapter of Hadassah will hold an Open Board Meeting on Monday, February 23, 1987, in the Senior Lounge of the Jewish Community Center. Coffee hour 12:30 p.m. Meeting 1 p.m. All members are invited.

Current Events Discussion Group

Due to the fact that the last meeting for the Providence Chapter of Hadassah had to be cancelled because of snow conditions, Doris McGarry, leader for the Current Events Discussion Group, is asking all members of the Providence Chapter to note that a Current Events Discussion Group meeting will take place on February 23, 1987 at 11 a.m. prior to the Open Board Meeting.

Dvorah Dayan To Meet

Dvorah Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will meet at the home of Ruth Garber, 151 Ridge Street, Pawtucket on Monday, February 16 at 7:45 p.m.

Guest will be Eva Sapolsky who will review the book "Home Ground" by Lynn Freed.

Our next major event will be our Annual Theater Party at Rhode Island College on Thursday, April 23, featuring the musical "Oklahoma."

Guests and friends are invited to this meeting.

Diamond Jubilee Planned

"It was the place to go — the thing to do, the time to be seen. I was thrilled out of my mind for my date to take me to the Home's affair. All the 'Who's who' in Providence attended."

Muriel Leach

"I remember it well ... Everyone dressed up, fit to kill. All the dances were formal and all the women out-did themselves with their dresses and jewelry."

Helen Rosen

"Boy, do I ever remember those dances. Absolutely everyone went. We used to have a few drinks with friends, and then off we'd go to the dance."

Sam Schneider

"Wow! Those dances were fantastic! They were always successful. All our friends went. It seemed that everyone looked forward to them and came out for them."

Leo Rosen

In an effort to recapture the past and move on to a more glittering future, The Jewish Home is looking forward to a gala Diamond Jubilee dinner dance on June 7, 1987 at Rosecliff in Newport.

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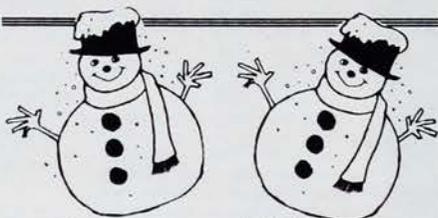
by Dorothea Snyder



Snow Bunnies



Who says you can't bike in snow? Michael Di Orio is capped in his brother's school hat.



Snow is child's play for these tots at the Jewish Community Center's Infant-Toddler Care Center and Nursery School.

Looking like little astronauts bundled up in their snowsuits, their faces blushing rosy pink, the kids were having a super time in the great outdoors!



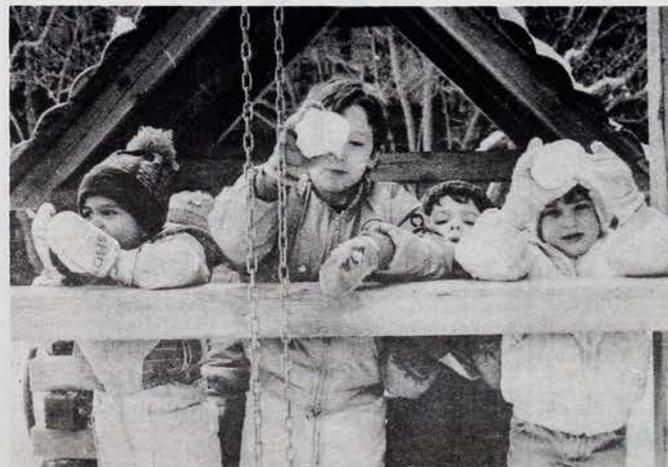
High school assistant Meredith Blecker holds Adam Siegle while Ben Karten and Joshua Resnik bounce around in a tire.



A joyful Aaron Halpern-Ruder romps through the snowy, wooden playhouse.



A bit of Alpine sliding for Marianna Gordon and Ava Rumstad-Stern.



A show of snowballs by Adam Seigle, Jan Linkovsky, David Maceroni and Abby Rosenthal, from left. (photos by Dorothea Snyder)



Alissa Resnik glides into teacher Lisa Ricci's arms.





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The Miracle of Intervale Avenue: The Story of a Jewish Congregation in the South Bronx. Jack Kugelmass; with photographs by the author. Schocken Books, 62 Cooper Square, New York, NY 10003. vi + 231 pages.

Reviewed by **Nathan M. Kaganoff**

The Intervale Jewish Center of the South Bronx was established in 1971. It might seem unusual to describe a synagogue's activities on its 69th anniversary, but the Intervale Jewish Center is a very unusual synagogue. It is situated in one of the worst slums in the world — a neighborhood called Fort Apache by the local police. In fact, it is an area that a German film crew considered a suitable representation of Dresden after its devastating bombing in World War II.

The Intervale Jewish Center still functions as an Orthodox synagogue. This is all the more surprising considering the fact that even during its Jewish heyday thirty to fifty years ago, the Bronx was more a center of secular Judaism than of Orthodoxy.

Perhaps, the Center's popular claim to fame might well be that Herman Wouk laid the building's cornerstone while still a child of five. Wouk's father was a founder of the congregation and his grandfather was its rabbi for many years.

True, the synagogue no longer

has a minyan every day, but it does have services every Saturday and Sunday. The "miracle" in the book's title refers to the fact that despite the age of the congregants, someone always seems to arrive to replace a member who has died or moved away.

