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## Holocaust, A-Bomb Survivors Linked

by Robert Israel

(JTA) — The survivors of the atomic bomb dropped here 42 years ago are both distinct from and connected to the survivors of the Nazi Holocaust, according to Rabbi Joseph Glaser, executive vice president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

"In the case of the Jews, it was a calculated, cold-blooded plan to murder an entire people," he explained in an interview here. "In the case of the Japanese, the bombings were a cruel act of war."

However, he added, "the survivors of both events are linked by the fact they have suffered and have a responsibility to tell their story to humanity to insure neither will ever happen again."

Glaser was in Japan to attend two major gatherings. On Thursday, he joined an estimated 55,000 people in the Peace Memorial Park here for a memorial service for the victims of the bomb that devastated the city. On Wednesday, Glaser laid a wreath at the Memorial Centopath in memory of the bomb's dead.

The rabbi also was participating in the World Conference on Religion and Peace, which has brought together 500 religious representatives from various branches of Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, Shinto, Islam and Confucianism.

The conference began last week at Mt. Hiei in Kyoto, a site sacred to Buddhists. The participants, who also included Rabbi Michael Schudrich of the Jewish community of Tokyo, then came here for the ceremony and travelled to Nagasaki before returning to Kyoto.

### Interfaith Work Must Continue

"There has been a great feeling of camaraderie among the participants," Glaser, the only

American cleric participating, said in an interview here. "Now, when we return to our countries, we must see to it that we continue our interfaith work."

The religious leaders have offered proposals to solve international conflicts such as apartheid and the escalating nuclear arms race. At Mt. Hiei, they conducted a silent vigil for world peace and rang a peace bell at the Enryaku Temple.

Glaser said wherever he has traveled throughout Japan he has been asked about the Nazi Holocaust.

"The Japanese have told me, 'Our witnesses are dying off, and many of them are unwilling to share their stories with others.' I told them this is true with the Jewish survivors, too. Often I have heard survivors of the camps say that people look at them in disbelief and that people do not believe their stories. But they are our witnesses and we must listen."

In recent months, several reports have described anti-Semitic publications in Japan. Schudrich has been monitoring these publications.

"To date," Schudrich said, "there have been at least a dozen books that are inflammatory in nature. Two of those books, by Masami Uno, have sold close to 800,000 copies."

One of Uno's books, "If You Understand the Jews, You Can Understand the World," talks about "international Jewish capital" that has damaged the Japanese economy.

"There has historically been great curiosity about Jews in Japan," Schudrich said. Jews are an enigma to the Japanese and they are curious about Jews. That's one of the reasons these books have sold so well. But it's important to note that what

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## Demjanjuk Sticks To Alibi

by David Landau

(JTA) — John Demjanjuk, into his second week of testimony in his own defense, is plainly not going to be broken by the prosecution in one sudden collapse of his alibi. Rather, as the long court sessions proceed, it seems clear that State Attorney Yona Blattman and his able assistant, Michael Shaked, hope to chip away at the accused man's story, bit by painstaking bit, and in this way cause it to crumble eventually in the eyes of the three-judge Jerusalem court.

The court for its part is watching attentively to see whether the prosecution's cumulative assault will undermine the defendant, or whether, after his grueling weeks in the witness box, Demjanjuk can emerge with his story, though bruised and buffeted, still sufficiently intact to avoid a conviction.

Last Tuesday, Judge Dov Levin gravely and repeatedly warned Demjanjuk that he was undertaking a "grave responsibility" by not giving direct answers to the prosecutor.

The questions, though seemingly technical, were key to his wartime alibi. They focused on his admittedly false entries on his U.S. immigration application, submitted at a displaced persons camp after World War II. The defendant had written that he spent the war years as a farmer in Poland in the village of Sobibor.

Questioned about the actual process of filling out that form, Demjanjuk seemed to be avoiding answering, incurring Levin's wrath. "We will take that into account," Levin thundered.

### Reason For Lying To The Americans

Demjanjuk says he lied to Americans in order to avoid being repatriated to the USSR. The prosecution says he lied in order to conceal his true identity — Ivan the Terrible, butcher of Treblinka.

His claim to have lived outside Russia prior to and during the war, Demjanjuk says, left the Americans no reason to suspect him of membership in the Red Army, even though he was of conscription age at the start of the war.

In fact, he says, he did serve in the Red Army. He claims to have feared repatriation because of his alleged membership in the turncoat Vlasov army, a Russian POW division that fought on the German side. In Russia he would have been considered a traitor and would have been executed.

Demjanjuk's lie may have been understandable in the circumstances, Shaked conceded, but why did he choose the town Sobibor as his false residence in Poland? Why not choose a place he claims to have been familiar with, such as Rowno, the POW camp in Poland where he spent two weeks, or Chelm, where he claims to have been imprisoned 18 months?

The prosecution placed Demjanjuk at the Treblinka death camp during that 18 month period, where he is accused of driving hundreds of thousands of Jews to their deaths in the gas chamber.

Demjanjuk claims his choice of Sobibor was arbitrary. Aided by a helpful friend at the DP camp, he says he picked any Polish town that came to mind. But he insisted — repeatedly during last week's

proceedings — that he had never actually been in Sobibor (nor in Treblinka).

But Sobibor was an unfortunate choice if it really was arbitrary as the defendant claims, for the town of Sobibor hosted another notorious concentration camp. And Sobibor is also mentioned on the defendant's alleged SS identity card, as the camp he was sent to on completion of his SS guard training at Trawniki.

Demjanjuk maintains that the card, a central piece of evidence in the case, is a KGB forgery as the Soviet Union's revenge against him.

But perhaps, Shaked pressed on, Demjanjuk chose the town of Sobibor because he was indeed familiar with it — it being fairly close to Treblinka — and because he preferred for obvious reasons not to cite Treblinka itself.

Demjanjuk replied that the friend had suggested Sobibor because it had a substantial Ukrainian population.

Contradicting his previous testimony, he does not now claim that Sobibor was a misspelling on his U.S. immigration form, and that the town in fact chosen was Sambor. He now says that only years later in the U.S., possibly after proceedings against him had begun, he tried to find Sobibor on a map. When he was unable to find it he presumed that the choice must have been Sambor.

### Refers To The Fedorenko Case

To press his point home further, Shaked referred to the case of Feodor Fedorenko, a convicted Treblinka guard recently executed in the USSR, whose history

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## Pollard Scores Israeli, U.S. Leaders

(JTA) — Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard claims the classified U.S. information he gave and sold to Israel was for an Israeli-sanctioned high and noble cause "pertaining to the covenant and survival."

He adds in a 14-page handwritten letter from federal prison here, published by the St. Louis Jewish Light, that Israel unfairly repudiated him and left him and his wife Anne to take the rap.

Pollard's letter is the first communication with a U.S. Jewish newspaper since he was transferred to prison here, according to the Jewish Light. All known Jewish prisoners in Missouri receive the newspaper.

"I wasn't motivated by greed and I didn't set out to become a martyr," he writes. "... I don't condemn the cause I served but only the cowardly leaders who decided to sacrifice us all on the twin altars of diplomatic and personal expediency."

### "Rogue Operation"

Israeli leaders at first termed Pollard's work a "rogue operation." No proof to the contrary has been reported, yet official Israeli investigations have criticized the top governmental leadership for poor oversight of

the now disbanded Lekem espionage agency that recruited and directed Pollard.

Jonathan Pollard, 32, received a life term in March for his espionage activities. A former civilian analyst for the U.S. Navy, he told the federal court that he had come to realize that rather than spy, he should have taken his concerns that Israel wasn't receiving enough security information through the channels of the Navy and as far as the President.

He added that he regretted sacrificing his wife "on the altar of political ideology." Anne, 26, was sentenced to two concurrent five-year terms for being an accessory to her husband's espionage and receiving stolen government material. He claims the inadequate treatment she receives for a rare, painful gastrointestinal disorder keeps her in agony.

### Says U.S. Policy Compelled Him

Pollard also contends that Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger's "even-handedness policy" toward the Middle East — seeking to erode "the Israeli army's military superiority over the Arabs" — "eventually precipitated my involvement with

the Israelis."

Pollard claims that Weinberger has "approved such a radical pro-Arab tilt in U.S. Middle East policy" by accepting the Arab claim that Israel's strategic value is marginal, by selling "ultra-sophisticated" arms and by denying Israel "critical information needed to neutralize the new generation of Soviet weapons being deployed along her northern border."

Regretting that he broke the law, Pollard nonetheless writes that "after months of agonizing ... I came to the conclusion that the choice I faced was between my belief in Israel's right to continued security and my legal obligation to uphold Mr. Weinberger's betrayal of the Jewish State. Having thus identified my options, I acted accordingly." The convicted spy also attacks Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and other U.S. Jewish leaders "of his ilk." He accuses them of being "glib apologists" who should "limit themselves to fund-raising and leave the less glamorous affairs such as intelligence gathering to those of who are not afraid to be exposed as 'unhyphenated' Jews."

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## Yiddish Eldercamp Hamish



Eva Sapolsky, right, waits for the next culinary cue in preparing parogen for Elaine Strajcher. They are in the kitchen at the Jewish Community Center where last week's Yiddish Eldercamp, sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education, was held. For story, see page 8. (photo by Dorothea Snyder)

# Local News

## \$38,000 More Needed For Transplant

JR's Fastlane, a Providence dance club featuring local bands, held a fund-raiser on Aug. 4 to raise money for Marcie Szykarski, who desperately needs a liver transplant. \$2500 was raised at that function.

Marcie is the wife of Michael Szykarski, a Cranston native who was graduated from Cranston High School East and the University of Rhode Island. The members of his family all reside in Rhode Island. Married two months ago, the Szykarski's recently learned that Marcie needs a liver transplant within six months or she could die.

To get on the donor list, the Szykarskis must first raise \$200,000, the total cost of the transplant, on their own. Family members throughout the United States are trying to raise funds, and Michael's sister, Monika

Curnett, has organized a fund-raising campaign in the Warwick School Department, where she is a teacher.

A fundraising barbecue held at Oak Hill Stables in Cranston on July 12 yielded \$1,800 and was attended by more than 60 people. Altogether \$162,000 has been raised. The family is very grateful to Rhode Islanders for their caring and generosity.

Marcie has had numerous medical setbacks this summer, which have delayed her prospects of getting on the liver donor list. Her spirits and will to live remain strong and she hopes to be on the donor list within the next couple weeks.

Contributions can be made to: The Marcie Liver Transplant Fund, University Savings Association, 5214 Kirby Blvd., Houston, Texas 77098.

## Picnic For JCCRI Singles

On Sunday, August 16, the Jewish Community Center Singles will sponsor a picnic at Lincoln Woods State Park, sites 51-54, at 1:30 p.m.

Swimming will be available along with sports equipment. Enjoy games, friends and a chance to see old friends and meet new ones. Bring cold food or food to barbecue; watermelon and cold beverages will be provided.

Meet at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence at 1 p.m. to carpool. The fee for the picnic is \$1.00 per person.

JCCRI Singles is open to all divorced, widowed or never-married persons ages 21 to 60.

Please call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800 by August 13 for reservations.

## Cokin Wins Hadassah Award

Mrs. Jacob Cokin, Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah, has been named a winner of the National Hadassah Leadership Award, announced by Hadassah National President Ruth W. Popkin at the organization's 73rd National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

"Sara Cokin has demonstrated the commitment, compassion and dedicated leadership exemplified by the life and work of Henrietta Szold, Hadassah's founder," Popkin said in announcing the award. "It is a privilege to honor Sara Cokin with this award for her service to her people, her community and Hadassah."

