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Begun Is Free

NEW YORK (JTA) — Soviet Jewish dissident Iosif Begun received an unconditional pardon and was released from Chistopol prison 10 a.m. last Friday, February 20, local time.

Jerry Goodman, executive director of the NCSJ, said Begun's wife, Inna was contacted Wednesday by Soviet Minister of Interior Aleksandr Vlasov. He said her husband's release was official and that she could meet him at the prison. She will be accompanied by Begun's son, Boris, Goodman said. He said his information came from NCSJ sources in Moscow.

Begun, a 54-year-old electrical engineer and mathematician was an activist for Jewish emigration rights, a long-time refusenik and a clandestine teacher of Hebrew, which is outlawed in the Soviet Union. In 1983, he was sentenced to seven years in prison and five years exile to Siberia for allegedly slandering the Soviet State.

Soviet Announcement Thursday

Soviet Foreign Minister Genadi Gerasimov announced in Moscow Thursday that Begun would be pardoned by decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the highest state body in the USSR, which pardoned more than 140 other dissidents including several Jews over the past week.

The NCSJ statement said: "This welcome action by the Soviet Union demonstrates that it is possible for that nation to treat its Jewish citizens as it does its other minorities, without such an action being perceived as a threat to Soviet society."

"As the Soviet Union has now demonstrated that it is possible to release a man who had been incarcerated because he sought to teach Hebrew and to pass on his heritage, we eagerly await the release of all the other Jewish Prisoners of Conscience. The world also awaits a firm decision to allow all Jews who wish to do so to emigrate, as guaranteed by the Helsinki Accords and other international



agreements, and as practiced in some other Soviet-bloc states." The announcement of Begun's pardon ended a week of agonizing suspense for his wife, family and friends. Last Sunday, Georgi Arbatov, a member of the Central Committee of the Supreme Soviet, said on the CBS "Face the Nation" television program that Begun had been freed.

The announcement followed a week-long demonstration in Moscow by Begun's family and friends for his release, finally broken up by police who manhandled some of the demonstrators and Western reporters. Initially, there was elation over Arbatov's statement because it came on the heels of the release of other dissidents. But on Monday, Chaim and Zelda Tepper, cousins of Begun's in New York, said they spoke to Inna Begun in Moscow by telephone and received a message of despair.

They said Inna told them, "Bad news from the penal officials." She said there was no statement from any source about her husband's release and that she was told by the chief reception desk of the Interior Ministry that "they are not going to liberate him. Mr. Arbatov lied."

On Tuesday, Soviet authorities announced that another dissident, Anatoly Koryagin, had been freed by decree, but that Begun remained in prison pending a decree approving his release. There were indications that it was being held up because Begun refused to sign the required statement that he would refrain from illegal activities in the future.

But the announcement from Moscow Thursday said his pardon was unconditional.

Israel To Answer Arms Questions

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir stressed Thursday that the Israeli government "will respond to every question and request to clarification" from Congressional committees investigating the Iran-Contra affair.

During his speech before some 300 persons, Shamir declared that "Israel acted in accordance with its obligations as a friend and ally of the United States," he said in response to a question after his address at a luncheon of the National Press Club.

During his speech before some 300 persons, Shamir declared that "Israel was not involved in any way in the diversion of funds (from the sale of American arms to Iran) to Contras." He maintained that Israel's participation in the sale of arms to Iran was a result of its belief that Iran is a strategically important country and there is a need to influence its policies.

After Shamir met with some 60 members of Congress Wednesday, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D. Hawaii) and Rep. Lee Hamilton (D. Ind.), chairmen of the Senate and House special committees investigating the Iran affair, said the Israelis agreed to answer questions in writing and submit a chronology of Israeli financial transactions and contacts with Iran.

No Specific Answers

Shamir refused to answer any specific questions Thursday, such as whether President Reagan approved Israel's sale of arms to Iran in 1985. There has been a conflict in testimony on whether Reagan authorized the sale or not.

Asked whom he expected to win the Iran-Iraq war, Shamir

shrugged his shoulders and replied, "I realize I come from Jerusalem, but I am not a prophet."

He said it was a "silly war" which "no one understands the reason" for, but which could continue for years. He said Iran has the advantage in manpower and Iraq in sophisticated arms, but it would be "a disaster" if either side won.

According to Israeli sources, Shamir was not asked any tough questions during his meeting with the members of Congress. But he got those questions at the National Press Club luncheon.

Asked about the case of Jonathan Pollard, the former civilian Navy employee who is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to spying for Israel, he again said this was a "painful experience" for Israel.

He stressed the operation was conducted by a small group of Israelis "against the policy" of the Israeli government. "We regret it very much," he added. He said Israel cooperated with the investigation and now that the case is in the U.S. courts, Israel "had nothing to say about it."

Won't Take Lead On South Africa

Asked about Israel investing or divesting in South Africa, Shamir replied: "We are looking for investments in Israel. We are looking for investments of Jewish people coming from South Africa to Israel." Shamir stressed that Israel opposes apartheid, but in its relations with that country it must take "into consideration" the existence of an "important Jewish community."

He said Israel is a "small coun-

try" and cannot lead the struggle against apartheid. But he added, Israel's dealings with South Africa are less than those of many Black African and West European countries.

In his address, Shamir repeated his opposition to an international conference which King Hussein of Jordan wants to precede negotiations with Israel. He said the ideas were inspired by the Soviet Union, which wants to play a "major role" in the Mideast.

Shamir added that he would accept an international conference that would include only Jordan, Egypt, Palestinians and the U.S.

He again urged Jordan to agree to "face-to-face" negotiations, "if not in the region, which would be the most desirable, then right here in Washington or at Camp David."

Shamir said the U.S. can play host because it is "interested in peace and stability" in the Mideast and has "excellent relations" with both Israel and Jordan.

At the same time, Shamir said that despite his criticism of the Soviet Union, "we are interested in improving relations with Soviet Russia." He said it was not "normal" for the USSR to reject diplomatic relations with Israel.

He said that the first topic he would discuss with Soviet officials is Jewish emigration.

On Wednesday night, Shamir called for an end to the policy of providing "homeless refugee" status for Soviet Jewish immigrants that allows them to go to the United States and other countries rather than Israel.

"We are most anxious to put an

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Religious Discord Threatens Jewish Unity

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Religious discord among Jews in Israel and the United States threatens the future unity of the Jewish people, according to American Jewish leaders who met here last week.

A resolution adopted by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council — an umbrella organization of 11 national agencies and 113 local community relations councils — cites "deepening rifts" in the Jewish community and says "knowledgeable observers even came to question whether the Jewish people would remain united."

Among the issues under dispute are the requirement of religious divorce, the Jewish identity of children born to non-Jewish mothers, differing conversion practices and the ordination of female rabbis. The questions are seen as having an impact on the status of all Jews.

In Israel, disputes center on attempts to amend the law of return that governs Jews who immigrate, the issue of state funding for Orthodox synagogues and the problems of violence between ultra-Orthodox and secular Jews.

Some agencies have begun to sponsor dialogues to reduce tensions in local communities. At a meeting sponsored by the American Jewish Committee in Boston,

a Conservative rabbi, Samuel Chiel of Temple Emanuel in Newton, warned that if the Reform movement continues its policy on conversion to Judaism and does not require religious divorce, "We will find ourselves with two entirely different religions."

Leon Jick, professor of American and Jewish studies at Brandeis University, told the Boston meeting that the religious right in Israel threatens the basis of Israeli democracy. "The state of Israel was not created by religious zealots, and the fanatics must not be allowed to inherit it," he said.

Until recently, most community relations agencies have avoided overtly religious questions. The Advisory Council, for instance, concentrates on producing an annual consensus paper to help member agencies coordinate advocacy and programming on issues ranging from Soviet Jews to civil rights to Christian-Jewish relations.

"Some of our most experienced members warned against getting involved in this problem because nothing destroys consensus faster than religious discord," said Jordan C. Brand of Cleveland, a former chairman of the Advisory Council who moderated a well-attended forum on the dissunity problem.

To the surprise of its own lead-

ers, the Advisory Council moved rapidly on the unity issue. In a resolution supported by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the council decided to seek better relations among Jewish religious groups in this country and "to ensure that those issues that currently divide Israeli society are not permitted to further divide and damage North American Jewish unity."

Albert D. Chernin, the top staff officer of the Advisory Council, said: "The denominational groups represented here all have very strong views about religious pluralism in Israel, and I anticipated sharp and bitter differences in our discussions."

Some groups are pressing U.S. organizations to bring pressure on the political leadership in Israel to modify a political system they say is manipulated by the religious right. Most Orthodox groups, however, although deploring the extremism, object, saying that intervention would politicize religious questions.

Secular Jews, who provided early leadership for the Zionist movement, say they believe that ultra-Orthodox groups, which once opposed the establishment of the state of Israel on religious grounds,

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Planting Trees In Israel



Ethiopian children participate in tree-planting activities at a Jewish National Fund forest in the Jerusalem hills. The saplings' roots are covered in plastic sheaths, following laws governing the Shmittah, or sabbatical, year for the land of Israel, which occurs every seven years.

Local News

Day School To Remember Rabbi Silk

On Shabbat, March 6, 1987, at the morning service, Rabbi Sholom Strajcher will pay homage to the memory of the late Rabbi Morris G. Silk.

Rabbi Silk arrived in Providence in 1939 to become the spiritual leader of Ahavath Sholom Congregation, then located on Howell Street. As the Jewish Community moved to the east side of the city, Rabbi Silk, Z.L., led the planning for the new Congregation Beth Sholom. During his tenure at Beth Sholom, he developed a large membership with a fine men's club, sisterhood, and Talmud Torah.

Rabbi Silk was a vital part of the total community. He was founder of the Rhode Island Chapter of Mizrahi, Chaplain of the State Institutions at Howard and Exeter, deeply involved with Rhode Island Refugee Service, Jewish Family Service, and the Jewish Home for the Aged and a past president of Rhode Island Rabbinical Association.

Following the services a kiddush will be held for his Yahrzeit.



Ohawe Sholam

At Cong. Ohawe Sholam this Shabbat, Shabbat Shekalim, Saturday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. A Kiddush will follow. Rabbi Jacobs' Mishnah class will be at 4:30 p.m. Mincha will be at 5:15 p.m. followed by Sh'losh Seudos (the third sabbath meal). Ma'acim and Havdalah will be at 6:20 p.m.

This Sunday our Junior N.C.S.Y. will have a bowling party at the Bowling Academy in East Providence at 2 p.m. We will return to the synagogue after the event with a meeting and ice cream refreshments. All interested preteens (5th-8th grade) are invited to come. For more information call 724-3552.

It is only two weeks to Purim!! Don't forget to reserve your place at our Purim Se'udah which will take place on Sunday, March 15, 5 p.m. Only paid reservations by March 11 will be accepted. For information or reservations contact 723-2669, 725-3886 or 724-3552.

The schedule of services this following week is as follows: Sunday — first day Rosh Hodesh 7:30 a.m. Monday — second day Rosh Hodesh 6:30 a.m.

Mornings — Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6:50 a.m.
Evenings — 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Seger To Speak



Dr. Seger

Dr. Joe D. Seger, a Middle Eastern archaeologist and associate professor of anthropology at the Cobb Institute of Archaeology, Mississippi State University, will be the next speaker in the series on Bible and Archaeology sponsored by the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Hartford.

The illustrated lecture, "King David in Exile: The Search for Biblical Ziqlag," will be presented at the University's Konoer Campus Center, March 2 at 8 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public.

A graduate of Elmhurst College, Eden Theological Seminary and Harvard University, where he received his doctor of theology degree, Dr. Seger previously served as instructor in the departments of philosophy and religion, art history and biblical archaeology at the University of Nebraska.

He was visiting museum research professor and instructor in biblical studies at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles in 1975 and from 1969-74, was the archaeological director at Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School in Jerusalem.

Dr. Seger served as associate professor of Old Testament and archaeology as well as curator of the museum of anthropology at the Hartford Seminary Foundation, 1964-69.

The recipient of numerous grants and awards, he is also the author of many scholarly publications and articles.

He is particularly noted for his activities in archaeological field research. Since 1975, Dr. Seger has been the organizer and field director of the Lahav Research Project at Tel Halif, Kibbutz Lahav, Israel. He was director of Hebrew Union College's excavations at Tel Gezer, 1969-74, and served as field director of the Drew-McCormick expedition to Tel Balath (Shechem) Jordan in 1969.

Cantorial Concert At Torat Yisrael

A Gala Concert of cantorial music will take place at Temple Torat Yisrael on Sunday, March 21, 1987.

Featured will be Cantor Samuel Linkovsky, Hazan of Torat Yisrael, appearing with the guest cantor, Hazan Robert Scherr of Temple Israel in Natick.

The program will include an international potpourri of English and Modern Israeli songs; grand cantorial; Yiddish operatic selections; and instrumental classics performed by the concert organist Steven Martorella.

Included will be an appearance by a chorus of students from the Torat Yisrael Religious School and the Solomon Schechter Day School of Providence.

Cantor Linkovsky has made numerous guest appearances with outstanding cantors, including Paul Zim, Ben Zion Miller and Yaakov Motzen. He has been with Torat Yisrael since August 1986.

Robert Scherr came to Temple Israel in 1976, and has been described in newspaper reviews as "a stirring soloist" with a "powerful yet sweet tenor voice."

The public is invited to share in this evening of outstanding music, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Torat Yisrael Office, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, or by phone (785-1800).

Scholar In Residence At Temple Sinai

"Wrestling with God: Examining a Reform Jewish Approach to God, Prayer and Torah" is the theme of the second annual Scholar in Residence program, March 6 and 7 at Temple Sinai, Cranston.

Principal speaker will be Rabbi Sanford Seltzer of Brookline, Mass., director of research of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the national organization of Reform Judaism, and director of the UAHC's task force on the Jewish family.