The author of the book, an anthropologist, has described a fascinating tale. He has poignantly portrayed the cast of characters who make up the minyan. The author himself is part of the miracle. Having come at first to study this unusual synagogue for research purposes, by coincidence he replaced a regular congregant who had just died. So fascinated was he by the experience, he continued to attend services for five years.

The book is primarily an in-depth study of a small group of men and women who continue to live in the neighborhood and compose the membership of the Center. Of the regular attendees, almost all are quite elderly; three are black Jews. Most have lived in the Bronx for fifty or sixty years. Most readers will be very much surprised by the author's findings.

The congregants are not poor. In fact, some are quite comfortable and even own property. They feel quite safe where they are, although they do not take any chances. They do not remain in the neighborhood because they have nowhere to go. All are constantly urged by their children who live

elsewhere to move. By persisting they are asserting their independence. The author suggests that essentially they are all, each in their own way, survivors. Each congregant openly declares that old age must be accompanied by dignity and freedom and this is the place where they can most easily preserve both. Perhaps there is also the hidden feeling that if they can survive in such circumstances, they may be able to cheat death itself, and if not cheat, at least to delay it as long as possible.

The account is well written. In many instances, the author has merely transcribed the conversations that were recorded. The illustrations provide an additional dimension to the narrative — those of the individuals reveal their strength of character and personality; those of the neighborhood are stark and distressing.

Anyone interested in American Jewish history, sociology, or contemporary events will find this volume informative and fascinating. Perhaps there is a larger lesson to be learned here as well. In the *Goldene medineh* of America there are Jews in the late 20th century living under conditions worse than those found in almost any area in the world. And they are surviving. They would probably thrive if not for their advanced age. Are they perhaps a poignant example of Jewish survival of the last two thousand years. And should some of our fears for the Jewish future in America be somewhat allayed?

Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland. By Malgorzata Niezabitowska; photographs by Tomasz Tomaszewski; translated by William Brand and Hanna Dobosiewicz. Friendly Press, 401 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. 272 pages. \$35

Reviewed by **David M. Szonyi**

There has been a Jewish community in Poland for almost 900 years, since the time of the First Crusade. By 1939, Polish Jewry numbered 3½ million; after the Holocaust — all six of the major death camps were located in Poland — there were one-tenth that number. A series of pogroms in 1945-46 reduced the number to 250,000, which shrank dramatically following mass emigrations in 1957 (following governmental liberation) and, particularly, 1968 (following government-sponsored campaign of anti-Semitism).

Today, there are approximately 5,000 Jews left in Poland, of whom only about one-third belong to the organized community. Although it witnessed a Bar Mitzvah in 1985, Polish Jewry has had no rabbi, cantor, or ritual slaughterer for

"Approaching Common Ground" Symposium

The symposium, "Approaching Common Ground," will continue on February 17 with "Approaches to Kashruth," featuring Rabbis Kaplan, Rosen and Rosenberg as guest speakers. The program begins at 8:30 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. The community is welcome to attend.



Rabbi Philip Kaplan



Rabbi David Rosen



Rabbi James Rosenberg

many years. It is a haunted community, haunted by its great history and the unassimilable horror of its immediate past.

This book, the product of five years of work, is a remarkable journalistic-photographic portrait of the Jews who remain. A non-Jewish husband-and-wife team who were active in the Solidarity movement, Niezabitowska and Tomaszewski first became interested in Polish Jewry's radiant-terrible past and misadventure present in 1968, and began working on this book in 1981, following Solidarity's suppression.

In their wanderings throughout the country, they encountered considerable fear, mistrust and cynicism. "Leave my corpse alone. You are young. Write about the living," one man in Lublin told her. More often than not, however, their subjects, appreciating the couple's interest and persistence, opened up to them. Many articulate the pain of being part of a tiny, dying community; some declare their commitment to preserving the religious or secular Yiddish culture that was. Perhaps most moving is Symon Szurmiej, Director of the Jewish Theatre, who told Niezabitowska, "I am a prothesis because, in fact, I am not here. I do not exist... I am already on the other side. I have only one passion left: to protect the flame that has survived."

The couple does encounter the

Warsaw Jewish Circle, a kind of havurah of a dozen or so young people who have become passionately interested in their heritage, maintain Jewish observance and even organized and underground "Jewish Flying University." While many of their parents' odysseys were from religious homes to a commitment to communism, their children courageously have traveled in the reverse direction, a far lonelier journey. Niezabitowska and Tomaszewski also introduce us to Mateuz Kos, a teenager who, amid the utilitarian, atheist and cynical society that is contemporary Poland, has become a ba'al teshuvah (newly observant Jew). As such, he is a symbol of commitment in a community more characterized by fear and assimilation.

For the most part, however, the small Polish Jewish community feels, understandably, dwarfed by the past (there is about one Jewish cemetery for every ten Jews in Poland). Yet the past, the rich world of pre-Holocaust Polish Jewry-Hasidism, Yiddish culture, the Bund, the Zionist movement and so much else — "seems as distant as the ancient Etruscans do from the present day inhabitants of Rome."

Given that the community seems ineluctably destined to disappear, Niezabitowska and Tomaszewski have done a magnificent job, in what is clearly a labor of love, of recording its last years. Tomaszewski's color photographs, which are interspersed throughout the text, are expressive and evocative.