Mrs. Cokin is a past president, vice-president and has been an active board member of Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah for more than twenty-five years. She is active in many areas of public service, including past vice-president of her Temple's Sisterhood as well as a member of the Executive Board, a member of the board of the Rhode Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women, an honorary board member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and an active board member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

A delegate to the National Hadassah Convention in Baltimore was Mrs. Ruth Blustein, co-president of the Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter.

## Playgroup At JCC

West Bay Jewish Community Center has openings in their Cooperative Playgroup for toddlers (age 2). Classes are held in the East Greenwich area. For more information, call 831-1390.

## Notes From Ohave Shalom

Services this Shabbat begin at 9 a.m. There is a Kiddush immediately following services. Friday services begin at 7:35 p.m. Saturday Rabbi Jacobs will give his class at 6:30 p.m. Mincha will be at 7:25 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath meal. Ma'ariv will begin at 8:25 p.m. with Havdalah at 8:35 p.m.

Our synagogue is embarking on a membership drive. We have a small but growing congregation which has a youth group, a couples club, a teenage seminar in-the-planning and adult education, as well as many more activities. We are just a little over a mile from day schools, the Mikvah and the Jewish Community Center.

Anyone interested in our shul can call Rabbi and Eve Jacobs at 724-3552; David and Nita Pliskin at 725-3886; or Barrie and Annette Weisman at 723-2669.

Upcoming events include a couples club family get-together on Sunday, August 23 and a synagogue cookout on Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

The schedule of services during the week are as follows:

Mornings: Sunday 8 a.m., Monday and Thursday 6:40 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:50 a.m. Evenings: 7:30 p.m.

## Brandeis President To Speak At Touro

Evelyn E. Handler, president of Brandeis University, will urge construction of a new agenda for education during an Aug. 23 address to The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I.

Handler's talk, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at the Synagogue at 85 Touro St., will focus on the need for private businesses and state and federal government agencies to work more closely together in addressing problems in education.

Handler was invited to address the group by its president, Aaron J. Slom.

The Touro Synagogue was founded in the 18th century by Sephardic Jews, who came to Newport about 1658, and is the oldest synagogue in North America. In 1946 the synagogue was designated a National Historic Site by the National Park Service. Among the synagogue's memorabilia is a letter to the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue from George Washington written in 1790.

Handler was inaugurated in 1983 as the fifth president of Brandeis University, a private, Jewish-sponsored, liberal arts and research university located just outside of Boston. From 1980-83, she was president of the



University of New Hampshire. Before that she served as dean of the sciences and mathematics division at Hunter College, City University of New York, and as a faculty member in Hunter College's biological sciences department.

She is the author of numerous articles in the field of leukemia research and holds a Ph.D. in biology from New York University.

## "Career Directions For Women" At RWC

Roger Williams College will launch its new "Career Directions for Women" program on Saturday, September 19 at 9 a.m. with a keynote speech by U.S. Rep. Claudine Schneider. The event is free and open to the public. As space is limited, advance reservations should be made by telephoning 401-253-1400 weekdays. The opening program will be followed by a luncheon; attendance is optional. The charge for the luncheon is \$5.

"Career Directions for Women" is an innovative program designed to assist and support women who have been at home and are ready to explore other options.

The program kick-off will be followed by six seminars to be held on successive Wednesdays — September 30, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, and Nov. 4 from 9 until 11:30 a.m. Subjects to be discussed include: the current and future job market, exploring career interests, tapping one's creativity, creating the dream job, and launching the job search. The seminar leaders will be Gail Rogan, president of Life Work Strategies, a Massachusetts career planning firm; Dr. Elizabeth Ayres, dean of the School of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies at American International College, Springfield, Mass.; Martha Izzi, regional administrator, Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor; Dr. Karen Haskell, dean of students, Roger Williams College; Dr. Lorraine Dennis, psychology faculty member at Roger Williams College; and Frances Katzanek, director of career services at Roger Williams College.

The program, believed to be the first of its kind in New England, is sponsored by Career Services at Roger Williams College.

Frances Katzanek, director of Career Services, and Patricia Scott, assistant director, said that women at home who are thinking about moving into the work force have a "tremendous" need for this kind of program.

Cost for the seminars is \$20 per session or \$100 for the entire series of six sessions. For more information and a brochure, call Career Services, Roger Williams College, at 401-253-1400 weekdays.

## Licht Urges DOT To Pursue Agreements

Lieutenant Governor Richard A. Licht says the Department of Transportation should more actively pursue reciprocal parking privileges for Rhode Island's handicapped citizens in other states. In a letter to DOT Director Matthew Gill, Licht said he is pleased to hear from the department that agreements or statutory provisions have taken effect in 30 states, an increase of 11 states since Licht and DOT first focused attention on the issue in 1984. Nevertheless, he said his office and the department must not relax their efforts to win reciprocal agreements with the remainder of the 50 states.

"We should renew our efforts to ensure that the mobility of the handicapped is not further hindered by laws denying them access to parking areas designed for their use," said Licht.

Referring to a memo he received from DOT, Licht wrote, "I commend the department for its diligent pursuit of these agreements in the last three years," adding that "We must remain true to our goal of extending these privileges in all 50 states."

Noting that the DOT memo is unclear about the policy of several states, Licht asked that the department "seek and provide my office with more precise information about the status of our request for an agreement with those states. I will write to the appropriate governing bodies, as well as my counterparts in those states to urge them to comply with a reciprocal agreement," Licht asserted. "As we continue our efforts in this area, I will be available to assist you in any way possible, whether with letters, phone calls, or lobbying in other states."

The Lieutenant Governor played an instrumental role, with Governor Michael Dukakis and the Massachusetts Legislature, in bringing about a reciprocal parking agreement with Massachusetts in 1986. Licht became a proponent of the issue after hearing a number of complaints from handicapped Rhode Island motorists who had received tickets in Massachusetts for parking in spaces reserved for the handicapped. As it stood, Massachusetts law required police to ticket any plate not issued by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

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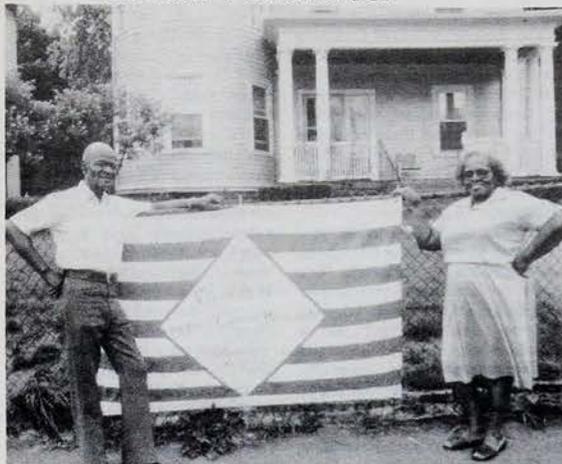
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## Immigrant Family To Hold Cancer Fundraiser



Ivor and Alita Mason stand in front of their home where the 7th Annual Cancer Research Party will be held on Saturday, August 15. The Masons donate the proceeds from their fundraiser to cancer research at The Miriam Hospital.

In the spirit of today's religious ecumenicism, Ivor Mason and his family will use their home, lawn and musical talents on August 15 to raise cancer research money for The Miriam Hospital. The Masons, a black immigrant family from Costa Rica active in the Episcopal Church, will be hosting the seventh annual Ivor Mason Cancer Research Lawn Party this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 178 Doyle Avenue.

Funds raised from the party are donated to The Miriam's Ivor Mason Cancer Research Fund, which supports ongoing cancer research at the Hospital. The Fund was established in appreciation of Mason's successful and totally unsolicited efforts, which have resulted in the purchase of several pieces of equipment used in cancer research. In all, Mason's lawn parties have brought in more than \$40,000, mostly through donations from the 300-600 neighborhood residents who annually attend the nine-hour event.

The 60-year-old Mason came to the United States from Costa Rica without his wife and three children in 1972 to "improve my family's economic situation." After taking a variety of jobs along the east coast, Mason arrived in Providence in 1976 and, after saving his money for three years, brought his family here in 1979.

The next year Mason held a neighborhood party in his home

### Jewish Educators Attend Conference

Seventeen Rhode Island teachers and educators will attend the 12th Annual Conference of Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE) in Carrollton, Georgia this August.

Through the sponsorship of the Teacher Training Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education, these Rhode Islanders will join 2,000 Jewish professionals for an intensive week of study with master teachers, varied learning experiences, and innovative programs. Session highlights cover a wide spectrum of issues in Jewish education including Bible, Talmud, Israel, Computers, Jewish Expression through the Arts, Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Resource Center and Media, Prayer, Ritual, and Jewish learning, Pedagogy and Educational Strategies, Adult Education, Family Education, and Hebrew.

Those attending include: Ethan Adler, Susan Adler, Wendy Adler, Hana Berman, Sharon Corin, Minna Ellison, Tina Fain, Carol Ingall, Steve Jablow, Toby Liebowitz, Barry Melman, Jennifer Miller, Amy Misbin, Ruth Page, Lonna Picker, Naomi Schwartz and Meryl Woolf.

and yard "to thank God and my friends for helping me and my family settle in this great country." Mason noted at that first party that one of his closest friends could not attend due to cancer. The friend died shortly afterwards, and Mason decided to hold the lawn party each year "to raise funds to fight the disease that took my friend from me."

Mason decided to donate the funds to The Miriam because "they were doing cancer research, they are on the East Side, and they showed a very strong interest in what I wanted to do."

The Lawn Party has grown each year, with last year's event raising more than \$7,000 from the estimated 600 attendees.

Mason obtains donations of food, drink, money, prizes, and printing services from area businesses to produce and promote the lawn party. In addition, he convinces local talent to donate free entertainment as a drawing card. This year his two sons, Carl and Tony, will play much of the afternoon with their popular rock band, Precision. In addition, at 10 a.m., The Puppet Workshop will perform "The Fish Who Climbed The Mountain," a puppet show depicting the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and at 11 a.m., local Cape Verdian youths will perform a dance recital.

At 3 p.m., Joseph Paolino, mayor of Providence, will present prizes to the two winners of this year's lawn party raffle.

For more information, contact The Miriam Hospital at 331-8500, extension 2014, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### CCRI Offers Telecourses

Community College of Rhode Island will offer nine telecourses beginning the week of August 30 on WSBE-TV (Channel 36) and various cable channels.

The courses being offered are: principles of management, introduction to business, principles of economics I, history of the United States to 1877, topics in mathematics, general psychology, English composition I, American national government, and marriage and family.

The telecourses will be shown on Channel 36 and by the Rhode Island Higher Education Cable Television Council in cooperation with the State Interconnect Cable Companies. On cable television the courses will be broadcast on Rhode Island Cable (Channel 13), Cox Cable (Channel 51), Vision Cable (Channel 13), Times Mirror (Channel 50) and Heritage Cable (Channel 52).

For more information on these telecourses, broadcast times and registration details, call CCRI's Office of Off-Campus Programs at 333-7126.

## RISD Museum On Tape

Local school children, senior citizens, legislators and visitors to Rhode Island are now able to get a taste of the wealth of art, activities and resources available at Rhode Island School of Design's Museum of Art before ever setting foot in the Benefit Street institution. A recently released video tape is currently being made available to schools planning to visit the Museum, the Greater Providence Visitors and Convention Bureau, the State Department of Economic Development, the Governor's and Mayor's offices and the State Department of Library Services.

