

## In Canton, Mass., A 90 Year Old Is Bat Mitzvahed

CANTON, Mass. — Libbie Warschaw, 90, read slowly from the Torah scrolls at a synagogue here last week, her head barely extending above the podium where she stood.

"Can you do it a little louder?" the rabbi shouted from the back of the empty synagogue.

The elderly woman looked up at the rabbi, straining to listen through her hearing aid. After a brief pause, she answered, "Sure, I can."

Warschaw was rehearsing her bat mitzvah, a ceremony designed to initiate 13-year-old girls into adulthood. The rite of passage was not an option for Jewish girls in her day, but the petite Warschaw, an independent woman, decided after her 90th birthday that, "If everyone else can do it now, why can't I?"

When this daughter of Eastern European immigrants was growing up in the late 1890s in Brooklyn, N.Y., boys at age 13 celebrated bar mitzvahs as an entry into manhood, but the female version of the ceremony was virtually nonexistent. Only in the past several decades has a bat mitzvah for girls become more common.

### Never Too Late

Showing that it is never too late, Warschaw is to celebrate her bat mitzvah at Temple Beth David in Canton.

Shelly Grell of Randolph, Warschaw's daughter, said her mother has devoted her energy over the past six months to this half-hour ceremony. On that day, she will be called by her Hebrew name, Liba, which means heart.

"It was something that women in her day weren't allowed to do," Grell said. "Certainly her father wouldn't allow it because he was

orthodox and women didn't have a part in the synagogue then."

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, at Temple Beth David, a reform temple, said she was surprised when Warschaw approached her about a bat mitzvah. "She came to us with a lifetime of experience," said Goldstein, who has been Warschaw's mentor and supporter throughout the process. "She has been actively Jewish for 90 years. What could we teach her?"

For one thing, Warschaw needed to learn Hebrew to complete the readings from the Torah that are part of the ceremony. With her wooden cane at her side, Warschaw has been seen pouring over Hebrew texts at various sites in the elderly housing project where she lives.

"I see her in the coffee shop every morning studying her Torah portion," said Bella Adler, an assistant at the Trilling House in Randolph. "She's deeply engrossed."

Warschaw said such intense study has not been easy — more than a few times she has feared she would never master the Hebrew. "Libby would say to me, 'This is too hard' or 'I can't do it,'" recalled Rabbi Goldstein.

"What do you want?" Warschaw said in her own defense, holding a corsage given to her for the ceremony. "I have to tell the truth!"

### Memories Of Her Husband, Parents

Though her parents and husband have died, their memories will be at the ceremony. Warschaw plans to wear her husband's gold watch as she recites from the Torah and sections from the Prophets. And

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## Barbie Claims He Was "Illegally Kidnapped"; Leaves Trial

LYON (JTA) — Klaus Barbie, declaring himself "illegally kidnapped and illegally brought to France," asked the Lyon criminal court last Wednesday to be returned to St. Joseph Prison and to be excused from attending the remainder of his trial for crimes against humanity.

The request by the former Gestapo chief, known as "the butcher of Lyon," was granted by the President of the court, Andre Cerdini, despite fierce protests by attorneys for individual plaintiffs as pandemonium broke out in the packed courtroom on the second day of the trial.

Chief Prosecutor Andre Truche raised no objections. He reminded the jury, however, that "Barbie's victims at the time he used to question them, never had the option to say, as he does today, 'take me back to my cell, I don't want to answer questions.'"

But "such is our law and this is a victory of democracy over Nazism," said Truche.

Yet many observers could not help but see it as a personal triumph for Barbie, at 73 an arrogant, unrepentant Nazi who spoke with pride of his service to the Third Reich, his many decorations, his war wounds and the personal letter of commendation he received from SS Reichfuhrer Heinrich Himmler.

### Says He Was Just Carrying Out Orders As countless other Nazi war

criminals before him, Barbie denied he was involved in atrocities and insisted he was just a soldier carrying out the orders of his superiors. He also denied any taint of racism.

Asked by the court President how he felt about Nazi racial theories, he stated: "All this happened over 40 years ago. I worked in the SS under the orders of my superior officers and till war broke out I had nothing to do with the minorities issue and no opportunity to express my opinion."

As to his attitudes now, Barbie replied, "I harbor no hate toward these minorities. I never did. I don't know the meaning of hatred." He mentioned that his first employers when he arrived in Bolivia were "two German Jews."

Barbie Surprises Many Barbie's performance at the trial surprised many inasmuch as he, rather than his maverick lawyer, Jacques Verges, held the spotlight and provided the only drama of the occasion. He showed a talent for sensing the optimum moment to make his statements.

At the opening session of the trial last Tuesday, Barbie sat expressionless and seemingly unconcerned for the three hours it took for the court clerk to read the charges against him.

The principal charges are the mass arrests carried out at the Lyon Jewish community center in February 1943, the arrest and deportation of 44 Jewish children

from a home in Izieu village near Lyon in April 1944 and the organization of the last convoy of deportees to Auschwitz in August 1944.

When, after the charges were read, the court asked the defendant if he wished to comment, Barbie rose and cried out in an accusatory tone, "After listening to the accusation I feel as if they tried to depict me as some sort of madman, as if I had run amok in Lyon machinegunning everyone to death, chasing after every Jew."

### Extols National Socialism

Last Wednesday, questioned with inordinate politeness by Cerdini, Barbie took the opportunity to lecture the court and extol National Socialism, though he spoke harshly of some of the "Nazi bosses" who "wanted power, position and personal wealth."

"I felt, like many of my SS comrades, that the Nazi ideal was betrayed by the Nazi bosses," said Barbie.

When he was excused from the trial, he ostentatiously held out his hands for the manacles. Surprisingly, he was allowed a brief interview by French television as he was escorted from the courtroom. He reportedly decided to boycott the trial because after consultation with his attorney he was convinced he would be found guilty and sentenced to the maximum penalty life imprisonment. There was no confirmation of this.

## M.K. Mattiyahu Peled In Providence Discusses Prospects For Peace

by David Pagliaro  
Special to the R.I. Herald

Israeli Knesset member and peace activist Mattiyahu Peled spoke on the topic of mutual recognition between Palestinians and Israelis at the Parish House in Providence on April 21. From his experiences, Peled said it is in the best interests of Israel to settle their conflict with the Palestinians through a two-state solution with the creation of an independent Palestinian state next to Israel.

A major figure in the Israeli peace movement, Mr. Peled, 64, stated that before Palestinians and Israelis can sit down to negotiate a solution to the conflict, mutual recognition must first exist between the two parties. Clarifying his statement, Peled said, "Mutual recognition not in the diplomatic sense, for this will come only after the Palestinians have a state of their own, but rather, recognition in principal." For the Palestinians, Peled said this will mean being recognized as a people by Israel and to be represented by the Palestinian Liberation Organization. And on the other hand, the PLO must recognize the existence of the state of Israel, said Peled.

Mr. Peled said it is commonly argued that Israel cannot recognize the existence of the Palestinian people, that they have a right for self determination and are represented by the PLO, because the PLO is an organization which was set up in order to bring down the state of Israel. "In a way this is true," said Peled, "if you go back in history to the year 1964 when elements which formed the PLO came into being and announced this was their goal." "But," Peled added, "as with many nationalistic movements including the Zionist one, the start of certain declaration or goals which are expressions of national dreams gradually change to what realistically can be achieved." As an example, Peled cited a strong desire by members of the Palestine National Council to achieve peace through mutual recognition and negotiations. Mr. Peled went on to say he would not deny that the PLO is presently conducting a violent war against Israel. And he said, Israel is also conducting a violent war against the PLO, and of the twofold violence, Israel's is much more extensive.

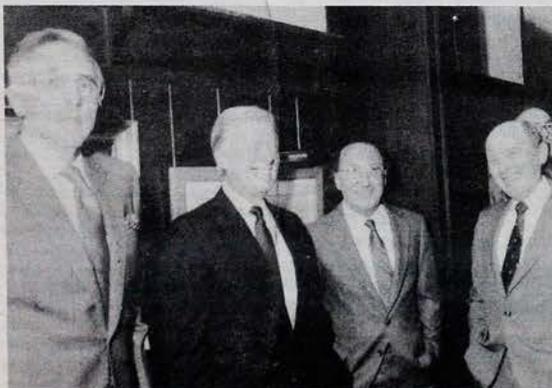
Supporting a United Nations-sponsored Middle East

peace conference, at which the Palestinian Liberation Organization would have a seat alongside Israel and other countries, Mr. Peled said, "It is time to except that violence has led to nowhere, except to suffering on both sides." Peled said he favors a peace conference over bilateral negotiations because whatever agreement is reached by the participating parties will have the backing of the international community. An international peace conference seems the only way to achieve anything, Peled said, because due to the relative strength of the superpowers in the Middle East, neither country can sponsor a peace process on its own without the cooperation of the other.

Peled noted that the peace conference is openly supported by every government in the world except the United States and Israel. There is a feeling in Israel that as long as the U.S. supports Israel's policies, there is no need to try anything else. This help Israel receives comes in the form of diplomatic support, with the U.S. defeating all resolutions by the U.N. Security Council condemning Israel, and also

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## Toward Middle East Peace



Former President Jimmy Carter meets with American Jewish Congress leaders to report on his recent visit to Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Israel. The breakfast meeting on Thursday, May 7, was sponsored by the "25 Club," a select group of AJCongress supporters who meet periodically with ranking public officials, including heads of state. Left to right: Robert K. Lifton, chairman, board of trustees of AJCongress Fund for Religious Liberty; Mr. Carter; Henry Siegman, executive director of AJCongress; and Theodore R. Mann, its president. Mr. Carter urged that Americans support those forces in Israel that favor their country's participation in an international peace conference.

# Local News

## Seniors

The regular meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild will be held on May 19 at Temple Toret Israel, Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. at 12:30 p.m.

Nomination and election of officers will be held. Please attend, refreshments will be served.

Two musical shows at the Melody Tent, Hyannis, Mass. are scheduled: for July 2 *Give My Regards to Broadway* and July 16 *42nd Street*.

Bus, luncheon and theatre tickets are \$26.95 per person. Anyone interested, please contact Etta Swerling 463-7166, Sally Saltzman 781-5496 or Philip Rosenfield 781-7648. Do not delay — act today.

All dues must be paid on or before June 1. Space is limited for the California trip on August 29 for 12 days, however we were able to obtain a few more spaces. If interested, make reservations today and don't be left out of this most interesting trip.

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For years, anyone who has ever wanted to eat a kosher meal at a restaurant had to either make arrangements ahead of time or drive to Boston.

All that changed with Leibel's Table, 360 Hope St. near Olney in Providence. Since its introduction last September, hundreds of people have enjoyed the hot Israeli and American deli-style sandwiches, cold drinks and fresh pastries.

Yet what makes Leibel's Table truly unique is that it not only offers food for the body, but food for the mind and soul as well.

For those who are hungry for good conversation, Leibel's Table offers the chance to make new acquaintances, meet old friends, and take advantage of our fascinating Jewish tapes lending library.

For those who yearn for Jewish music, Leibel's Table will be offering the best Jewish recordings available today.

With its good food and friendly atmosphere, Leibel's Table is becoming a tradition in and around Providence. Take out orders are available by calling 331-4489. For more information, call Chabad at 273-7238.

## H.S. In Israel

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## Foodbank Fundraiser Held At In Prov

A major fundraising event for the R.I. Community Food Bank combined with a grand opening of a new restaurant, In Prov, was held at the new Fleet Center, Friday, April 3. The private event — featured live music, champagne and hors d'oeuvres. The event raised \$10,000 to help feed the hungry of Rhode Island.

In Prov, a new international restaurant on the ground floor of the Fleet Center, is co-owned by Guy Abelson and John Elkay. In planning the opening of In Prov, Abelson and Elkay chose to integrate the event with a benefit for the Food Bank by asking for a \$10 donation from all invited. All the money received will go to the Food Bank.

The R.I. Community Food Bank is a non-profit clearinghouse, distributing donated food from the food industry to hundreds of community agencies throughout Southeastern New England. Last year the Food Bank distributed 2½ million pounds of food with the help of nearly 200 volunteers and staff.

In Prov has adopted the tradition of Tapas from Spain, where local townspeople meet for conversation and drinks, while sampling an assortment of hors d'oeuvres called Tapas. They will serve a variety of international appetizers, salads and desserts and will feature a rotisserie and bar.

Guy Abelson, who also owns the Cafe in the Barn restaurant in Seekonk, MA, has a history of organizing projects to alleviate hunger. In 1985 he helped organize a major local fundraising event for Ethiopian hunger relief. He is also a leader in S.O.S., Share Our Strength, a national association of restaurant owners who annually pledge financial support to various hunger relief projects.

The Food Bank's executive director, Eileen Welly, commented, "We try to help alleviate hunger by solving food waste. But we can't do that without community support. It's absolutely heartwarming when a business and community leader like Guy Abelson takes such a strong initiative to help their community. This comes at a time when the Food Bank urgently needs help with growing in order to meet the expanding needs in our community."

## CWA To Hold Meeting

Janet Zurier will be installed for a second term as President of the Career Women's Affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island at their annual Meeting, to be held on Sunday, May 31 at the Culling House, 28 Water St., East Providence, at 11 a.m. Brunch will be served.