Unfortunately, because of its price and bulk, *Remnants* is in danger of being relegated to a coffee table book. That would be a great shame, for it is an enormously moving, superb synthesis of journalism and photography. One can only hope that Niezabitowska's presence in this country this academic year (on a Meinan Fellowship at Harvard) and the exhibition of Tomaszewski's photographs (currently at the International Center for Photography in New York) will help *Remnants* receive the exposure it deserves — and that the publisher will produce a significantly less expensive paperback edition.



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Rabbi Casper said that student programs are open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Rabbi Casper noted: "The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations' Summer Student Programs in Israel includes a wide variety of programs and travel seminars, from which students may choose one, two or more appropriate options. It's a sort of smorgasbord of programs ranging from a three-week introductory tour of Israel to a week of hiking and snorkeling in Southern Israel to specialized seminars for Social Work, Business, and Law Students to a month in a development town and more."

Each seminar has a special theme or focus. "Explore the Land" is a two-week introductory tour/seminar for undergraduate and graduate students. Highlights of the trip include special political and military briefings on location, visits to Israeli universities, kibbutzim and settlements, exploration of archaeological sites; touring of the Galilee, Negev, and Tel Avid-Jerusalem areas; unique cultural experiences and social events.

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For further information and brochures describing these opportunities, please contact Rabbi Chaim Casper, Hillel Director of URI, 34 Lower College Road, Kingston, R.I. 02881-0818, 401-792-2740.

Oration Held At Miriam

"Selective Primary Health Care: A Major New Initiative for International Health" will be the topic for The Miriam Hospital's annual History and medicine Oration. The speaker for the Oration is Kenneth S. Warren, M.D., Director, Health Sciences at The Rockefeller Foundation in New York.

The Oration will be held in The Miriam's Sopkin Auditorium on Thursday, February 26, 1987, at 11 a.m., and is both open to and appropriate for the public and members of the medical community.

Dr. Warren's lecture will deal with the conflicting priorities of the public health sector and the medical community regarding developing nations. An example of this conflict are the opposing concerns of sanitary conditions and immunization policies by the public health sector and physicians respectively. Dr. Warren will address four crucial medical initiatives that have been implemented on a global scale within the last five years to improve the morbidity and mortality rate of children in developing nations.

Dr. Warren, who is Adjunct Professor at Rockefeller University and Professor of Medicine at New York University, has over seventeen years' experience as Editorial Board Member for numerous publications. He belongs to both national and international societies, including the Japanese Society of Parasitologists, the International Epidemiological Association and the New York Society of Tropical Medicine. His outstanding research has earned him the National Institute of Health's Research Career Development Award, the Squibb Award of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, and most recently the Mary Kingsley Medal, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Warren received his A.B. degree (Cum Laude) from Harvard Medical School. He also received his Diploma for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the London School of Hygiene.

The Miriam's History and Medicine Oration is in honor of Alfred W. Senft, M.D., Professor, Emeritus at Brown University.

International House Event

The International House of Rhode Island's "Desserts Extraordinaire" evening will be held on Friday, February 20 from 4-6 p.m. at 8 Stimson Avenue, Providence (snowdate: February 22 from 4-6 p.m.). The program will feature an assortment of exotic and delicious international sweets selected to satisfy the most discriminating palate. The fee is \$5 for IHRI members, \$8 for the general public, and \$3 for students. For reservations and further information, call 421-7181 by February 17.

The International House is a nonprofit center for cultural exchange and understanding between international visitors and Americans. It provides a broad spectrum of services for students and visitors from other countries, including English language classes, emergency shelter, crisis intervention, informal counseling, Host Family Programs, ethnic events, and community resource, lodging, and children referrals. International House also offers Americans rare opportunities to form friendships with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds through informal conversations, nationality dinners, and cultural awareness programs.

Parents Plights & Rights

by Dr. Steve Imber



Dear Dr. Imber:

I am a single parent who is blessed with a very intelligent adolescent son. He attends a private day school in the New England area. Although he is bright and seems to have good academic potential, he has continuously avoided assuming responsibility for completing his schoolwork. I have tried praising him to the hilt. I have tried punishing him. I have even had him attend different schools. Unfortunately, nothing I have tried has worked. My son is a very nice boy, however, he will do anything and everything to avoid meeting school responsibilities. I am at the end of my rope!!! I need some direction — before it is too late.

Hanging By A Thread

Dear Hanging:

Your son is indeed in a rather precarious position. While he is apparently an intelligent and capable young man, he appears to have little regard for his schoolwork. Based upon the information you have shared with me, a number of questions arise. He may be a very intelligent young man, but does he have a specific learning disability which makes it very difficult for him to complete his work? If he has a specific learning disability, has he experienced sufficient frustration to "turn him off" from school? Does your son (from his own perspective) feel that he has any control over the situation? Does your son want to continue to attend the day school? What consequences have been established when his work is completed or when he has failed to complete work for which he is responsible? To what degree is your son's relationship with his peers, his teacher, other family members, and even yourself, a significant factor?

It would be especially helpful if a review of your son's could be conducted to examine his achievement test scores over the past several years. If he demonstrates consistently high scores and in fact completes some of his work at school with a high degree of accomplishment (including written assignments), then it may be relatively easy to rule out a learning disability. If a review of the records and his current level of academic functioning in school presents a more uncertain picture, then obtaining a special education evaluation through the local public school system or a private agency is warranted.