Rabbi Seltzer will keynote the weekend activities at the 8:15 p.m. Friday Sabbath service on March 6. After the 9:45 a.m. service on Saturday, March 7, attendees will be divided into small groups to discuss the issues raised by Rabbi Seltzer. Following a luncheon, he will provide a summary of the group's discussions.

Assisting Rabbi George J. Astrachan of Temple Sinai in planning and conducting the Scholar in Residence weekend are Catherine Berkowitz, Fred Berkowitz and Ellen Kaplan of Warwick, and Jane Civins, Michael Malardo and Joseph Postar of Cranston.

The public is invited to all programs without charge, including the Saturday luncheon. However, non-Temple Sinai members are asked to call the temple office at 942-8350 by Thursday, March 5 for luncheon reservations.

Hadassah Shabbaton

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah will hold its annual Shabbaton on Saturday, March 7, at Temple Emanu-El. The service begins at 10 a.m. Many of the women in the Hadassah Chapter will participate in the service as readers, being honored with Aliyot or chanting the Haftorah.

Following the service, there will be a most appropriate Shabbat luncheon prepared by members of the Chapter for which there is a charge of \$4.50 per person. Family and friends of Pawtucket Hadassah are welcome to join in. Contact Charlotte Cohen at 331-7127 to make a reservation. The deadline is March 1.

Rosalind Bolusky, Chairperson of the Shabbaton is proud to present Ms. Stephanie Gurwitz as guest speaker following the luncheon. Ms. Gurwitz is the Director of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Her topic will be "David Ben-Gurion and Hadassah — Sharing a Dream." Her subject is most appropriate to mark the Centennial of Ben-Gurion's birth and the 75th anniversary of the founding of Hadassah.

Serving on the committee are the following members: Ruth Blustein, Charlotte Cohen, Reeva Curran, Caroline Gereboff, Arlene Goldstein, Ruth Kimel, Jenny Klein, Shirley Lappin, Dorothy Marcowitz, Hannah Scoliad, Hadassah Stein, Lila Winograd and Eve Zucker.

Rabbi Kaunfer To Deliver Paper In Israel



Rabbi Kaunfer

Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, Director of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, has been invited by Hebrew University in Jerusalem to participate in an international symposium on the study of Jewish texts in the elementary school. The program is scheduled for March 2 through the 5th in Jerusalem, Israel.

Rabbi Kaunfer will present a paper entitled: "Development issues in the Teaching of Midrash." This paper, based on research Rabbi Kaunfer has done for his doctoral dissertation for the Jewish Theological Seminary, deals with the question, "on what level do children understand religious literature such as Bible or Midrash?"

"Midrash has been taught at the Solomon Schechter Day School for years," says Rabbi Kaunfer, "but we sought to explore the question of whether Midrash was age appropriate to the grades in which it is taught, and to what depth the students were understanding the midrashim they were studying and writing themselves."

Rabbi Kaunfer used the studies of developmental psychologists such as Piaget and applied their conclusions to actual classroom data — the teaching of religious literature in the elementary grades.

Why examine the learning of midrash — a literature which uses stories, legends, analogies and parables? Rabbi Kaunfer answers: "Midrashim present in concrete garb, highly abstract philosophical and theological messages and my hypothesis was that children's responses to them would reflect their development levels."



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Rita O'Brien Named NCCJ Chair



Rita O'Brien

Rita A. O'Brien, New England Telephone Vice President-Rhode Island, has been appointed chairperson of the 35th Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The announcement was made recently by Erskine N. White, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Rhode Island and Southeastern New England region of NCCJ.

The dinner will be held on Thursday, May 7 at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea, Massachusetts, and will honor William J. Gilbane, Chairman of the Board of Gilbane Building Co.

As Vice President-Rhode Island for NET, O'Brien, a resident of Providence, is responsible for all aspects of NET's operations statewide. She received an MS from Stanford University and an MMS, as a Sloan Fellow, from MIT. She is actively involved as a member of the board of directors of several of RI's major organizations, including serving as the immediate past chairperson of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, RI Expenditure Council, and RI Port Authority.

O'Brien also serves on the boards of the RI Industrial Facilities Corp., the Business and Industrial Council of RI, and the RI Business Group on Health. She is a member of the Board of Trustees at Whitman College, where she received an undergraduate degree in physics. Other affiliations include the RI Strategic Development Commission, the Metropolitan Opera Guild, and the Committee of 200.

Assisting O'Brien as Vice Chairperson of the event is Charles H. Goss, President and CEO of Valley Resources, Inc. Serving as co-chairpersons for coordinating fundraising efforts in the Northern Rhode Island area are John R. Nixon, Senior Vice President of Fleet National Bank and Nicholas Vrabel, Executive Vice President of Eastland Bank. The fundraising campaign, which is NCCJ's major source of support, will kick-off at a breakfast meeting on March 5 for the Greater Providence area businessmen who will serve on O'Brien's solicitation team. The Northern RI area kick-off meeting will take place on February 26.

PHDS Students To Visit Jewish Home

Members of the Student Council of the Providence Hebrew Day School will begin visiting the Jewish Home for the Aged on a regular basis each Monday. This was announced by Student Council president Shifra Jakubowicz who contacted the Home and coordinated the schedule of visits.

JFS Workshop

"Aging Parents ... How Can We Help" is the title of a one-session Jewish Family Service-Family Life Education workshop to be held on Thursday, March 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Jewish Family Service offices at 229 Waterman Street in Providence. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center.

The responsibility of aging relatives is a major stress factor frequently super-imposed on other stresses in mid-life. The workshop leaders, all whom give direct service to the elderly and their families, will discuss the psychological aspects of aging, the emotions felt by the care-giver and the support systems and community resources that are available for maintaining independence.

The workshop will offer factual, concrete information as well as deal with emotional components.

Workshop leaders are: Toby Galli, an outreach social worker for the elderly, Jewish Family Service; Deborah Prinz, Director of Homemaker Services, Jewish Family Service; Maxine Richman, Outreach social worker for the elderly and Lifeline Coordinator, Jewish Family Service; Gladys Kaplan, JFS Kosher Mealsite Coordinator; and Sharon Lee Custis, Senior Adult Services Coordinator, Jewish Community Center.

For an evening of information and support, relatives and caregivers of the elderly are urged to preregister by sending a check for \$5 to Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906. For further information call 331-1244.

India Reconsiders Israeli Team

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith welcomed Israel's participation in the World Table Tennis Championships to be held in New Delhi February 18. It was made possible by India's reversal of a ban against the Israeli team.

India's reconsideration, announced last week, came after ADL lodged protests with the London-based International Table Tennis Federation as well as the U.S. Table Tennis Federation.

In telegrams to both federations, Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of its International Affairs Division, said that the ban on Israel, was a "flagrant violation" of ITTF regulations. He urged the ITTF to move the tournament to a new location and asked the U.S. federation to reconsider American participation.

Commenting on the reversal, Mr. Foxman praised the ITTF and the U.S. federation for their efforts to have Israel compete in the tournament. He said he hoped India's decision "signals a change in that nation's long history of official government discrimination against Israel and its citizens."

In his telegrams to ITTF president Roy Evans and U.S. federation president Sol Shiff, Mr. Foxman noted that in the past year alone Israelis were denied visas to participate in four international conferences and gatherings in India.

According to Mr. Foxman, India's long exclusionary policy towards Israel, including the refusal to admit the Israeli table tennis team, has been the result of Arab pressure on New Delhi.



PHDS teachers participate in stress workshop led by Ivy Marwil and Dr. Kit Haspell (second and third from left).

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From The Editor

by Robert Israel



Responding To Soviet Treatment Of Dissidents

Recently I was asked by a group of Jewish activists involved in protesting the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union what I thought of the idea of traveling to the Soviet Union to meet with the dissidents face to face. Did I think that such a trip would be helpful?

In response to their question, I pointed to the photograph taken by the Associate Press of a group of dissidents and protesters in Moscow last week who were beaten by the KGB (Soviet Secret Police). A Western journalist's camera was broken and several other people were also beaten. My response was simply that at this time it didn't seem to be a prudent thing to do, to travel to a country that will thrash a tourist just as quickly as one of its own citizens. But the protest rally held at the State House in Providence yesterday, although far from the cold streets of Moscow, did seem to be an effective way of applying pressure to the Soviet Jewish dissidents' cause. The B'nai B'rith's efforts in this regard have been unrelenting. Not only are these efforts educational for those participating and those living in the community at large, they successfully keep the issue alive in national and international circles. Of course, the Soviets do whatever they want to do regarding their citizens. But there have been signs in the past that pressure does yield results — not immediately — but eventually.

I also cited two examples of colleagues of mine who traveled to the Soviet Union recently and were expelled trying to obtain interviews from Jewish dissidents, and I'd like to share those stories with you.

One colleague, a freelance writer, was awakened at five o'clock in the morning and told to pack his bags. He was being expelled that day, and his plane, he was informed, would be leaving in an hour. He spent a restless hour trying to memorize his notes — interviews with Soviet Jews taken over a two week period. But his efforts proved to be in vain — he was allowed to take all his personal belongings, including photographs, with him on the plane.

Another colleague was followed everywhere he went and in the middle of the night was telephoned, awakened, and when he picked up the receiver, there was no one on the other end. Whenever he tried to visit Jewish dissidents, he had the sickening feeling that harm would come to him or to them. Eventually, he, too was expelled.

Whenever one travels in a country where freedom of access to information and individuals is a risky proposition, one should be aware that no matter how fervent one's passion for one's fellow Jews, harm can come to them or to you.

My friend put it this way:

"As soon as you enter the country, they toss your belongings around as if you really don't own them. They go through everything, every last piece of paper, even your notebook or prayer book. You are in their hands and you are no longer a free person to do as you wish."

Another visitor, traveling with a Baptist group, told me of meeting Jewish dissidents at night in Moscow.

"I called from a public telephone," he told me two weeks ago, "and I told him I would be wearing a rust colored tie, that would be how he could identify me. I had practiced enough Russian to be able to communicate that much to him. I waited at night in the public square for at least an hour and he finally appeared, walked by me in a hurry and took the parcel I had brought him."

When I asked what was in the parcel

and why the secret rendezvous, he said:

"I had brought a new Hebrew prayerbook. They don't have any new prayer books in Russia, and that was what he needed."

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Last year, *Houston Chronicle* writer Louis Moore visited the USSR and wrote these impressions upon returning to the United States:

"A Saturday morning prayer service at the larger of Moscow's two synagogues attracted a crowd of about 50," Moore wrote. "But any illusion that this service signals freedom of religion evaporated 10 hours later when the Jewish Sabbath ended."

"Each Saturday evening between 75 and 100 Jews gather on the sidewalk across from this synagogue."

"Participants carry no placards, and their meetings have no structure. The Jews simply come together for more than an hour to talk casually and exchange news with one another."

"Mixing with this crowd, a Westerner soon concludes that this is a silent protest against what participants believe is discrimination against them and their religion."

"An elderly woman in the crowd told me that the rabbi of the synagogue is a 'communist front,' and said that he doesn't have the best interests of Moscow's Jewish community at heart."

"A young man, with a reddish-colored beard, said the sidewalk gathering is one of the few ways he has to learn about his Jewish roots. 'The synagogue is only for prayers,' he said, 'We are not allowed to study Hebrew or Jewish literature in the synagogue.'"

"Others at the gathering told about rejected applications for visas to leave this place."

"One young man, a 30-year-old artist, pressed me for details about current trends in Western art. He said he doesn't want to leave the Soviet Union, but he would like to learn more about his Jewish faith as well as improve his understanding of Western art."

"As the people on the street corner began to accept us as friends, they started to ask about religious life in the United States. 'How many synagogues do you have?' one asked. When we told them there are 21 synagogues and 45,000 Jews in Houston, Texas, the man shook his head in amazement. 'We have 250,000 Jews in Moscow and only two synagogues,' he noted."

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The differences between our countries are quite significant, not only in numbers of Jews and the accessibility of synagogues, but in the accessibility of religious freedom and freedom of expression.

That is not about to change, despite whatever *glasnost* policy might be promised by Chairman Gorbachev.

And I have written this before — it is important to protest, it is important to lobby for human rights around the world, not only in the Soviet Union, but one must also be realistic and strive for negotiations across the board, to limit hostilities and the spread of nuclear weapons.

While it is important for us not to lose the hope of communicating with our fellow Jews in the USSR by attempting to travel there, we must examine the overall effect our visit might have on the dissidents. Will it cause them more pain and harassment, as it did last week with public beatings? The Soviets are not concerned with negative press. Photographs in the Western press of burly KGB guards giving Jews a thrashing does not soften their hearts to cease those beatings. No one in their country has access to international newspaper reports.

by Eric Rosenman

A funny thing happened last month at a conference on "Sustaining Democracies in Regions of Crisis: The Israeli Experience." Approximately 30 Israelis — including government leaders — were attempting to explain to an American delegation how Israel had managed — through nearly four decades of war, terrorism, large-scale immigration and economic difficulties — to build a thriving democracy.

But at the opening session the Israelis were not doing too well. They focused much more on their country's problems than its successes.

Finally, according to Kenneth Wollack, executive vice president of the sponsoring National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), Costa Rica's Benjamin Nunez, a former ambassador to the U.N. and to Israel, took the microphone. "He basically said, 'You folks don't know what you have here. You're always looking to the future. Take a moment to look where you've come from.'"

Where Israel has come from became clear in the following sessions of the three-day conference at Sedona on the Dead Sea. The Jewish state, former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale pointed out, did not sacrifice internal democracy to meet external military threats, as has happened elsewhere. In fact, the institutions Israel established helped strengthen its democracy.

Rep. Bill Green (R-N.Y.), another American delegate, noted that the process was under way even before independence in 1948. "The Israelis had a long experience in democratic institutions — the World Zionist organization, the Histadrut trade union federation and others."

Conferees examined the relationship between civil authorities and a strong, respected military which itself manifests some democratic traits. Ben-Gurion's incorporation, at an early date, of the various Jewish self-defense organizations into the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and placement of the IDF under civilian control was seen as crucial by Mondale, who is president of NDI, and by Green and Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.).