Natalie Percelay will be the installing officer for the morning. Others to be installed include Vice Presidents Faye Mandell and Elaine Benharris. Board of Directors, term ending 1989 include: Adrienne Kirschner, Jane Perel, Eileen Rosenberg-Black, Miriam Ross, Lynn Rubenson and Wileen Snow. Board members serving until 1988 include: Pauline Berkow Makowsky, Sheryl Bernstein, Elaine Hoffman, Barbara Resnicoff, Shelley Sackett, Barbara Schoenfeld, Tovia Siegel, Fran Slutsky, and Jacqueline Teverow.

For further information about the Annual Meeting, contact Sharon Rosenfeld at the Federation office, 421-4111.

## Elkin Midrasha Graduates



The Harry Elkin Midrasha, a community high school of Jewish studies of the Bureau of Jewish Education, is pleased that nineteen students will graduate on Sunday, May 17, at Temple Am David, Warwick, Rhode Island. We congratulate Daniel Allen, Ina Bochner, Jonathan Brier, David Elbaum, Daniel Glucksman, Andrew Ingall, Maxwell Kahn, Gary Katzman, Evan Kirshenbaum, Lauren Krasnow, Amy Kushner, Jeffrey Maldavir, Debra Picker, Seth Plitt, Michelle Povar, Staci Resnick, Benjamin Schneider, Philip Sidel and Mason

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We are proud of these students who have devoted their time and energy to continuing their Jewish education in our intensive high school program.

The Harry Elkin Midrasha includes over 200 teenagers, grades 8 through 12, who study twice a week. Courses include such topics as: Bible, Rabbinics, Jewish history, literature and Hebrew. Highly qualified faculty provide depth and excitement to these studies.

## Handicapable Job Fair

If the Handicapable Job Fair '87 is anything like last year's fair — drawing over 2000 people from the community and more than 60 businesses areawide — it will be a resounding success.

The Fair, sponsored by Projects with Industry, a nonprofit organization which encourages partnerships between business and the rehabilitation community, offers the New England handicapped community a completely FREE day of workshops and access to job information and interviewing from some of the largest employers in the area.

The Job Fair, which will be held at the Providence Civic Center on Tuesday, June 2 from 9:30 to 3:30, will provide plenty of extra handicapped parking for those who need it and increased bus service will be available for anyone wishing to attend the fair. Anyone interested in further information may call Projects with Industry, 861-4460.

## Orchard Ave. Study Group

The Orchard Avenue Study Group, a joint adult education project of St. Martin's Church and Temple Beth-El, will present "Visions of the Future," a program looking at the face of organized religion in the 21st century." The evening forum will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in the Temple's Meeting Hall.

Drs. Stanley and Betty Aronson will begin the program by reviewing results from a survey completed by both congregations about cares and concerns about the future. Then the changing face of faith communities in the 21st century will be discussed by Catholic, Jewish and Protestant scholars. The panel will feature Calvin Goldscheider, Brown University professor of Sociology; the Reverend Donald R. Kehew, Theologian and former Catholic Chaplain at Brown; and the Reverend David Gillespie of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. For more information, call 331-6070.

## Flea Market At JCC

When spring cleaning this year, the Jewish Community Center is asking that you save unwanted treasures for the Center-wide Flea Market to be held Sunday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Antiques, furs, diamonds and jewelry, or any other items are welcome.

Each department from Infant/Toddler through Senior Adult will be represented.

To arrange for drop-off times at

the Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, call Bobbi Rosenquest at 861-8800.

Volunteer Services for Animals will hold Auction for the Animals III, a gala auction and buffet dinner, on Saturday, May 30, at the Quantum Association in East Providence. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, a la carte cocktails, and viewing of silent auction items. An elegant vegetarian buffet will be served at 7 p.m., and the live auction will start at 8:30 p.m.

Included in the items to be auctioned are a week's vacation in Jamaica, a vacation at Stratton Mountain, lunch at the Newport Casino plus box seats for the finals of the Virginia Slims tennis tournament, a picnic lunch in Narragansett with Martha Smith and Dinah, daytime and evening fashions for men and women, jewelry, antiques, and original works of art. Numerous services will also be featured, including monthly floral arrangements for the home, hair styling and makeup makeovers at home, and a variety of food and catering services.

Items will be divided into 4 categories: a day in the office, an evening at home, a night on the town, and getting away from it all. There will be professional models and one of the unusual aspects of the evening will be the auctioning of a number of the items of the models, a la European auctions. The auctioneer of the event will be Vic Falzone of Maxwell Carter Co., Auctioneers.

Alan Simone is general chairperson. Committee members include Linda Cerce, Lois Carter, Eloise Collins, Sandra Freeman, Diana Johnson, Lois Graboys, Michele Small, and Nancy Triangolo.

Friends' tickets are \$25 per person. Sponsors are \$50 and patrons are \$100 and will be listed in the program. Checks should be made payable to Volunteer Services for Animals and sent to the office at 401 Broadway, Providence RI 02909. For more information, call 273-0358. Proceeds from the auction will be used to benefit VSA's humane program.



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## Remembering Prov.'s Union Station



by Michael Fink

Two oak footstools dig their legs into the carpet and stand before the armchairs in my parlor. They are hinged in two sections on top. If you lift the lid you find the reverse shape of a shoe. In the built-in box below, good cloths and brushes tell you what the footstools did before they came to my hearth. With Union Station cracked and wrecked, my footstools have been suddenly transformed into relics. The genie emerging from among the tins of saddle soap was once the shoeshine man in Union Station. The Union Station men's room really was a "restroom." Its outer marble lobby contained armchairs and table ashtrays for the chap with a cigar, as well as gleaming spittoons for old-fashioned gents. And my footstools for the fellow who wanted to step out of Union Station to greet downtown putting his best foot forward all polished and glowing. Here at home with my feet up on my nostalgic hassock and my wife's on hers, I evoke the downtown that lies half burnt out and in desolate ruins. It was a downtown that unified us and carried us through earlier changing decades of the century. Union Station opened out just a few steps away from the Biltmore Hotel, a pace or two from the Crown, and a moment's stroll, your valise swinging by your side, to the Narragansett Hotel, with its fancy staircase and chandelier to greet you in grand theatrical style.

Streets kept busy at all hours. At night cinemas sparkled. In the morning, the Outlet Company, like Shepard's and City Hall Store, let you in to shop among the panelled partitions and mellow oiled cabinets. Women in hats and white gloves could point at their purchases and then stroll out for tea. Later in the week the delivery truck would bring the boxes to your door. You might cross Weybosset and select a basket of fruit or the week's groceries from the market for your house or some hosts. Stores delivered, you didn't need your car. Downtown was built not for automobiles but for walkers who arrived on tracks and rails by train and trolley.

Of course the train replaced the ships that had sailed and steamed through downtown when the roads were rivers. My Dad shuffled off to Manhattan for a business week-day out of Union Station. But he had once boarded the

Colonial Line for a cruise to New York Harbor. He used his Dodge only on Sundays. We might drive downtown to the monument currently taken off and away for the frequent parades on Memorial Day and patriotic occasions of all sorts. The monument rose up tall like the promise of a peaceful and prosperous future. I recall sitting on my father's shoulders, a symbolic American memory, to see the uniforms, which meant not the celebration of war but the protection of peace. Even through most of the war years we preferred the term "defense" to "war." I thought it was a monument to armistice. People rallied around the obelisk all together not tucked in separate communities and suburbs. Providence was a residential city, and downtown was its fairground.

I never even dreamed of leaving Providence until I was fourteen years old in my first suit with long pants, a chocolate brown outfit that fit well and felt good. My brother and I left from Union Station. We were going to visit our aunt Lillian who had no children. Her only daughter died in infancy. Lillian wanted to show us the great city that lay below her small apartment on Lexington Avenue near Grand Central Station. She had tickets for us all to the original Oklahoma! Of our departure from Union Station, I remember the noble spaces, dreamlike lower passageway, smell of wood, stone, leather and beer, and portentous sounds of the great train leaving Providence. Some hours later, we got down off the crowded train at Grand Central. But Manhattan was just a vast version of Providence. New York didn't disappoint me, but it didn't diminish the dignity of Providence either. Nothing ever did. They can burn down Union Station, demolish the Outlet Company, dismantle the statuary, break the stone noses from the figures of the Federal building, Gibraltar may crumble, the Rockies may tumble, but I've got my feet on my footstool. I suppose I'm an arch conservative. If I'd been in charge of evolution, we would all be parameciums, amoebas and planaria. I'll polish my shoes now.

Michael Fink is a professor of English and film studies at the Rhode Island School of Design.

## R.I. Jewish Athletic Hall Of Fame

Frank Carpano, TV Channel 10 sports director, will be the keynote speaker at the 3rd annual Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Sunday, May 31 sponsored by the Department of Health and Physical Education of the Jewish Community Center. The ceremonies will be held in the Social Hall of the Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence.

Eric Reid, New England sports network broadcaster and voice of the Providence College Friars will be the master of ceremonies. The program will begin with a reception at 6:45 p.m. with the induction at 7:30 p.m. A collation will follow.

Stephen Litwin and Jeffrey L. Goldberg, Co-chairs of the 1987 Hall of Fame committee, are pleased to announce this year's award winners in three categories. They include a Veterans Division (1900-1940); the Contemporary Division (1940 to present); and the Service to Sports Division (based on many years service).

Winners in the Veterans Division include: Milton Brier, outstanding swimmer, from Olneyville Boys Club, Moses Brown and Brown University and Sherwin Kapstein, all state high school football, letterman in high school basketball and track and Brown University football, basketball and track.

In the Contemporary Division



winners are: Jules Cohen, tennis; Jane Forman, tennis; Nathaniel Baker, track and field; and Gordon Polofsky, football.

To be inducted in the Service to Sports category are: Richard Abedon and Paul Litwin.

The donation is \$10 per ticket with \$30 maximum per family. Limited seats are available. For reservations call Elliott Goldstein at 861-8800.



## All Night Vigil



NEW YORK — David Harris (standing), Deputy Director of International Relations of the American Jewish Committee, discusses the Soviet government's policy toward Jews since 1985 during an all-night vigil for Soviet Jewry held by Hashachar, the Zionist youth organization of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. The youngsters held the vigil at Hadassah House on West 58th Street in Manhattan before joining the "Solidarity Day" March for Soviet Jewry the next day.

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# From The Editor

by Robert Israel



## Resolving A Moral Dilemma

PROVIDENCE — She was sitting beside me at the lunch counter, a young woman in her thirties, dressed in an attractive spring outfit, on a break from work downtown. I was making notes in my notebook, a copy of last week's *Herald* beside me. Without introducing herself, she interrupted me to tell me she was dismayed.

"I'm really disgusted with it all," she said. "I'm beginning to wonder if people have any moral sensitivities left."

A week before she had read about Gary Hart, ending his race for the White House amid questions about extramarital affairs. Before that, there was the scandal on Wall Street, which brought about the downfall of Ivan Boesky. And who could forget televangelist Jim Bakker, who was defrocked over a tryst with a church secretary? What about the sex for spying scandal at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow involving the U.S. Marines? And now, the on-going saga of the Iran-contra fiasco. President Reagan, in the most outright confession yet, admitted approving the efforts of his underlings to obtain funds, from the backroom, to support the "freedom fighters" in Nicaragua, despite the fact that Congress had told him no. And his underlings, Robert McFarlane and Oliver North, went to the extremes, laundering money, arranging tours of the White House for high rollers, and offering tax breaks for those high rollers, which has resulted in a total erosion of our system of checks and balances. We do not have a monarchy in this country, yet the presidency is revered. Until the presidency is looked at by Congress and the American people as a job one is elected to do and not a position that can wield ultimate authority over other elected representatives, then we will see more abuses like the Iran-contra fiasco. It sets a tone for the erosion of moral character the young woman beside me was complaining about.

She went on to discuss with me her feelings about the shabbiness of the American character.

"I'm single," she said, "and I sometimes go out to a club with a friend, and we're always surrounded by vultures, people on the make, and a lot of these people are married, and they take off their wedding rings for the night. And naturally, everyone is afraid of AIDS. But I don't see people really caring for one another. There seems to me to be a mood everywhere I go — people are out for themselves."

I tried to disagree with her, but she wouldn't listen. I tried to point out (not for argument's sake, but because I sincerely believe it), that there are many among us who care quite deeply about people and are trying, in the face of it all, to accomplish some humane things. I told her about the Women for a Non-Nuclear Future meeting the other night where Betty Bumpers, founder of Peace Links, spoke to a large crowd and asked for those in the audience who were attending a peace function for the first time to raise their hands. When several people volunteered, she led them in a workshop, exploring how they might get others involved in a process of working with one's neighbors for social and political change.

It is easy to be cynical. It is easy to look at the collective wrongs that have happened recently and point to them and say (as the young woman said): "People are losing their moral sensitivities."

The young woman sitting beside me at the lunch counter had no interest in peace meetings or other meetings, she told me. Cynicism had consumed her, she said. And, when not in the company of her close friends, she

preferred to stay home at night and not be bothered at all by anyone. She knew this wasn't a practical solution to her crisis. By retreating, she was seeking temporary relief from the moral decay she saw all around her. Eventually, she said, she'd wade back into the thick of it. I wondered: would she be any stronger? Would she gain insight by retreating? Or would she harden herself to the insincerity of others?

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"I am somewhat bitter," she said.

I told her it showed on her face, a sourness whenever she spoke, crinkling the corners of her mouth, her eyes.

She admitted to the bitterness and said she looked forward to the coming months for a chance to forget about it all — the crises she'd read about in the newspapers and her own personal problems. Maybe, she said, this summer, my mood will lighten.