From what you have described, even if there is a learning disability, emotional and behavioral factors are probably highly significant. That is, while it

From Israel Desk At BJE

The Jerusalem Film Workshop is a three-week intensive introduction to film and television in Jerusalem at the Jerusalem Film Center. The program will emphasize an analysis of Israeli society through film and television and a video production workshop permitting self-expression with Jerusalem as the focus.

This program is open to college students through age 28. The cost is \$1760 and dates for this year are June 29-July 20. For further information, contact Ruth Page at the BJE, 331-0956.

is essential that the level of assigned work be within your son's present levels of functioning, it is very possible that his lack of motivation may persist. I would therefore suggest that you pursue some form of counseling in which communication can be readily established between your son's school, the counselor, and yourself. It will be important to establish a monitoring system so that each member of the team is fully informed as to the degree to which your son is indeed accurately completing his classwork and his homework. It will also be important to monitor his performance on quizzes, tests, and projects.

Because your son is bright, you must readily assume that he is more than able to organize his work and to study. However, your son may have not mastered either of these skills. It is therefore suggested that you consider having a well-qualified specialist to work with him on homework completion, study skills, and long-term assignments.

It is most critical that a behavioral management system be established so that there are indeed clear positive and negative contingencies which are consistently applied based upon monitoring reports. Your son should be included in any

"negotiations" about a contract which would establish appropriate expectations as well as positive and negative consequences.

The results of psychological testing, parent, and child interviews should clarify the degree to which your son is actively engaged in a power struggle with you and his teachers. If, given an ability to complete assigned work, tutorial assistance, and counseling, your son persists in work avoidance or refusal, then his desire to control the situation and engage in a constant power struggle will become far more apparent.

Due to the length and severity of the presenting problem, I suggest that you work with a professional to coordinate evaluation and treatment services so that a systematic treatment program can be developed, implemented, and monitored.

Dr. Imber is a Professor of Special Education at Rhode Island College, a past president of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders and a consultant to parents and schools. Questions about children and adolescents with learning or behavioral problems can be mailed to him at 145 Waterman Street, Providence, R.I. 02906 (401-276-5775). All communication will be held in strict confidence.

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Arts & Entertainment



Amadeus Quartet To Perform

London's acclaimed Amadeus Quartet will give a single performance at Jordan Hall of the New England Conservatory on Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m. The Amadeus performance, presented in the Wang Celebrity Series, includes works of Haydn, Schubert, and Britten.

The Amadeus Quartet, formed in London in 1947, is unique among the world's important quartets. Throughout its 39-year performance history, the Amadeus has not had a single change in personnel. They perform an annual London season, offer regular concert tours of Great Britain, Europe, the Far East, and

North America, and maintain teaching affiliations at the Royal Academy of Music in London and at the Cologne Musikhochschule. Their 1986-87 season includes Beethoven cycles in Munich and Turin, and two new recordings: the Schubert String Quintet (with guest artist Robert Cohen), and the Brahms G minor Piano Quartet with Murray Perahia, piano.

For its March 13 Celebrity Series concert, the Amadeus will play: Franz Josef Haydn, Quartet in G Major, Opus 76, no. 1; Benjamin Britten, Quarter no. 3, Opus 94; (written for and premiered by the Amadeus in 1975) Franz Schubert, Quartet in D minor, Opus Posthumous, D. 810 ("Death and the Maiden").

Remaining tickets to the

Amadeus Quartet performance are priced at \$16.50, and will go on sale March 2 at the Jordan Hall box office (536-2412) and through Concertcharge, 497-1118.

The 1986-87 Wang Celebrity Series is supported in part by Wang Laboratories, Inc., and by generous grants from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts & Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Boston Arts Lottery Council.

Jean-Pierre Rampal In Concert

The world-renowned flautist, Jean-Pierre Rampal, will perform in a Symphony Hall recital on Sunday, March 8 at 3 p.m. Presented by the Wang Celebrity Series, the Rampal recital includes works by Bach, Telemann, Poulenc, and Prokofiev. John Steele Ritter, piano and harpsichord, is assisting artist.

Rampal, whose annual Celebrity Series recitals always draw standing-room-only audiences, is considered the father figure in the current world-wide flute renaissance. Born in Marseilles, Rampal initially studied the flute with his father — the principal flautist for the Marseilles Symphony — while intending a career in medicine. His medical studies were interrupted by the second World War. Preferring to go underground than to engage in military service for the Vichy government, Rampal headed for Paris and eventually, flute classes at the National Conservatory. Five months later, Rampal received the Conservatory's first prize in flute. After the Allied liberation of Paris, Rampal was offered the first flute chair at the Paris Opera — and his career was born.

Today, Jean-Pierre Rampal performs with virtually every major orchestra in the United States and Europe, and remains in constant, international demand as a recitalist. He is among the most widely recorded concert artists of his generation.

For his Celebrity Series recital on March 8, Rampal will perform: Georg Philipp Telemann, Sonata in F Minor; Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, Sonata in G Major, W. 133 ("Hamburger"); Johann Sebastian Bach, Sonata in B minor, BWV 1030; Francis Poulenc, Sonata for Flute & Piano (1957); Sergei Prokofiev, Sonata in D Major, Opus 94 (1943).

Remaining tickets for the Jean-Pierre Rampal recital are priced at \$19.50, \$17.50 and \$16.50, and will go on sale beginning February 17 at the Symphony Hall box office (266-1492) and through Concertcharge, 497-1118. Group discount rates are available by calling the Wang Celebrity Series at 482-2595.