Coordinated by Curator of Education David Stark, with text written by Assistant Curator Susan Glasheen, the tape covers all facets of the Museum, from its social to its cultural and educational functions. Among the programs it looks at are tours, special exhibitions, openings, after-school art classes, concerts and lectures for adults. The video also notes the importance of the Museum's popular French impressionist gallery and of Pendleton House, the first American wing in the country built to house colonial furniture and decorative arts. It shows RISD students copying paintings and producing original pieces based on the great works of art on view in the Museum's 45 galleries, and focuses briefly on Museum Director Franklin Robinson as he reveals treasures "behind the scenes," where the bulk of the Museum's 65,000 holdings are stored.

During the summer, the Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence is open Wednesday to Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. The Museum Shop is open the same hours. General admission to the Museum is \$1 for adults 19 and over; \$.50 for senior citizens; and \$.25 for children 5 to 18. Admission is waived on Saturdays. Group rates are available and voluntary donations welcome.

The Museum receives partial support for its activities and programs from an Institutional Support Grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and from the Institute of Museum Services, a federal agency which offers operating and program support to select museums nationwide.



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## Competition For Unpublished Authors

The Association of Jewish Libraries announces the third annual Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition for aspiring authors of children's books. A cash award of \$1,000 will be given for the best fiction manuscript appropriate for readers aged 8 to 12, written by an unpublished author. The story should have universal appeal, yet serve to deepen the understanding of Judaism and reveal positive aspects of Jewish life. For entry forms and rules, please contact Ms. Lillian Schwartz, Coordinator, 15 Goldsmith St., Providence, RI 02906. Deadline for submission of manuscripts is January 15, 1988.

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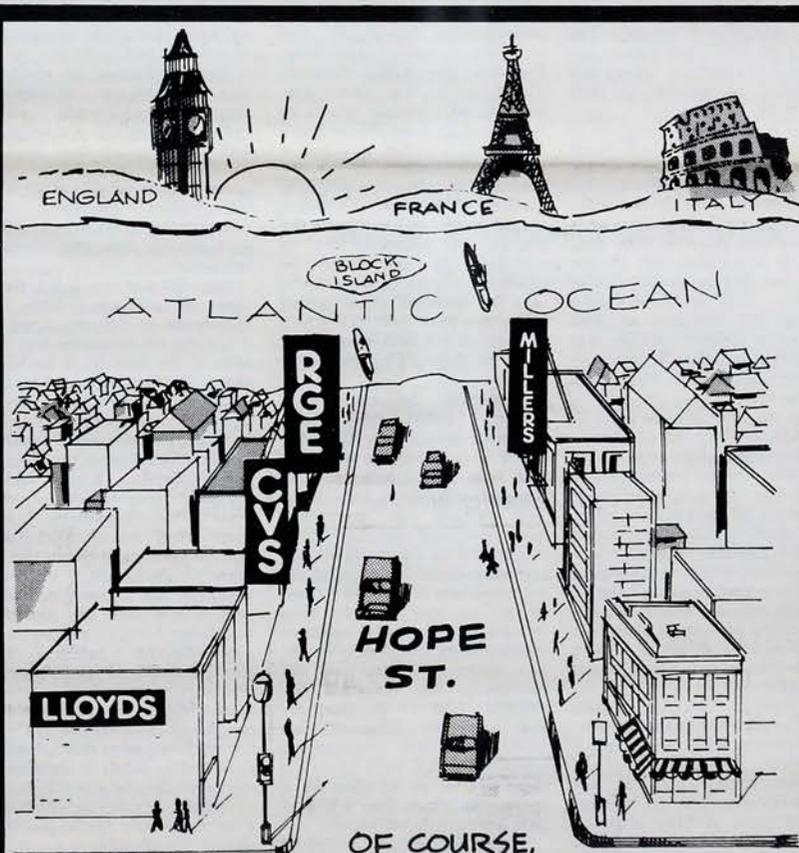
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# Editorial

## Women In Halacha

Tamra Morris

In traditional Jewish law, marriage requires a gift of value from man to woman, and her acceptance of it. Despite marriage being an act of acquisition, consent of the woman is imperative for the validity of the contract. Conversely, divorce can be initiated by one party only — the husband, stemming from the Biblical injunction, "that he write her a bill of divorcement" of Deuteronomy 24:1. The inability to initiate divorce is viewed as circumscribing the autonomy of a woman over her own life.

"So, what's the problem? I can initiate a civil divorce?" According to Jewish law, a woman is forbidden to remarry until she possesses a "Get," a piece of paper declaring her divorced from her husband. A woman, living apart from her husband, has the status of "agunah," deserted wife. As an agunah, a woman is forbidden to remarry, because she cannot release herself from the previous marriage bond, unless her husband is proven dead or agrees to grant a divorce. Should she remarry anyway, she is considered an adulteress. Children issued from such a union will be considered "mamzerim," bastards, permitted in Jewish law to marry only other such mamzerim or converts. The threat of this predicament has resulted in extortion, bribery and blackmail of women by their husbands.

The threat to the continuity of the Jewish people is frightening. Dissuaded by archaic laws, women who face an irreparable marital situation will leave the restrictive guidelines of halacha regarding divorce and carry on with their lives in accordance with secular, civil law. Future generations of Jewish children will have questionable identities as Jews and an irreparable schism will permanently divide halachically observant Jews from liberal and secular ones.

The situation is more grave in Israel, where civil law is religious law in matters of personal status. In a state where a majority of the population is not halachically observant, all matters of marriage and divorce must be conducted through rabbinic courts, where disputes and questions are settled in strict accordance with halacha. In Israel, secular Israelis find the most intimate parts of their lives regulated by a system of laws to which they, as individuals, do not subscribe.

"I want to share a story with you," begins Dr. Sharon Shenhav, an American-born Israeli lawyer currently appearing in the rabbinic courts. Mrs. X was physically abused by her husband for 16 years of their marriage. After receiving help, Mrs. X requested a 'get' — religious divorce — from the rabbinic court and was denied. The court cited 'shalom bayit,' the justification for denial was 'maintaining peace in the home.'

Two years later, Mrs. X returned to court. This time bearing evidence of physical beatings and a medical report. Her husband, appearing in court and declaring "I love her," caused the court again to rule in favor of 'shalom bayit' and return her to his home.

Subsequently, Mr. X was convicted of murder and the rape of little children, and sentenced to life in prison. When the case came up again, Mr. X physically attacked Mrs. X in the courtroom.

The rabbinic judge ruled in favor of Mrs. X. They agreed to 'compel' Mr. X to grant her a divorce. How is one compelled when already serving a life prison term? The court recommended solitary confinement until the divorce was granted. A short time later, following nearly 20 years of physical abuse, Mrs. X regained her autonomy.

Even after relating this tragic story, and possessing many more like it in her years of experience, Dr. Shenhav did not unilaterally condemn the rabbinic court, although she does consider it generally unresponsive, ineffective and highly politicized. She applauded those judges who seem to search their souls to understand the torment and inner struggles of individuals, and who find ways, in the mire of laws, to rule leniently in favor of the woman — to grant her more control over her own life.

Women at the First International Conference on Women and Judaism agreed unilaterally, secular and observant alike, that something must be done to prevent this abuse of women. Blu Greenberg, nationally acclaimed lecturer, author and mother of five, stresses emphatically that the rabbi should be the first to take initiatives in preventing and rectifying cases of wife-abuse. Following the rabbi's example, education is the next step. Educational materials should be introduced into schools to break established accepted patterns of abuse (the pattern of abusive behavior is often repeated in children of abusers). Education should be provided to men in the sharing of responsibilities of nurturing in the home — education provided by women who may be hesitant to relinquish power they have traditionally held in the home. A book of guidance could be presented to prospective grooms.

Suggestions for changes in personal status laws were presented arising from the many hours spent discussing the issue, and from hours and years of preparation by certain individuals. The problem was approached quite creatively by one small community in England, without involving a rabbinic court at all. All the women of the town refused to go to the mikveh, thus forbidding conjugal relations between husband and wife. Within two weeks, the men of the community had pressured the reluctant husband to grant his wife a divorce. However, this innovative and courageous communal stand, within halachic standards, is meaningless in a community which lives within a structure they do not accept.

Masha Lubelsky, President of Na'amat Pioneer Women in Tel Aviv, representing that majority of secular Israeli society bound by religious laws in matters of personal status, advocates separation of religion and state. "If a 'Cohen' wishes to marry a divorcee, he should be allowed to... Each citizen of this state is entitled to choice." Regarding her readiness to forsake the authority of halacha, Lubelsky responded emphatically, "We have the right to criticize. If we don't use this right, what will be in the future?"

In vehement response to Lubelsky, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin (founder of Mosdot Or Torah Yeshiva in Efrat, Israel and rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York for 18 years) reminded

us that halacha has kept us together as a people for 2000 years. Divorce laws reflect age old values. He agreed that we have the right to criticize, yet emphasized we must do so with humility. "Solutions must and can be found within our halachic sources. Throughout the responsa literature, halacha has responded with great sensitivity." Rabbi Riskin called for the establishment of a rabbinic committee, specifically dedicated to finding halachic solutions to the problems of divorce and abuses of women.

Already, there is a foundation for ameliorating the plight of abused women: the permissibility of recourse through the rabbinic courts. For certain offenses outlined at length in the halacha, the judges may 'compel' the husband to issue a 'get.' The Talmud also limits the reasons for which the beit din (quorum of judges) can compel. In deciding cases of divorce, the court may take either a lenient or restrictive approach to the concept of 'compulsion.' Moses ben Maimonides (Rambam), a 12th century halachist, chose a lenient direction. He ruled that if a woman says about her husband, "Ma'is Ala — I despise him and I cannot bring myself to be possessed by him," then the rabbi may compel the husband to grant a divorce. Rambam expounds in the Mishnah Torah, Hilchot Ishut 14:8, "for she is not captive that she should be possessed by one who is hateful to her." Although this ruling does not permit a woman to initiate her own divorce, the courts are given greater leniency in ruling in her favor. Rabbi's must look for ways of broadening, wherever possible, the instances that allow 'compulsion' of a recalcitrant husband.

Another method of resolving this problem is through a prenuptial agreement, which states that, should either party feel their spouse has 'become distasteful to me', the marriage must be dissolved. The Conservative movement has incorporated an agreement of this kind directly into the marriage contract.

Any attempt to solve these types of problems within the framework of halacha must be guided by an awareness that the task of the halacha is to bring peace. This is understood by the Maharsha, a sixteenth century Talmudic commentator, as a husband and wife living together in peace. Building on the ideas of the Maharsha, Rabbi Riskin invokes a prayer. "Peace won't come with facile solutions. It will come when women take their rightful place as students and as experts in Jewish law. It will come when the law is questioned with respect and with the profound knowledge which enables our generation to continue the glorious pages in the responsa literature of our people. It will come when the interpreters of the law have the strength and the courage to say what they believe is right and to decide in accordance with what they believe is right."

Tamra Morris is National Program Director for the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.

## AJCongress States Policy On Issues

The American Jewish Congress says that hope for the future of Catholic-Jewish relations lay in the moral sensitivity and courage of Catholic leaders who were willing to express their pain and distress over the action by Pope John Paul II, not in a joint prayer session called for by Cardinal O'Connor.