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When Robert McFarlane spoke to the *New York Times* about his frustrations as National Security Adviser, he said:

"Shultz and Casper Weinberger and Don Regan and the Vice President had built up businesses and made great successes of themselves. I haven't done that. I had a career in the bureaucracy. I didn't really quite qualify. It didn't do any good to know a lot about arms control if nobody listened."

Wealth, according to McFarlane, listens only to wealth. When we consider the implications, this perversion of wealth reads like an equation: wealth equals power, which equals authority, which often is accompanied by mindless arrogance. Our system of checks and balances decays before us. We can only overcome this by setting a tone and following through, sending the offenders to jail.

I don't expect impeachment hearings, like during President Nixon's tenure. I do expect to see Congress overcome its disabilities by acting like the strong elected agent it is expected to be. I would recommend that Congress censure the President. In lieu of that, the least they should do is to lobby for strong measures to insure that, never again, any President resorts to the corruption of power we have seen demonstrated so blatantly and so wrecklessly by this Administration.

This, hopefully, sets a tone for a return to honesty and plain dealings with people. The young woman I met at the lunch counter and others bewildered by the ensuing morass can, one day, find admirable human qualities in others. By clearing away the debris and setting a tone, these qualities will once again emerge, rediscovered beneath the sleazy exterior.

## Inane In Perpetuity

by Eric Rosenman

When Alfred Lilienthal dies, some at Cornell University want his money. And Lilienthal — the original and still-reigning champion American-Jewish Israel-hater — would like to make a bequest to his alma mater.

Of course, as in most matters of this kind, the cash would carry a condition: for the rumored \$100,000 to \$150,000, Cornell must sell its soul and establish a permanent Lilienthal lecture series to give a "balanced view" of the Middle East. An idea of what the university's would-be benefactor considers balanced can be gleaned from his nearly 40 years of fulminations:

• An article in *Reader's Digest* in 1949, "Israel's Flag Is Not Mine," questioned the loyalty of American Jews who support Israel. Reworded as a 1953 book, *What Price Israel?*, it also inveighed against Jewish traditions. Another notorious anti-Zionist, Rabbi Elmer Berger, felt compelled to acknowledge Lilienthal's "harmful distortions." The Arabic version — with an anti-Semitic as well as anti-Zionist cartoon cover — enjoyed wide circulation;

• In his third book, a 1965 opus entitled *The Other Side of the Coin*, Lilienthal — sounding like the PLO "Covenant" — proposed an Arab-Israeli "compromise": the emigration of up to 850,000 Israelis and the return of an alleged 850,000 Palestinian Arab refugees (there were an estimated 550,000 Arab refugees in 1948);

• A year later Lilienthal called for John Lindsay's impeachment when the Mayor of New York cancelled an official welcome for Saudi King Faisal. Lindsay had responded to a Faisal statement that all Jews who help Israel were his enemies. After the 1973 Yom Kippur War and the Arab oil embargo, Lilienthal's newsletter named Faisal one of its "Men of the Year";

• In 1982, he complained in a letter to the *New York Post* that an editorial describing the PLO as openly committed to terrorism was "false and malicious . . . jingoism and hate-mongering . . ."

For nearly four decades Lilienthal has been a dedicated "show Jew," traveling to Arab countries for propaganda purposes, hosted by and apologizing for dictators and terrorists. He speaks often in the United States on anti-Israel themes, and once

claimed before a right-wing audience that "people who do not like Jews are to be found principally in the pro-Israel ranks."

Equally at home on the kook left and its far-right counterpart, Lilienthal cannot be taken seriously on intellectual grounds. Of course, that is not how they see things in Ithaca, at least not Associate Dean Isaac Kramnick and the Muslim Educational and Cultural Association. Kramnick, with supporting letters from the association — which terms Lilienthal "a peace activist" — want Cornell in the will.

According to an article in the campus *Daily Sun*, the associate dean of Arts and Sciences "said he has read many of Lilienthal's books . . . and said Lilienthal is 'anti-Zionist, not anti-Semitic.'" Kramnick finds that the author's "concerns here are academic or intellectual . . ."

Sure. Academic concerns must explain why the dean overrode a negative recommendation from a majority of Near East Studies faculty members to proceed with plans for the lecture series.

Intellectual integrity must explain why Lilienthal demanded, according to sources at the university, that Cornell's own Andrew Dickson White visiting scholar, Bernard Lewis — whose views of the Middle East are not as "balanced" as Lilienthal's — should not be invited to give the opening lecture. No, Lilienthal's preference was someone like Prof. Edward Said of Columbia, the PLO's mouthpiece-of-choice in the United States.

Some have suggested that the series is needed to redress an alleged inadequacy in Islamic studies at Cornell. According to this reasoning, schools weak in Jewish studies should compensate by instituting a lecture series attacking Arab nationalism.

Such campus follies help explain the punch of charges like those by Chicago University's Prof. Allan Bloom and New York University's Dean Herbert London that American higher education is retreating from critical thought and allowing "radical" politics to take its place. Cornell's decision on the Lilienthal case will help indicate whether the league to which it belongs is Ivy or loony.

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# Letters to the Editor

**To The Editor:**

Trying to prevent another Holocaust, another wave of rage against the Jews, that is what is on everyone's mind these days as we observe Holocaust memorials all over the world and as more and more details of murderous atrocities come to light — the suffering and terror inflicted on innocents cannot be forgotten.

We cannot prevent another holocaust by changing our religion or even by accepting Jesus as the Messiah, because history has taught us that we cannot save ourselves that way, the Christians remember — the New Testament keeps reminding them that the Jews are sinners. They have not obeyed God. Christians can be sinners but Jews cannot be sinners, the New Testament teaches. The Christians must protect their faith, and with no Jew to blame, where is their faith, they think. They forget they cannot build faith on sand but rather they need a rock to stand on.

I am writing this perhaps to prevent another Holocaust of, only God knows, what nature. Perhaps in my wanderings I will hit upon a truth we can all live with — Christian, Muslim, Jew.

Not to all the Jews was the word of the Lord given. It was given to Moses to give to the people. The people, even then, were a motley crowd. (You know, while Moses was on the mountain searching for a word from God, they the people were busy building themselves a gold calf to worship.)

That some still follow and call themselves Jews, is a miracle. The wisdom clung and many branches sprang forth from the original thought, the strongest of which (at least in the Western world) is Christianity, and we all know how many branches of Christianity there are! And many are still branching out and starting anew as they find fault with their mother church.

I don't know who is or who is

## ORT Region Installation And Honor Roll Dinner

The Rhode Island-Southern Massachusetts Region Women's American O.R.T. will hold its annual Honor Roll Dinner and installation of region officers on Wednesday, May 27, 1987 at the Johnson and Wales Hospitality Center, 1150 Narragansett Boulevard, Cranston. Cocktails will start at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. The dinner is open to all members who have achieved honor roll member status by the donation of their time and efforts for the ORT worldwide program. This includes donor, silver donor, capital fund, and golden circle donations as well. Through this kind of support ORT has been able to provide quality vocational and technical education, and to improve the

### Ohawe Shalom

This Saturday services will be at 9 a.m. A kiddush will follow. Friday evening services will be at 7:55 p.m. Saturday Rabbi Jacobs will give his Mishnah class at 7 p.m. Mincha will begin at 7:45 p.m., followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv and havdalah will be at 8:51 p.m.

The whole Jewish community is invited to a luncheon on Thursday, June 4 at 12 p.m., the second day of Shavuot, immediately following morning services. Please make your reservations prepaid to Congregation Ohawe Shalom by Wednesday, May 27. There will be

not the Son of God, but I do know that we are all God's children, since we didn't make ourselves! There are some Christians who cannot accept that Jesus was God or God's son. Just as HE was taunted on his way to Calvary as being, "The King of the Jews," he would still be taunted today were history to repeat itself!

Socialism or Communism surely cannot save the Jews as we already know what is now happening in the Soviet Union to any Jew who asks to leave the country.

Just as the Atheist has no room in his mind for any kind of spirituality — everything is black and white — believing everything is run by Mother Nature. But how was Mother Nature created? The finite rut of the Atheist is very hard to climb out of. But when we stop to think how our planet is dependent upon the celestial forms that surround it, such as the Sun, the Moon and the various currents circulating atmospherically causing high winds, rain, snow, hail, tornados, cyclones, earthquakes, a little light may begin to shine into the atomous rut the Atheist finds himself. Even the Sun, itself, is not an independent entity but must keep revolving in its orbit day after day, year after year and century after century until the orbit is complete. As it moves along its path into uncharted waters will our life here on earth be affected?

Remembering the most recent Holocaust, the one that World War II was finally fought for, is so depressing. If one could only forget it! Many cannot understand why the commemoration cannot be forgotten and why they cannot go on enjoying themselves! Why spoil the fun? Like a black cloud casting shadows, memories of the Holocaust is the price mankind will have to pay forevermore for its apathy in letting it happen, in doing nothing to prevent it and in not coming to the rescue sooner.

Dorothy Sherman

## Directors Appointed At Miriam

A new Director for the Department of Urology was recently appointed at The Miriam Hospital. Harry M. Iannotti, M.D., who has been with The Miriam for 14 years, will serve as Director. Dr. Iannotti has staff appointments at The Miriam Hospital as well as Roger Williams General Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital. While at The Miriam, Dr. Iannotti has been an active participant in the Core Clinical Clerkship in Surgery Program. He has given seminars and has coordinated activities for students electing a clerkship in Urology.

Edward S. Katz, D.D.S., has been appointed Director of the Department of Dentistry at The Miriam. Dr. Katz is an instructor in the Department of Periodontology and a member of the Executive Council in the Department of Periodontics at the Harvard University School of Dental Medicine. He is involved with numerous organizations, including the American Academy of General Dentistry, the American Dental Association, and the Rhode Island Dental Association. Dr. Katz has been practicing dental medicine at The Miriam since June, 1985.

## Beth Sholom Nursery School

Congregation Beth Sholom will again be conducting its K'Ton-Ton Nursery School for the coming school season of 1987-88. Children who will be three or four are eligible for the school. The K'Ton-Ton meets every weekday morning from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The school has achieved an enviable reputation in the community during its years of functioning. It combines an intensive Jewish learning environment together with a thorough secular nursery school education. Anyone interested in the school should contact Rabbi Singer at the Beth Sholom office, 331-9393.

## JWV Memorial Day Services

This year the Department of Rhode Island, Jewish War Veterans will hold their annual Memorial Services on Sunday, May 24, 1987.

The services will be held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick, R.I. at 11 a.m.

All veterans, their families and the public are invited to attend. Rabbi Richard Leibovitz will conduct the services.

## Parkinson's Disease Center

The Parkinson's Disease Referral and Information Center at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Pawtucket, will hold a series of Satellite Support Group Meetings at locations throughout the state during the month of June.

Parkinson's Disease patients and their families are invited to attend the group session closest to their area, including North Providence, Cumberland, Warwick, Pawtucket, Newport, and Fall River. Please call the Parkinson's Center at 722-6000, Ext. 2802 if you plan to attend so that you may be notified of any change.

## Yiddish Eldercamp

Yiddish Eldercamp back by popular demand. Save the dates, August 3-August 7. Coordinated by Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Community Center. Details to follow. Call BJE, 331-0956 for further information.

## Day School's Sirota & Gutterman

Two students at the Providence Hebrew Day School will have their papers submitted to the National History Day contest, to be held at the University of Maryland in June.

Anna Sirota and Elizabeth Gutterman were finalists in the Junior Division of the contest, sponsored by the Rhode Island Historical Society. The theme of this year's contest was Liberty: Rights and Responsibilities in History. The students wrote a 1500-2500 word research paper which was submitted for review.

## Israel Bonds

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# Social Events

## Dorothea Snyder Honored



Paula Waldman, co-president, presents a certificate of appreciation from Plantations Unit of B'nai B'rith to surprised *Rhode Island Herald* writer Dorothea Snyder last Sunday at a special brunch held at the Rhode Island School of Design. Mrs. Snyder was honored for her professionalism in the field of photo-journalism, and her outstanding role in covering B'nai B'rith's major events and community services. At left is Lawrence Waldman, a vice president of B'nai B'rith's New England Council. At right is Martin Waldman, who serves on the executive board of B'nai B'rith's District #1. (Herald photo).

## Dr. Richman Elected President Of Diabetes Foundation



Stephen J. Richman, M.D., a Providence ophthalmologist, was elected President of the American Diabetes Association, Rhode Island affiliate, at the recent annual meeting of the nonprofit agency.

He had served as a member of the Board of Directors since 1983 and was appointed First Vice President in 1985.

Doctor Richman is an ophthalmologist specializing in cataract, glaucoma, and LASER surgery with a private practice in Providence. He graduated from

Brown University and received his M.D. degree from Boston University School of Medicine. After serving his ophthalmology residency at Yale University Medical Center, he joined the staff of the Miriam Hospital and was appointed Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery, Ophthalmology, at Brown University School of Medicine.

Doctor Richman's community activities also include service on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation. He lives with his wife, Maxine, in Barrington.



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Gail, the daughter of Martha and Nathan Lury of Cranston, lives with her husband Bruce and their two sons in Warwick where she is with the Warwick school system.

## Eligible For Contest

Jeremy A. Smith, son of Michael and Marilyn Smith, Warwick, has won the Rhode Island State Spelling Bee Championship. Smith, a 7th grade student at Winman Jr. High School, will represent the state of R.I. at the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee to be held in Washington, D.C. next week.

Jeremy is the grandson of Cantor and Mrs. Jacob S. Smith, Cranston and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Langman, Minneapolis, Minn.