The 1986-87 Wang Celebrity Series is supported in part by Wang Laboratories, Inc., and by generous grants from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts & Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Boston Arts Lottery Council.

Theatre Review: "Our Town" At Trinity Rep



The cast of Trinity Rep, in Trinity Rep's production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, in the Upstairs Theatre, running through March 1. (Photo by Mark Morelli)

by Lois D. Atwood

Our Town, by Thornton Wilder, will play at Trinity Rep through March 1. Paul Benedict directed, with scenery design by Robert D. Soule, lighting by John F. Custer, costumes by William Lane and musical direction by Richard Cumming. Cast members are James Carruthers, Michael Cobb, Laura Colella, Timothy Crowe, Janice Duclos, Peter Gerety, David C. Jones, Richard Kneeland, Becca Lish, Greg Retinas, Brian McEleney, Patricia McGuire, Derek Meader, Barbara Meek, Anne Scurria, Frederick Sullivan, Jr., Daniel Von Bergen, Daniel Welch and Laura Ann Worthen.

Two quotations from Wilder in the program seem particularly applicable to this play: "A dramatist is one who believes that the pure event, an action involving human beings, is more arresting than any comment that can be made upon it. On the stage it is always *now*" and "I see myself making an effort to find the dignity in the trivial of our daily life... and in the validity of each individual's emotion."

Our Town depicts Grover's Corners, N.H., as everyone's remembered small town, looked back upon with the omniscience of hindsight and the objectivity of death. The playwright, however, comments on the trivia of daily life by the way he sets it within a universal context, so that school, work, marriage, family

relationships and death at Grover's Corners are the experience of mankind. And by having a stage manager (Kneeland) set each scene, Wilder draws audience and actors into community.

Kneeland's matter-of-factness contains geniality but also a hard awareness of reality. His stage manager is not a friendly old philosopher who rambles gently through a series of episodes but rather one who shows us that what has mattered still has vitality, even while he points to graveyard peace as preliminary to another life.

Other actors who stand out in a well-acted production are Gerety as Mr. Webb, Welch as George Gibbs, Lish as Emily Webb and McEleney as Simon Stimson. Gerety has played many swaggering roles, few quiet everyday ones such as this kind husband/father concerned for his family. Welch, moving from young adolescent to bridegroom, rings true every time. Lish illuminates youth, early maturity and death, gathering up in herself the understanding Wilder wants to leave us with. McEleney is a shadowy but vivid figure as the anguished, alcoholic choir director.

Trinity Rep has done a good job with an old chestnut, reaffirming values that were already ambiguous when Wilder wrote *Our Town*.

N.E. Flower Show

BOSTON — For the 116th consecutive year, the return of spring will be heralded by the New England Spring Flower Show, a presentation of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society that will run March 14-22 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Richard H. Daley, the executive director of the Horticultural Society, announced the dates of the traditional spring festivities, and unveiled this year's theme, "Gardens of the World."

The Spring Flower Show can be found at the Bayside Exposition Center just off the Southeast Expressway (Route 93) at Exit 15. Ample parking is available. By public transportation, take the Ashmont Red Line to JFK/UMASS station. MBTA buses will shuttle between the station and the Flower Show.

CALENDAR ITEM:

Sunday, February 15, 1987, 2-5 p.m. Boston's 5th Annual Conference on the Israeli Environment. At the Israel Cultural Center, 17 Commonwealth Avenue, Back Bay, Boston. With 3 unique lecture/slide presentations: "The Impact of Israel on its Environment: The Cases of Mt. Carmel, Haifa, and the Galilee." "The Impact of the Environment on Israel: The Cases of the Negev Desert and the Development Town of Dimona."

Exotic Jewry Series At JCC

A series of three films and discussions exploring Jewish culture throughout the world will be held in late January and February. The "Exotic Jewry" series is sponsored by the Adult Services Department of the Jewish Community Center.

The final film in the series, "The Samaritans" will be shown on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. The film by Johanna Spector views the Samaritans, a group who has separated themselves from the Jewish people over 2500 years ago and consider themselves Hebrews, not Jews. Their observances provide a fascinating contrast to present day ritual. The discussion leader will be Barbara Resnicoff, currently a tax lawyer in Providence, who has lived all over the world.

The fee for each film is \$1.50; \$3.50 for the series. The films will be shown at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. For further information call Ann Miller at 861-8800.

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R.I. Philharmonic

The Rhode Island Philharmonic will perform on Saturday, February 14, beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Providence Performing Arts Center. The Orchestra will be under the direction of guest conductor Robert Gutter, and will feature as soloist, the world famous pianist Malcolm Frager. The program will open with the *Academic Festival Overture* of Brahms, followed by the *Piano Concerto No. 3* of Bartok, with Mr. Frager. The concert will conclude with the *Symphony No. 7* of Beethoven.

This concert will mark Malcolm Frager's fourth appearance with the Rhode Island Philharmonic. Born in St. Louis, he began piano lessons at the age of four and made his recital debut at the age of six and his orchestral debut at the age of ten. He is the only pianist to have won First Prize in both the Leventritt and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium Piano Competitions. Mr. Frager has made numerous recordings the most recent of which is a digital recording of Chopin's works for Telarc. He has performed in over 70 countries around the world and this season appears with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Rochester Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra, as well as a recital in Washington, D.C. Malcolm Frager graduated from Columbia University where he majored in Russian and has become fluent in many other languages as well.