A statement by Henry Siegman, executive director of AJCongress, also expressed regret that the New York prelate had criticized a full-page American Jewish Congress advertisement in a recent New York Times as "inflammatory." The advertisement in the form of an open letter to the Pope criticized the Pontiff's failure to cite Waldheim's involvement in war crimes as a World War II Nazi officer.

The AJCongress statement, referring to the Pope's praise of Waldheim for activities in "securing peace among all nations," asked whether Cardinal O'Connor really believed that after such a statement Jewish leaders would "have so little self-respect as to pretend that nothing has changed" and would participate in a ceremonial meeting with the Pope scheduled for September 11 in Miami.

The text of the Siegman statement follows:

We regret that Cardinal O'Connor so easily and quickly criticized our open letter to Pope John Paul II as "inflammatory."

In fact, our open letter was restrained and respectful, and raised important questions that require honest answers.

To say, as Cardinal O'Connor does, that the Pope repeatedly condemned Nazi crimes against the Jews is to avoid those questions. No one doubts that the Pope, like all civilized persons, was revolted by Nazi crimes against the Jews. This is hardly the question. The real question for the Pope and for the Catholic

Church is the role of Catholic Churches in Europe during World War II. As we state in our open letter, despite the extraordinary heroism of so many individual Catholics, the official churches were largely silent, and abandoned the Jews in their agony.

To this day, the Pope has failed to utter a single word on this painful subject. This is why we asked in our letter, "Is it possible, Your Holiness, that in Waldheim's forgetfulness there is an echo, however distant, of the Church's forgetfulness as well?"

It must be stated honestly and directly. On Thursday, June 25, Pope John Paul II told the world that a man accused of complicity in Nazi atrocities against the Jews and other people is nevertheless fit to be honored by him at the Vatican, and to be praised for his activities in "securing peace among all nations." Does Cardinal O'Connor really believe that, after such a statement, Jewish leaders have so little self-respect as to pretend that nothing has changed and will participate in the ceremony with the Pope scheduled for Miami in September?

Cardinal O'Connor might do well to listen to the reaction of some of his own colleagues, including Archbishop John May, President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States and in Europe, Jean-Marie Cardinal Lustiger, the Archbishop of Paris, and Albert Cardinal De Courtray, Primate of Gaul and the head of the Catholic bishops in France. All of them, as well as many of the American Catholics from whom we have heard, are pained and distressed by the action of Pope John Paul II. It is not joint prayer, as welcome as that always may be, but the moral sensitivity of these Catholic religious leaders, and their courage in speaking out, that sustains our hope for the future of Catholic-Jewish relations.

Robert Israel is taking a leave of absence. His column From The Editor will reappear when he returns.

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## A New Threat To Soviet Jews

Anti-Semitism takes many shapes and guises. Some lie dormant, only to surface when conditions permit.

As this article is written, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is presiding over a social and economic revolution known as glasnost or "openness," which appears to offer new hope to Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate. The great experiment could come to a screeching halt at any time if Gorbachev's considerable opposition gains an upper hand.

Even as the emigration picture seems brighter, a new threat to Soviet Jews is becoming apparent in the anti-Semitic agenda of a nationalist group called Pamyat (Memory), organized in 1980 by officials of the Soviet Ministry of Civil Aviation. Members have close ties with the Soviet Army and the military industry. Its goal is to foster Russian nationalism which historically has been imbued with anti-Semitism.

Even some Soviet newspapers have expressed concern that Gorbachev's openness and democratization are likely to be exploited by nationalistic elements like Pamyat.

Soviet Jewish refusenik Victor Fulmacht says members of Pamyat have support in such scientific bodies and academic facilities as the Moscow Mathematical Institute. He calls them "a dangerous group with influence and facilities to spread their poisonous propaganda."

A member of Pamyat, Valeri Yemelyanov, exhorts his fellow members "to safeguard our hinterland during the war against Zionism."

According to Soviet law, ethnic and racial incitement is a criminal offense. Moreover, the Communist Party is committed to "proletarian internationalism." Yet no one in the Party hierarchy suggests that the chairman of Pamyat, Konstantin Dretyev, or any other member be charged with a criminal offense and prosecuted.

To the contrary, Boris Yeltsin, a Politburo candidate-member, met with members of Pamyat, and a report of the meeting was published in *Moskovskaya Pravda*.

Soviet sources have told Western journalists the unbelievable story that the authorities are "allowing anti-Semites freedom of expression so that they can, in turn, be exposed to criticism in the Soviet press and mass media." Should Gorbachev lose power, it is feared that Soviet repression against Jews might escalate.

## A Jewish Response To Hunger

Mazon, an organization founded 18 months ago as "a Jewish response to hunger," has just announced its third round of grants to fund hunger projects across the country.

More than \$150,000 is being distributed to 20 programs in 14 states, according to Theodore R. Mann, Mazon's president. The grants are designed to help the needy on a nonsectarian basis.

"Hunger and homelessness know no religious, racial or ethnic distinctions," said Mr. Mann, who is also president of the American Jewish Congress.

An unusual aspect of Mazon — a Hebrew word meaning food — is its fund-raising technique. The organization, which maintains a skeletal administrative structure to keep overhead to a minimum, raises its funds from Jewish families celebrating festive occasions, such as weddings and bar and bat mitzvahs. The families are asked to donate an amount equal to 3 percent of the cost of the fete as a contribution to feed the poor, the homeless and the aged.

"It's an effective and meaningful approach," said Mr. Mann. "It is in keeping with the traditional Jewish injunction that in times of great joy we must also

think of the less fortunate." So far, 15,000 Jews across the nation have "invested their religious celebrations with new meaning" by giving to Mazon, according to Mr. Mann.

The effort began in California and has spread eastward. The idea was the brainchild of Leonard Fein, publisher of *Moment Magazine*. Mazon's offices are in Los Angeles.

Information about Mazon and how to make contributions can be obtained by writing or calling Irving Cramer, Executive Director, Mazon, Suite 200, 2288 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064, (213) 470-7769.

### New Number For Halacha Line

(JTA) — A phone line for questions on Jewish law has been given a new and permanent number, 212-363-8133. The line, begun in spring by the National Conference of Agudath Israel Branch Rabbanim, is open Monday and Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. Experienced Jewish legal decisors are awaiting calls.

## A Debt Owed To Rescuers Of Jews

by Susan Birnbaum

(JTA) — In the early 1960's, Rabbi Harold Schulweis, then a conservative rabbi in Oakland, Calif., came to know Herman "Fritz" Graebe, superintendent of a building in San Francisco, of meager financial means, who had once been a prestigious engineer in Germany. Graebe was assigned in August 1941 to manage a railroad engineering project for the Germans in the Ukraine. And there he witnessed the murder of nearly 1,500 Jews by Nazi extermination squads.

Graebe then engineered his greatest project: a rescue network that saved the lives of hundreds of Jewish refugees in a dozen Ukrainian cities and villages. For his rescue work, at tremendous personal risk, in which Graebe organized the Jews into work squads, Graebe became known as "The Moses of Rovno."

Graebe was the only German to volunteer to testify at the Nuremberg trials of war criminals. And for this he was hounded, his family taunted. His position taken from him, his money completely gone, Graebe came to America with his family in 1948.

### Many Similar Cases

That such a man should be forgotten by those he had rescued haunted Schulweis, who began to think about starting a foundation to help Righteous Gentiles. The ailing Graebe was "just one of many that I came across," Schulweis told JTA. In 1962, Schulweis founded the Institute for Righteous Acts, whose archives were placed in the Judah Magnes Museum at Berkeley. "And not one rescuer of Jews wrote us," he said.

Schulweis said he also received reports from individuals who had visited in Canada with one of the people who hid the family of Anne Frank in Amsterdam, Viktor Kugler, who was in dire economic and health straits.

And he began to hear stories, such as the one of Mother Maria of Paris, who was sent to a concentration camp, where she gave her identification papers to a Jewish woman, who survived because of them, while Mother Maria went to the gas chamber.

Almost all the rescuers he learned about were impoverished and forgotten. Many had been turned out of their communities for helping Jews. Schulweis's thought were then clear: "If a Christian risked his life to save a Jew, don't I as a Jew have an obligation to help him live out his life in dignity?"

### Foundation To Be Part Of ADL

Since 1981, Dr. Eva Fogelman in New York has been director of the Rescuer Project at the City University of New York Graduate Center, which was initially sponsored by the John Slawson Fund of the American Jewish Committee. For the past 10 years, Fogelman, a social psychologist and psychotherapist, has been involved with research and therapy related to the impact of the Holocaust on survivors and their children.

Fogelman, who recently received her Ph.D. as a result of this work, told JTA that "As a result of my research in this area, I have encountered many rescuers who were socially isolated because of the good deeds they had done for Jews during the Holocaust. Rescuers were attacked, some were killed after the war. We have information that rescuers were physically threatened and ostracized by their communities for being 'Jew-lovers.' And some continue to have fears until today."

And so Schulweis and Fogelman joined forces last year to bring this shame out of the closet. Together they worked on a bicoastal project, the Foundation to Sustain Righteous Christians.

It has just been announced that on September 15, the foundation will become a project of the International Center for Holocaust Studies of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. ADL's national director Abraham Foxman said that Schulweis came to him a year ago and said, "It's bigger than I am." Thereafter, plans were set in motion to make the foundation an integral part of the ADL.

Foxman told JTA, "There's a lesson, in that there is good and bad in all of us, and we must recognize both. If we are to survive as a people, it's to laud and applaud and use as examples people who did what is just and right. It's a fitting part of our institution. It's part of what we're all about."

### An Important Step

Dennis Klein, director of the ADL Holocaust Center, is also enthusiastic about the transfer of the foundation to the ADL. "We're all really excited about it," he said, adding: "It supplies an understanding of that period that I don't think any program will give that much attention to, certainly not within the Jewish community. To my knowledge, there's been no full-time program addressing this issue."

The ADL has allotted close to \$100,000 for the foundation, Foxman said. The foundation will have a full-time ADL administrator, Frank Reiss. Fogelman remains the foundation's director, Schulweis is founding and continuing chairman, and John Ruskay, who is vice chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America here, is foundation secretary.

### Seeking To Befriend The Rescuers

And, said Fogelman, the foundation is seeking volunteers "who will befriend rescuers who

are socially isolated, setting up speakers' bureaus, and recording the stories. We're also facilitating to help survivors write testimony to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem in order to get these rescuers recorded as Righteous Among the Nations."

Schulweis, now rabbi at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, a Los Angeles suburb, has written a letter to be sent to all rabbis of all divisions of Judaism to ask them to appeal from their pulpits on Rosh hashanah for those who were rescued by Righteous Christians to come forward with their stories, and with the current whereabouts of those who survive.

Schulweis said the foundation has already received contributions from rabbis, as well as laymen from all over the world. The concept of helping the rescuers comes from the Jewish ethic, he explained: "hakarot hatov" — recognizing the good. This recognition of the rescuers "really provides an opportunity to relate differently to the world out there and to change an inner perception," he said.

Schulweis explained the foundation's goals as "to make a conscious, systematic effort to find out the numberless rescuers who have been accounted for. We need a (Simon) Wiesenthal and a (Beate) Klarsfeld to search out the good as we have spent out energies — correctly — to hunt down the evil. The evil has been well researched, but the good, tragically, have been unsung — and that has to be acknowledged."

"In the last year, we've gotten hundreds of letters from Jewish survivors whose conscience has been pricked. The Jewish world community has not engaged in a systematic and active search for the rescuers, who clearly exist in greater numbers than we imagined."