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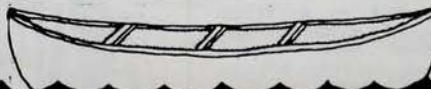
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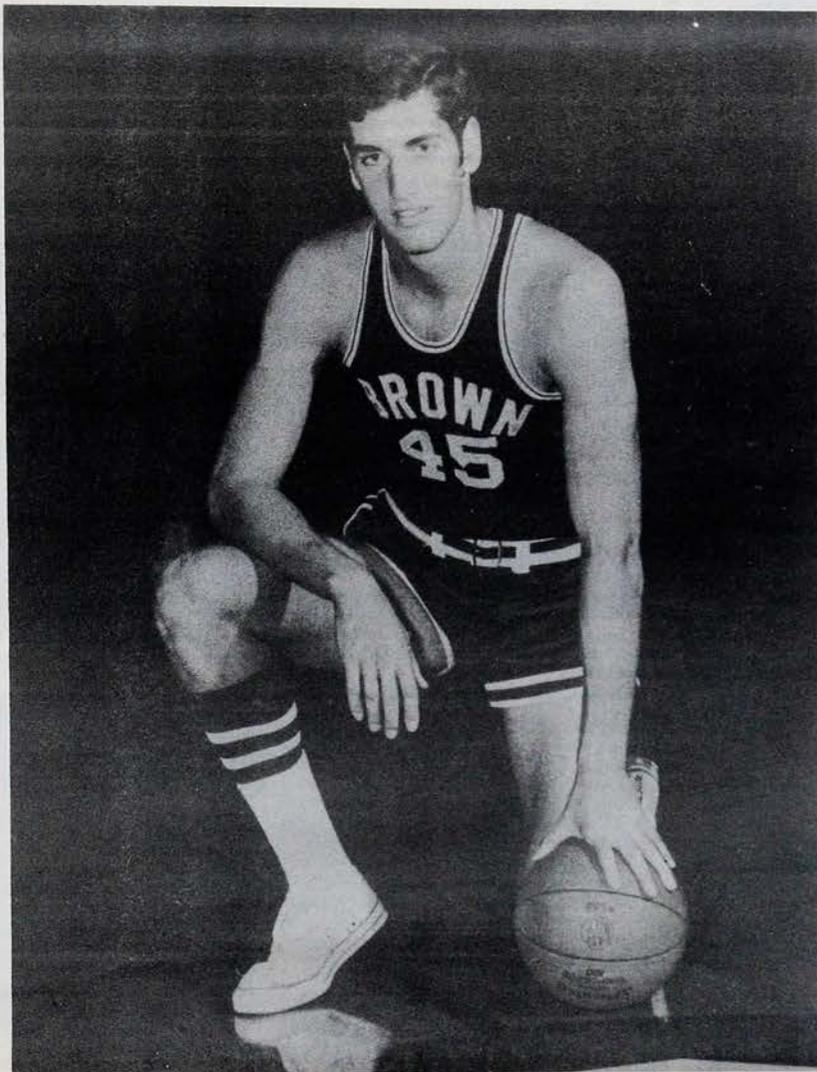


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# Profile: Arnie Berman



by Harlan C. Abbey

"I'm glad I listened to my father, he was right: academics first, basketball second. I have no regrets," admitted Arnie Berman, the best Jewish athlete from Buffalo in the last 30 years, and one of the best Jewish college athletes in recent years.

Berman, who starred at Nichols School, was a highly-recruited 6-foot-6 player who wanted to accept an athletic scholarship to the University of Louisville in 1968.

"I think I could have improved more as a player," he said during a recent interview, "by practicing against other good players every day. Louisville would have received more media exposure, probably have made the NCAA playoffs each year; I could have been drafted by the pros in a higher round and might have had a longer look in training camp."

"But I might not have been the star of the team. I might not even have been a starter."

Instead, he listened to his father, Mel Berman (who now lives with his wife, the former Rita Fried, in Livingston, N.J.), went to Brown University where he was the star and still holds most of the school records, and wound up a partner in one of the largest law firms in the Miami area.

Berman is head of litigation for Shutts and Bowen's West Palm Beach office. Swimming, weight-lifting and bike riding keep his weight at 215, the same as when he was Academic All-America, honorable mention All America, New England Player of the Year, All-East and All-Ivy League in 1972.

"The Ivy League played better basketball then," he continued. "Half of Brown's schedule was against teams in the top 20 — my junior year we lost nine games by a total of 36 points.

"Penn and Princeton were ranked in the top 20 all three years I played (freshmen weren't eligible then) and among my Ivy League opponents were Jim McMillian at Columbia, Geoff Petrie, John Hummer and Brian Taylor at Princeton and Dave Wohl, Corky Calhoun and Bob Morse (all future NBA players) at Penn.

"I think now the top high school players are known to more college coaches and the Ivy League's high tuition can't compete with the 'free ride' at other colleges."

Despite only three varsity seasons, none of Brown's four-year players have managed to eclipse Berman's season's best 658 points (25.3 per game) as a senior, 1,668 career points (21.6 PG), 6363 career free throws (.845 percent) or more free throws in one game, 25 (of 26).

He also stands third in career field goals (516), rebounds (878) and rebound average (11.4), sixth in single-game scoring (38 points on successive nights against Columbia and Cornell), third (22) and fourth (17) for most free throws made in one game and fifth in one-game rebounds (22).

"Frankly, I'm surprised no one has broken those records with four seasons to do it in," he said.

That senior season resulted in Berman's being a fifth-round draft choice of the Buffalo Braves ... and the beginning of a series of injuries that compromised his playing career.

"At Brown, my strength was my 'strength' as a player," he explained. "I'd never been hurt. Then, a week before the Braves' rookie camp in June, I broke my nose in a scrimmage.

"Then, during rookie camp, I developed tendonitis in my Achilles tendon, so I wasn't at my best and wasn't invited back for the pre-season camp — and deservedly so.

"But later that summer I went

to Russia with an all-star team which competed in the Yuri Gagarin Memorial Tournament in Tblisi, Republic of Georgia in the Soviet Union.

"I did get to go with that team to Israel for a series of games against their national team and for the next few years I'd keep getting offers to play there: \$800 or so a month, a free car and furnished apartment.

"But I went back to Brown to coach the freshman team and start on my master of business administration at the University of Rhode Island. The next year I was picked for the American Maccabee Games team — and a week before practice was to start I tore ankle ligaments.

"The next year I played in Groningen, Holland, and did well — but the caliber of European basketball then was about the same as freshman ball in the U.S. I finished my business degree at New York University and then applied to law school at Miami University.

"I had a lot of relatives there, I knew the weather would be warm for sports ..."

Part way through law school he was approached to play for Israel in a new European basketball league featuring mainly American players.

"But European basketball wasn't a stepping stone to the NBA, as it can be today, so I decided to be sure to finish my studies," he said.

Today, Berman enjoys his law practice, the Florida lifestyle and his marriage to the former Sandy Esterman of Chicago.

"Our daughter, Andrea, 7, looks like she's going to be tall and looks like she could have some potential for athletics," the proud father admitted. "But I think I'd rather she played tennis than basketball."

## Chabad House Sponsors Weekend

That the Jewish people were given the Torah some 3,000 years ago at the foot of a small mountain called Sinai is common knowledge. But how many know that the women received it first?

That fact may come as a surprise to some who were led to believe that in Judaism women never come first. Now Jewish women college age or older have an opportunity to hear that myth and others challenged during "Spring YeshivaCation '87" — May 24 through May 31 at Machon Chana Women's College in Brooklyn, New York.

The program, besides offering an exploration into the many dimensions of Jewish thought, will zero in on those issues relevant to contemporary women. Through classes, discussion and lectures rabbis, teachers and guest speakers will address topics such as "Jewish Womanhood: The Real Women's Lib;" "What Can a 3,000-Year-Old Book Teach an '80s Woman?" and "Love and Marriage, Jewish Style: a Refreshing Alternative."

Participants will also see Torah Judaism in action as they spend

the week with the Chassidic Crown Heights community, joining them for a traditional "Shabbos," a "farbrengen," and other activities.

The program coincides with the festival of "Shavuot," which commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, marking the beginning of Torah education. For today's Jewish woman, YeshivaCation could also be the start of a new tradition.

The entire week's cost is \$75; \$30 for the last weekend, including Shabbos. For more information and registration details contact Machon Chana at 825 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY, 11213, (718) 735-0217, 735-0218, or Chabad House at 273-7238.



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COLLATION FOLLOWING THE MEETING

# Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Who said you can't have your cake and eat it too?

Why cake - not chale, pita or pumpernickel?

Nonetheless, I sweet walked a path around the Social Hall at the Jewish Community Center where 21 exhibitors were dishing out their masterpieces, and 200 taste-testers were dipping into dainties at ORT's "Baker's Best Competition" last Sunday afternoon.

No one with due conscience could shirk the real reason for being there. Serious selection for a People's Choice Award was top priority, and a panel of distinguished judges voted for a Gourmet Pastry Critic's Choice.

It was a dessert lover's dream in 3-D... Delicious, Delectable, and Delirious!

It was also a natural program for Women's American ORT, which is the vocational and technical training school's

program of the Jewish people.

Heapfuls of pastries, short of toppling over the edges of samplers' plates, brought comment from committee member Michele Keir. "Even the sweetest of sweet tooths were overwhelmed! They left with goodie bags."

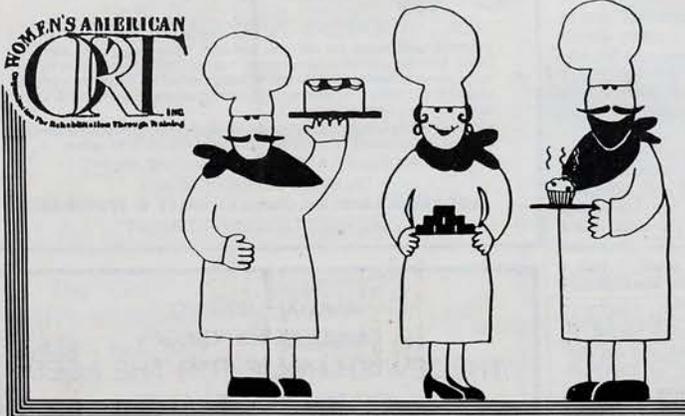
Marcie Rosen, who chaired the Competition, said "New England has already set the scene for culinary competitions with the Pasta Challenge held last Fall and a series of Chowder Cook-Offs. This is the first I know of a dessert competition for bakers with judging."

"There are a lot of newcomers to Rhode Island. It's a good way to get to know the baking establishments in the state."

Proceeds from Baker's Best Competition will benefit the Bramson ORT Technical Institute in New York, and the Los Angeles ORT Technical Institute.



Stopping to talk with Pam Tonole, seated, who served Rainbow Bakery's delicacies are Mona Scheraga and Barbara Brown of the ORT committee, standing from left.



Savoring a sampling of Kaplan's winning fudge brownies with a macaroon coconut topping are several ORT Baker's Best committee members. From left are Rhonda Weiss, Jim Leach of Kaplan's, Cindy Davis, Helene Fink and Marcie Rosen, who chaired the massive munching event. Kaplan's won the Gourmet Critics' Choice in the brownie category. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)

# A Dessert Lover's Dream



A yummy tidbit in hand, Jonah Kanin is overwhelmed by the goodies on his plate. His brother Zachary is about to dart to another sweet table. Their mom is Carol Kanin.



James Arcaro of Plantation Catering smiles as Rachael Blackman reaches for his firm's specialty, a chocolate-bottomed coconut macaroon cookie.



This happy trio is having a snacking good time at "Baker's Best." Barbara Natalia, Carole Alturi and Felicia Carrara stopped to test Golden Sheaf's carrot cake. Seated are Donna Di Giuseppe and Rob Yaffe of the Wickenden Street Real Foods Market.



These seniors from the Culinary Arts Program at Woonsocket Technical Vocational High School won the People's Choice Award for their entries of cranberry and blueberry muffins, cinnamon roll, and coffee sheetcake. From left are Sandra Poxon, Dave Beaudry, Rob Paterson. Standing is Michele Keir, ORT committee member.

# M.K. Mattiyahu Peled In Providence Discusses Prospects For Peace

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financial support which amounts to three billion annually. When asked what percentage of the Israel population would accept his efforts and a peace conference, Peled responded, "Although this is a legitimate question, I don't think it reflects the problem. The question is whether the Israeli government can be persuaded to adopt that position. If it does, it will have the backing of the entire Israeli population." Adding, "Right now, the foreign minister is for an international peace conference, the prime minister is against it and the government is free. So we have done almost half of the job."

Describing how he formed the Council for Palestinian-Israeli Peace, Mr. Peled said beginning in the summer of 1974 he and a group of Israelis began to notice important changes taking place in the political thinking of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and that these changes were very easily observable. "We felt," said Peled, "the Israeli government should have responded at least by acknowledging these fortunate developments and welcome them." After repeated meetings throughout 1975 with the prime minister and other government officials, Peled said he came to the conclusion that the Israeli government was determined not to acknowledge these significant changes. Mr. Peled said "It was then we decided that the best

thing to do for Israel in a private capacity was to signal back we were watching and interested and would follow closely any further developments." Within six months after forming the peace group, contact was established between the council and PLO leaders. And in June of 1976, talks and discussions began between the peace organization and the PLO which have continued up to the present.

Asking the audience to consider for a moment that "an international peace conference would indeed convene," Mr. Peled questioned what type of settlement or agreement could be reached. "First of all," said Peled, "the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip should be allowed to exercise the right of self-determination, with the possibility they may decide to establish their own state alongside Israel. Israel forces must also withdraw from occupied territories within the borders reached up until 1967." Mr. Peled also called for strong economic cooperation between the two countries and the solving of the Palestinian refugee problem.