Universal service, the absence of military academies, the existence of a strong civic education program within the military, the provision that officers can take two years off to study anything which interests them, and mandatory retirement for most senior officers while still in their 40's also were seen as important to preventing the growth of an anti-democratic military elite.

Conference participants noted that although Israel has no written constitution, it developed a strong, independent judiciary. The country also has a tradition of economic pacts or "social contracts" between manufacturers, unions and government. These regulate potentially damaging class competition. And Israel's free press and strong political parties contribute to the state's overall democratic health.

The majority of Israelis are immigrants or children of immigrants from the nondemocratic countries of North Africa or the Middle East. But most Israeli participants agreed that while some problems remain, much of the "social gap" between Ashkenasim (Jews of European background) and Sephardim (Jews of Middle Eastern background) has been ameliorated in the past 10 or 15 years.

What Israelis find frustrating now is the split between the Jewish religious and secular communities. Some participants argued against trying to write a constitution now because of the split; others urged that a constitution be put on paper specifically to help resolve the issue.

Over all, the NDI program was "tremendous. I've been to many conferences in 14 years in office, and this was the best — in terms of the quality of discussion and the broad cross-section of Israeli society," Berman said.

NDI, loosely affiliated with the Democratic Party, is one of four main organizations funded by the National Endowment for Democracy. The others are linked to the Republican Party, the AFL-CIO and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"The Israelis questioned whether what worked for them would work elsewhere," Wollack noted. But NDI believes the Israeli example can be a tool if not an exact model for other emerging democracies.

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

I write to correct a number of mistakes in your story on me that appeared in your February 13, 1987 edition.

The organization which evaluated my job performance for a tenure decision was the International B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. An evaluation team consisting of Hillel's Director of Personnel Services Rabbi William Rudolph and Rabbi Saul Perlmutter of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Massachusetts came to Rhode Island in the Spring of my sixth year (1985-86) and provided me with a list of four areas of needed improvement. They returned in the Fall of my seventh year (1986-87) to complete the evaluation process. This is the standard procedure for all Hillel employees in being evaluated for tenure.

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Campus Needs Committee, chaired by Rabbi Leslie Gutterman, had no bearing upon or input into the tenure decision. Its charge was to answer another question — How can the Federation's limited resources be best spent on the campuses in the State? It is not an allocations committee; rather, it is an advisory committee to the Federation's Board of Directors. This does not mean that the Federation had no input into my tenure application question. In fact, it did participate in the decision process. But so did URI Jewish students, URI Hillel Student Board, URI Jewish faculty, the URI Administration (in the person of the Vice-President for Student Affairs), South County Residents, and URI Board of Trustees Members.

By combining these two aspects, an inaccurate picture of URI Hillel was painted.

In sum, the two questions of tenure and what level of services is needed at URI are not related.

Thank you for letting me correct these mistakes.

Rabbi Chaim Casper
Director

Essay Contest

The Children's Department of the Jewish Community Center in Providence announces the second annual Saul Abrams Memorial essay contest for children in grades 4 to 6. Participants are asked to write about a founder or leader from Rhode Island who is or was instrumental in initiating Jewish civic or cultural institutions which exist today. The subject of the essay may be a Rhode Island historical figure or someone presently active in the community. In addition, anyone who has helped memorialize the holocaust will be included.

Entries must be at least one typewritten or two handwritten pages and may include photographs or drawings. Each entry must include the child's name, age, grade, school, address, telephone number and parent's signature.

All work must be submitted by Friday, April 10 to Ruby Shalansky, Children's Activity Coordinator, Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove, Providence, Rhode Island 02906.

First prize will be a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and a tree planted in Israel in the winner's name. The winners will be announced and the awards presented on Sunday, April 26 in conjunction with the state wide Yom HaShoah ceremonies.

To The Editor:

The Jordanian Ambassador complains that the media discriminates by tagging terrorist attacks as "Arab" or "Moslem" — rarely as "Christian" or "Jewish." He quotes King Hussein: "Islam, our religion, abhors such acts (terrorism). Islam, in which the preservation of life is a basic principle, prohibits any unlawful killing." Reconcile that with his soldiers in 1970 slaughtering 8000 of the PLO including women and children; President Assad's Sunnis exterminating 15,000 of the Moslem Brotherhood in Syrian Hama; Iraq, wiping out thousands of Kurds; the Arabs of North Sudan murdering an estimated 50,000 Blacks in South Sudan; Iran, the Bahai community; the ten years of massacres in Lebanon.

Note that Jihad, destruction of infidel Jews, derives from the Koran. What other religion would mandate the beheading of a princess for a sex violation — or amputation of the hands of a thief? School children are taught to hate non-Muslims. Official declarations of Arab organizations are replete with blood thirsty vows. It's not only genocide, but fratricide!!

In truth, history reveals that indiscriminate killing is far more prevalent among Moslems motivated by the compulsion to take revenge for any wrong. If "preservation of life" was truly "a basic Moslem principle," the blessings of peace would supplant war and make the Holy Land really holy!

S. Norman Gourse

NCCJ Presents Workshops

A Teachers Workshop featuring the nationally acclaimed World of Difference Project will be sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, in cooperation with the Brown Institute for Secondary Education. It will take place on Tuesday, March 10 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Brown University.

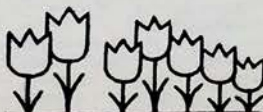
Consultants and teachers from Facing History and Ourselves (Brookline, MA), and the Anti-Defamation League of Boston, will present video and study guide materials recently developed as part of a Massachusetts school and community media supported campaign to reduce prejudice and promote multicultural education. Workshop participants will have an opportunity to examine questions of content and methodology for studying prejudice, review a wide array of media and study materials, as well as enjoy an Italian Festival Buffet.

For registration and further information, call Meg Little Warren, Workshop Coordinator at 351-5120 by March 1.

Challah Sale

The Jewish Community Center's Preschool is sponsoring a weekly challah sale. Each challah is \$1.50 and can be picked up on Friday in the Dance Studio of the Center at 401 Elm Grove Avenue.

Orders for this fundraiser must be made by the previous Wednesday by calling Carolyn Roseman, Preschool Services Director at 861-8800.



Rabbi Casper: An Appreciation

by Isaac Klausner

Many students were saddened when they learned that Rabbi Chaim Casper is leaving as Director of the Hillel at URI.

During my time as principal of the South County Hebrew School, which was located in the same building as Hillel, I could observe and appreciate Rabbi Casper's energy, youth, and dedication. I had also more knowledge about Rabbi Casper through my nephew who was a roommate of Chaim during their years at Yeshiva University. I felt that Chaim's commitment to Hillel was total. He treated all his students, regardless of their background and religious beliefs, with the same devotion and with countless hours of advice. Students with complicated relationships and problems found in him a receptive ear and a valuable friend.

Rabbi Casper is Orthodox and at the same time he is open-minded and sincere. He had strong feelings in his involvement in Hillel. He had the ability to organize, persuade and cajole. We often fail to realize the toil that has been put in the preparation of meetings, seminars, festivities, and of lasting relationships.

As we stop to reflect the accomplishments of Rabbi Casper to Hillel, we realize that his years were years of settling in, of growing and improving. Things that may not even seem to be earth-shaking in themselves can add up to be the difference in whether or not we move ahead and go on to better things. Rabbi Casper passed the test. His students became reinforced in the ideals of Judaism. I marvel how he was able to do it all.

Rabbi Casper is leaving because of the relatively small number of active Jewish students to warrant a full-time Rabbi. Only time will tell the validity of the decision not to grant tenure to Rabbi Casper.

To Chaim and his wife, the very warmest wishes for a bright future, good health and much happiness.

Chaim is at the turning point in his life. We want his tomorrow to be better than yesterday. We wish him well.

Isaac Klausner lives and writes in Cranston.

Volunteers Needed For Meals On Wheels

The Jewish Community Center's Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteers. Teams of drivers and runners are necessary to deliver hot kosher meals to homebound elderly, weekdays during the lunch hour.

A volunteer coordinator is also needed for scheduling. This involves making telephone calls each morning either from the Center or from home.

For further information call Sharon Lee Custis at 861-8800.



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Social Events

Antokols Announce Birth

Rabbi and Mrs. Arnold Antokol of Brooklyn, New York announce the birth of their first child, a daughter. She was born on January 31, 1987 and was named Malka.

The maternal grandparents are the late Rabbi and Mrs. Wolfson of Brooklyn, New York. The paternal grandparents are Bertha Antokol of Providence, R.I. and the late Norman Antokol.

Rhonda Reuter To Wed Robert Pais

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Reuter of Plattsburgh, New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda Beth, to Robert Michael Pais, son of Louis Pais of Los Altos, California and Ethel Pais of Binghamton, New York.

Miss Reuter is a graduate of Clark University and Boston University School of Social Work. She is a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Brockton Hospital, Brockton, Massachusetts. Mr. Pais graduated from the University of Rochester and is a Certified Public Accountant with the firm of Segel, Greenfield, and Frank, Boston, Massachusetts.

Miss Reuter is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Sklut of Cranston, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reuter of Providence.

An August wedding is planned.

BJE Spring Senior Series

The Bureau of Jewish Education Senior Adult film discussion series will begin its spring semester on March 22 and 23. The theme of the eight-week series will be "Rhythms of Jewish Life." Using music as an analogy for the Jewish experience, the films will examine harmonies and dissonances in the Jewish life cycle and in the Jewish world. Marriage and family, war and peace, United States, Israel and the world will be part of this musical score. This provocative and lyrical theme is certain to evoke discussions, "basso profundo" as well as "pianissimo." Ruth Page will coordinate the series. Dates and locations of the program are:

Charlesgate North Apartments, Providence — Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m.; March 24, March 31, April 7, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19.

Jewish Community Center, Providence — Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.; March 24, March 31, April 7, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19.

Jewish Family Service Mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston — Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.; March 25, April 1, April 8, April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20.

The programs are free and open to the public. For further information, contact Ruth Page, Senior Adult Coordinator, at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 331-0956.

Cranston-Warwick Hadassah

Cranston-Warwick Hadassah will hold a meeting Tuesday, March 10, at the Letterman Plaza, Mayfield St., Cranston at 7:30 p.m. The program is in honor of the festival of Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of Trees which heralds the coming of spring. Participating in the program are Ruth Winkler, Lillian Goldstein and Martha Saunders.

Hadassah has also announced further activities for March and April. On Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. at William Hall Library, Cranston, members will be attending a performance of "The Wayside Motor Inn" by A.R. Guerny Jr., presented by the Bright Lights Theater. A \$15 charge will include a post-performance discussion with the cast and refreshments.

The two events planned for April are an attendance at The Wedding Party at the Astor's Beechwood Mansion and the flower show "Art in Bloom" at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. At "The Wedding Party" on April 8, the audience will be treated as wedding guests and will be served a four-course luncheon between five acts of a hilarious musical comedy. A price of \$40 includes transportation to Newport. The bus will leave Warwick at 10:30 a.m.

The trip to the flower show will be on April 29 with the bus leaving Warwick at 8:45 a.m. The price of \$20 will include transportation, admission and a guided tour.

Guests are welcome to all events. Call Goldie Greene, 738-6956, for reservations and further information.

Miriam Women Present Spring Fashions



(Left to right) Diane Salmanson, Patricia Hairabet and Helene Brodie.

This spring, two of the nation's most prestigious retailers, in conjunction with The Miriam Hospital Women's Association, will host a fashion show of unparalleled glamour. The April 8 event will provide for "An Afternoon with Tiffany's and Sara Fredericks" presenting selections from their spring line. Tiffany & Co. is recognized throughout the world for its long list of designers as well as for its gems. Sara Fredericks has long clothed ladies of taste and discrimination with fashions of Geoffrey Beene, Karl Lagerfeld, Pauline Trigere, Carolyn Roehm, Oscar de la Renta, Carolina Herrera, Valentino, Bill Blass, Bob Mackie and Scasi.

The mannequins will be modelling informally: no runway. They will go from table to table wearing both their jewelry and their fashions. In this manner, the audience will have the opportunity to closely view the merchandise, which is available for sale. A portion of those proceeds will benefit the hospital directly.

This afternoon of pure fun and

fantasy is not without purpose. Since 1926, the Women's Association has sponsored a variety of events, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars earmarked to purchase capital medical equipment for the hospital. This machinery is critical in serving the health care needs of our community. This year, the association has selected a "tissue preparation" machine for the Surgical Pathology Laboratory. The automated equipment "freezes" resected surgical specimens, enabling the pathologists to make rapid and accurate diagnoses.

Seating will be limited, and reservations are a must for the April 8 Annual Equipment Event luncheon and fashion show, which begins at noon at the Providence Marriott Inn. Co-chairpeople for the event are Patricia G. Cohen and Hinda Semonoff. Claudia Deutsch is President of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

For more information, please call The Women's Association office: 274-3700 Ext. 2520.

Glasses Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Glass of Tempe, Arizona wish to announce the birth of their second child and first daughter, Jessica Lynn, on February 16, 1987.

Maternal grandparents are Arthur and Laura Levin, formerly of Chelmsford, Mass., now living in Sun City West, Arizona. Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Kay Glass of Sun City, Arizona. Great Grandmother is Natalie Gershman, formerly of Pawtucket, R.I. now living in Sun City West, Arizona.

Jewish Home Women's Assoc.

The board meeting of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 1987, in the Martin Chase Auditorium at the Home.

A petite lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. with Charlotte Goldberg, presiding.

Shlevin To Zoning Board

Sam Shlevin was re-elected chairman of the Pawtucket Zoning Board. In addition, Sam serves as chairman emeritus of the R.I. Zoning Board of Review and the State of Rhode Island Commission on Zoning. He is also special commissioner of zoning for the City of Providence Zoning Commission.

Hospice Care Of R.I.