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# Social Events

## Amy Nachbar Bride Of Neil Goldfine



The wedding of Amy J. Nachbar of Providence to Neil J. Goldfine of Boston took place at Temple Emanu-El on August 9. Rabbi Wayne Franklin officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Joshua Perlman as Cantor.

Miss Nachbar is the daughter of Isadore and Roberta Nachbar of Providence; Mr. Goldfine is the son of Leonard and Beatrice Goldfine of Philadelphia.

The matron of honor was Sheryl Fabricant; the best man was Jeffrey Cohodes. Bridesmaids included Dr. Carole Goldfine, sister of the groom, Pamela Carosi, Lisa R. Kay, and Susan Krekorian. Ushers were Robert Biron, Robert Grossman, Matzi Ben Maimon, and Andrew Shoyer. Flower girls were Julie and Alexis

Fabricant.

The bride is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. She also attended UCLA and is presently enrolled in the continuing education program at R.I. School of Design.

The bride is a former Miss Rhode Island World 1976 and runner-up to Miss USA, as well as receiving the Miss Congeniality Award. She worked as a fashion model with the Eileen Ford Agency in New York and later with the Wilhelmina agency for seven years.

Miss Nachbar has been represented by the William Morris agency in New York and Los Angeles for film and television work. Her credits include a

co-starring role in the made-for-television mini-series "Valley of the Dolls," guest starring roles on "Three's Company," "Charlie's Angels," "Hart to Hart," "CHIPS," the soap opera "Love of Life," a documentary pilot entitled "All Those Beautiful Girls," and, most recently, a role in "Spenser for Hire."

Amy is an active on-camera television spokeswoman and radio voiceover talent. Employed by Robert Gilmore Associates, an independent television production company outside of Boston, Amy brings in many of her own accounts, besides working on-camera. She is Director of Public Relations and an Account Executive/Producer for the company.

Amy's second career is that of accomplished artist. Her works have been shown in numerous local and Boston galleries and Congressman Schneider's office in Cranston.

Miss Nachbar's father is President of N.H. Nachbar, Inc. and R&I Nachbar, LTD. in Providence. Her mother is a teacher with the Providence School Department.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania where he received bachelor's degrees in both mechanical engineering and electrical engineering. He has a master's degree in mechanical engineering from MIT, where he is also completing work on a master's degree in management, as well as a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering.

Neil is the principal research assistant with H&Q Technology Partners, Inc. in Newton, Massachusetts.

Neil's mother is a sculptress and artist. Her works include the bronze bust of Golda Meir in Golda Meir Plaza in New York City at 39th Street and Broadway, as well as the bronze statue of Winston Churchill located at Technion University in Israel. His father is a retired businessman and attorney; he is National Campaign Co-Chairman for State of Israel Bonds.

The couple will reside in Chesnut Hill, Massachusetts.

## New Publication On Jewish Demography

An impressive list of communities which have conducted local Jewish population studies representing about 75% of all American Jews is available for the first time in a new publication, issued by the Council of Jewish Federations.

*Building an Awareness of a Continental Jewish Community* is the third in the Occasional Papers series of the North American Jewish Data Bank. The Data Bank, a joint venture of CJF and the Center for Jewish Studies of the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York, is a repository for computer-based population and survey data on Jewish communities in the United States and Canada.

In addition to the list, "Jewish Population Studies Conducted Since 1975," compiled by Barry A. Kosmin, Director of the Data Bank and CJF's Research Department, the new publication includes two articles on Jewish demography.

"The Role of the North American Jewish Data Bank," by Sidney Goldstein, surveys the milestones in the advancement of Jewish demography and looks at the work of the Data Bank. Dr. Goldstein, Chairman of the CJF National Technical Advisory Committee on Jewish Population Studies and a new member of CJF's Board of Directors, has recently returned from a mission to the People's Republic of China where he is a demographic consultant. His paper is based on a presentation delivered to a forum at the CJF 1986 General

Assembly. "Factors Influencing Synagogue Affiliation: A Multi-Community Analysis" was co-authored by Peter B. Friedman, Assistant Director of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, and Mark Zober, Chicago's Senior Research and Planning Associate. It studies the significant factors associated with synagogue affiliation, including marriage and divorce rates, age, place of birth, denominational identity and community size. The findings emphasize the importance of traditional family structure and community roots in explaining variance in synagogue participation.

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Requests for copies of Occasional Paper No. 3 should be sent to the Research Department of the Council of Jewish Federations, 730 Broadway, New York, NY 10003.

## School-Age Child Care Grants Awarded

Lieutenant Governor Richard A. Licht says he was delighted that the Department for Children and their Families has awarded School-Age Child Care grants for the 1987-88 school year to nine applicants from eight communities throughout the state. The awards were presented to applicants from Providence, Lincoln, Coventry, North Kingstown, West Warwick, North Providence, Warwick and Cranston. The sum total of the grants is \$187,500.

"These start-up funds will facilitate well-supervised day care programs for hundreds of children of working parents throughout the state," said Licht, who initiated the program in 1986. Pledging continued interest in before-and-after school child care, Licht introduced follow-up legislation this year enabling existing programs to apply for grants for expansion purposes. That bill has since passed in the

General Assembly.

Proposals for the 1987-88 awards were submitted prior to the close of the last school year to ensure that the selected programs would be available and in place once classes resume in September.

School departments, municipal governments, and public or private nonprofit agencies were urged to apply. The recipients for the coming school year represent a cross section of all three groups.

Since taking effect, the School-age child care grants have generated a great deal of interest throughout the state. The program, which awards grants of up to \$30,000 to any grantee or group of grantees within a city or town, encourages communities to develop before-and-after school child care programs. These grants for either public or private non-profit community agencies can be used to assist in the planning, establishment or operation of day care programs.

## Schneider To Host Photographic Show

U.S. Rep. Claudine Schneider has announced that she will be hosting a show of photographs by Laurence E. Rossiter in her continuing series of exhibits of works by contemporary Rhode Island artists. The show will be held at Rep. Schneider's District Congressional Office, 30 Rolfe Square, Cranston, from July 27 to September 7. The exhibit is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Rossiter, a consultant in industrial chemistry, has been recording the Rhode Island scene in color and black-and-white photographs. His views of the countryside, especially those of the coastal areas capture the essence of the beauty of the Rhode Island landscape winning him awards in local art shows. Quite recently, he has also been actively promoting this corner of New England by joining in the publication of "The Rhode Island Scene," a photographic essay on the beauties

of the Ocean State to which he contributed many of the photographs.

For this exhibit, Mr. Rossiter has chosen to offer a selection of prints some of which appear in the "Rhode Island Scene" and many of which depict the scenic charm found in Rep. Schneider's district.

Mr. Rossiter's work has been shown in local galleries and art association shows and his photographs have appeared in publications to include the Providence Journal and the "Wickford Anthology," a 1987 publication of the N. Kingstown Chamber of Commerce. Prints are also on permanent display at Southeastern Massachusetts University, his alma mater, and the North Kingstown Free Library. He has contributed works to the Channel 36 Art Auction.

Mr. Rossiter and his wife reside in North Kingstown where he also maintains his studio/laboratory.

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# Lori Gersten Marries Michael Shore



Lori Ellen Gersten and Michael Andrew Shore, both of Vernon, Conn., were married on August 9, 1987, at 5:30 p.m. at The Oceancliff in Newport. Rabbi Lawrence Silverman officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Levin of Cranston and the late Bertram Gersten. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shore of West Hartford, Connecticut.

Judith O'Leary was maid of honor; bridesmaids were Jerilyn Greenfield and Cynthia Edgaro, sisters of the bridegroom, and Robin Gersten, sister-in-law of the

bride. Stephen Shore, brother of the bridegroom, was best man; ushers were Gary Gersten and Carl Gersten, brothers of the bride, and Eric Kaplan.

The bride, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, is a Scientific Programming Analyst at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. The bridegroom, a graduate of Boston University, is an Information Systems Analyst at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft.

Following a reception at The Oceancliff, the couple left for a honeymoon in Hawaii.

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# Hadassah Seeks Young Leaders

by Alan Feiler

(JTA) — With the clear majority of its nearly 400,000 members past the age of 50, Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization, finds itself in the predicament faced by many Jewish service organizations — needing young leadership in an age when women increasingly are juggling careers and families.

Although Hadassah's membership and fund-raising figures are up, officials of the 75-year-old organization, which held its 73rd annual convention here earlier this month, said that it is imperative to reorganize the goals and agendas of its 1,700 chapters to meet the demands and interests of the 1980's career woman who wants to contribute to the development of Israel.

"We live in different times," said Carol Kaplan, president of the southeastern region of Hadassah, who at age 39 is the youngest member of the national board. Kaplan said that older women continue to be the backbone of Hadassah, which has been highly instrumental in the growth of Israel's medical and educational resources.

But, Kaplan said, "between their families and working, there's very little leftover time today for younger women to get involved. We have to show them that there is still a place for them in Hadassah, even if they only have limited time. It's a real challenge for our organization."

### Hadassah At Night

Kaplan ought to know. A mother who runs a retail store with her husband in Macon, Ga., she finds that she can tackle Hadassah projects only very late in the day. Her presidency includes Hadassah chapters in Georgia, South Carolina and portions of North Carolina.

"I often say to myself, 'Why am I doing this?' when it's 2 a.m. and my family is sleeping soundly while I'm working at my desk," said Kaplan, who quickly answered her own question: "This is the only way for me to live in Macon, Ga., and direct my feelings about Zionism. Hadassah is my passport."

"Hadassah is aware that we need to have available programs for career women," said Toby Blake, a Baltimore member. "We're having more meetings in the evenings and on weekends, and we're featuring more subject matters that will bring in the professional women."

Indeed, many of the sessions

and discussions at the convention dealt with women's place in Jewish life and how to balance family and work. According to Hadassah's national officials, career seminars and offering child care are some of the ways that the organization is attracting younger members.

Recently, Hadassah created a young leadership division that promotes career women and outreach programs for young members who are wives and mothers. However, according to James Lee, director of Hadassah public relations, involvement in Hadassah ultimately depends on the commitment of the individual.

Blake concurred. "Young women are still joining Hadassah because of the work that the organization does. The whole concept of tzedakah is part of Jewish culture. Hadassah is not dying. It's growing," she said. A sense of pride over 75 years of accomplishments combined at the convention with excitement for the future of the organization and the main benefactors of its efforts — American Jewish women and Israel.

More than 2,500 delegates from all 50 states and Israel converged upon the Baltimore Convention Center to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Hadassah by Baltimore native Henrietta Szold and listen to such speakers as former Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, Maryland Senators Paul Sarbanes (D) and Barbara Mikulski (D) and

Secretary of State George Shultz discuss a variety of domestic and international matters.

At the formal opening of the convention, Hadassah national treasurer Deborah Kaplan announced that the organization raised \$65.5 million in 1986-87, an increase of \$9 million.

Contributions included \$16.4 million raised for the Hadassah Medical organization, \$2.9 million for the organization's Youth Aliyah program, \$1.7 million for educational services in Israel, \$1 million for the Jewish National Fund and \$1.9 million for projects for Zionist youth activities. In addition, dues were increased by \$2.8 million, and it was later announced that more than \$1.25 million in pledges was raised at the convention's annual founder's dinner.

### Senator Urges Child Care

In an impassioned speech that was frequently cheered by Hadassah delegates, Mikulski called for increased U.S. funding for Israeli schools and hospitals. She also called for more affordable child care and long-term health care to help American women.