Commenting on U.S. aid to Israel, Mr. Peled believes the three billion dollars that Israel receives annually is detrimental to its security and economy. Giving his own "analysis of this phenomenon" Peled cited how from 1948 until 1974 Israel provided its own means to raise an efficient army, navy and airforce and took care of its security needs

without American support. He said between 1952 and 1967 Israel experienced a world record economic growth rate of 10% each year. "But beginning in 1974," said Peled, "when massive American support begins, Israel's economy deteriorates and at this point faces a severe crisis." Breaking down the three billion dollars, Peled said Israel receives 1.8 billion for military aid, which it uses to buy very sophisticated equipment. "In short," said Peled, "for every dollar's worth of military equipment arriving from the U.S., Israel has to invest two or three dollars of its own to make use of that equipment. It is not thrown on the beach to rot. Units have to be built around the equipment, technicians have to be trained and workshops provided." Peled said this immediately brings Israel's military budget to five or six billion dollars annually, which is 25% of its GNP. "No country in the world spends 25% of its GNP for its defense," said Peled.

Mattiyahu Peled was born in Palestine in 1923. He was a member of the Zionist forces fighting to establish the state of Israel after World War II. He rose to a position of Major General in the Israeli Defense Forces from which he is now retired. Mr. Peled developed an interest in Arabic studies as a military governor in Gaza and today is a professor of Arabic Literature at Tel Aviv University. Mr. Peled is also co-founder of the political party Progressive List for Peace.

# In Canton, Mass., A 90 Year Old Is Bat Mitzvahed

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the covering on the Torah is a gift donated to the temple in memory of her husband, Abraham Warschaw, who died more than 30 years ago.

Rabbi Goldstein will be wearing a 100-year-old prayer shawl that belonged to Warschaw's father, the late Samuel Meyerson.

With a smile, Warschaw said her father would probably disapprove of a woman rabbi wearing his prayer shawl. She said her father, a glass maker, was an orthodox Jew who believed men ruled in the synagogue and home.

Warschaw said she doesn't consider herself a pathbreaker of any sort, but someone who believes men and women should be treated equally.

While her father "wouldn't eat an orange that wasn't peeled for him," her husband prepared the

meals in their house because he worked as a cook, she said. And while her mother didn't work outside the home, Warschaw worked as a bookkeeper while raising her two daughters.

In rearing her family, Warschaw was less strict than her parents about religious customs. She grew up in a kosher home, but did not adhere strictly to kosher laws in her own home. She and her husband also joined a reform temple, because it offered services in English while orthodox temples conducted them in Hebrew only.

After the months of disciplined study, Warschaw said, she is grateful to God for giving her the health to live so long.

And what will God think about her bat mitzvah? Said Warschaw: "I guess he'll know how I feel about my religion."

*The Boston Globe.*

# P.H.D.S. To Present "Twelve Angry Men"

An adaption of the play *Twelve Angry Men* will be presented by the drama class of the Providence Hebrew Day School, under the direction of Mrs. Denise Kavanagh.

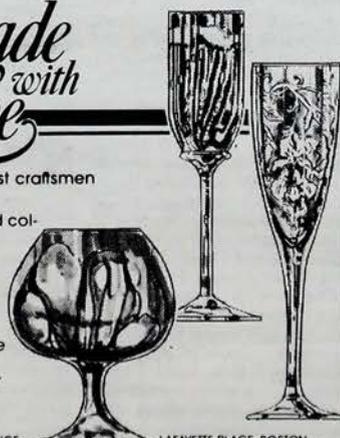
The play will be held at the school, 450 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, on May 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the Day School office or at the door on the evenings of the performance.

Cast members include: Stuart Binstock, Abby Brown, Keith Brynes, Dana Gandsman, Heath Gordon, Tamar Gutman, Liz Gutterman, Chaim Miller, Lisa Mizrahi, Myrese Nochomowitz, Yaron Rutenberg, Joshua Stein and Shara Zukerman.

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# Business & Financial

## The Financial Consultant: The Insurance Scene

by Lawrence M. Halperin & Marvin William Lax of Halperin & Lax Ltd. of Warwick

### Life Insurance — A Ray Of Sunshine In The Tax Reform Gloom

Higher capital gain taxes. Curbs on real estate and other traditional tax shelters. Restrictions on deductible IRA contributions by workers covered by company retirement plans. These are just some of the tax reform complications that may be clouding your investment outlook.

They are also reasons why life insurance is now an even more important part of your family's financial plan. No longer is life insurance merely a means of protecting against the loss of income in the event of an untimely death. It has become one of the few remaining tax-advantaged ways to build wealth and save for retirement.

**Cash Value Is Key:** A significant feature of any whole life insurance policy is the build-up of cash value, as a portion of each premium (not applied to the purchase of insurance protection) is credited to your account. With a universal life policy, that cash value is invested by the insurance company in a money market fund or other

investment vehicle paying a competitive rate of return. What makes universal life and other cash-value policies unique — and increasingly attractive — is that the investment return (sometimes referred to as "inside build-up") is not currently taxed.

Early in the tax reform process, there was a move to subject the inside build-up of cash value to an immediate income tax. But that effort was rebuffed, and the final version of the new tax law retains the tax-favored treatment. A life insurance policy's cash value continues to compound free of tax — with dramatic results. This "tax shelter" can, in effect, produce a relatively higher rate of return than that generated by a fully taxable investment, and permit you to amass, over time, an appreciably larger nest egg.

**Added Flexibility:** It is possible to take advantage of the tax deferral offered by universal and other types of whole life policies without giving up all access to your money. Generally, you can borrow the policy's cash value free of tax. You may also make tax-free withdrawals of cash value to the extent permitted by the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

Bear in mind that interest you pay on a policy loan is regarded as "personal" interest (which also

includes interest on student borrowing, auto loans, and credit card balances). In 1987, only 65% of personal interest expenses can be taken as an itemized deduction. Next year the deductible percentage of such interest costs will drop to 35%. In 1989, it will be 20%, and in 1990, only 10%. After 1990, no deduction will be permitted.

**Tax-Free Proceeds:** In addition to allowing cash value to build up free of tax, the new law continues to treat life insurance proceeds quite favorably. As before, the beneficiary of the policy does not pay income tax when he or she receives the insurance payout. (Note this slight change: A surviving spouse who leaves a death benefit on deposit with the insurance company must pay tax on all interest credited to the deposit. Previously, there was no tax on the first \$1,000 of such interest income.)

Also, it is still possible to keep insurance proceeds free of estate tax. There is no estate tax on proceeds payable to a surviving spouse. In other circumstances, estate tax can be avoided by transferring all ownership rights in the policy to the beneficiary or to a specially created life insurance trust.

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BALTIMORE (JTA) — The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (UOJC) unanimously adopted a resolution at the close of its national convention here calling on "all Jewish institutions, our member congregations and their congregants to divest from their portfolios all investments in companies that do business with South Africa and do not comply with the 'Sullivan Principles.'"

Sidney Kwestel, president of the UOJC which represents 1,500

Orthodox congregations in the U.S. and Canada with a membership of 1.2 million, called the move "not just a statement, but a call to action." He noted that the UOJC has spoken out against apartheid in the past but had not previously taken a position on divestment.

The resolution noted that "Racial discrimination is anathema to the Jewish tradition ... As Jews we are particularly sensitive to the tragic consequences of racial and

religious prejudice and are committed to speak out against such practices wherever they appear, whether it be against the Bahai in Iran or our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union or Syria."

The resolution said the UOJC "remains sensitive to the interests of our Jewish brethren living in South Africa" and took note of "the courageous statements made by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies rejecting apartheid and renewing its commitment to justice, equal opportunity and the removal of all provisions in the laws of South Africa which discriminate on the grounds of color and race."

The UOJC affirmed in its resolution that the Sullivan Principles "have become a standard guiding many institutions that are contemplating divestment of holdings in American corporations doing business with South Africa."

The Sullivan Principles were developed by Rev. Leon Sullivan, a Philadelphia Baptist minister. They call on American corporations doing business in South Africa to voluntarily comply with specified standards regarding equal and fair employment practices, training programs to prepare Blacks and other non-whites for supervisory and administrative positions.

### Devorah Dayan

At a recent meeting of Dvorah Dayan Club of Pioneer Women Na'Amat/USA concluding plans were drawn for the upcoming Yard Sale to be held on Sunday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the home of Jeanette and Charles Weiss, 21 Observatory Avenue, Providence.

Chairpersons for this event are Ruth Garber and Jackie Teverow. Members and friends are asked to contribute items such as appliances, large and small furniture, jewelry, children's clothing, toys, books, games, etc.

Our installation banquet will be on Monday, June 15 at the home of Jackie Teverow.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres suffered a severe setback last week. The Inner Cabinet failed to approve his proposals for an international conference for Middle East peace while prospects dimmed that the Knesset would vote to dissolve itself and open the way for early elections.

Peres, who was scheduled to fly to the U.S. Wednesday, May 13, for a brief visit, postponed his departure until Friday, May 15, but refused to concede defeat. The Inner Cabinet, the government's top policy-making body, comprised of five labor and five Likud Ministers, did not vote on Peres plan last Wednesday because the Foreign Minister, anticipating a 5-5 deadlock, did not submit it.

But after meeting for less than three hours — following an inconclusive 4½ hour debate Monday — Premier Yitzhak Shamir stated that since the Peres proposal had not come up for a formal vote, it must be seen as having been rejected and henceforth no Minister may pursue it in diplomatic contacts abroad.

**Blasts Shamir's Interpretation**  
Peres called that interpretation "illegal," maintaining that since there was no formal vote, the situation was unchanged. "Let us ask the nation to decide" by disbanding the Labor-Likud coalition and electing a new Knesset, he declared.

Peres was supported by Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who argued that the unity government was no longer committed to its basic policy guideline — the pursuit of peace — and therefore must be dissolved.

The two Labor Party leaders took the same line speaking to reporters after the Cabinet session. "What the Prime Minister says, with all due respect to him, is tantamount to the cessation of the peace process. He speaks of direct negotiations with Jordan, but everyone knows this is not a practical prospect ... it is doomed to failure," Peres said.

King Hussein of Jordan has consistently refused direct negotiations with Israel outside the framework of an international conference. Peres insists he has an understanding with Hussein that an international conference "opening" will be followed immediately by bilateral negotiations with Jordan.

Last Tuesday, Shamir denounced the entire idea as "criminal and stupid" and said it must be expunged from the agenda. Laborites said their coalition partnership with Likud is no longer viable and Peres has challenged Shamir to take their dispute to the electorate.

### Election Roadblocks

But a survey of the pivotal small parties last Wednesday indicated that Labor would be unable to muster enough votes to dissolve

the Knesset as long as Likud is determined to preserve the government.

At the same time Labor Party leaders made clear that they would not secede from the unity government and "abandon the Defense portfolio of Arik (Ariel) Sharon," the most extreme hawk among Likud Ministers.

Haim Kaufman, chairman of the Likud Knesset faction said in a radio interview following the Inner Cabinet meeting that Peres is obliged now either to support the Prime Minister's policies or lead his party out of the government.

Likud appears to have succeeded in lining up enough Knesset votes to defeat a dissolution motion. The ultra-rightwing opposition Tehiya Party, which introduced its own motion to dissolve parliament this week, is now siding with Likud because Shamir was standing "firm as a rock."

The Shas religious party is reluctant to dissolve parliament and spoil its chances of returning to the government after a five-month absence.

Its leader, former Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, resigned in January over a halachic conversion dispute.

Aharon Abu-Hatzeira of Tami is rumored to have been promised a seat by Likud if he opposed early elections. Similarly, MK Yigael Hurwitz of the one-man Ometz faction, who has sided with Labor, reportedly is considering rejoining Likud.

Mordechai Wirshubsky of the Shinui Party, a longtime advocate of early elections, conceded last Wednesday that they are unlikely in the near future, given the present balance of forces in the Knesset.

### Shultz Backs Peres' Plan

When the Inner Cabinet began its fruitless debate last Monday, Peres read a letter he and Shamir had received last Sunday from U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. He reportedly wrote that while he had been initially skeptical about an international conference, he now thought it was the best course to follow.

But United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said in New York last Monday that there is not sufficient agreement between the parties to the Middle East conflict to permit convening an international peace conference.

He said he drew that conclusion following consultations during March and April in New York with representatives of Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Secretary General was making the report requested by a resolution of the UN General Assembly on Dec. 2, 1986 to prepare a review of efforts toward convening an international conference.

The Music Festival of Rhode Island will present The Raphael Trio in the first concert of the Festival's June series on Thursday, June 4, at 8 p.m. in the Rhode Island School of Design Auditorium. The trio will offer a Master Class open to the public on June 4, at 1 p.m. in Roberts Hall, Room 138, at Rhode Island College.

The Raphael Trio, violinist Charles Castleman, cellist Susan Salm, and pianist Daniel Epstein, has appeared in Geneva, Paris, London, Basel, Frankfurt, and Vienna. In this country, the trio has been featured at the San Francisco Symphony's Beethoven Festival, the Saratoga Festival in New York, the Newport Music Festival, and the International Festival of Chamber Music in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Each member of the trio maintains an active and distinguished solo career. Charles Castleman has appeared with the New York Philharmonic, St. Louis

Symphony, and the Philadelphia and Moscow State Orchestras. A prizewinner in the Tchaikovsky and Brussels International competitions, Mr. Castleman is a Professor of Violin at the Eastman School. Susan Salm has performed with the Stuttgart Philharmonic, the Frankfurt and Berlin symphonies, L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, and the BBC Symphony. Daniel Epstein made his orchestral debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy and has been a soloist artist with the San Francisco, Detroit, and Houston Symphonies. The Raphael Trio has won special acclaim for its interpretation of the works of Beethoven, Hayden, Faure, and Dvorak.