Interviews are now being conducted for persons who are interested in becoming volunteers at Hospice Care of Rhode Island. The training program will begin on Thursday, April 2, 1987, and continue on consecutive Mondays and Thursdays, through April 30th at Hospice Care Offices in the Duncan Building, Butler Hospital, Providence.

Presentations will include: An Orientation and History of Hospice; The Medical Aspects and Pain Management of Cancer; Sensitivity to Death; Communication and Listening Skills; Psychosocial and Spiritual Care of Hospice Patients and Families; Bereavement and Grief; Caring for the AIDS Patient, and the Role of the Volunteer.

There is no charge for persons who are interested in becoming Hospice volunteers. Registered nurses who take the training program will receive 18 contact hours approved by the Rhode Island State Nurse's Association at a cost of \$35.

For an appointment and preliminary interview call 272-4900.

Mary Engley To Wed Mark Sugarman

Mr. Earle P. Engley of Lincoln, R.I. and Mrs. Mary B. Conley of Warwick, R.I. announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Engley, to Mark Sugarman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sugarman of Warwick and Narragansett.

Mary is a graduate of Bishop Feehan High School and St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing. Mark is a graduate of URI. An October wedding is planned.

Smiths Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith of Warwick would like to announce the birth of their second child, a son, Matthew Ryan, born on January 26, 1987. Maternal grandparents are Stanley and Judy Smith of Pawtucket, R.I. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Robert F. Smith of Somerset, Mass.

Fishmans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. William Fishman of Rockaway Park, N.Y. announce the birth of their first child, a son Robert Harris on January 16, 1987. Mrs. Fishman is the former Beth Adler.

Maternal grandparents are Arlene and Howard Adler. Paternal grandparents are Bea and Sy Fishman of Delray, Fla. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Hyman Hochman and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Adler.

Howard Lipsey ABA Member

Attorney Howard I. Lipsey of Providence, R.I. will be a member of the American Bar Association Family Law Advocacy Institute to be held at the University of Denver Law School in June of 1987.

The American Bar Association announced that the Family Law Advocacy Institute will be teaching advocacy skills to lawyers who specialize in family law. Lipsey's appointment to the faculty, the ABA commented, is in recognition of his commendation as an expert in the field of family law.

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Winoker will be honored at a reception to be held on Thursday, February 26 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Casino in Roger Williams Park (Elmwood Avenue entrance). The reception was previously scheduled in January, but was postponed because of a snowstorm. During a speaking program that will begin at 6 p.m., Winoker's accomplishments will be cited by three prominent businessmen with whom he has a close relationship: Henry B. Woodbridge Jr., chairman of R.I.H.T. Financial Corporation; Robert Reichley, vice president of university relations at Brown University; and Bruce Sundlun, CEO of Outlet Communications. The media is invited to cover this brief program.

B.B. Greenberg, of which Winoker is president, was one of the first two companies to be certified by the Bay Commission as in compliance with discharge standards for electroplating operations. In the last 10 years, Winoker has also become a co-owner of 10 building properties with more than 1.7-million square feet of space. These include the Biltmore Plaza, Union Station, the huge former Gorham plant on the South Side of Providence, and several properties on Richmond Street (near Davol Square) that Winoker is renovating for office space. The magazine was impressed by Winoker's vision of the economic prospects for these many properties, his willingness to take risks on behalf of ventures that will benefit his native Providence, and by his confidence that Providence and Rhode Island will continue to experience the economic revitalization that Winoker is helping to bring about.

This is the third annual award given by *Ocean State Business*, a bi-weekly magazine that is read by more than 17,000 leaders in business, government and nonprofit institutions in Rhode Island and Bristol County, Mass. The first two recipients were J. Terrence Murray, CEO of Fleet Financial Group; and Governor Edward D. DiPrete.

Dr. Maizel Receives Award

Abby Maizel, M.D., the chief of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Roger Williams General Hospital, has received a MERIT Award from the National Cancer Institute for \$310,000 per year for a potential period of up to eight years for research he is conducting on the "Biomolecular Nature of Human B Cell Growth Factor."

The MERIT Award is a newly established program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health for selected investigators who have demonstrated superior competence and outstanding productivity during their research endeavors. The objective is to provide long-term stable support to specific investigators to foster continued creativity and spare them the administrative burdens associated with preparation and submission of research grant applications.

Dr. Maizel is a professor of Pathology at Brown University School of Medicine. He joined Roger Williams in July, 1986 from the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston, Texas.

Prov. Chapter Of Hadassah



Sara Aronson

The Donor Kick-Off Meeting for the Providence Chapter of Hadassah will be held on Monday, March 9, 1987, at the Jewish Community Center. Coffee hour will be at 12:30 in the Art Gallery, and the meeting and program will be in the Senior Lounge at 1 p.m.

The speaker will be Sara Aronson, Vice President Boston Chapter of Hadassah. Mrs. Aronson was born in Haifa, Israel, and served as a sergeant in the Israeli Army. She was educated at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Boston University. She is a member of the State Advisory Board on Public Welfare in Massachusetts, and is involved with the Jewish Community. Mrs. Aronson recently visited Israel, and her topic will be "Impression of my Recent Trip to the Middle East with Senator Ted Kennedy," and a focus on their visit to Hadassah Hospital.

Doris McGarry will be Program Chairman and Esther Share will be in charge of hospitality.

Sharon Dorfeld To Wed Martin Moliner

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dorfeld of Miramar, Florida announce the marriage of their daughter, Sharon Beth, to Dr. Martin Moliner on January 11, 1987 at the Sheraton Royal Hotel on Key Biscayne, Florida. Sharon is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Nursing and will graduate from the University of Miami School of Law in May 1987. Martin graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine and is in residency at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levin of Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Cranston, Mrs. Margaret Milgram, and Mrs. Rose Dorfeld of Miami.

After a honeymoon in Austria, the couple will reside in Miami.

Hall Of Fame Seeks Nominations

The Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for this year. Any Jewish resident who has spent over four years of residency is eligible. The three categories for nomination are the Veterans Division for Athletics prior to 1940, athletes from 1941 to the present and a service to sports category.

A biography of individuals nominated should be sent to Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame, c/o Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906. Attention: Elliott Goldstein.

Families will be welcome at the induction ceremony on Sunday, May 31.

Touro Fraternal News

Touro will take part in the Meeting Street School telethon that will be held on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8. Touro members are asked to call in with a pledge.

Do not forget that our membership drive is still in effect. Last year Touro Fraternal set a new three year record for new members. This year we are working to surpass that record. Any young Jewish men over the age of 18 are asked to join with us. Contact any member of Touro or call us at our office in Cranston for more information. Any members who wish to bring in a young man should get an application from the office. Write to Touro Fraternal Association, P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910 or call 944-4412.

Hadassah Fashion Show

Mrs. Linda Bloch and Mrs. Pat Matusow, Hadassah Medical organization campaign co-chairwomen for the Woonsocket Chapter of Hadassah, held a planning meeting at the home of Mrs. Bloch, Wed, February 11, for the upcoming Fashion Show to be held on Sunday, April 5.

Fashions will be provided by Helen Olevison. The show will be preceded by an Art Exhibit by Robert Pomfret and the Depot Square Gallery. Refreshments and the exhibit will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Congregation B'Nai Israel.

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Winoker To Be Honored

James R. Winoker, president of a successful and socially responsible jewelry firm, a member of the top business leadership in the state, and a man who is helping to build a new Rhode Island economy by developing many major commercial properties in Providence, has been named Businessperson of the Year for 1986 by *Ocean State Business* magazine.

Winoker will be honored at a reception to be held on Thursday, February 26 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Casino in Roger Williams Park (Elmwood Avenue entrance). The reception was previously scheduled in January, but was postponed because of a snowstorm. During a speaking program that will begin at 6 p.m., Winoker's accomplishments will be cited by three prominent businessmen with whom he has a close relationship: Henry B. Woodbridge Jr., chairman of R.I.H.T. Financial Corporation; Robert Reichley, vice president of university relations at Brown University; and Bruce Sundlun, CEO of Outlet Communications. The media is invited to cover this brief program.

B.B. Greenberg, of which Winoker is president, was one of the first two companies to be certified by the Bay Commission as in compliance with discharge standards for electroplating operations. In the last 10 years, Winoker has also become a co-owner of 10 building properties with more than 1.7-million square feet of space. These include the Biltmore Plaza, Union Station, the huge former Gorham plant on the South Side of Providence, and several properties on Richmond Street (near Davol Square) that Winoker is renovating for office space. The magazine was impressed by Winoker's vision of the economic prospects for these many properties, his willingness to take risks on behalf of ventures that will benefit his native Providence, and by his confidence that Providence and Rhode Island will continue to experience the economic revitalization that Winoker is helping to bring about.

This is the third annual award given by *Ocean State Business*, a bi-weekly magazine that is read by more than 17,000 leaders in business, government and nonprofit institutions in Rhode Island and Bristol County, Mass. The first two recipients were J. Terrence Murray, CEO of Fleet Financial Group; and Governor Edward D. DiPrete.

Dr. Maizel Receives Award

Abby Maizel, M.D., the chief of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Roger Williams General Hospital, has received a MERIT Award from the National Cancer Institute for \$310,000 per year for a potential period of up to eight years for research he is conducting on the "Biomolecular Nature of Human B Cell Growth Factor."

The MERIT Award is a newly established program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health for selected investigators who have demonstrated superior competence and outstanding productivity during their research endeavors. The objective is to provide long-term stable support to specific investigators to foster continued creativity and spare them the administrative burdens associated with preparation and submission of research grant applications.

Dr. Maizel is a professor of Pathology at Brown University School of Medicine. He joined Roger Williams in July, 1986 from the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston, Texas.

Prov. Chapter Of Hadassah



Sara Aronson

The Donor Kick-Off Meeting for the Providence Chapter of Hadassah will be held on Monday, March 9, 1987, at the Jewish Community Center. Coffee hour will be at 12:30 in the Art Gallery, and the meeting and program will be in the Senior Lounge at 1 p.m.

The speaker will be Sara Aronson, Vice President Boston Chapter of Hadassah. Mrs. Aronson was born in Haifa, Israel, and served as a sergeant in the Israeli Army. She was educated at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Boston University. She is a member of the State Advisory Board on Public Welfare in Massachusetts, and is involved with the Jewish Community. Mrs. Aronson recently visited Israel, and her topic will be "Impression of my Recent Trip to the Middle East with Senator Ted Kennedy," and a focus on their visit to Hadassah Hospital.

Doris McGarry will be Program Chairman and Esther Share will be in charge of hospitality.

Sharon Dorfeld To Wed Martin Moliner

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dorfeld of Miramar, Florida announce the marriage of their daughter, Sharon Beth, to Dr. Martin Moliner on January 11, 1987 at the Sheraton Royal Hotel on Key Biscayne, Florida. Sharon is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Nursing and will graduate from the University of Miami School of Law in May 1987. Martin graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine and is in residency at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levin of Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Cranston, Mrs. Margaret Milgram, and Mrs. Rose Dorfeld of Miami.

After a honeymoon in Austria, the couple will reside in Miami.

Hall Of Fame Seeks Nominations

The Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for this year. Any Jewish resident who has spent over four years of residency is eligible. The three categories for nomination are the Veterans Division for Athletics prior to 1940, athletes from 1941 to the present and a service to sports category.

A biography of individuals nominated should be sent to Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame, c/o Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, Attention: Elliott Goldstein.

Families will be welcome at the induction ceremony on Sunday, May 31.

Touro Fraternal News

Touro will take part in the Meeting Street School telethon that will be held on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8. Touro members are asked to call in with a pledge.

Do not forget that our membership drive is still in effect. Last year Touro Fraternal set a new three year record for new members. This year we are working to surpass that record. Any young Jewish men over the age of 18 are asked to join with us. Contact any member of Touro or call us at our office in Cranston for more information. Any members who wish to bring in a young man should get an application from the office. Write to Touro Fraternal Association, P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910 or call 944-4412.

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J. M. Coetzee Awarded Jerusalem Prize

J.M. Coetzee, the distinguished South African writer, has been awarded the 1987 Jerusalem Prize, whose defining theme is "The Freedom of the Individual in Society."

Mr. Coetzee was chosen for his staunch opposition to apartheid, violence, and oppression in all its forms. As the Prize jury stated, "John Coetzee stands out in his novels and essays as a fighter for human freedom and dignity."

The Jerusalem Prize jury was comprised this year of three eminent Israeli intellectuals: the political philosopher Shlomo Avineri, the writer Amos Elon, and the poet Yehuda Amichai. The Prize will be presented to Mr. Coetzee by Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek at a ceremony on April 9, 1987, during the 13th Jerusalem International Book Fair, to be held between April 6-12.

An internationally renowned writer, Mr. Coetzee is the author of two critically acclaimed novels: *Waiting for the Barbarians* (1982) and *The Life and Times of Michael K* (1983), both of which won prestigious literary honors in Britain, France, and South Africa. Educated in South Africa and the United States, he has taught at Johns Hopkins University and the State University of New York. Since 1972, he has been a faculty member of the University of Cape Town, where he is Professor of General Literature.

Mr. Coetzee is the first South African chosen for the Jerusalem Prize. In honoring him, the jury said:

"Mr. Coetzee calls for reasonableness, tolerance and dialogue. He decries the oppression of apartheid as well as the violence associated at times with the



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radical call for a revolutionary alternative. His writings are a *cri de coeur* for a multi-racial South Africa, based on freedom and equality for all, and domination for none. We honor him as a true defender of freedom and as an example to us all."

As the 13th recipient of the Jerusalem Prize, Mr. Coetzee joins a select company, distinguished for their intellectual probity, humane psychological insight, and moral sensibility. They are:

Milan Kundera, Jorge Luis Borges, Graham Greene, Simone de Beauvoir, V.S. Naipaul, Eugene Ionesco, Max Frisch, Ignazio Silone, Andre Schwartz-Bart, Isaiah Berlin, Bertrand Russell and Octavio Paz.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



They row the same boat, they who suffer from the fear of speaking in public.