Robert Gutter has been credited with building the Springfield (MA) Symphony into one of the nation's most respected regional orchestras during his 16-year tenure with that organization. He attended the High School of Music and Art in New York and the Yale University School of Music. He also received a diploma from the Chigiana Academy of Siena, Italy, where he studied with Franco Ferrera. Mr. Gutter has conducted orchestras in Latin America and Europe and last month appeared in a series of engagements in Yugoslavia's major cities.

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 through the theater box office or by calling 421-ARTS or 831-3123. Visa and Master Card accepted.

Ohave Sholam

Services will be held this Shabbat at 9 a.m. At Kiddush in honor of Tu B'Shevat we will have fruits that Israel is famous for. Rabbi Jacobs will give his Mishnah class at 4 p.m. Mincha will be at 4:55 p.m. followed by Se'udah Sh'lisheit (the Third Shabbath meal). Havdalah will be at 6:05 p.m.

The Young Couples bowling event will be this Saturday evening. If you are interested in joining this club call Eve Jacobs at 724-3552.

Sunday, March 15, at 5 p.m. the congregation will be holding a festive Purim dinner which is open to the whole Jewish community. Details will follow. The schedule for services this coming week are as follows:

Morning — Sunday, 7:45 a.m., Monday-Thursday, 6:40 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:50 a.m.

Evenings — Daily, 5:10 p.m. Rabbi Jacobs' class in the liturgy will be Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.



Cantors Assembly To Welcome Women Cantors

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"It is both in full accord with halacha," traditional Jewish law, he said, "and the culmination of a century-long evolution of the status of women under that law."

Under the ruling on rabbis prepared by Rabbi Joel Roth of the seminary, women who accept the full obligations of the commandments, which traditionally fall only to men, are eligible to represent others in communal prayer.

The seminary's move brought praise from the Reform branch and condemnation from the right, including a group formed to oppose the ordination of women rabbis, the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism. Critics said Rabbi Roth's legal reasoning was faulty and the decision on cantors did not recognize the role women have long played in Judaism.

"Our tradition provides ample opportunity for the participation of Jewish women in communal life," said Harold Jacobs of the National Council of Young Israel, an association of nearly 300 Orthodox synagogues.

"Confusing the roles of men and women by ordaining women cantors for the Conservative movement," he said, "further weakens the fundamental bonds that hold Jewish family and the community together."

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week

Diversity should enrich, not destroy.

On this premise, the National Conference of Christians and Jews launches its observance of Brotherhood / Sisterhood Week, February 15 to 22. An annual celebration of the diversity within the human family, Brotherhood / Sisterhood Week was begun in 1934 to promote tolerance and understanding among Americans of different faiths and ideologies through education and communication.

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Commenting on the announcement by the Jewish Theological Seminary that it would for the first time certify women as cantors to lead services in Conservative congregations, the Cantors Assembly — the organization of Conservative cantors — said this week:

"We are pleased that the Jewish Theological Seminary has lifted the cloud of indecision that has hovered over this issue for some time.

"The executive council of the Cantors Assembly will give the matter a fair and thorough hearing in deciding what action to take in admitting women cantors as members. In the past, a good number of members of the Cantors Assembly have expressed themselves in favor of the Seminary's investing women as cantors.

"The investiture of women cantors by the Seminary should bring more women students into the Cantors Institute and help in the long run to alleviate the current shortage of cantors in the Conservative movement."

The statement was released by Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum, executive vice president of the Cantors Assembly — the world's largest body of *hazzanim* (cantors).

Beth-El

Dr. Frances Goldscheider, chairwoman of the Sociology Dept. at Brown University and member of the Population Studies and Training Center, will speak on "The Changing Faces of Adam and Eve — To Family Ties in the 1980's — From a Jewish Perspective and Beyond," at Temple Beth-El on Monday, February 23 at 8 p.m.

A dessert and social hour will begin at 7:30 p.m.

To attend, please call Temple Beth-El at 331-6070.

Temple Am David

Services are conducted by Rabbi Richard Ben Leibovitz and Cantor Steven W. Dress, at Temple Am David in Warwick:

- Monday: 6:45 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.
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- Wednesday: 7 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.
- Thursday: 6:45 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.
- Friday: 7 a.m. - 8:15 p.m.
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Obituaries

HARRIET A. HORVITZ
PAWTUCKET — Harriet A. Horvitz, 67, of 9 Dorset Rd. died Sunday, February 8 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of David Horvitz.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Nathan and Sonia (Adelson) Curland, she lived in Pawtucket for 46 years. She previously lived in Providence.

Mrs. Horvitz attended Bryant College. She was a member of the board of directors of Temple Emanu-El, a past president of its Sisterhood, and a past president of its Garden Club. She was for many years chairman of the Rhode Island Israel Bond Committee, and a member of its board of directors. She was a member of the board of trustees of the women's division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, a member of the board of trustees of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, a member of the Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah, Congregation of Beth David, Narragansett, and Congregation of Ohave Shalom.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Ellen H. Darman of Washington, D.C., and Susan H. Wasserman of Cranston; a son, Robert C. Horvitz of Pawtucket, and two sisters, Vivienne C. Chase of Tucson, Ariz., and Thelma C. Jones of Las Vegas.