Shultz, who was honored for his work on human rights, praised in his speech American Jews for their commitment to civic duty and human rights, and called for a continued American presence in world affairs, including those concerning Middle East peace prospects.

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# Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



With close-knit camaraderie between presenters and recipients, a unique graduation day ceremony embraced warmth and grateful words.

No graduation day was more *hamish* than the one for the Yiddish Eldercamp's 63 adult campers, who joyfully sprung out of their seats when they heard their Yiddish names called by co-chairs Millie and Sam Eisenstadt.

It was the wind-up of a week's focus on "Arts In Yiddish Culture," enthusiastically sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education with the cooperative assistance of the Jewish Community Center where it was held.

Mornings were filled with Yiddish language and literature classes. Afternoons covered a lot of territory... Yiddish and social activism, ideology of Yiddish phrases, Yiddish dancing, etc.

A mid-week highlight was the sights and sounds of the Lower East Side with

booths, aptly attired campers, and assorted activities.

Ruth Page of the Bureau of Jewish Education remarked that "The Lower East Side theme was an emotional approach to the week-long program. Other days were directed to the study of Yiddish culture.

"It was a week that combined nostalgia, juxtaposed with the intellectual."

Inspired by the Yiddish Eldercamp's success, Millie Eisenstadt spoke animatedly of plans for the third next summer.

In praise of the program, Millie's husband Sam voiced his appreciation for "the world of our fathers and our mothers, from which we still have much to learn. I am grateful to all whose enthusiasm created such an exciting week."

One of the graduates affectionately termed Millie and Sam's presence and energies "Doubly inspiring!"

# Doubly Inspiring!



The parogen in Elaine Strajcher's hand are ready to land on the baking pan, and then into the oven with the approving smiles of Charlotte Cohen, Millie Eisenstadt, Sam Eisenstadt, Elaine, and Anita Stein, from left.



Greta Steiner, right, bargains with Ruth Ross (Simma) over "Shmattas." (photos by Dorothea Snyder.)



Bintel Briefer Frank Prosnitz has a captured audience.



"The next step," says ceramics teacher Ruth Berenson, right, to Lillian Lapidos, left, "is..."



Nothing can distract Evelyn Blazar from work at her New Year's calendar.



What would the Lower East Side be without "A Nickle, A Pickle?" Food merchants are Josh Schiffman, left, and Elle Kaunfer, right.



Garbed in their rendition of early Lower East Side dress are some of the Bureau of Jewish Education staff and instructors. From left, are Beth Sandperil, Bureau summer intern; Minna Ellison, Ruth Page and Ruth Berenson.

## Pollard Scores Israeli, U.S. Leaders

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He says Abram abetted the Arab cause by "endorsing Caspar Weinberger's rather fanciful off-the-record assessment of my actions as having constituted 'the gravest assault against the integrity of this country's national defenses in over 200 years.'"

Weinberger later repudiated that statement.

But above all, Pollard writes, "Abram's outrageous claim that I had, in fact, subverted Israel's interest struck me as being unaccountably naive . . . It would appear that salon Jews like Abram either can't comprehend or accept the unfortunate dichotomy that exists between the noble halachic (Jewish legal) values for which Israel stands and the unpalatable means she must sometimes use in order to survive."

Nevertheless, he declares that he and Anne "are still confident that the American Jewish community, if not its leaders, will one day conquer its fears and complexes long enough to correct the terrible injustice which has been visited upon our heads."

Pollard also writes in defense of his reputation. He says he took no Israeli money until six months into his espionage, and then only at Israeli insistence. On the

contrary, he claims that he and his wife bore the costs of their espionage, including a trip to Europe, until they could be reimbursed.

He contends that "perhaps in reaction to complaints being voiced by the Jewish community about the unjust nature of my sentence, the government appears set to unleash a stream of unattributable 'leaks' designed to smear my reputation to the point where nobody would be willing to stand up for me."

He says he was forced to see a psychiatrist after the failure of a Navy operation he was associated with, but the psychiatrist gave him "a clean bill of health."

### Peres And Shevardnadze To Meet

by Yitzhak Rabi (JTA) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is scheduled to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in New York City at the end of September,

diplomatic sources disclosed.

The two officials will meet while attending the UN General Assembly which is to open on September 21. Peres is scheduled to arrive in New York on September 28, after Rosh Hashanah.

Diplomats pointed out that Israeli Foreign Ministers have met in previous years with top Soviet officials while attending the General Assembly. Therefore, they noted, the meeting between Peres and Shevardnadze should not be viewed as something unusual or as a breakthrough in the relations between the two countries.

The Soviet Union severed its diplomatic relations with Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War and has not restored them since. According to the sources, Peres and Shevardnadze will discuss Soviet-Israeli relations; an international conference on Mideast peace; and the situation of Soviet Jews.

While in New York, Peres will also meet with dozens of diplomats, including representatives of East European and African countries who do not have at present diplomatic ties with Israel.

### Holocaust,

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people are reading hasn't yet been converted into real anti-Semitic actions.

"We are a small community, around 170 families. My concern is that what Japanese are reading not lead to action against Jews."

Several of the books in question have blamed Jews for international catastrophes, both political and social, including the Tanaka scandal in Japan, the Watergate scandal in the U.S. and the current epidemic rise of AIDS.

"In one sense there is positive admiration for Jews here," Schudrich said. "Since Japanese think Jews are rich and clever, they would like to emulate that, but the negative information is more than negative because it is false." He added that the Japanese are not readily exposed to information to the contrary.

The rabbi hopes to spearhead a campaign to finance the opening of a Jewish cultural center in Tokyo where Japanese could comfortably become better acquainted with Jewish life, literature and customs.

### Demjanjuk

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allegedly followed similar lines to Demjanjuk's. Fedorenko, also a Ukrainian, had, like the defendant, been imprisoned at Rowno and then at Chelm. But he admitted being recruited there by the SS.

Fedorenko was posted to

Treblinka and later to another camp Pelitz. He had used the town of Pelitz as his false residence on his U.S. immigration application. Obviously he had thought it wiser to name Pelitz rather than Treblinka.

At this reference to Fedorenko, Demjanjuk repeated the phrase that has cropped up again and again during his cross-examination: "I was never at Treblinka nor at Sobibor."

### Canadian Lawyer To Join Defense Team

The defense team, meanwhile, is soon to be strengthened by a Canadian attorney, a Queen's counsel from Toronto, who speaks Ukrainian.

Paul Chumak, 42 years old, who has served as a public prosecutor for the province of Ontario, is already attending the daily sessions, listening to the translation from a place in the public section. But he is expected to be granted soon the necessary license to practice temporarily in Israel — and will join Yoram Sheftel and John Gill as Demjanjuk's defense team.

Demjanjuk's son, John Jr., told reporters last week that the family had paid some \$600,000 over the past five years to attorney Mark O'Connor, of Buffalo, N.Y., whom the defendant dismissed as his lead attorney earlier this month.

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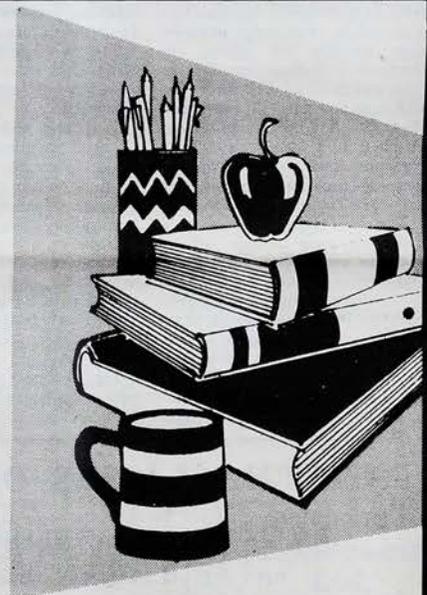
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# Business & Financial

## A Tax Withholding Strategy

According to the IRS, three-quarters of individual taxpayers receive a tax refund each year. Though getting a check from the government each spring seems like a good thing, it's a losing proposition in the long run. By over-withholding, these taxpayers are actually lending their money interest-free to the government.

However, some taxpayers may under-withhold this year without realizing it even though personal exemptions are greater under the new tax law. In 1986, exemptions were \$1,080 for yourself and each dependent. They're \$1,900 each in 1987. This means that employers began to withhold less money from paychecks starting last January. However, if you claimed deductions in 1986 that have been eliminated or restricted in 1987 — IRAs, consumer interest expense, state sales tax or medical expenses, for example — you may wind up owing a lot of tax next April 15, and be subject to the estimated tax penalty.

In either case, taxpayers should take the opportunity to make their withholding rates more accurate now. Because tax reform has changed individual income tax rates and personal deductions, the IRS says you must fill out a new W-4 form for your employer by October 1. If you work for a company that withholds part of your paycheck for taxes, you have some recalculating to do this year.

The W-4 form helps you to determine your taxable income and the exemptions, deductions and credits you can use to offset that income. Your employer then uses the W-4 to figure how much of your pay to withhold for the IRS. Ideally, you and Uncle Sam should come out about even when you file your income tax return.

Though October 1 is the legal

deadline, it's important to get your W-4 in as soon as possible. Until you do, your employer will use the number of exemptions listed on your old form. After October 1, if you've failed to file a new form, your withholding will automatically be adjusted to the highest rates — one exemption if you're single, two if you're married. Your take-home pay may drop substantially.

### Fuss Over Forms

The new W-4 comes in two versions. The first is long, complicated and caused a minor taxpayer revolt when it was issued. The IRS responded with the simpler W-4A form. You can use either, but using the long form will result in a more accurate calculation, which may benefit you more.

The IRS estimates that about half of all taxpayers can complete a W-4 simply by filling in the first five lines. This includes those who are single or don't have a working spouse, don't itemize their deductions, don't have a second job and have no more than \$950 in nonwage income, such as dividends, interest or rents. The shorter W-4A is weighted toward withholding more income than is necessary to satisfy your tax obligation.

Taxpayers with more complex financial situations — those who claim tax credits and those with large amounts of investment income — should use the long form W-4. The IRS uses the example of a two-income couple earning \$51,000, with three dependents and listing income adjustments, interest earnings and itemized deductions. Using the short W-4A, this couple would overpay and get a \$1,168 refund. Using the longer W-4, they would take home larger paychecks every week, and owe \$272 in taxes when

filing their return.

### Withholding Strategies

By withholding too much, you take home a smaller paycheck. If too little is taken out, you may get a jolting tax bill next year. And, you must pay or withhold at least 90 percent of your actual 1987 tax or the amount of your 1986 tax liability before the calendar year ends to avoid a penalty.

If married, and both you and your spouse are employed, you must each file a W-4. Individuals holding more than one job must file a W-4 with each employer. You may claim all of your withholding allowances on one form or some on each, but you can't claim the same allowances more than once.

The most practical withholding approach is to claim all possible allowances on the W-4 filed for the highest-paying job and to claim "0" allowances on the other form. Your withholdings will usually be more accurate this way.

Should your tax status change after you file a W-4, just file another W-4 within 10 days of that event. Common changes that may affect your tax status are having a child, receiving unanticipated income, getting married or becoming divorced.

Some people actually over-withhold on purpose because they find it difficult to save. But, there are ways to put aside your money "painlessly" — such as a payroll deduction plan — that allow you to fund an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or an employer-sponsored retirement plan. In these retirement accounts your funds can be invested and earn interest or dividends free from income taxes until withdrawal.