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# Parents Plights & Rights

by Dr. Steve Imber



Dear Dr. Imber:

I am very much aware that there have been federal and state regulations for handicapped children since the late 1970s. I am in touch with several parents whose children are having serious problems learning in school and yet they have either never been identified or seem to be receiving special education services which are very limited. In one instance, a child who has had significant learning problems since kindergarten is only getting two half hours of resource help per week. Unfortunately, he continues to do very poorly in school. As parents, we are expected to do our best to make sure our children do their homework, prepare projects, and study for their math and spelling tests. But what is a parent to do if the child just doesn't seem to be able to do the work and he's getting very little, if any, special education. I would appreciate your advice.

Disconcerted

Dear Disconcerted:

I can very much appreciate the concerns which you related to me. Unfortunately, the U.S. Office of Education has estimated the number of children who have learning disabilities to be approximately three per one hundred. The definition of learning disabilities found in our federal and state regulations as well as the evaluation procedures which are delineated yield a significantly greater number of children with special learning problems than 3 percent. That is, a number of school systems have found that there are 5 to 7 percent of their population who seem to meet the criteria. When a community identifies 12 percent of their school-age population as handicapped, they cannot rely on any further federal funding to support students who have not yet been identified but might very well meet the criteria set forth in regulations. As a result, many school systems are faced with the problem of attempting to serve handicapped children as well as possible given budgetary restrictions.

However, as a parent, I can well understand that if one has a child who appears to have specific learning disabilities in reading recognition, reading comprehension, listening comprehension, written expression, mathematical understanding or mathematical calculations, that it is paramount to provide those services which by regulation should be available.

It is especially important for parents to be familiar with regulations pertaining to handicapped children, if they have any serious concerns about their children's behavior or learning. While I must point out that many children at some time or another have some learning or behavioral difficulties, most of these students would not qualify as "handicapped." The reason that some children are indeed identified as handicapped is that a professional or a parent has referred a child or an adolescent for an evaluation and a multidisciplinary team has determined that the child does indeed fit the criteria set forth in the regulations. When a child is identified as handicapped, the type and amount of services offered may vary considerably depending upon the severity of the handicap. Some children who have learning disabilities may be able to

be assisted through consultation to the regular classroom teacher. More frequently, students participate in a special education resource program designed to supplement instruction within the regular classroom. In some instances, children within resource programs do have an opportunity to work with different methods or materials and the regular classroom teacher works closely to support individualization. Some students who have more severe disabilities may need to be placed within a self-contained special education classroom for anywhere from one to two periods to several periods during the day. I can well understand the frustration that some parents experience when they feel that their child has a learning disability and the disability has not been diagnosed and remains untreated. Similarly, I can well understand the frustration of a parent whose child has been diagnosed as having learning disabilities but who receives extremely minimal service even when their son or daughter continues to do quite poorly in school.

I would suggest that if a parent feels that they have a strong basis for concern, that they refer their child for an evaluation. However, before making such a referral, it would be appropriate to talk with the regular classroom teacher and review achievement test scores. It may also be appropriate to talk with the school guidance counselor or the principal in order to gain their perspective. It is important to note, however, that a parent does not need the permission of any school official in order to refer their own child. If their child has not been diagnosed as learning disabled, there may not be a severe enough discrepancy between the child's expected performance and his actual performance. There may be some supportive services available through the school or the parent may wish to employ a home-based tutor in order to address specific learning problems. In some instances, it is possible that the child may not be identified by a multidisciplinary team as learning disabled and yet the child may have severe deficits. A parent may wish to obtain an independent evaluation. However, since such evaluations can be time consuming and costly, the parent should have a fairly clear basis for referring their child for such an evaluation. In some instances, even when a child has been identified, the services are insufficient to meet that child's needs. It is suggested that in any case where a parent feels that their child's needs are not being met adequately, that they talk with both their principal and with a special education supervisor to discuss the matter. In most instances, a cooperative attitude and effort will help to resolve the problem. In instances where the parent is convinced that their child's needs are not being met, they may wish to seek consultation from the State Department of Education, the local advisory committee (which each community has), or even the assistance of a consultant well versed in special education regulations and various handicapping conditions. Unfortunately, some instances cannot be resolved through cooperative efforts (although this is usually not the case). In those instances, parents need to know that they can file a complaint with the State Department of

Education or can file for a hearing by writing a letter to their local superintendent. Such action would be perceived as relatively extreme and would only be used when a parent has experienced the "brick wall" effect.

I hope that you and other parents with whom you have been in contact can try to resolve matters amicably. If genuine attempts at cooperative have been offered and for whatever reason, they have not achieved a successful resolution to the problem, then it may be necessary to seek professional support from an attorney, a consultant, or both.

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

## Drug Abuse Conference

"Drug Abuse and the Athlete," "Substance Abuse in Sports," and Lefty Driesell's perspective as a coach on drug abuse are three of the several topics to be discussed at the Conference on Drug Abuse in Sports to be held at URI June 5 and 6.

The two-day conference is sponsored by Governor DiPrete's Campaign Against Drugs, MasterCard International, Inc, and the Institute for International Sport. "We have seen many tragic problems result from the combination of drugs and sports over the past few years in both amateur as well as professional athletics.

Open to the public, the registration fees are in-state, \$105; all others, \$115.

For further information, contact Richard Polidoro, 792-2975.

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The West Warwick-based international transportation company has distributed tickets annually since 1983 to a host of public service organizations. The current offer is intended to encourage participation by new groups or organizations that may have been overlooked in the past. This year's baseball game, scheduled on Father's Day, June 21, will pit the Pawtucket Red Sox against the Toledo Mud Hens.

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# Arts & Entertainment



## Voice Of Turtle To Perform

Voice of the Turtle, the well known Sephardic folk music ensemble, will perform at the sixth S.A.G.E. (Senior Adult Group Educators) concert for the elderly on Thursday, May 28, at 1 p.m. The spring concert will be held at Temple Emanuel. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Admission is \$2.

The music of Voice of the Turtle evokes with vitality and enthusiasm the legacy of the Jews who lived in Spain and Portugal. It has been described as "... conveying the joy of life and a sense of humor." The group has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Israel. They have been seen and heard on national public television and radio.

S.A.G.E. is comprised of professionals working with the elderly from the following agencies: the Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Home for the Aged, Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El, Jewish Family Service Mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael and Shalom Apartments.

## Trinity Rep Awarded Grant

The Trustees of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation have authorized a grant of \$100,000 to Trinity Repertory Company for use over a period of three years. The grant is intended to assist Trinity Rep in "producing earlier work that has survived to become an important part of the theatrical literature or that, whether or not well known, merits revival," according to the terms of the grant.

The Mellon Foundation grant is of special significance because the Foundation does not accept applications. The grant recipients are selected by the Foundation solely on the basis of merit. This is the second consecutive three-year grant awarded to Trinity Rep by The Mellon Foundation.

Adrian Hall, Artistic Director of Trinity Repertory Company, said, "Trinity Rep has had a long commitment to the wide range of drama — new plays, contemporary plays, and the classics of the past. This generous grant from The Mellon Foundation makes us proud in two ways — by recognizing Trinity Rep's past record in finding fresh approaches to earlier works, and by enabling us to continue that record for another three years."

Trinity Rep will be able to use the funds from this grant beginning in the 1987-88 Season, which starts in September.

The Mellon Foundation grant will be used for the expenses incurred in the revival of earlier plays. The grant will play an important role in supporting the Company over the next three years. In order for Trinity Rep to continue to survive on a strong financial basis, the Company depends upon contributions from individuals and businesses toward the Annual Fund.

## Frontline Presents "Israel: Price Of Victory"

June 1967. It was a dream come true, a smashing victory. Israel had won the Six Day War and was delivered from mortal danger.

Now, 20 years later, many feel that something has gone terribly wrong.

"On the seventh day of the Six Day War, we became a different country," says Miron Benvenisti, former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem. "The borders changed, our perception of ourselves changed, our perception of the Arabs changed. At first it was intoxicating. Only later did we realize what a price we paid for this victory."

As the twentieth anniversary of the Six Day War approaches, FRONTLINE with Judy Woodruff presents, "Israel — The Price of Victory," Tuesday, June 2 at 9 p.m. (check local listings). The program takes a tough look at a nation struggling with its image and role as a democracy. It is a struggle for the soul of the nation.

The central problem in Israel, according to the program, is what to do about Israeli settlements on the West Bank, the millions of Palestinian Arabs who live there, and how to co-exist with the more than 100,000 Arabs who come from the West Bank to work every day in Israel.

Most, if not all, the menial work in the country is performed by these Arabs. For those who most strongly hold the Zionist dream of Jewish work by Jewish hands in a Jewish land, the situation is intolerable.

"There is no co-existence," says Rabbi Meyer Kahane, a New Yorker who immigrated to Israel in 1972 and was voted into parliament in 1984. "This is our country. Jewish country. And that's that."

Others in Israel say Kahane represents a continuing shift to the right as the country feels threatened by West Bank Arabs. Dr. Meir Pail, an historian and general in the Israeli Army says the nation's left wing has moved to the center, the center has moved to the right and the right has moved farther right.

"The chauvinists turned into racists. The existing process in Israel is we proceed to the right. Kahane is not an accident," Pail said.

Israelis are paying a price. Bomb threats and Arab terrorism were always part of the Israeli reality. Now, a new strain has emerged — Jewish terrorism and the Jewish underground.

The potential conflict is so great many avoid politics altogether. Some emigrate emotionally; others turn to religion.

"The situation in Israel is very sad," says FRONTLINE producer Ofra Bikel, an Israeli. "Most people feel they've taken a wrong turn and don't know what to do. It's sad to see any dream go sour, but it was such a dream and there was so much hope."

FRONTLINE is produced by a consortium of public television stations: KCTS Seattle, WGBH Boston, WNET New York, WPBT Miami and WTWS Detroit.

Funding for FRONTLINE is provided by public television stations and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

FRONTLINE is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

The anchor for FRONTLINE is Judy Woodruff.

The executive producer for FRONTLINE is David Fanning.

## Theatre Review: A Lie Of The Mind



Barbara Orson, Becca Lish, and Dan Welch in Trinity Rep's production *A Lie of the Mind* by Sam Shepard in the Upstairs Theatre May 8-June 7.

by Lois Atwood

In *A Lie of the Mind*, Trinity Rep offers an exciting production of an exciting play. Sam Shepard's characters should be caricatures, and yet he fleshes them into people we care about and can even admire. Shepard uses language brilliantly, introducing laughter into devastating situations. Although this is not a short play, it never seems long.

David Wheeler's direction is skilled and close to flawless. Musical director William Dankoehler selected and adapted traditional American music; he leads a trio (Paul Sedgwick and Daniel Von Barga) in providing musical introductions, prophetic bridges between scenes and appropriate background during the action. Shepard insisted (rightly) on the counterpart of music with *A Lie of the Mind*.

The play explores family relationships between and among spouses, siblings, parents and children. Two families are involved, and in both the wives have responded in what seems characteristic but exaggerated ways to what we perceive as the loss of their husbands. Cynthia Strickland is poignantly hilarious, Barbara Orson vigorously tender, in performances of great depth.

Most of the characters are obsessed with their particular version of truth, which is

perceived by the others as not true at all. Only Beth, played by Jane Loranger, is able to come out with detached statements about where truth lies. A Harvard student, previously directed by Wheeler, she brings skill and youthful innocence to a difficult role. As Baylor, a beleaguered father, son-in-law and spouse, Richard Kavanaugh deals with his problems by stretching one dimension to its amusing limits, his pain glimpsed through his self-absorption. Precipitating the play's development are Dan Welch as Jake, violent and despairing, and Andrew Mutnick as his brother, Frankie, caring, concerned and ultimately caught up into what his mother has described: "You can't save the doomed. You make a tiny little stab at it, and you're doomed too." Becca Lish plays their sister and David PB Stephens, Beth's brother. Robert D. Soule designed the scenery, John F. Custer, lighting, and William Lane, costumes.

A delegation of directors, playwrights and actors from the Soviet Union will see *A Lie of the Mind* this Sunday. It's a felicitous choice, well directed, acted and produced, audience pleasing and yet provocative, Sam Shepard in a more mature mode. It will play through June 7.

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## Jerusalem: Three Perspectives

### The City I Love

by Dvora Waysman

(WZPS) — There has always been the question of whether a city is shaped by the people who inhabit it or if they are somehow moulded by the city they live in. The truth probably lies somewhere in-between... except, perhaps, in the case of Jerusalem.

I have no doubt that I have been changed by Jerusalem. Fifteen years of living in the most beautiful city in the world has sharpened my sensitivities, heightened my awareness of history and added a dimension of pure joy to my life. Sometimes, when the sun breaks out unexpectedly on a cold winter day and the grey stone is dappled with gold, I think to myself: how lucky I am, how privileged to be living where "Ten measures of beauty came to the earth, and nine were taken by Jerusalem."

This gratitude has been a bonus — an unexpected gift. For the decision to come to Israel was not mine, but my husband's. My love of Jerusalem grew imperceptibly. I was not aware of it until it slowly took root and became part of the very fiber of my being. Now, whenever I leave even for a week or two, it feels like an amputation. I am only whole when I'm in Jerusalem.