Their brows bead with perspiration, their hearts race, dreading the dark pit that consumes them when called upon to address a group or even one single individual.

A remedy to cure those ills is prescribed by The Speech Improvement Company, owned by Francine Gertz and her husband, Robert Dippel.

Francine, who finds her work "incredibly rewarding," told a story about the owner of a company who had previously taken speech classes for 10 years, and contacted her.

"He's a very bright man, but he has problems expressing how bright he is because of his speech. I gave him pointers on diaphragmatic breathing. By the end of that class, he was raving how a light bulb went on for him. He has sent other people to us, and he signed his daughter up for a future class. He's coming to me on his own to work on his speech.

Seena Dittelman is a consultant teacher for the Cranston firm.

"I got a call from a man who wanted to take EVERYTHING," she says. "He was promoted from an inside job to a meet-the-public job. He was absolutely terrified. He would have come here morning, afternoon and night, seven days a week, and gone through the series of every class given. He took voice and articulation, and a course in business preparation. He is preparing for a big career, and it's wonderful.

"Public speaking isn't restricted to standing before groups. If a sales rep. makes a presentation to one person, that is public speaking... any speaking that isn't social. Many people fear that one on one. They stay behind the scenes, refusing a promotion. They won't take the job, and are passed over."

Seena joined The Speech Improvement Company in the Fall after she spotted an ad announcing the opening of a franchise of a 22-year-old Boston company at 75 Sockanosset Crossroad in Cranston.

She had been free-lance teaching communications courses for six years. A graduate of Brown University, she majored in writing and theatre. "I started at the age of 7 with elocution lessons," she smiles.

Taken on as a consultant teacher, she says "We were on the same wave length. They were happy with me, and I was happy with them."

"I think Seena's attraction to the company," Francine interjects, "is that we have a very inter-active style of working. The information is not something we deliver. It's an exchange. We're constantly gathering information for people who come to us for help, and we're always involving our programs. We provide an enormous amount of worktime for clients who come to us.

"The kinds of things people come to us for are to improve their speech, to reduce their regional accent, and to slow down, which is a very big concern for people in the northeast.

"These are characteristics they are not happy with. We work with people who have foreign accents, and are working in this country. They need to be understood, and want help understanding us too.

"We receive calls from people who become very nervous when they have to speak, regardless of the quality of their voice," Francine says sympathetically. "They might have things that go on inside them that prohibit them from taking a job promotion, because it requires speaking or even running for public office. Even though they may be fantastic in that role, they're afraid.

"We work with a lot of people like that... people who have to give business presentations and need some organizational skills. We work with them either here or in their offices when we conduct group sessions for a company. We have classes where people from all different lines of work will come together in a group for a one-day session. We work with people individually, sometimes two who are working on a specific presentation. We work with service-oriented people, people who wait on customers in a bank, people who need to present a professional image for a company."

Francine Gertz is a native Rhode Islander who graduated from Cranston West and Emerson College where she majored in theatre. She sung in choruses in New England throughout her school years. "Singing helps the speaking voice with breathing. I always could imitate any sound I heard, and that is why I probably headed in this present direction."

A founder of the Medieval Manor in Boston, she was the lady of the Manor for a year, and worked in Boston singing old English music during the Bicentennial. Through a fellowship, she studied at the University of Iowa, receiving a MFA in

A Light Bulb Went On



Seena Dittelman, Robert Dippel, and Francine Gertz of the Speech Improvement Company, all from left. (photo by Dorothea Snyder)

arts administration.

While teaching arts and theatre management, theatre history and acting at the University of Oklahoma for several years, Francine says "All of this time, I worked with individuals on speech, because it came easy to me. You see results so quickly."

What prompted Francine and her husband Robert to get into speech improvement was the time they were working in Florida. Robert, a University of Wisconsin graduate in psychology, was directing community theatre, and Francine, administering an arts council.

"Some attorney asked us to work with them on their presentation. They asked us if we had thought of doing this full time... that we could do a lot better than working in the non-profit arts. And we had become parents.

"We wanted to move to Rhode Island to be closer to family. We happened upon Drs. Dennis and Paula Becker of the Boston Speech Improvement Company. They had received many inquiries from this area, and wanted to expand.

"Rob and I had worked together quite a bit in our ventures, so we knew this would be right for us. We went through training, and were able to apply an enormous amount of what we had learned over the years."

Jumping in, Seena says, "What makes us so excited is we can see somebody who comes in here, and four weeks later, they're really a different person. These skills can be learned in a matter of weeks. And what it does for their self image and self-esteem! It's really the most remarkable quick change!"

The time frame for classes varies. "If a client is coming to us individually, the average amount of time is once a week, an hour at a time, for six to ten weeks, says Francine. "It depends on what they're working on. If speech versus business presentations, it may take a bit longer. It depends on their goals and how much they practice."

The program at Speech Improvement focuses on articulation, enunciation, tonal quality, projection, proper breathing, and vocal hygiene... avoiding vocal strain, accomplished by proper breathing.

"Our clients," Seena says, "want to improve their diction, such as a secretary

who wants to speak in a crisp, educated manner.

"And then, there's the problem of the repetitive 'you know.' In the course of a class, a person is unaware of how many times he said that phrase."

"88 times," says Francine, "and he or she will say 'I didn't say that.' But the reasons for the ums, the okay's, the you knows, is that we have grown afraid of being quiet. We do everything in a hurry. We breathe fast, which is why we don't get the breath all the way in. It's a matter of how fast can we process words. It takes a level of discipline to stop yourself."

Although The Speech Improvement Company has been alive and well for 22 years, Francine is amazed how the last five years have taken off.

"Just as we're more conscious about the colors and hair styles we wear, and staying young looking, we're growing conscious of our speaking voice. All of this creates a successful image that people want to have."

They speak of flexibility. "We apply the technical aspects of the company, whether medical supplies or novelty items. We put exactly what they're dealing with into the program's outline. We don't forget it's there."

Two plans are in the offering for the firm.

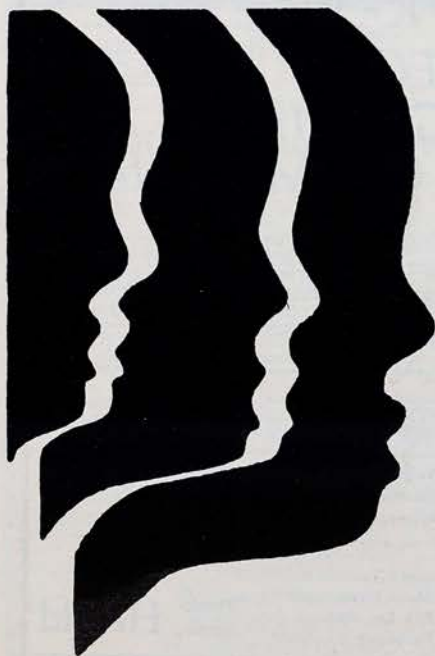
One is to add a speech therapist to their staff, which also includes Robert Burns, a part-time consultant teacher, and a full-time faculty member at Johnson & Wales.

The second is a speech camp this summer for kids to improve voice and diction, "even if it's telling their friends a joke or story." It will be broken down into age groups.

"Our work is very gratifying," says Francine. "There are tried and true ways of working with somebody, and they work every time. There are different things that work for different people, and we know how to figure out what they are."

"A lot of the time, people have the answers too. They need to learn how to find it themselves. They know intuitively. They just need to be reminded."

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The Threat From Within

NEW YORK (JTA) — The major challenge facing the Jewish people today is to unite its ranks, a prominent Jewish leader asserted.

"The Jewish community today is torn by strife," Seymour Reich, the new president of B'nai B'rith International (BBI), observed in an interview here. "There is controversy and there are incidents in Israel and in Jewish communities elsewhere," he said, mentioning issues such as "Who is a Jew," "get" (religious divorce), intermarriage and assimilation.

The president of the largest Jewish organization in the world, consisting of 500,000 men, women, college students and teenagers, believes that the Jewish people must strengthen their unity in order to deal effectively with the dwindling Jewish population in the world, particularly in the United States.

"We are concerned. The Jewish population is dwindling due to intermarriage and assimilation. The major danger to the Jewish community today is from within. We have been losing our youth. American Jews constitute now only 2.6 percent of the general population, while in the past we constituted three percent of the population," he said.

On a recent visit to Israel, Reich called on the Jewish State to create "a body made up of representatives of all Jewish religious groups, in Israel and throughout the world, whose purpose would be to foster a healthier climate among Jews." Furthermore, Reich, who is a lawyer by profession, called on the Knesset to strengthen criminal sanctions against unlawful acts performed against the background of religious intolerance. "Individuals inclined toward that kind of violence must understand the harsh consequences that will

result from them," he said.

Legitimacy Of Differences

The 53-year-old leader said that his organization recognizes the legitimacy of different interpretations and outlooks of Judaism and Jewish identity. "We will encourage members of every group in Israeli society that believes in dignified co-existence," he stated. BBI, he said, makes itself available to all Jews — Conservative, Orthodox or Reform. "We offer ourselves as a vehicle to accommodate the different views in the Jewish community and to serve as a meeting ground," Reich said.

Asked to list the other priorities on the agenda of the BBI, Reich, who spends two days a week at the organization's headquarters in Washington and the rest of the time in New York where he is a senior partner in the law firm of Dreyer & Traub, started with the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Soviet Jewry Issue

"We are campaigning very hard on behalf of Soviet Jews," he said. "We are trying to focus world attention on the Soviet Union's inhuman treatment of its Jewish citizens." He said that the highlight of BBI campaign for Soviet Jews will culminate between noon and 2 p.m. on February 26, when B'nai B'rith will stage rallies in 43 cities across the nation during which well known personalities will read the names of 12,000 Soviet refuseniks at city halls, state capitals, and college campuses. The rallies, he noted, will be coordinated jointly by BBI and B'nai B'rith Women, in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, B'nai B'rith Hillel and the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Another issue of priority with BBI is the State of Israel. "We are continuously alert and concerned

on the need to educate the American public and Congress of Israel's strategic partnership with the United States," he said, adding that efforts are also made from time to time to correct the image of Israel in the media when the media "misunderstands certain action of Israel."

Israel Is Not Being Scapegoated

In Reich's view, the American people "have not scapegoated Israel" in the Iran arms sales affair. He noted, however, that some American officials made some statements "in an attempt to blame Israel," but their attempts failed. "When the Iran arms sales scandal broke out I was in Israel, where I met with Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin. All three told me that Israel did not have prior knowledge or involvement in the diversion of funds from the arms sale to Iran to the Contras," he stressed.

Reich said that he and other BBI leaders have a direct access not only to the Administration in Washington, but to government officials in other countries around the world.

He said that American Jews thrive in America, because "Jews thrive best in democracy." He observed that anti-Semitism is no longer a major threat to American Jews. "Anti-Semitism is no longer respectable here," he pointed out, noting that anti-Semitism today is associated with extreme right-wing groups such as the KKK or the Posse Comitatus, whom he described as "fringe elements on the far right who have embarked on a mission of hatred against Jews."

Holocaust Essay Contest

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "What are the lessons of the Holocaust for Americans?"

The U.S. high school student who submits the best written response to that question will win an expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. the week of April 26 to collect the first prize award and a library shelf of books about the Holocaust. The writing contest is sponsored annually by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. Entries must be 2,000 words or less and be postmarked by March 30.

"We're looking for originality and relevance in judging the entries," said Richard Krieger, executive director of the Council. "Last year we had 800 quality entries."

Submissions may be in several forms, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry or drama, according to Isaiah Kuperstein, director of education at the Council and coordinator of the Holocaust writing contest. Each entry must represent the independent effort of the writer.

"The Council sponsors the annual writing contest to stimulate students to learn about the Holocaust and to reflect on its lessons for our society," said Kuperstein.

Entries must be typed or printed, double spaced, on one side of the paper and a title page must contain this information: student's name; student's home address and telephone number; name, address and telephone number of the student's school; name of teacher; and grade.

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Prof. Shiloh To Speak At Brown



Prof. Yigal Shiloh

On Wednesday, March 11, the Brown University Program in Judaic Studies will sponsor a lecture by one of the world's leading archaeologists, Professor Yigal Shiloh of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Professor Shiloh, Head of the Institute of Archaeology at the Hebrew University, will lecture on "New Hebrew Inscriptions and Archaeological Discoveries from Biblical Jerusalem" at 7:30 in Wilson 302.

Professor Shiloh is currently the Visiting Smart Professor in Judaic Studies at Duke University. He is known internationally as the Director of the City of David Excavations in Jerusalem since 1978. From 1975 to 1977 he was the Director of Excavations at Capo di Ponte in Italy. His book publications include *The Proto-Aeolic Capital and Israelite Ashlar Masonry and Excavations in the City of David 1978-1982* as well as numerous articles.

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by George Gruen

The radical Shi'ite Muslim group that has claimed responsibility for kidnapping and killing seven Lebanese Jews in the past 21 months has now stepped up its campaign of terror by again threatening to kill all remaining hostages unless its demands are met.

What makes this particularly ominous is that the renewed threat by the self-styled "Organization of the Oppressed (*Mustadhafin*) in the World" was delivered to the Beirut paper *an-Nahar* on Jan. 6, only a week after the terrorist group had announced the execution of three Lebanese Jewish hostages.

The Shi'ite terrorist group contended that the men had been executed because they were "spies for the Israeli Mossad" who had supplied Israel with information on the Islamic Resistance, a coalition of Lebanese anti-Israeli groups. The timing of the latest executions, it said, was "in retaliation for Israel's attacks against the south and western Beka'a (Valley) and the terrorist attacks against our people in occupied Palestine."

A spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry responded that "the gratuitous murder of three innocents reveals the true nature of terrorist movements in Lebanon," and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir vowed that Israel would seek out and punish "these barbarians" who again had "used defenseless Jews as a means of hitting at Israel."