The sooner you file a new W-4, the sooner your correct share of taxes — and not more — will be taken out of your paycheck. But, remember, once you've filed your W-4 for 1987, it won't hurt to double-check that the right amount is being withheld.

## 1st Israeli Program To Train Drug Counselors

A Bar-Ilan University sociologist, who became "hooked" on the need for training professionals to treat drug addicts while studying for his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania, now heads the first such program in Israel.

Dr. Yoav Santo, national coordinator of drug addiction and alcoholism in Israel's Ministry of Health, is teaching 37 students at the Bar-Ilan campus in Ramat Gan. He is a lecturer in Bar-Ilan's department of criminology.

Some of his students are already working with drug addicts. Others plan to specialize in the treatment of addicts when they complete the program, which includes courses in pharmacology, mental health and addiction, along with individual and group therapy with drug addicts.

"The key to preventing drug addiction — and to treating drug addicts — is to help them learn social skills for dealing with others so they won't have to turn to drugs to compensate," Dr. Santo says. He added:

"Even trained therapists and social workers require special training to treat addicts. For example," he said, "The therapist must know how to deal with the addict's denial — 'I can stop taking drugs whenever I please' —

## Israel's 40th Anniversary To Be Celebrated

Representatives of more than 100 national organizations gathered for the first full meeting of the National Committee for Israel's 40th Anniversary on July 23. The National Committee, under the auspices of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, serves as the overall coordinating body and central clearing house for activities in the United States celebrating Israel's 40th anniversary. The Committee is co-chaired by the presidents of Israel Bonds, Council of Jewish Federations, American Zionist Federation, Synagogue Council of America, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, and United Jewish Appeal.

National Committee Chairman Howard Squadron noted, "The 40th anniversary will be marked by the largest, most extensive celebration of Israel's independence since the founding of the State. Hundreds of local and national activities will be held throughout the United States during the 18-month celebration beginning this fall."

Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents stated, "This celebration in the U.S. will utilize all mediums to salute Israel's achievements on this historic occasion and will affirm the strong bond of friendship between the governments and people of the United States and Israel."

Committee members represent the entire spectrum of American Jewish life as well as Israeli governmental bodies and commercial entities directly involved in planning 40th anniversary festivities. Agency representatives indicated that their plans are well underway throughout the United States.

Television networks are expected to broadcast entertainment specials and morning news shows from Israel. Gala live performances will be featured in major concert halls and Israel Film Festivals will be screened in many cities. In addition, three significant international festivals and conferences featuring top Israeli talent will tour the United States. A major exhibition of Israeli industrial products will be held and retail outlets and supermarkets will feature Israel Weeks promoting consumer goods from Israel. Conferences on U.S.-Israel business exchanges are also planned. Student exchange programs and contests will be held, and a special curriculum for high school social studies classes will be distributed. Bibliographies and other study guides on Israel and Zionism will be made available. Organizational travel programs, missions and conventions in Israel are scheduled. Major exhibits and displays of Israel will travel across the country during this milestone year.

Mr. Squadron reported that the National Committee regularly will issue a Guide to Events and Resources and hopes to furnish experts to consult on and to aid in the implementation of specific projects. In addition,

sub-committees will be established to review proposals and to assist with projects.

Mr. Squadron announced that the official logo for the 40th anniversary has been assigned exclusively to the National Committee, which has taken legal steps to protect its use. He noted that guidelines for using the logo will be issued by the National Committee to advise organizations and institutions regarding authorized usage.

## Political Uproar In Israel Over Proposal To Transfer Arabs

(JTA) — Likud Deputy Defense Minister Michael Dekel's declaration in support of transferring Arabs from the territories to Jordan has prompted an uproar in political circles.

Dekel, speaking to the Netanya branch of the Herut movement, suggested the transfer as the only solution to the Palestinian problem.

Dekel was quoted as saying, "In order to avoid having this area turn into a powder keg aimed at the United States, which is interested in stability in the area, the Western countries have the moral and political responsibility to handle the transfer of the Arab population of Judea and Samaria to their country — the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan." The U.S. State Department reacted sharply to Dekel's remarks Friday saying it "utterly rejects" the idea of a transfer.

"This contradicts efforts to promote an atmosphere of reconciliation and trust between Arabs and Israel in which progress can be made toward peace and a just solution to the Palestinians based on United Nations Security Council proposal 242," said Charles Redman, State Department spokesman.

or his claims that drugs enhance his sexual performance or creativity."

Until the Bar-Ilan program was launched, persons working with drug addicts in Israel — except for a few who received their training abroad — have had to learn by trial and error, Dr. Santo said.

"Graduates of the Bar-Ilan program will fill a vital need by enabling us to open new facilities where Israel's drug addicts will be treated by professionally-qualified personnel," he concluded.

Redman noted Dekel's remarks had "inspired a strong negative reaction" from the Israeli press and members of various political parties.

### Reactions To The Proposal

The radical left Progressive List for Peace, in response to Dekel's remarks, immediately introduced a motion of non-confidence in the government. But Premier Yitzhak Shamir said Likud did not back Dekel's idea. Other Likud MKs, such as Meir Cohen-Avidov, supported Dekel's suggestion.

Labor Party leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called Dekel's statement "nonsense." Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, of Labor, said the proposal indicates the extent of Dekel's and others' fear of the demographic dangers of incorporating the territories into Israel.

Speaking to a Labor Party gathering, Rabin said, "All the talk of a transfer, or of second-class citizens, is in effect, an admission of the failure of the concept of a democratic greater Israel with Jewish values."

"Those backing a greater Israel who do not say transfer, or second-class citizens, are purportedly saying we'll give them the right to vote. In the event, the 2.2 million Arabs who are eligible to vote will tilt the balance and turn Israel into a non-Zionist country." Rabin favors a territorial compromise.

Peres, reflecting a prominent Labor position, said Israel had the choice of dividing the land with the Palestinians and imposing a partition on the country, or sharing the government with Palestinians in a confederation.

Rabin added, "The talk of transfer is the start of moral collapse. Is it conceivable that a Jew would talk about transfer?"

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# Books in Review

## Book Review:

### The Jewish Ways Of Remembering

From a Ruined Garden, edited by Jack Kugelmass and Jonathan Boyarin, Schocken, N.Y.

The Chronicle of the Lodz Ghetto, edited by Lucjan Dobroszycki, Yale University, New Haven.

Against the Apocalypse, David Roskies, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

by Susan Grossman

(JSPS) — There are three traditional ways in which Jews memorialize the dead, but the Holocaust, because of its magnitude and scope, has challenged our abilities to sufficiently mourn and remember those which it consumed.

The familiar *kaddish* recited by mourners during the first eleven months after a death and on each anniversary, does not speak directly of the dead at all. Rather it reaches beyond the individual death to reaffirm the basic tenets of Judaism: the belief in God and in an ultimate justice in the world which the Holocaust challenges.

The other modes of memorializing the dead do not reaffirm or challenge Jewish beliefs. The *hesped*, the eulogy for the deceased at the funeral, summarizes the deceased and reminds us of what we have lost. The *yizkor* prayer, recited during holidays, reminds us of the lost individual and gives us a moment to pause in an act of remembrance, remembrance.

In these senses, the way of Jewish remembering has been a process. Just as no one prayer can encompass the entire process, so too no one book can encompass all that must be said about the Holocaust. However, our need to remember is particularly well served by three very different books: Lucjan Dobroszycki's *The Chronicle of the Lodz Ghetto*, Jack Kugelmass and Jonathan Boyarin's *From a Ruined Garden*, and David Roskies' *Against the Apocalypse*.

*The Chronicle of the Lodz Ghetto* presents edited translations of excerpts from the news sheet printed in the Lodz Ghetto from January, 1941 to summer, 1944, called, in its varied Polish and German editions, the *Daily Chronicle*. It was news of a very special sort: self-censored out of diffidence to the Judenrat Administration and its leader Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski — who essentially ran the Ghetto single-handed and who founded the Archives of which the *Chronicle* was a part. The *Chronicle* was also self-censored in fear of discovery by the Nazi Administration of the Ghetto. Therefore the news included daily listings of the births (when they occurred) and deaths, information on food rations and available fuel, robberies, suicides, notices of cultural events. Sometimes longer "sketches of ghetto life" appeared which hinted at the growing desperation of those in the ghetto. Often, the reports read as parody: For example, praise was lavished on the building of a modern road as a sign of the ghetto's vitality. Yet that road led to the ghetto's cemetery.

As Dobroszycki points out in his fine introduction, the *Chronicle* serves as an important historical reference even in the face of the limitations caused by self-censorship. It is often in the self-censorship, in the working of the reports, that the reader can glimpse into the hearts of the reporters and the ghetto dwellers as they struggled to make as much of life as they could in the face of

constant death. As such, this book is among the best of its genre, and serves us as a modern day *yizkor*, making us pause in our comfortable lives to remember the lives which were lost.

*From a Ruined Garden* presents translated excerpts from the memorial books of Polish Jewry. After the War, Jews, banned together in their groups of landsmanschafts (associations of individuals from the same town or shtetl), and produced volumes of memorial books. They followed a precedent begun in the Middle Ages, when the communities ravaged by the Crusades wrote chronicles to memorialize their dead. This practice continued throughout the ages as community books (often called *pinkes*) which recorded the major events of the town.

This book forms a *hesped* of the Jewish community lost in the Holocaust for it includes not only tales of the Holocaust and the heartrending experiences of those who returned to their homes after the war's end, but warm vignettes of the richness of life before the Holocaust. There is the story of Esther Kaye the *zogerin* (sayer) who in the month before Rosh Hashanah would lead the women to the Jewish cemetery and beg their deceased relatives to intercede in the Heavenly Court on their behalf. Leybl Shiter tells of her childhood experiences when she plotted to find out what a *pinkes* book was and catch a glimpse at it, only to be terrified when she finally found it in front of her. As a memorial to the life that was, this book is necessary reading.

*Against the Apocalypse* is the *kaddish* of our trilogy reviewed here, for Roskies reaches beyond the particulars of the Holocaust, and the other modern Jewish catastrophes with which he deals, to place the response of the victims well within the context of traditional Jewish response to catastrophe. That response has been to draw upon traditional images and texts and reinterpret them to serve modern needs. Therefore those mourning the martyrs of the Crusades could draw on that paradigm of Jewish destruction, the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 CE. In response to the Kishinev pogroms of the 1880's, Hayyim Nahman Bialik, the great modern Hebrew poet and storyteller, would draw on the traditional Rosh Hashanah liturgy, replacing the glorious red and white clothing of God with the blood stained clothes of the hangman, marking with cynicism the entry of modern anti-Semitism into the arena of the silent God.

Much more than an evaluation of Jewish literature, this book places Torah and Jewish tradition into the continuum of history and history into the continuum of memory, thereby making an important contribution to understanding the Holocaust and its meaning for us today.

Memory is important to all peoples yet it seems particularly so to the Jewish people. It is memory that often allows us to move forward, a memory in which the past is synthesized and understood in order to help us learn about our future. These three books make a stimulating and thoughtful contribution to the efforts of all Holocaust literature to evaluate the past and leave a legacy which can contribute to a better future.

## Book Review: Life At The Margins Of Existence

*Before My Life Began*. By Jay Neugeborene. Simon and Schuster, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020. 1985. 391 pages. \$18.95.

*The Street*. By Israel Rabon; translated from the Yiddish and with an Afterword by Leonard Wolf. Schocken Books, 62 Cooper Square, New York, NY 10003. 1985. 192 pages. \$14.95.