At school, history was a subject that bored me. The tedious memorizing of dates and battles and reigns. But today, I feel history in the streets beneath my feet. I marvel at the first settlers some 5,000 years ago whose identity is lost in the mists of time, but who chose to make their homes on the steep ridge called the Ophel, south of today's Old City. 2,000 years later, David captured it from the Jebusites and brought the Holy Ark to Jerusalem, establishing forever its sanctity for the Jewish people.

How many nations have lusted after Jerusalem and fought bloody battles to capture it! Archaeology reveals layer after layer of civilizations that existed for a time and then were vanquished. Sometimes, when you walk its streets, you can sense the agony of the ages. There are some very ancient trees in Jerusalem... gnarled olive trees centuries old, pines pointing heaven-ward that sigh and grieve for by-gone tragedies to which they have borne silent witness. And history is no longer a matter of dates. It means identifying with those who lived here before you, sharing their pain and their dreams.

Day in, day out, in my work or through social contacts, sometimes by mere accident, I find human treasures. I meet poets and artists. I meet deeply spiritual people and secularists who are nevertheless touched by the God they don't acknowledge. I see children with sun-tanned limbs and laughing eyes, and old people whose faces are lined with wisdom.

One of my dear friends has a treasure-house in her lounge-room. An archaeology buff, she proudly shows me pottery shards and delicate pieces of Roman glass. Everything has a story. Once I would have thought such possessions junk. Today I recognize their value.

Yes, Jerusalem has changed me. It has given me a set of values unconnected to materialism. What did I ever possess to compare with a walk in the Jerusalem Forest, the surrounding hills at sunset, the quality of light that seduces the senses and touches the commonplace with magic?

Jerusalem is too old to be affected by me and my compatriots, for we are part of the passing parade. But I have been transformed by this city I love.



### Planning A Biblical Park

(WZPS) — The Jerusalem Municipality's suburban development masterplan around the Katamon and Malcha suburbs, include a 750-acre biblical park.

The Jerusalem Biblical Park, as it will be called, is expected when completed, "to meet the capital's steadily expanding leisure time needs."

At present only the archaeological museum and workshops at Ein Ya'el are functional, but work is continuing on the zoological garden, children's adventure trail, biblical zoo and other recreational facilities.

The Jewish National Fund and the Jerusalem Municipality are jointly creating a 750-acre biblical park which by the year 2000 will provide residents of the capital's south western suburbs with a myriad of family recreation opportunities. The park will combine modern sports, a walk-in zoological garden, a Disney-style children's adventure trail featuring biblical motifs like the parting of the Red Sea, Jonah and the whale and Elijah's flaming chariot, with four archaeological museum workshops highlighting Canaanite and Israelite forms of agriculture, farm equipment, pottery and metal crafts.

#### Meeting Needs

Jerusalem's Biblical Park will be located in the semi-rural Refayim Valley where King David fought the Philistines. Like the fingers of an outstretched hand, planted woodlands will ring extensive grassy spaces modelled on Manhattan's Central Park, connecting wadis and natural waterways along the foothills of Gilo with Kiryat Hayovel, Ir Ganim and Katamon. "When completed, the Biblical Park will be the city's largest metropolitan playground, designed to meet the capital's steadily expanding leisure time needs," says Nathan Sass, director of JNF afforestation for the central and Judean hills region.

The Jerusalem Biblical Park is a key element in the municipality's suburban development masterplan in this part of the city, which includes the construction of a regional shopping mall, boating lake, international football stadium and a physical fitness gym for soldiers and the war disabled. Tournament tennis courts and a youth sporting center are already operating in the Katamon and Malcha suburbs and these will be enclosed by a belt of greenery.

#### Archaeological Museum

An innovative attraction for visitors to Jerusalem's Biblical Park is the archaeological museum and workshops planned at Ein Ya'el, the site of a 16th century Byzantine public bath being currently excavated. Two workshops (weaving and pottery) are already operational and are

designed to help revive the ancient crafts of the period. The metallurgy and building workshops will be established later.

Ein Ya'el, also known by its Arab name Ein Yalo (fresh springs), is located in the heartland of a fertile farming valley, world famous for its wines and olive oils. A recreational park, laced with historic foot paths and modern picnic facilities, is projected for the restored site, tiled with a beautiful mosaic floor.

Ein Ya'el adjoins a former Canaanite farming village, several of whose houses have been uncovered virtually intact, dating from the period 2000 BCE. Visitors to the archaeological museum will be able to spend a day or longer participating in planting, attending or harvesting terrace-cultivated crops, cooking, archery training and many of the other varied daily activities of their forefathers.

#### Biblical Zoo

An area of some 12 acres has been pegged across the wadi from Ein Ya'el as the home of Jerusalem's new zoological garden, to be exclusively inhabited by birds and animals recorded in the Bible. The new site will replace Jerusalem's cramped four-acre plot in Romema on the capital's north western periphery. The Jewish National Fund recently completed a major resettlement operation when it transplanted some 1000 olive trees aged between 100 and 200 years from Upper Galilee to the Refayim Valley as part of the preparatory scenic landscaping along the projected boundary of the new Biblical Zoo.

Jerusalem's new Biblical Zoo will accommodate, in its significantly expanded grounds, specialized animal exhibits and vantage observation points and, an educational center including classrooms and a 'zoolab' to help visitors understand the dynamic interaction between the human and animal ecosystems. There will also be a children's zoo to enable youngsters to interact with domesticated animals and a range of open-air outdoor exhibits in controlled climatic conditions and artificially recreated natural surroundings. Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo will also feature a veterinary hospital with quarantine quarters, and a visitors orientation center equipped with an information booth, car parks, administration offices, snack bars and a restaurant.

Jerusalem's Biblical Park is sure to become an important city thoroughfare. Topographical surveys have been completed and initial rock blasting has begun for a major road connecting western Gilo to Kiryat Hayovel via a new suburb, Givat Massua, overlooking the planned Biblical Zoo.

### An Exercise In Coexistence

by Anita Erlich

(WZPS) — Three years ago the now defunct left-wing political party Sheli, established a new organization to further Arab-Jewish relations amongst youth. The organization, "Re'ut" (meaning friendship), now politically unaffiliated, has a number of branches throughout the country.

Re'ut, which is presently organizing a new group in Jerusalem, is making definite progress in overcoming distrust and prejudice amongst its members, and in teaching them to live together in mutual respect and cooperation.

Co-existence in Israel and particularly in Jerusalem, is an issue that, since the reunification of the country's capital, has been high on the agenda. Many individuals and groups have taken the initiative over the years towards improving Arab-Jewish relations. One such group, which focuses on youth, is "Re'ut," meaning friendship.

#### Goals

Established three years ago by members of the now defunct left-wing political party Sheli, Re'ut today is politically unaffiliated, and considers itself independent of any official organization. It is jointly coordinated by Yonata Peled, from Kibbutz Ma'abarot, and Mikael Sanus, an Israeli Arab from Ramallah. All Re'ut's members are volunteers, and financial assistance is given by the Israel Interfaith Association and the Van Leer Institute's Organization for Peace.

At present there are five Re'ut groups in Israel and a new group is currently being established in Jerusalem by Galia Carmi, a 17-year-old Jewish high school student and Samir Muallem, an Arab student at the Hebrew University. The two have recruited 14 year olds from Beit Safafa, a local Arab village, and from several Jewish neighborhoods in the capital. The group's present goal is to get to know and learn to trust one another and eventually have joint social activities — something which sounds quite simple, yet due to a great deal of mistrust and suspicion on both sides, will take time and effort.

Galia and Samir, along with other Re'ut leaders, attend weekly leadership training seminars. These help them attain the skill needed to hold constructive group sessions which focus on working together as opposed to rehash of old disagreements.

In order to get a greater sense of the direction the Jerusalem group is taking, I visited another Re'ut group, which has been functioning for three months. It is a group of 17 year olds from the Arab village Taibeh and the middle class

suburban Jewish city Ra'anana. On the day I visited they met midway, in Kfar Saba.

We first stopped at Tel Aviv University to pick up Abed Azem, a 24-year-old graduate student in biochemistry, and Re'ut leader. "Living and studying at the university is fine," he said, "but academic life isn't the true reality of the country." Abed was himself brought up in Taibeh and at an early age began working in the Jewish sector. He also began reading the Hebrew press regularly. He thus became aware of the inferior position of the Arab in Israeli society. This was reinforced during his student days in Beersheba where he actually lived among Jews. "I'm not angry," he says, "I've come to understand the origin of these attitudes, and I also know there are distortions on the other side too." Abed came to the conclusion that education and correction of misinformation in both sectors was critical, and that this meant beginning with the young people. For that reason Abed joined Re'ut.

#### Group Session

Together we made our way to the Kfar Saba meeting. Shortly after we arrived, the youngsters began trickling in. The first four Arabs arrived by taxi, as there is no bus from the village. Only boys came. They explained that Arab parents don't allow their daughters to stay out after dark, and so most afternoon activities are unavailable to girls. Galia was the next to appear. She had borrowed her mother's car. Ido came by bus. He had been to a theater performance with his class. Soon the others arrived. Greetings were friendly, some guarded.

"We're still in the process of getting to know one another. We aren't an integrated unit yet that can function together as a group," Abed told us as we took our places in a circle on the floor in a stark community center meeting room. Abed had decided to devote the meeting to just this — getting to know one another better. Earlier he had explained that the Arabs have no experience in expressing themselves: "Whereas the Jewish kids do it all the time, it is just not done in an Arab classroom or any other forum. This is one major barrier that has to be overcome."

Abed's co-leader Dani, a former Argentinian who works as a bank clerk, was away that day so Abed led the meeting alone. Each person was given a turn in the center of the circle, whereupon he became the focus of questions. These ranged from "How many siblings do you have?", to "Why did you join Re'ut?"

The first to be in the center was Ahmed, a tall, slim Bedouin. Ahmed told the group that he had been born near Beersheba and had moved to Taibeh with his family. When pressed for more information, the group learned that Ahmed's family had been forced to move when the military decided to build a landing strip at the location of his home. Surprisingly, Ahmed showed no outward signs of resentment and later on admitted to having no political identification whatsoever. He told the group that he liked history and horses and hoped to join the border police.

Next to speak was blond, long-haired Yuval. We learned that he is the Sabra son of Polish immigrants and that they have a small orange grove in which he loves to work. The group chuckled when he described his feelings of admiration as a child watching the Arab workers pick fruit: "They were so fast that I used to imagine that they had an extra pair of hands." When asked about his reasons for joining Re'ut, Yuval claimed that he saw no other way to work for a better future. He has now undertaken the leadership of a group of younger children which recently opened in Tel Aviv.

# Obituaries

## ALICE MILLER

PROVIDENCE — Alice Miller, 87, of 99 Hillside Ave., the Jewish Home for the Aged, died there Friday, May 15, 1987. She was the widow of Ralph W. Miller.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Louis and Ida Tillis, she had lived in Providence for more than 50 years. She previously resided in Fall River.

She was a member of Temple Beth Shalom.

She leaves three sons, Sanford Miller of Warwick, Howard Miller of North Providence and Milton J. Miller of Canton, Mass.; two sisters, Helen Miller and Reba Tillis, and two brothers, Abraham and Samuel Tillis, all of Massachusetts; and seven grandchildren.

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

## MORRIS KATZNELSON

PROVIDENCE — Morris "Lefty" Katznelson, 80, of the Jewish Home for the Aged for the past four months, a driver for Yellow Cab Company for over 30 years, retiring 15 years ago, died Friday, May 15, 1987, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Joseph and Fannie (Ginsberg) Katznelson, he had lived in Providence most of his life except for 13 years in Pawtucket before moving to the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Mr. Katznelson was a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob.

He leaves two sisters, Ida Falk of Cranston and Hattie Feinstein of Houston, Tex.; four brothers, Irving and Samuel Nelson, both of Providence; Louis Katznelson of Narragansett; and Dr. Walter K. Nelson of Metuchen, N.J.

A graveside service was held in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Rd., Warwick.

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## Book Review: The Man Who Loved Children

*Ghetto Diary.* By Janusz Korczak; translated from the Polish by Jerzy Bachrach and Barbara Krzywicka. Holocaust Publications, 216 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011. 1986. 192 pages. \$3.95.

*King Matt the First.* By Janusz Korczak; translated from the Polish by Richard Lourie. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 19 Union Square West, New York, NY 10033. 1986. 332 pages.

His name was Hersh Goldszmit but from boyhood on he rejected it, first appropriating the Polish given name Henryk and later signing his essays with the nom de plume Janusz Korczak. And so it was that when his story was told, the name gave rise to the apocryphal tale of a Polish doctor, director of an orphanage on Warsaw's Krochmalna Street, who had willingly chosen to die with the two hundred orphans in his charge. Janusz Korczak was, in fact a Jew, a lover of Israel, a Zionist dreamer who wrote: "I would like to build, in Jerusalem, a monument to the Unknown Orphan ..." Dark history intervened and he built instead a monument to human altruism with the message of his selfless life and his martyred death. These two volumes, his *Ghetto Diary*, mailed to a Gentile friend shortly before he boarded the train that carried him to Treblinka, and *King Matt the First*, his fanciful biography of a child king, guarantee the perpetuity of that "monument" and represent a posthumous triumph for Janusz Korczak and for the human spirit.