The latest victims were reported to be Elie Srour, an electrical engineer near 50, who had been kidnapped on March 28, 1985; Youssef (Joseph) Benesti, 33, kidnapped mid-May 1985; and Henri Mann, a man in his fifties who lived alone in Muslim-controlled West Beirut. Until the publication of Mann's photograph and the announcement of his "execution" by the Organization of the Oppressed, there had been no information that he had been abducted.

The kidnapping and murder of Mann provides further evidence that the fanatical group was deadly serious when it first declared, on Dec. 28, 1985, that it would strike against other Jews "on whom we may lay our hands" unless it demands against Israel were met.

That threatening statement was issued at the time of the murder of the first two hostages: Haim Cohen, 38, a department store accountant, on Dec. 24, 1985; and Prof. Isaac Tarrab, 70, a retired professor of mathematics, whose body was found at the end of the month.

Neither Cohen nor Tarrab was involved in partisan Lebanese politics or in the Arab-Israel conflict in any way. Indeed it was precisely because they felt themselves deeply rooted in Lebanon that they and the other Jews who have become victims of Shi'ite terrorism remained behind when the vast majority of Lebanese Jews emigrated either to

Israel or to join relatives in other countries during the decade of turmoil that has engulfed Lebanon. (Today fewer than 10 Jews remain in West Beirut, and about 70 in East Beirut.)

Dr. Rosemary Cohen of Los Angeles, the sister-in-law of Haim Cohen, has declared that he "was given the opportunity to go to Israel. But he did not want to go so as not to have to face the possibility of killing his Arab friends."

A neighbor and former student of Prof. Tarrab stressed to me that he was not a Zionist and in fact had virtually no connection with Jewish life. "He was not interested in anything but his figures and his pipe." The killing of this gentle old man, she said, was "a senseless death."

The kidnap and murder victims are of diverse backgrounds and ages. They have only two things in common: they were known to be Jews and they had the bad fortune of living in West Beirut, which made them targets of opportunity for the radical Muslim elements.

The third murder victim was Ibrahim Benesti, 34, the brother of Joseph. Ibrahim's body was found by the police on Feb. 19, 1986. The coroner's office reported that he had been shot twice and strangled. The body also bore signs of torture and beatings to the head. Both Ibrahim and the father of the two men, Yehuda Benesti, 70, had been kidnapped earlier in February.

It is tragically ironic that when Joseph had been abducted the previous May, the father at first did not report the disappearance to the police, because he believed that his friends and customers of his shop within the surrounding Shi'ite and Palestinian communities would discreetly intervene on behalf of his son and secure his release.

The fourth victim was Dr. Elie Hallak, 58, vice president of the Lebanese Jewish community. Dr. Hallak was one of the four Jews kidnapped over the last weekend in March 1985. Reportedly armed men in uniform had dragged him from his home on Friday night, during the Sabbath meal. His "execution" was announced in a statement published on Feb. 19, 1986, in the Lebanese press. The Organization of the Oppressed said that it would not release his body until Israel "stopped its criminal operations" in southern Lebanon, withdrew from "all of the occupied territories" and released "all our brothers detained in Khiam," a South Lebanese Army detention camp.

The same conditions were reiterated by the group in refusing to release the bodies of the latest three victims. It is speculated that the bodies have not been released either because the Shi'ite terrorist group does not want to reveal evidence that it had tortured them too or because they may have been killed some time ago.

Mrs. Rachel Hallak still hopes vainly that her husband may yet be alive. In public appeals to the kidnappers she has stressed how her husband, a noted pediatrician, was known as "the doctor of the

poor," because he would not collect fees from those who could not pay, "whatever their religion." His patients included many Shi'ites in Beirut and in the villages that he was totally apolitical for the simple reason that his profession had shaped his entire life. (In fact, one of his patients was the son of a prominent PLO leader.)

The Organization of the Oppressed has stated that it is still holding the following persons: Isaac Sasson, 66, the president of the Lebanese Jewish community, who was kidnapped on March 31, 1985, on his way from the airport in West Beirut on his return from a business trip for the pharmaceutical firm he directed, and Yehuda Benesti, whose two sons were among those murdered by the groups.

It is generally believed that the group also may be holding Salim Jammous, 56, the secretary-general of the Lebanese Jewish community, who was abducted near the synagogue in West Beirut on Aug. 15, 1984. Nothing is known of the whereabouts of Clement Dana, an elderly man who lived and disappeared in April 1985.

The formation of a worldwide organization under the name of "the Party of the Oppressed" was suggested by Ayatollah Khomeini during a meeting with the Syrian Foreign Minister on Aug. 16, 1979, in which Khomeini declared it to be "the same as the 'Party of God' (*Hezbollah*)."

At a memorial meeting in New York on Jan. 8, 1986 on behalf of the first two Jewish victims, the Rev. Joseph O'Hare, S.J., president of Fordham University, poignantly declared: "It is once again a cruel irony that the murderers of Haim Cohen and Isaac Tarrab should dare to call themselves representatives of the oppressed of the world. No greater human oppression is possible than the reduction of individual human beings to nameless symbols whose lives are snuffed out in some sterile political gesture."

George E. Gruen, Ph.D., is director of Middle East affairs for the International Relations Department of the American Jewish Committee.

Silent Auction At JCC

Getaway weekends, jewelry, fine art, brunches, lunches and dinners at the city's finest restaurants, clothes and hair fashions, socializing with a variety of well-known personalities. These are just a few of the items to be offered by auctioneer Lou Pulner at the Jewish Community Center's annual Silent Auction to be held Saturday, March 7 from 8 to 11 p.m., in the Social Hall of the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence.



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Scholar To Speak On Portuguese Jewry

The historical links between Jewish and Portuguese people are the focus of a two-day program that will bring noted scholar and author Dr. Yosef Yerushalmi to Southeastern Massachusetts University next month.

SMU's Center for Jewish Culture, in cooperation with The Center for the Portuguese-Speaking World, is presenting Yerushalmi's visit on March 16 and 17 as its first scholar-in-residence program.

The highlight of the visit will be Yerushalmi's lecture and slide presentation, "Portuguese-Jewish History and Culture: A Panorama" at 7:30 p.m., March 16, in the Recital Hall of the College of Visual and Performing Arts (Group VI). The lecture is open to the public at no charge.

Yerushalmi is Salo Wittmayer Baron Professor of Jewish History, Culture and Society at Columbia University, and director of Columbia's Center for Israel and Jewish Studies. He is an honorary member of the Portuguese Academy of History in Lisbon, and last year was elected president of the Leo Baeck Institute, the major institution for research into the history of the Jews in German-speaking lands.

The public is invited to attend the three classroom lectures Yerushalmi will give. He will speak at 9 a.m. and again at 10 a.m., March 16, and at 9:30 a.m., March 17, with all lectures in Room 201 of the Liberal Arts Building (Group I).

In those lectures, he will discuss the Marrano religion, adopted by a number of Jews during the period of the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal. These Jews felt forced to profess to be Christians in order to avoid persecution. Yerushalmi will also discuss racial anti-Semitism in Spain and Portugal.

During his stay, Yerushalmi will meet in informal settings with students, faculty members, and interested members of the community. He will also take part in "SMU Horizons," the monthly cable television show.

Glassman called Yerushalmi's visit "another clear example of a major academic figure coming to the campus and the community to enrich our cultural and intellectual lives."

Professor Antone Felix, chairman of the Portuguese Center, said the program "should serve as a catalyst to bring The Center for the Portuguese-Speaking World and



Dr. Yerushalmi

The Center for Jewish Culture together in an important working relationship."

"The visit should remind us of the rich diversity of the ethnic culture and heritage within the area," added Waxler. "We feel that Dr. Yerushalmi's visit should be seen as a springboard for building strong relationships between two important ethnic groups in this area."



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At Miriam

Ralph Semonoff, Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Miriam Hospital Foundation, today announced that a generous contribution has been made to the foundation by Edwin A. and Lola Jaffe. The gift will be used to establish "The Jaffe Family Fund for Preventive Medicine and Health-Promotion."

The fund will be administered by the Directors of The Miriam Hospital Foundation with the advice and consent of Mr. and Mrs. Jaffe. Investment income from the fund will be used to support research in the discipline of preventive medicine and health promotion.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jaffe are believers in the value of promoting good health through positive lifestyle changes. "Lola and I have always felt that lifestyle and diet are critical elements in maintaining a healthy existence," Mr. Jaffe said, "and we think it is important to support academic inquiry into the development and evaluation of approaches to disease prevention and health promotion."

JCC Mall Trips For Seniors

Van trips to area malls are being scheduled by the Jewish Community Center for Wednesday afternoons. Those 60 and older and the handicapped will be able to leave the Center at 1 p.m., shop, have lunch or see a movie at a mall and return at 4 p.m. Each trip costs \$2.

Arrangements for a noon time kosher meal at the Center before the trip can also be made. Transportation to and from the Center at 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence is available.

Advance registration can be made with Sharon Lee Custis at 861-8800.

Canoe Classes

A canoe class will be offered at the Jewish Community Center on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Center pool, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence. Instructors from the Rhode Island Canoe Association will cover from basic to whitewater canoeing.

Also included in the class will be three outdoor sessions on March 21, 22 and 28.

The fee for the course is \$20 for members of the JCC or R.I.C.A. and \$40 for nonmembers. Equipment rental for outdoor trips is extra. People of all ages are welcome to sign-up.

For more information call Patty Winer Gold at 861-8800.

PHDS Program



The Student Council of the Providence Hebrew Day School recently sponsored a Talent Show featuring children from grades 3, 4 and 5. A wide variety of talented performers entertained a delighted audience. The winners were: 1st place, Candice Nochomowitz doing a dramatic reading; 2nd place, the girls from Grade 3 doing their singing and dancing rendition of "We're the Monkees"; and 3rd place, Leon Rosen, who performed magic. Pictured above, left to right, are: Judy Massouda, Cheryl Mizrahi, Stacy Gopin, Beth Kessler, Melissa Mann, Penina Strajcher, and Shira Rosenstein.

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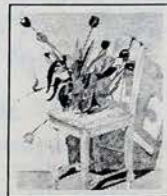
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Arts & Entertainment

New York Openings

Our Own Family, an evening of four one-act plays, will open at the Jewish Repertory Theatre, 344 East 14th Street, on Sunday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

Presented by the Jewish Repertory Theatre, Ran Avni, Artistic Director, *Our Own Family* consists of plays written by their 'family,' the Jewish Repertory Theatre's Playwrights-In-Residence. Each playwright is a talented and unique voice and their visions are strikingly different and original. The plays are: *Zimmer* by Donald Margulies (who has been represented by "Found A Peanut" at the Public Theatre and "What's Wrong With This Picture" at the Manhattan Theatre Club) which is about a man who has been through his sixties and has to deal with a poignant sense of loss; *The Converts* by Michael Taav about a cocaine addict and a religious fanatic, both escaping reality; *Scrabble* by David Rush (who wrote "Elephants" produced by the JRT and "Beethoven / Karl" produced at Playwright's Horizon), a family comedy / drama about a son trying to resolve his past conflicts with a senile father and *The Renovation* by Susan Sandler about the relationship between an older woman and the daughter of her ex-lover — a pertinent look at today's confusing and transient family structures. The directors: Michael Arabian, William Partlan, Lynn Polan and Susan Einhorn and the casts will include: John Diehl (best known for his role on "Miami Vice"), Joe Urla, Sylvia Kauders, Richard Fancy, Maury Cooper, Victor Raider-Wexler, Michael Albert Montel, Beth McDonald and Jennifer Blanc. Sets are by Ray Recht, costumes by Edi Giguere and lighting by Dan Kinsley.

Performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays (except Friday) at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and

7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (weeknights) and \$18 (weekends). Box Office: 505-2667.

Carrying School Children, a new play by Thomas Babe, will open at Theater for the New City, 155 1st Avenue (10th Street) on Friday, March 6 at 8 p.m.

Presented by Theater for the New City / George Bartenieff and Crystal Field, *Carrying School Children* features: Fisher Stevens, Nealla Spano, Scott Hitchcock, Jodie Markell, Adam Nathan, Ron Eldard, Rush Pearson, Pamela Sutton and Paul Marcarro, under the direction of David Briggs. In his new play, Thomas Babe, author of *Prayer for my Daughter* and *Taken in Marriage* moves ahead to the year 2084 aboard the space colony ship *Hegemony*, where a new breed of humanity is involved in a comic adventure of love and survival. Set design is by Jim Tilton; lighting design by Peter West; costume design by Daphne Stevens-Pascucci and original music and sound composed and created by Michael Brennan.

Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$4.

For information call (212) 254-1109.

Spring Carnival Ball

The International Institute of Rhode Island announces a special fundraising event. All are invited to dance winter away at the Spring Carnival Ball, April 25, 1987, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Two outstanding bands: The New York Samba Band, a 10-piece Brazilian samba group and John Worsley's Swing Time with Art Pelosi and Tony Tomasso will warm you with their jazz sounds. Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet will resemble a festive night in Rio with savory hors d'oeuvres and sweets to tempt you. Formal dress and colorful costumes are encouraged but optional. There will be a costume contest with prizes awarded by celebrity judges. First prize is a trip

to Mardi Gras 1988.

Tickets for this festive, multi-cultural event are available by calling the International Institute of R.I. 401-461-5940 or by writing 421 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, R.I. 02907. Patron \$75 per person; regular \$20 per person, IIRI members \$15 per person. Table reservations: 10 persons per table. Reserve early!

The International Institute of R.I. plays a vital role in our state providing education, job training, and cultural adjustment for immigrants and refugees. The Institute also seeks to foster better understanding between people of different national, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

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).