A funeral service was held at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

YUDA TSEYTLIN

PAWTUCKET — Yuda Tseytlin, 80, of 150 Dartmouth St., a retired photographer, was found dead Tuesday, February 3, 1987, at home. He was the husband of the late Fanya (Sandler) Tseytlin.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Tseytlin, he came to Rhode Island seven years ago. He formerly lived in Providence, and in East Providence for three years, before moving to Pawtucket three years ago.

Mr. Tseytlin was a member of Ohave Shalom Synagogue, and the Day Care Center of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

He leaves a daughter, Nina Litmanovich of Pawtucket, and two grandchildren.

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

ABRAHAM SOLOFF

FALL RIVER — Abraham Soloff, 88, of the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged, 538 Robeson St., retired owner of A. Soloff & Son in Fall River, died Thursday, February 5 at the Home. He was the husband of Rose (Brill) Soloff.

Born in Russia, he was the son of the late Louis and Sarah Soloff.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El.

Mr. Soloff was a member of the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Lawrence Soloff of Somerset; a daughter, Gloria Leviss of Portsmouth; two brothers, Reuben Soloff and Mordecai Soloff, both of Los Angeles; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at the Fisher Memorial Chapel, Fall River. Burial will be in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

SALA BURTON

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. Sala Burton (D. Cal.), one of two Jewish women members of Congress, died last week of cancer. She was 61 years old.

Burton was elected to the House in 1983 to succeed her husband, Phillip, and was re-elected in 1984 and 1986. When she was unable to be present to be sworn in on January 6 to the 100th Congress, the House passed a resolution allowing her to be sworn in at her home. The oath was administered the next day by Rep. Don Edwards (D. Cal.), chairman of the California delegation.

Burton was born in Bialystok, Poland, and fled with her parents to the United States in 1939 ahead of the Nazi occupation of Poland. She said she learned from this experience that "politics is everybody's experience."

She grew up in San Francisco and represented a San Francisco district in Congress. In the House, Burton continued advocating the liberal policies of her late husband. She was also a strong advocate for the cause of Soviet Jewry.

SOPHIE DAVIDSON

WARREN — Sophie (Sager) Davidson died Sunday, February 1, 1987. She was the wife of the late Benjamin Davidson. She is survived by a daughter, Evelyn Edelson of Barrington; a brother, David Sager of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence.

FRIEDA DUTWIN

PROVIDENCE — Frieda Dutwin, 82, of 99 Hillside Ave., the Jewish Home for the Aged, died Friday, February 6, 1987, at the home. She was the widow of Paul Dutwin.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Solomon and Hanna (Bressman) Klafter, she had lived in Providence for the past year, previously residing in East Greenwich. She lived in Irvington, N.J., most of her life.

She leaves two sons, Marcel Dutwin of East Greenwich and Ralph Dutwin of Clarksburg, N.J.; a brother, Marcus Klafter of Maplewood, N.J.; and five grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Jewish Home for the Aged. Burial was in King Solomon Cemetery, Clifton, N.J. Arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence.

SAMUEL PEPPER

CRANSTON — Samuel Pepper, 86, of 315 Park Ave., a self-employed clothing salesman for many years before retiring two years ago, died Saturday, February 7, 1987, at Roger Williams General Hospital. He was the husband of the late Sadie (Godfrey) Pepper.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Fannie (Erenkrantz) Pepper, he lived in Cranston for eight years, previously living in Providence.

Mr. Pepper was a member of Temple Sinai, the Sons of Jacob Synagogue and the Providence Hebrew Day School.

He leaves two sons, Sanford Pepper of Providence and Arnold Pepper of Warwick; a daughter, Frances Sadler of Cranston; a brother, Harry Pepper of Daytona Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

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

Book Review: Dissecting Damascus

Syria Under Assad: Domestic Constraints and Regional Risks. Edited by Moshe Maoz and Avner Yaniv. 263 pp. + index. New York: St. Martin's Press, \$35.00.

Reviewed by David Pervin

(JSPS) — Implicated in terrorism in England and Germany, enmeshed in the continuing warfare in Lebanon, and feared to be planning the next war with Israel, Syria has been very much in the public eye of late.

Paradoxically, Syria is one of the least understood countries in the Middle East. Not much has been written on Syria, in part because only recently did the United States perceive it as a central factor in the region, and in part because it is a closed society.

In particular, the dearth of writings on Syria has been most acute in the area where it is most needed: solid analysis of historical processes and trends. While Syria receives such attention in the news media, the background to its actions is rarely elucidated.

To a large degree, this gap in the literature has been filled by *Syria Under Assad: Domestic Constraints and Regional Risks*, a short but extraordinarily dense study on the direction Syria has taken under its shrewd and charismatic president, Hafez al-Assad, who seized power in 1969.

The book's editors, Moshe Maoz, Professor of Middle East History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Avner Yaniv, Senior Lecturer in Political Science at the University of Haifa, divided the topic into three interrelated sections. The first, "The Elements of Syrian Power," explores the sociopolitical history of Syria, its recent economic history, and the foundations of its growing power and influence in the Middle East. The second section examines Syria's relations with its contiguous neighbors, the P.L.O. and Iran. The final section looks at Syria's relations with the superpowers.

The fourteen articles in *Syria Under Assad* have by Israeli (and one American) experts superbly combine the conceptual, analytical, and descriptive aspects of their particular subjects.