The poet, Aaron Zeitlin prefaces the diary with a prose poem entitled "The Last Walk of Janus Korczak." He writes of the doctor's youth, of the love he had for Stefania Wilczynska, who worked beside him, sacrificing her life, even as he sacrificed his own. Haunted by the knowledge of his father's madness, the man who loved children, who cared for them and wrote for them, would never marry and have children of his own. Zeitlin writes of the last days in the ghetto, the performance of Tagore's "The Post Office" by the doomed orphans, and the final march to the train from "... the district of the damned."

But Korczak's own words, written during the darkest of nights in the private quarters of

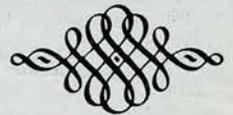
what he called "the saddest hospital of the world" do not dwell on his personal tragedy. His observations vibrate with dark humor, with stunning insight and the wry pragmatism that formed his personal philosophy. He writes of the ruses to which he resorted to obtain food for his orphans (donning his uniform with its tarnished medals to plea for a bushel of potatoes, harassing a wealthy woman for a donation). He is not blinded by romanticism in his perception of the children. He would expel a child whom he recognizes to be harmful to others and he despairs, with wrenching realism, of those whom he cannot help. His chiefest joy comes from watching his children at play as they "... built a garden in the sand, and a little house, and flowers and a picket fence. They carried water in a matchbox. They took turns." It does not matter that the "garden" was destroyed by an incorrigible youngster. The poet doctor reveled in the creativity of children even as he recognized the potential for evil. The one did not obviate the other.

This balanced perspective of the world, embracing both its beauty and its terror, permeates the pages of *King Matt the First*, originally published in 1923. The story of little Matt, orphaned by the death of his father, Steven the Wise, and an ascendant to the throne at a tender age, is a fictional vehicle for the exposition of Korczak's social philosophy. The pediatrician believed in a "republic of children," governed by the youngsters themselves with legislators, judges and administrators elected by a juvenile constituency. Indeed, his own orphanage operated on such a philosophy, with varying levels of success.

Matt is the child king, imbued with a child's innocence and inspired by the idea that he can use his royal powers to make the world a better place. He disguises himself and goes to war, discovering at first hand the absurdity and futility of military action. He returns to assume his rightful role, disillusioned with the wisdom of his adult advisors. His efforts earn him the title of King Matt the Reformer but his kingdom is plunged into chaos as inexperienced children take over the reins of commerce and of

government. Matt's adventures are related with whimsy and wisdom and the reader anticipates his failure and empathizes with his aspirations. The story teller creates a reality based fantasy, consistent with the efforts of Korczak's own life and the society he built for "his children." Matt's failure and his fate, ironically, closely parallel that of his creator.

In his moving introduction to *King Matt the First*, Bruno Bettelheim writes of the memorial at Treblinka to the one million Jews who died there. The rocks of which it is built are inscribed with only the names of the cities or countries of the victims. The name of only one individual appears and it reads: "Janusz Korczak (Henryk Goldszmit) and the Children." The name of a man who loved children, who recognized human failure yet retained his belief in the human spirit, a story teller and an activist, is immortalized in cold stone and yet again in the pages of his own books. Their publication is a validation of the life of Janusz Korczak who, as the ghetto disintegrated about him, wrote the following prayer in his diary: "God, give me a hard life but let it be beautiful, rich and aspiring." *Ghetto Diary* and *King Matt the First* tell us of a life that was desperately hard yet always rich and never, even at its darkest, less than aspiring.



## Jewish Holidays

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# Classifieds

**JERUSALEM** — Despite years of hostility faced by Israel in the United Nations, Israel has, on balance, benefitted more than it has been hurt as a result of its involvement with the world body.

This opinion was expressed by more than one speaker at a three-day workshop on "The UN, the Middle East and Israel," conducted recently by the Hebrew University's Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations and Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace and the City University of New York's Ralph Bunche Institute on the United Nations. Scholars and diplomats from the U.S., Israel and Switzerland participated in the workshop, held at Jerusalem's Mishkenot Sha'ananim.

Noting that Israel's involvement over the years with the UN exceeds perhaps more than that of any other member nation, Michael Comay, Israel's ambassador to the UN from 1959 to 1967, commented that "we have gained much more from our involvement with the UN than we have lost."

His theme was backed up by other former Israeli UN ambassadors who participated in a panel discussion recalling their central experiences at the United Nations.

Abba Eban, Israel's first UN ambassador (1949-59), spoke of Israel's "golden age" in the world forum, when, he said, there was an atmosphere of idealism and great anticipation of what the UN could accomplish. In that era of cooperation, he recalled, Israel briefly enjoyed the support of the two great superpowers — something that probably could not have occurred if Israel had come into the UN a few years later.

Comay asserted that the services rendered by the UN to Israel in its early days, in terms of support and mediation, outweigh all the anti-Israel resolutions of the later years.

While noting that "the UN has become an automatic, pushbutton voting machine" and a forum for propaganda instead of substantive deliberations, Gideon Rafael, Israeli ambassador to the UN in 1967, said that "it at least is still a meeting ground, where contacts can be made." He argued that "Israel should not adopt an attitude of abrasiveness toward the UN," but rather urged continued efforts to win friends there.

Hebrew University Law Prof. Yehuda Blum, who was

ambassador to the UN from 1978 to 1984, said that the tide turned against Israel in the UN after the 1967 Six-Day War, when the memories of the Holocaust had faded and Israel was no longer viewed as an underdog but as a superpower.

Israel's legitimacy then began to suffer, with the low point having been reached at the time of the Sabra and Shatilla affair of 1982, he said. But since that time, he continued, Israel's image has improved, as has its status at the UN. Blum gave a great deal of the credit for this to the Reagan Administration's strong stand in support of Israel at the UN.

### Center For Diplomatic Warfare

Rather than serving as "a center for harmonizing the actions of nations," as prescribed in the UN charter, the world forum "has become a center for waging diplomatic warfare," said Prof. Benjamin Rivlin, director of the Ralph Bunche Institute on the United Nations of the City University of New York. This is especially true for the Arab Nations, which have found in the UN "an exceptional arena in which to press their anti-Israel cause..." he said.

Nevertheless, the resolutions and conventions of the UN do have some positive value, even though they may be breached, said Prof. Seymour Maxwell Finger of the City University of New York, who spoke on "International Terrorism and the UN." The UN actions establish legal norms, encourage cooperation among interested and willing governments, and help to legitimize unilateral or multilateral actions against those responsible for terrorism, said Finger.

While much of the UN's business has focused on dealing with the Middle East, it is the reality of the balance of power in the region that has been the primary stabilizing element there, said Prof. Dankwart A. Rustow of the City University of New York.

Dr. Joel Barromi of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that the shift against Israel in the UN came about as part of the anti-colonial, anti-affluent countries movement at the UN, which was exploited by the Arabs.

Dr. Avi Beker of Bar-Ilan University maintained that there are gradual, slow changes for the better taking place for Israel at the UN, as Third World nations have become disillusioned with their unquestioned support for the Arab bloc.

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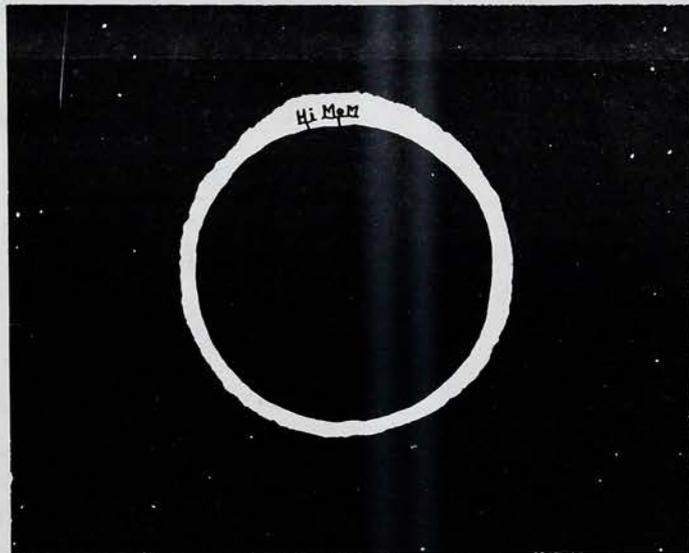
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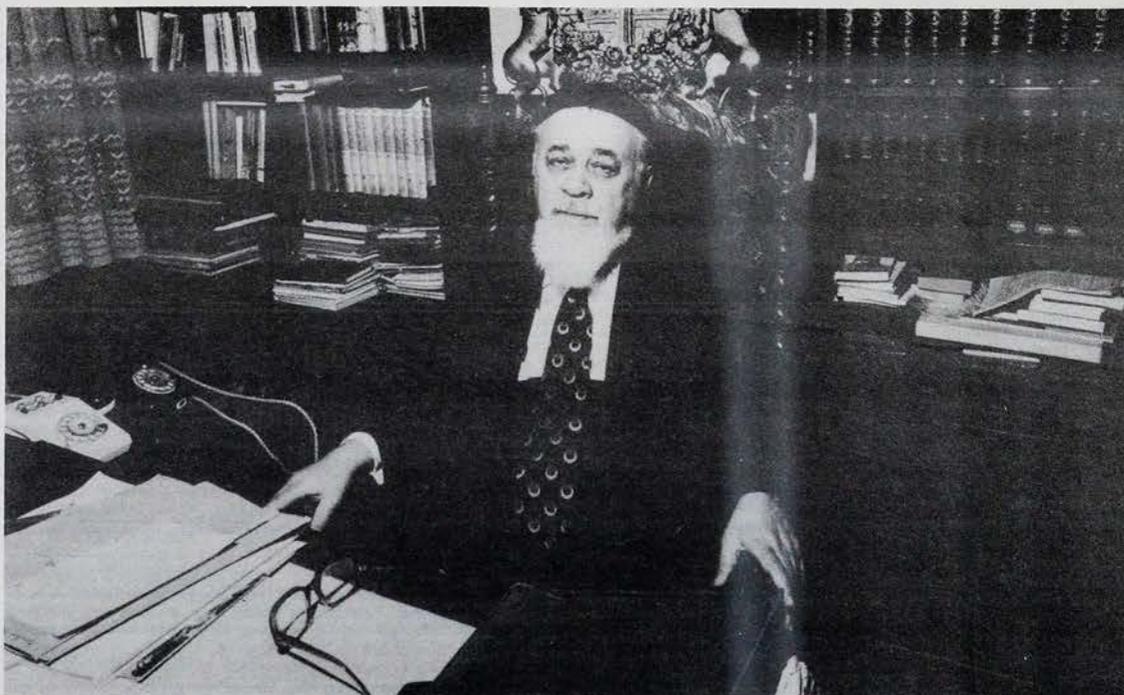
## Jews Of Romania

BUCHAREST, Romania — David Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Romania, is sitting in his Bucharest office, his face unlined and seamless; only the eyes portray his 76 years. Besides being the country's Chief Rabbi, he is a member of the Communist Party, and is also the man most responsible for helping 380,000 Jews emigrate to Israel. "We're Jews — where else should we go?" he says, half-jokingly. "Philadelphia?"

Before the Holocaust there were 800,000 Jews in Romania. Half survived. Today, fewer than 24,000 remain, and of those, more than 50 percent are over 65. Each year, close to 1,000 make aliyah (mostly the young, with university degrees), 500 die, and fewer than 70 are born. And although the end of Romanian Jewry is but a few decades away, the country's Communist government has allowed Rosen and his staff to set up one of the world's most extensive social-aid programs for those remaining. He did this with \$4.5 million a year raised by UJA/Federation Community Campaigns throughout America, and disbursed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Twenty ton trucks deliver kosher food packages eight times a year to 64 Jewish communities. Clothing, blankets, and shoes are sent twice annually; money is sent as needed. Eleven kosher restaurants feed 3,000 people a day. There are kosher butchers and in Bucharest, 700 hot meals are delivered daily. Synagogues are well-maintained.

Aside from free walk-in clinics, there are four old age homes, including the Rosen Nursing Home in Bucharest, a \$2.5 million



showplace of medical technology built with American Jewish funds.

Rabbi Rosen makes frequent goodwill trips to America, visiting American-Jewish leaders and Washington policy makers. His grace and charm hide the fact that for much of his life, he nimbly stayed one step ahead of the Nazis, and in the early 1950s, two steps ahead of Romania's Stalinists.

As for anti-Semitism, at least in the old sense, Romania has moved

on. The economy is currently suffering from a series of natural disasters and an overlong dependency on Stalinist-type heavy industries. With a whopping debt to the West, results fall heavily on the man in the street. Lines for bread, meat, and gasoline are extensive. Oil and sugar are rationed. A single 40-watt light bulb is allowed per room. There is high unemployment.

This has, in turn, translated

into jealousy of the Jews of Romania, who are leaving the country at a steady clip, and are provided excellent medical care, not to mention inexpensive (or free) meals should they qualify.

Romanian anti-Semitism today is best encapsulated by a sign outside of Rabbi Rosen's office. "We take no conversions to Judaism. It is pointless to ask."

### JCC Event

A pizza and salad dinner to honor Kidspace staff who are graduating high school or college this year will be held on Monday, June 1 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Children and adults are welcome to attend the dinner in the Scout Den of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

Reservations must be made before Wednesday, May 27. The cost is \$4 per child or \$6 per adult; \$18 maximum for family of four, charge for additional family members.

For information and reservations call Ruby Shalansky or Marg Tudino, head Kidspace teacher at 861-8800.

A Board Game Night for singles aged 21-60 is planned for Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m. The evening of board games, refreshments and conversation will take place at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

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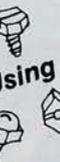
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