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Theatre Review: "Glengarry Glen Ross" At Trinity Repertory Theatre



Joseph Hindy, Keith Jochim, and David Kennett in Trinity Rep's production of *Glengarry Glen Ross* by David Mamet playing in the Downstairs Theatre February 13 through March 29.

by Lois D. Atwood

Glengarry Glen Ross, by David Mamet, is playing through March 29 at Trinity Rep. Tony Giordano directed. Lighting design is by John F. Custer; scenery, Robert D. Soule; and costumes, William Lane. The scenes are crisp, the language what one expects from Mamet — laced with four-letter words but astonishingly descriptive. One wonderful scene has a fast-paced dialogue in which no thought or sentence is ever finished.

The play deals with a group of cutthroat real estate salesmen working out of an office where the top seller gets a Cadillac and the worst one gets fired. It is obvious that *Glengarry Glen Ross*, a delightfully improbable name for a Florida real estate development, is probably still under water.

Keith Jochim plays a cynical, weary salesman down on his luck but convinced that a few good leads

will put him back in the money again. He brings great variety to the role, whether he's battling with the manager, pontificating as a senior salesman or pretending to be a customer. Joseph Hindy plays an ace salesman, competitive to the core and well aware of where he stands on the company books. He's new to Trinity, and a very good actor.

The other salesmen are Howard London, enjoyable in his meek, dead-earnest role, and David Kennett, the not very interesting catalyst. David PB Stephens plays a brash, no-nonsense office manager, somewhat one-dimensional but believably so. William Damkoehler is an inarticulate, dissatisfied customer, low to respond and impossible to turn off; an unusual role for him, well played. Richard Ferrone is a tired, efficient policeman.

Glengarry Glen Ross is a well-written play, fairly short, moving swiftly, with good acting and direction.

Catch Cats In May!

by Dorothea Snyder

I'll fight the temptation to say that *Cats* is meowless or purrfect or the cat's meow or the cat's pajamas!

Or that it's a howl of a show!

But how they hissed and slivered and stalked and slid stealthily ... calicos, tigers, siamese — the whole kit and kaboodle!

And oh those crazies when the moon was full and lasers were flashing like shooting stars and catapulating comets!

We have long waited for Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *Cats* to prowl on and off stage at the Providence Performing Arts Center ... to find the smash show as enchanting as a kid's first time at the circus. Maybe more so. 'Tis wonderful to re-capture the sensation of finding oneself wide-eyed and mesmerized.

The spectacular *Cats* cast has brought T. S. Eliot's 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats' bigger than life (all nine).

Larry Small's rich rumbling of Old Deuteronomy, senior cat citizen, was endearing. Randy Sloveczek was a playful and agile hep cat, Mistoffelees.

Grizabella, played by Leslie Ellis, tugged at our nostalgia zone with her beautiful delivery of

Trevor Nunn's "Memories." Nunn was *Cats*' original director.

Costumes, the skin and bones of this elaborate production, is the artistic genius of John Napier, original scenic designer. The staging and technical effects are stunning and often unexpected. A surprise a minute.

Providence fell for *Cats*, so much so that the production is entirely sold out!

Take heart. Those pointy-eared darlings will return for more kitty capers on May 5th for eight performances right through May 10.

(Tickets for *Cats* go on sale Monday, March 2 at PPAC's box office, 421-ARTS. Prices are \$31.50, \$29.50, \$27.50. Don't delay!)

Diane Epstein To Perform

On Friday, March 13, at 8 p.m. Roger Williams College will present Mitchell Rose and Diane Epstein in comedic modern dance and theatre. It will be held in the Performing Arts Center as part of the college's "Alive! Arts Series." Tickets for the performance are \$5 general admission, \$2 student/senior citizen. Seating is limited; reservations may be made by telephoning (401) 253-1040 extension 2153.

The concert is a wildly diverse collection of solos and duets which New York-based dance humorist Mitchell Rose and partner Diane Epstein have performed throughout North America and Europe.

Rose directed his own dance company until 1978. Epstein was a co-founder of the San Francisco Moving Company and was also a member of Diamond Dance Company.

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Jazz Comes Back To Boston

BOSTON — A galaxy of the world's brightest musical stars will join forces to establish Boston as America's musical hub from Thursday, March 12, through Sunday, March 22.

Sarah Vaughan, Billy Eckstine, Sonny Rollins, Spyro Gyra, Stanley Jordan, Oscar Peterson, The Temptations, The O'Jays, classic Irish tenor Robert White, Tito Puente and a score more celebrities will be part of the 15-event, 11-day 1987 Boston Globe Jazz & Heritage Festival.

A broad spectrum of sounds, including swing, avant-garde, modern bebop and mainstream jazz, as well as rhythm and blues, Latin and classical Irish music will be highlighted during the festival, which is presented by The Boston Globe and produced by Boston-born festival impresario George Wein.

Nostalgia buffs will be delighted by one 1987 Festival highlight: the recreation of the sights and sounds of the late Spike Jones and his City Slickers at a Jazz Brunch at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Eddy Davis and the New City Slickers will perform the sound that was a part of Americana for decades — artfully arranged for washboard, fire siren, tuned cowbells, pistol shots, breaking glass and screams.

"This year's Boston Globe Jazz & Heritage Festival strikes the best balance yet between presenting younger artists and established legends," according to Producer Wein.

"The purpose of a great festival is not only to entertain fans with the names they know, but also to expose them to accomplished artists with whom they may not be as familiar," Wein declared.

"That's why I'm delighted that our 'Tribute to Dizzy Gillespie' (8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Berklee Performance Center) will feature Dizzy and the great tenor saxophonist Jimmy Heath, and will also highlight musicians such as Jon Faddis, James Williams, Ray Drummond, Kenny Washington and Steve Turre," Wein said.

"The future of jazz depends upon younger players establishing their own constituency," he warned.

Wein also cited concert programs featuring Stanley Jordan and The Leaders (7 and 10 p.m. Friday, March 20, Berklee Performance Center) and "An Evening with Gramavision," featuring John Scofield, John Blake and Bob Moses (8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Berklee Performance Center) as positive programming for the Festival.

"Stanley Jordan is one of the best-selling jazz artists on records right now," noted Wein.

"Like Wynton Marsalis and a handful of others, he is opening new horizons for younger listeners."

"Teaming Stanley with artists with the creativity, force and musical integrity of Arthur Blythe, Chico Freeman, Lester Bowie, Kirk Lightsey, Cecil McBee and Don Moye (The Leaders) will open Stanley's fans to a new world of jazz and vice-versa."

"We're proud to give their music a showcase on this year's Boston Globe Jazz & Heritage Festival."

The Festival's "Big Band Ball" (9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Boston's Park Plaza Hotel) will swing like never before when the perennially popular Tommy Dorsey Orchestra trades sets with the King of Latin Jazz, Tito Puente and His Orchestra.

Fusion jazz pioneers Spyro Gyra showcase their exciting music magic during two concerts (7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Berklee Performance Center.)

Saxophone giant Sonny Rollins, a major force in music for two generations, will be the only artist featured at Berklee on Sunday, March 15. (8 p.m.)

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concerts will enable the stars to stretch out their performances, without the time constraints sometimes imposed by an opening group.)

Two unique voices in American music, Sarah Vaughan and Billy Eckstine, will share a Symphony Hall date (8 p.m. Monday, March 16.) The collaboration of these two legends goes back more than thirty years to their classic recordings on the Verve label. Their mutual affection and regard for each other and their talent should make this an especially memorable Boston Globe Jazz & Heritage Festival concert.

Another giant of jazz, piano genius Oscar Peterson, will also appear at Symphony Hall (8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18.)

The Boston Globe Jazz & Heritage Festival's St. Patrick's Night Gala (8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Berklee Performance Center) will star tenor Robert White, America's most popular interpreter of Irish and Classical favorites. Included in Mr. White's recital will be a tribute to the music of Ireland's legendary tenor, John McCormick.

The heritage of rhythm and blues music will be highlighted when r & b superstars The Temptations and the O'Jays are headlined in two concerts (7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Orpheum Theater.) With more than 50 years of music history between them, the Temps and the O'Jays, by virtue of their showmanship and their individual strings of hit records, have helped set the standards for every r & b group.

Religious Discord Threatens Jewish Unity

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now jeopardize the nation's future. The secular Jews cite anti-Arab agitation by ultra-Orthodox Jews and say the Orthodox groups have undermined support of Israel from other Jewish groups by labeling them irreligious and disloyal.

There are some signs of a drop in support for Israel among American Jews. A poll to be published late next month by the American Jewish Committee shows "the beginning of attrition of support for Israel, which is particularly noticeable among the non-Orthodox," according to Rabbi David M. Gordis, executive vice president of the committee.

Preliminary assessment of the poll results shows that many American Jews feel "a subliminal anxiety, concern, even anger that has contributed to this falling away," said Rabbi Gordis. That drop in support "will continue unless some change is accomplished which goes beyond putting the best face on Israel to the larger community," he said.

Some leaders said they saw no divisiveness in their communities. A few said privately, however, that they have seen either a small drop in giving to Israel-related causes or some apathy toward Israel among Jews who formerly were quick to criticize news stories that they thought were unfair to Israel.

Some national leaders asked the community relations agencies to turn the skills they built in fighting anti-Semitic prejudice to the problem of Jewish disunity. Rabbi Gordis, a Conservative rabbi, said Jewish agencies had succeeded in working with Christian churches to remove anti-Jewish stereotypes from Sunday school textbooks and "now we should be asking what we are teaching in our religious schools about our fellow Jews."

An Orthodox rabbi, Saul J. Berman of New York's Lincoln Square Synagogue, urged local community relations leaders to "help keep us honest" by holding rabbis responsible for derogatory references to other religious leaders.

Another proposal is a national rabbinic court, or both din, with representation from the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements, to rule on religious questions such as conversion practices.

"If in the United States and Canada we develop a system of commonly recognized conversions, many of the problems around the law of return in Israel would not be so great," said Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Toronto, past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform organization.

Israel To Answer Arms Questions

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end to the dropout phenomenon, which has caused much harm," he told some 600 Jewish leaders from the U.S. and Canada at an Israel Bond dinner at the Capitol Hilton Hotel.

During his three-days of meetings with the Reagan Administration, Shamir has urged that the U.S. no longer grant refugee status to Soviet Jews since their Soviet visas are for immigration to Israel.

But Administration officials have rejected this plea, arguing that the U.S. supports "freedom of choice."

"In Israel they are free to apply for a permit to go to any country of their choice," Shamir stressed to the Bond leaders. "Our State was not established for the purpose of enabling the transfer of Jews from one dispersion to another."

Noting that there are "rumors" of a change for the better in the Soviet emigration policy, the Premier said so far there is "no confirmation" of this. "We have to redouble our efforts to get the Soviet Union to let our people go and to do it right now," he said.

Invitation To Visit

Shamir urged American Jews to make a "pilgrimage" to Israel this year to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the State and the 20th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. "Send your children and grandchildren to the country," he declared. "Let them see what has been accomplished in such a short time. . . . Let them realize what yet remains for them to do in the years that lie ahead."

The Premier stressed that "never for a moment have the people and the leadership of Israel believed that Israel is an endeavor of Israelis alone. We have always considered ourselves as the vanguard of the Jewish people, forward scouts whose task is to pave the way for the return of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel."

Shamir noted the economic reforms of the national unity government, stressing that the aim was to reduce inflation to less than 10 percent.

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Obituaries

ETHEL WALLACK

PROVIDENCE — Ethel Wallack, 82, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a saleswoman for the former Gladdings Store for more than 25 years before retiring 25 years ago, died Monday, February 23 at the home.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Victor and Fannie (Kaplan) Wallack.

Miss Wallack leaves a brother, Gill Wallack in Florida, and a sister, Irma Arons of Cranston.

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

CATHERINE M. RUBIN

PROVIDENCE — Catherine M. Rubin, 61, of the Charlesgate Nursing Center, 100 Randall St., a bookkeeper for the J.T. O'Connell Co., Newport, for many years before retiring in 1969, died Monday, February 23 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Joseph Rubin.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late John and Margaret (Gillespie) Lowney, she lived in Newport for 25 years before coming to Providence last year.

She leaves a daughter, Barbara Maccarone of Westport, Mass.; a sister, Jean Hamel of Cumberland, and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

Torat Yisrael Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold a regular meeting on Sunday, March 1, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. at the Temple, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. A mini-breakfast will be served. This meeting will feature a Panel of "Our Professional Women of the 80's."

They are: Roberta Arsac, Para-Legal, with Tillinghast, Collins, & Graham; Sherri Holland, Fashion Consultant and Personal Shopper; Elaine Shapiro, Pres. of Elan Hair Designs Salons, Susan Smoller, Pres. & Co-Owner of Maid Around the Clock.

Sisterhood members and friends are invited to attend.

LILA KELMAN

Lila Kelman died on Wednesday, February 18, 1987. She is survived by a sister, Doris Dannenhirsch of Philadelphia. Funeral arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

MAX BROOMFIELD

WARWICK — Max Broomfield, 85, of 1 Shalom Drive, owner of Max Broomfield Metal Co. in Providence for 35 years before retiring 15 years ago died Tuesday, February 17, 1987, at St. Joseph Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of the late Anna (Schnefeld) Broomfield.

Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Morris and Bessie (Stambulsky) Broomfield. He lived in Providence before moving to Warwick 10 years ago.

Mr. Broomfield was a member of the Masons, the Touro Fraternal Association, the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, the Shalom Tenants Association and Shaare Zedek Synagogue.

He leaves two sons, David Marvin Broomfield of Cranston and Richard Broomfield of Storrs, Conn.; four daughters, Beverly Seiden of Larchmont, N.Y., Laura Boslovitz of Warwick, Sema Dwares of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Rita Johnson of Warwick; a sister, Bessie Baker of Cranston, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

HYMAN SCHAFFER

CRANSTON — Hyman Schaffer of 219 Summer St., a driver for the Yellow Cab Co. for 25 years before retiring in 1965, died Sunday, February 22, 1987, at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Sarah (Bernstein) Schaffer.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Esther (Feinberg) Schaffer, he moved to Cranston in 1948.