Assad faced two main challenges when he assumed power in 1970. The first challenge was to create a distinct Syrian identity by overcoming both localistic, sectarian allegiances and the converse allegiance to

pan-Arabism, which inherently denied the legitimacy of the separate Arab states. While Syria constituted a state, it was not a nation. Assad's task was to create a unified Syrian nation.

The second challenge was regional. Historically, Syria had been prey to the interference of the other Arab states, which supported one or another faction in Syria's society and politics. Assad's challenge here was to create a Syria strong enough not only to repel the interference of other Arab states, but able to take what he considered Syria's rightful place at the lead of the Arabs.

In their concluding chapter on "The Syrian Paradox" Maoz and Yaniv make clear that while Assad has made considerable progress in meeting these two challenges, it remains far from clear to what extent these advances are permanent. Thus, while Syria has increasingly assumed a central role in the Middle East, this role is largely dependent upon the continued coherence of Syrian society — something that remains in doubt.

In addition to adding greatly to our understanding of contemporary Syria, *Syria Under Assad* is a valuable contribution to the sorely neglected subject of inter-Arab relations. The myriad alliances of various Arab states, including the apparently incongruous agreements between "radical" and "moderate" ones, are explained as classic balance-of-power politics. And on what one contributor calls the "Arab chessboard," Syria has come to play a central role. Unfortunately, this aspect of *Syria Under Assad* suffers greatly from the lack of chapters on Syria's relations with Egypt and Saudi Arabia, arguably the two other key players in the game.

Yet to criticize *Syria Under Assad* for this omission is almost to quibble. All the more so is the wish that the chapters had been longer, particularly those which emphasize the conceptual approach; after all, each chapter could easily be turned into a book. As it stands, *Syria Under Assad* is an invaluable contribution to the literature on Syria and the Middle East.



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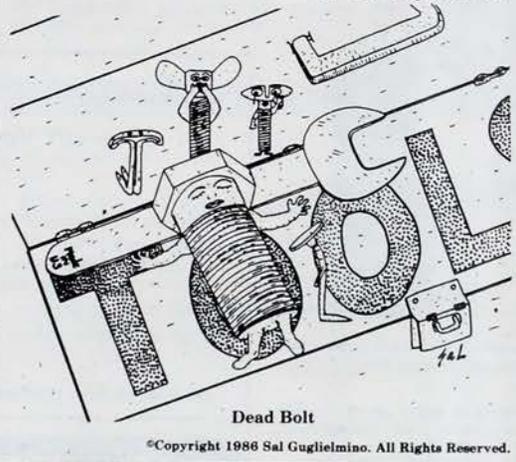
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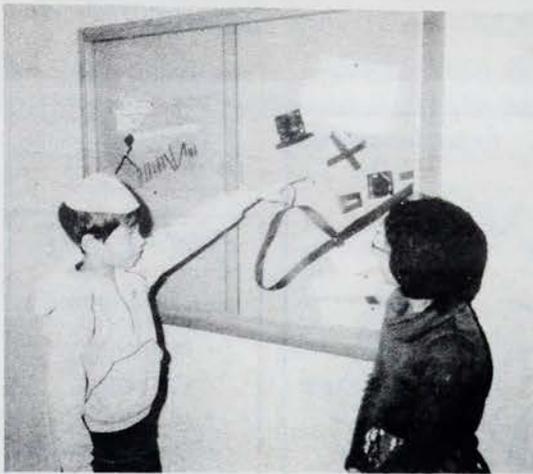
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"I am in the 4th grade. We started to learn about Tefillin because in Chumash we were learning about the Exodus from Egypt and it mentioned Tefillin. We did many projects. We painted our Rebbe's Tefillin and we examined the insides of real Tefillin and made things to put on our bulletin board."
— Ari Jakubowicz

"We put Tefillin on arms because the Bayit (box) faces your heart and you are supposed to serve Hashem with all your heart. We put Tefillin on our heads because you have to serve Hashem with all your mind."
— Yonatan Braude

Rabbi Seltzer At Temple Sinai

The second annual Scholar in Residence program will be held March 6 and 7 at Temple Sinai, Cranston, with Rabbi Sanford Seltzer of Brookline, Mass., as the principal speaker.

Rabbi Seltzer is director of research of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the national organization of Reform Judaism, and director of the UAHC's recently formed task force on the Jewish family.

He will speak at the 8:15 p.m. Friday Sabbath service on March 6, providing the keynote for the

discussion groups which will meet on Saturday morning, March 7, following the 9:45 a.m. service. The program will conclude with a summary review by Rabbi Seltzer and then lunch.



Holocaust Lectures

The third lecture in the series on "Perspectives on the Holocaust," sponsored by the University of Hartford's Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, will be on Monday, February 16, at 8 p.m. in the faculty dining room, Gengras Student Union.

"Holocaust: Some Facts" will provide an opportunity for the

audience to exchange ideas with the panel and clarify any misconceptions. Panel members will be Peter K. Breit, Steven T. Rosenthal and John J. Schloss.

The event is free and open to the public.

Breit, a resident of West Hartford, is a professor of politics and government and chairman of the department. A graduate of the University of Colorado, he earned his PhD at the University of

Massachusetts. A recipient of numerous awards, including a Fulbright fellowship and grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Breit's particular areas of expertise are international relations, foreign and defense policies and comparative politics.

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