Mr. Schaffer leaves a son, Stanley Schaffer of Warwick; a daughter, Gloria Sheridan of Cranston; a brother, Frank Schaffer of Providence; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Chapel, 458 Hope

St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

WILLIAM SIMMONS

EAST PROVIDENCE — William Simmons of 10 Office Parkway, an interior designer, died Thursday, February 19, 1987, at Miriam Hospital after a three-month illness.

He was born in New Bedford, Mass., a son of the late James and Julia (Simas) Simmons. He had lived in the East Providence and Providence areas for 16 years, previously residing in New York and Florida.

He leaves three sisters, Alyce S. Messer of East Providence, Linda Resnick of Providence and Lillian Westervelt of Warwick; and a brother, James Simmons of Long Island, N.Y.

A private funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was private.

SAMUEL KATZ

PROVIDENCE — Samuel Katz, 76, of Beneficent Apartment House, 1 Chestnut St., an employee of the former I.M. Gan Supermarket and Package Store, Warwick, for 37 years before retiring in 1982, died Tuesday, February 17, 1987, at Miriam Hospital. Born in Lithuania, a son of the late Joseph and Bessie (Shavit) Katz, he came to Providence in 1923, and lived in

Warwick and Westerly before returning to the city in 1981.

Mr. Katz was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the European Theater. He was in national championships in duckpin and candlepin bowling, and was ranked second in the nation in the 1940s and 1950s. He was on the national bowling circuit, and won more than 500 trophies. He was a member of the Sgt. David Langevin Post 449, VFW, West Warwick, the Jewish Community Center and the AARP.

He leaves a sister, Ana Isemin of Montevideo, Uruguay.

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

SAMUEL SILVERMAN

WARWICK — Samuel Silverman of 135 Gillyooly Drive, founder of Samuel Silverman Co. in Providence in 1953, died Saturday, February 21, 1987, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Sylvia (Newberg) Silverman.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Abraham and Fay (Dranoff) Silverman. He lived in Warwick for 24 years.

Mr. Silverman was a member of Temple Am David, the Knights of Pythias and the Masons.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Joyce Silverman of London, England, and Sharron Zmyewski of Scotts, N.C., and a son, Michael Silverman of Boston.

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

LILLIAN LEVITT

CRANSTON — Lillian Levitt of 225 New London Avenue, died Saturday, February 21, 1987, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Joe Levitt.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Morris and Nettie Wiesberg, she lived in Cranston for 31 years. She formerly lived in Lowell, Mass., and Providence.

She was a member of the Women's Associations of Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Mrs. Levitt leaves two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy F. Solinger of Cranston and Mrs. Nathalie L. Kossove of Providence; two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

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

THEODORE RICE

EAST PROVIDENCE — Theodore "Ted" Rice, 75, of 250 Boyd Ave., owner and operator of the former Nathan's Express trucking company in Providence, died Tuesday, February 24, 1987, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Hattie (Slobodinsky) Rice.

Mr. Rice ran the trucking firm for 40 years before retiring 16 years ago. He later worked as a mutual clerk at Narragansett Park and Lincoln Downs race tracks until five years ago.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Benjamin and Bessie (Pulner) Rice. A former Providence resident, he lived in East Providence for the last 19 years.

Mr. Rice was a member of Temple Am David, Warwick, and was a past president of Ansho Kovno Synagogue, Providence. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Doric Lodge No. 38, AF&AM; the Scottish Rite and the Palestine Shrine.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Ira L. Rice of Cranston; three sisters, Sadye Gorodetsky of North Providence, Betty Matloff of Delray Beach, Fla., and Rose Rice of Miami, Fla., and two granddaughters.

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

Violence In West Bank

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Nine Palestinian youths were wounded by Israeli security forces during violent demonstrations that erupted at the Balata refugee camp and A-Najah University in Nablus last week.

An Israeli border policeman was slightly injured by rocks hurled at his patrol car at Balata, near Nablus. Military sources said two demonstrators there were hit by live ammunition and one by rubber bullets. Six students were wounded at A-Najah.

A curfew was clamped on the refugee camp where rocks and bottles were thrown at Israeli soldiers and Palestinian flags were raised. Military sources said rubber bullets failed to quell the demonstration.

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The Cause That Binds

NEW YORK (JTA) — Outside the German prison camp Bad Orb, on a frigid and windy December day in 1944, thousands of American prisoners-of-war held hands as a German commander ordered all Jews to step forward.

A "bell of doom" descended over Private First Class Daniel Steckler, but despite the German's threats and commands, the entire battalion stood immobile. "We had heard about death camps and ovens," Steckler told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Immediately after his capture during the Battle of the Bulge, Steckler had ripped off his dog tag with the Jewish name. But after repeated warnings from the Germans, he and 127 other Jews admitted their identity. "I stayed awake wrestling with my own conscience," Steckler remembered. "Should I deny myself, denying my very soul?"

Ultimately, he could not disregard his background. He was raised in a Conservative Jewish home of self-sacrifice in which his father worked hard to bring him, his four brothers and sisters and his mother through the Depression. But his commitment to remaining Jewish cost him four months of torture and almost his life.

After years of silence, the 62-year-old former P.O.W. emotionally recounts his painful memories — which play in his head like a motion picture — in the television documentary "P.O.W. — Americans in Enemy Hands: World War II, Korea, and Vietnam," created by Arnold Shapiro and written and directed by Carol Fleisher.

The two-hour special, produced by Arnold Shapiro Productions in association with USAA and shown on about 115 local stations in late January and early February, features nine former P.O.W.s and narrator Robert Wagner.

The P.O.W.s relate their stories of capture, torture, struggle, escape attempts and anxious relatives through insightful interviews. Also shown is rare film footage of the war, some never before seen on television.

Steckler is one of four Jews profiled, all from World War II, but the only one to have suffered because of his religion. "It was a double-edged sword — a P.O.W. and a Jew caught up in the Holocaust," Steckler said.

At Bad Orb, the Jewish P.O.W.s were separated from the others. Their supposed transfer to a work camp with "better conditions" turned out instead to be Berga, the satellite labor camp of Buchenwald. Steckler likens his torture there to the enslavement of Jews in Egypt.

By this time, Steckler's 180 pound solid build had wasted to less than 100 pounds. Like many of the other P.O.W.s, he suffered from severe dysentery, among other diseases. He lost body fluids

extensively. The 350 prisoners were fed about 200 calories a day, according to Steckler.

While not all those at Berga were Jewish, Steckler remembers "the Jewish boys got all the hell." They labored at night near eight deafening air hammers. Steckler believes this caused his hearing loss, for which he has recently begun to use a hearing aid. Steckler is heavy-set for his short stature, with a thin gray moustache, dark-rimmed eyeglasses and a rounded face capped by short gray hair. His voice exudes pain.

He shut his eyes and reenacted the harsh, but mandatory task of hoisting rails of "an impossible weight ... I can feel the weight on my shoulders and knees and legs now." "We did it," Steckler explained, "because if you failed, God help you." The Germans beat them often with rubber hoses, pick axes, shovels and whips. "How anyone survived is beyond me," Steckler said.

The Motto For Survival

Because of this work, Steckler is missing a disc in his back, suffers a heart condition that resulted in a heart attack about 15 years ago, experiences numbness of the knees and hands and swelling of the legs, and is still afflicted with Beri Beri, a Vitamin B1 deficiency resulting in inflammatory or degenerative conditions of the heart, digestive system and nerves. He walks stiffly and with a limp.

Through the mental anguish and physical abuse, Steckler survived by the motto, "Don't show the bastards the yellow streak in you." The P.O.W.s were not afraid to sing American patriotic songs and "Hatikvah."

Three of his bunk mates died, one from gangrene and another after an escape attempt. "I was becoming a jinx," Steckler said, suppressing his tears. "I had a guilt complex for years. Why did I survive and not them?" Steckler offered his own answer: "I had God to help me, I had faith in myself and I had faith in the people next to me."

Still Experiences Nightmares

When Berga was liberated, Steckler, lice-ridden and weighing just 85 pounds, received treatment in France and recuperated in the United States, but received no psychological counseling. He still experiences nightmares and his temper is short. "I was afraid to tell people," Steckler said. "I was afraid of the effects. Why involve them? It made no sense."

Each year, however, Steckler tells his horrible story at the Seder table, which now includes his wife of nearly 37 years and three children. But "P.O.W." is the first time he has presented his story publicly.

Steckler was found by Shapiro's office through a VA hospital in Boston, where he attends weekly P.O.W. therapy meetings. In June

1985, Steckler met two fellow P.O.W.s from Berga and last April 23 invited them to his Seder for the 41st anniversary of their liberation.

He participated in the documentary, he said, in the hope that his story will turn the experience into an instrument for peace and as assistance to others who have caged their own, similar horror stories. Last year, while filming the documentary, Steckler returned to Berga. He called the experience a "horror." But he plans to go back to the tunnels he slaved in sometime in April.

Exhibits At RISD

Thirty-five textiles including tapestries, needlework, silks and African weavings, dating from sixth century Egypt to the present, are on view in Textile Treasures from the Permanent Collection, at Rhode Island School of Design's Museum of Art through March 1.

According to Susan Anderson Hay, curator of Costumes and Textiles, the works on view represent the finest of the Museum's extensive collection. They are culled from over 15,000 pieces in the Museum's collection, which was established in 1888 and is one of the oldest in the country. The textiles include fifth and sixth century Egyptian linen and wood curtain fabrics and a cushion cover, a charming Franco-Flemish weaving of the "mille-fleurs" technique, which dates to about 1500, an early 18th century gold and silver decorated dalmatic made in Italy and a contemporary jacquard fabric, by Katherine Westphal, depicting John McEnroe. Of particular interest, says Hay, are the rare printed textiles, which were unearthed during an archaeological dig at Al Fostat, Egypt, and prove to have been imported from India, where they were made in the 15th century. Another highlight is a sampler by Cynthia Burr, which was sewn at the Balch School in Providence in 1786 and is considered to be one of the finest examples of sampler art in existence.

The exhibition was conceived during the initial research for a catalogue, supported by a \$35,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, on the most significant textiles and costumes in the Museum's permanent collection. Scheduled for completion in 1988, *A World of Costumes and Textiles: Masterpieces from the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design* is designed as a handbook for general and scholarly use and is being written and edited by Hay.

The Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. General admission is \$1 for adults 19 and over; 50¢ for senior citizens; and 25¢ for children 5 to 18. Admission is waived on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturdays. Group rates are available and voluntary donations are welcome.

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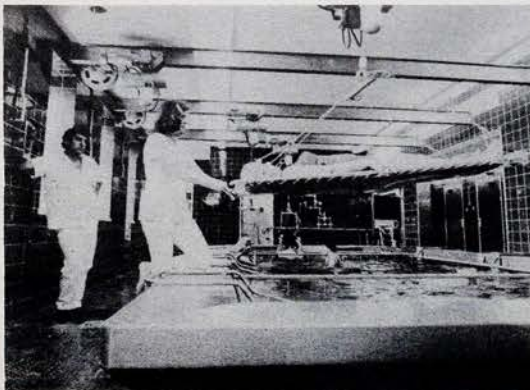
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JERUSALEM — Therapists lower a patient into the pool at the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Rehabilitation Pavilion of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center. The facility for patients recovering from stroke, heart disease and other serious disorders was funded by the Guggenheims who were early supporters of Hadassah's medical care programs and facilities in Jerusalem.

Demjanjuk Trial Continues

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An historian of the Holocaust, Dr. Yitzhak Arad, presented a detailed description of the "death factory" at Treblinka last Tuesday, the second day of the trial of John Demjanjuk, the alleged Treblinka guard accused of war crimes.

At one point, Arad said, the three gas chambers at the extermination camp were unable to cope with the load and many victims died of exposure and other causes while they were kept waiting in packed railroad freight cars.

The three-judge court overruled an objection by Demjanjuk's American attorney, Mark O'Connor, that the history of the Holocaust should not be presented at the trial. But the case hinges on the positive identification of

Demjanjuk, a Ukrainian-born former automobile worker in Cleveland, Ohio, as the Treblinka guard known to inmates as "Ivan the Terrible" because of his brutality.

O'Connor contends that the accused is not the Treblinka Ivan and in fact never was in Treblinka. According to the defense, Demjanjuk became a German prisoner of war in 1942 and "at no time during the war was he at any concentration or extermination camp."

The trial opened last week in a converted movie house, but the 300-seat hall was not full. Haim Guri, Israel's national poet, reported in Davar last Tuesday. He noted that this was in stark contrast to the trial here in 1961 of Adolf Eichmann, the principal organizer of the "Final Solution," the mass murderer of European Jews.

Guri suggested in his

commentary that Israel may be too involved with itself and its current problems to bear the pain of re-living the holocaust. Labor MK Shevah Weiss, a Holocaust survivor and, like the defendant, born in the Ukraine, attended the opening of the trial. "I was in shock. I imagined him (Demjanjuk) killing, butchering, strangling," he told reporters afterwards, recalling his childhood ordeal hidden away with his immediate family by "Righteous Gentiles" while other relatives were murdered.

But Weiss admitted to doubts as to whether the man in the prisoner's dock was indeed "Ivan the Terrible." Whereas "there was

no uncertainty" about Eichmann's guilt, "now the uncertainty eats away at me," he said.

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Swim Classes

The Health and Physical Education Department of the Jewish Community Center has changed its swim class registration policy, providing for earlier sign-up times. All swim class participants can now pre-register for the March 16 spring semester starting on February 16.

Classes will be held at the Center pool, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence. The following classes will be offered.

Mondays — 4 p.m. - Girls Only,

ages 4 and up; 6 p.m.-8:15 p.m. - Advanced Lifesaving, 15 years and up.

Tuesdays — 3:30-4 p.m. - Preschool, 3 to 5 years; 3:45-4:45 p.m. - Basic Rescue and Water safety, 11 to 14 years; 4:15 p.m.-5 p.m., Instructions, ages 5 and up.

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