Reviewed by Diane Levenberg

Both of these novels deal with characters who, in extreme situations, make drastic choices, spiritually die and are reborn. However, since their similarity ends there, each needs to be examined separately, on its own terms.

Whatever Jay Neugeborene's intention in *Before My Life Began*, his sixth novel, it is unlikely that he was aiming to please his Jewish audience. Attention must be paid to a writer who takes such risks.

This is one of those compelling novels one can't set aside for very long. It is an ambitious work, but despite its merits, it is likely to offend many of its readers. It describes the seamy sordid side of Jewish life — Jewish gangsters, teenage murderers, seductive mothers. It takes many of our important Jewish values, marches them in the heat of Neugeborene's prose, and lets them fall out as they may. We would be more comfortable if some stories were left untold. We would be more secure if the values we cherish came out to meet us, stood at attention, and marched when we told them to.

The novel traces the complicated life of David Voloshin, raised in post-World War II Brooklyn by a loving but weak father, and a neurotic, narcissistic mother. David is a sensitive, talented boy exploited in different ways by each parent. The only one who knows how to unlock David's heart is his uncle Abe, just home from the war. Abe is David's idol, they even resemble each other physically, but he is also a powerful gangster, returning to do battle once again with the Italian mobs.

A talented writer, Neugeborene easily draws us into David's inner life. We watch David painstakingly sketch his uncle's portrait, play a thrilling game of basketball, meet and fall in love with the brilliant and perceptive Gail, and hope that somehow he can transcend the life that was given to him and create his own. What happens to him proves that there is "a difference between a person's life and the story of that life."

Nine years later: we meet David Voloshin, transformed now into Aaron Levin. His story has taken him to the South as a freedom fighter, to a small town in central Massachusetts as an architect, to a second wife and new children.

## Refuseniks Demonstrate In Moscow



Bravely taking their demand to the heart of Moscow, refuseniks Grigory and Tatyana Danovich, along with their six-year-old daughter, Lilia and infant son, Natan, stand on the steps of the famed Lenin Library, bearing signs "Let Our Family Go to Israel." The photo was obtained by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry from noted American photojournalist Ricki Rosen. In what may be a sign of these times of "glasnost," police allowed the Danoviches to demonstrate for five days. But they also warned them they would not defend them if some angry Russian "patriots" attacked them. The anti-Semitic comments and spitting by some passersby was clear evidence that the more tolerant attitude of the Gorbachev regime has not changed the overall policy of contempt and harassment toward Jews in the USSR.

But the life he lives inside still belongs to David Voloshin. Eighteen years after he has murdered his uncle's murderer, (remember eighteen in Hebrew spells life) David Aaron returns "home" to confront his true identity.

Like a deck of cards, we are dealt a history, Neugeborene seems to be saying, and from then on, choosing from what our destined hand offers, we have to play out our own drama. As Jews, however, our plot is somewhat restricted. We are never entirely free to stray far from home and our characters are too complex to feel at home anywhere.

### The Street

His past dominated by periods of "Dostoevskyan poverty," Israel Rabon knew firsthand how one tries to transcend a life of grim despair. And we can only guess what scenes of terror and hope the novel *foreshadows* — it was first published in Warsaw in 1928. In 1941, Rabon was seized by the Germans and disappeared.

*The Street* describes how it feels to be a dispossessed soldier — one who, having fought for Home, returns home to nothing. After four years in the Polish army, on a whim, the narrator decides to go to Loez. The city is a microcosm of Europe's postwar economic catastrophe.

In the narrow world of the frozen, impoverished street, about all that's left to this nameless Jewish soldier is the ability to make moral choices. The Great War has not completely destroyed him — he remembers comradeship, his mother's love, and the simple pleasure of a poetic phrase — either written or spoken.

Though the protagonist never

has a chance to think through the choices that he makes, they are almost all provoked by this innate goodness. Amidst the absurd, tormented, circus world of the street, he is befriended by a number of grotesque characters.

Eventually he finds work — as a narrator in a movie theater and in the coal mines. Passionately reciting the films' heroic plots, the former soldier transcends his spiritual despair. As for the coal mines — we read Rabon's lines with a shiver — "Early one morning we were lowered into the depths of the earth. And snow covered the earth, and us."



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# Arts & Entertainment



## "Company" At Colonial

*Company*, a musical comedy by Stephen Sondheim and George Furth, opens at the Colonial Theatre in Westerly, Rhode Island, on August 21 and runs through September 6. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are available at the Box Office or by calling (401) 596-0810. Ticket prices are: Adults \$15.00, Senior Citizens \$12.00, and \$10.00 for Children under 15.

*Company* is the story of five married couples in New York and their friend Robert. Robert has always remained on the outside of life, never committing himself to anything or anyone. With the help of his friends and many of Sondheim's most memorable songs, Robert learns that being alone is not the same as being alive. *Company* has been called witty, incisive, and telling, but also tender, loving, and true. Artistic Director Harland Meltzer, director of this summer's *Nine*, will direct *Company*. The Musical Director will be Andrew Wilder, Musical Director of last summer's

production of *Pal Joey*. Starring as Robert is Tim Ewing, who appeared in the Off-Broadway revival of *Pacific Overtures* and has performed at Carnegie Hall, on television, and in regional theatres across the country. Among others appearing in *Company* are Marion Markham, Janet Metz, Randy Pearlman, David Silverthorn, Jennifer Dorr White, and Steven Williford. Ms. Markham, a native of Westerly, R.I., recently appeared in *Nine* at the Colonial along with Ms. Metz. Randy Pearlman has previously appeared at the Colonial in *Tintypes* and *Side by Side* by Sondheim. David Silverthorn, a resident of Charlestown, has just appeared at the Colonial as Weston in *Fifth of July*, along with Ms. White and Mr. Williford. Ms. White also appeared in the Colonial's production of *Crimes of the Heart*, and is a native of Narragansett, R.I.

For more information on individual and group sales, call the Box Office at (401) 596-0810.

## Theatre-by-the-Sea

Tommy Brent's Theatre-By-The-Sea production of "Sweet Charity" will open August 18 in Matunuck, R.I., and play through September 13. This razzle-dazzle musical concerning Charity, the prostitute with a heart of gold, and her pursuit of love, life, happiness and the man of her dreams, was recently revived on Broadway with Debbie Allen ("Fame") and won four Tony Awards.

"Sweet Charity" with its book by Neil Simon, music by Cy Coleman ("Barnum"), and lyrics by Dorothy Fields ("Annie Get Your Gun"), combined with Bob Fosse's dynamic dances conquered Broadway when Gwen Verdon starred, and the country when Shirley Maclaine played the title role in the movie.

Starring in this production are Vivian Paxton as *Charity*, James Weatherstone as *Oscar*, Mary Kilpatrick as *Nickie*, Sonya Hensley as *Helene*, Nick Augustus as *Vitorio*, and Maria Day as *Ursula*. Other featured players include Darryl Howell, Dana Jackson, Julie Lynch, Jackie Castro, Madelon Finnegan, GERALYN KOZEL, Pam Klappas, and Judith Rivera. Also featured are Bob Bray, Rob Cardazone, Peter Gregus, Glenn Leslie, Chris Mahn, Charlie Marcus, John McDermott, John Fedele, and Michael Ruff, Maxon Gee, Madeline Reich.

This production has been directed by Gene Foote who was a member of the original Broadway company as well as assistant to Mr. Fosse in that production and on the movie, "All That Jazz." Doug Besterman is the musical director, William Mrckvicka is the set designer, Tom Sturge is the lighting designer, Patrick Lose is the costume designer, and John F. Sullivan is the production stage manager.

Performances will be given Tuesday through Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets may be ordered by mail to Theatre-By-The-Sea, Matunuck, R.I., 02879 or by phone at (401) 789-1094.

Currently playing at Theatre-By-The-Sea, is Tommy Brent's production of the Burlesque musical, "Sugar Babies," playing through August 16.

## Exhibition Honoring Educator At U. Of Hartford

A 'Tribute to Annie Fisher,' an exhibition honoring one of Hartford's most influential educators, will be on view at the University of Hartford Aug. 31-Sept. 30.

It is being sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Hartford in cooperation with the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies. The exhibition, in the Joseloff Gallery of the Hartford Art School, will open with a public reception from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, the 31st.

A native of Russia, Fisher came to the United States at the age of seven and graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1900. It was a time of limited opportunities for Jews and for women. Yet Fisher attended Wesleyan University, which had recently become coeducational, on a full scholarship. She was one of seven women to graduate in her class and the first woman in the history of the university to receive a B.S. degree.

Involved throughout her life with the cause of immigrants, Fisher began teaching courses for the foreign born shortly after her graduation. She wrote one book and was co-author of another used in night school classes for the teaching of English.

Fisher believed that teachers were responsible, not only for teaching subject matter, but also for imparting methods of proper

behavior to their students. First a teacher and later a district principal in an area of Hartford containing children from various ethnic backgrounds, her influence was felt by many.

Fisher was not only the first woman district school superintendent, she was Hartford's first woman school principal, of Barnard Brown School. A teacher for 41 years, she was honored by having a school on Plainfield Street named for her in 1963. The following year she received an honorary degree from the University of Hartford.

As the first president of the Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood, Fisher played an active role in the decision making of that congregation. She also organized the Young Women's Hebrew Association.

Fisher is remembered particularly for her work in curricular development and in the teaching of English as a second language. She is remembered, too, for her commitment to her students, her heritage, and to her new country.

At the exhibit's opening, there will be brief remarks by people who knew her and were involved in different aspects of her life.

Graphic designer John Alves will set up the exhibition, which is also being sponsored by Fisher's nephew Robert Balgley of Bloomfield and Florida.

## Newport Jazz Festival

Performing on Saturday, August 15: Wynton Marsalis, Kenny G., Nancy Wilson, Stanley Jordan, The Crusaders.

Performing on Sunday, August 16: George Benson, Branford Marsalis, The Dizzy Gillespie Big Band, Dianne Reeves, Michael Brecker.

Festival location: Fort Adams State Park, Ocean Drive, Newport, R.I.

Parking gates open at 9:30 a.m., field gates open at 10:30 a.m., performances begin at 11:30 a.m. and run until 6:30 p.m.

There is ample parking on the grounds for \$5.00 all day.

A variety of good food and drink (including authentic Cajun jambalaya) is available on the grounds, but patrons are welcome to bring picnic baskets. Please note: Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the festival field.

It is a good idea to bring blankets or beach chairs, but not tents, umbrellas, or anything that would obstruct the view of others.

Oldport Marine operates a continuous boat service from their dock on Sayer's Wharf in the downtown harbor area to Fort Adams.

For information on lodging call Newport Chamber of Commerce: 401-847-1600.

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Tickets for the JVC Jazz Festival-Newport are general admission \$20.00 per person per day in advance, but go up to \$23.00 after close of business on Friday, August 7.

Tickets are now on sale at all major outlets including Ticketron and Strawberries Record Stores. To charge by phone call Teletron: 800-382-8080.

For any other information on the JVC Jazz Festival-Newport, which is the original Newport Jazz Festival produced by George Wein, call the Festival office at 401-847-3700.

## Beth-El

The Benefactors Fund of Temple Beth-El is proud to announce two dynamic programs for this fall. On Tuesday, September 29, the Fund will present Tony Award-Winning National Theatre of the Deaf's production of the haunting love story, "The Dybbuk." The National Theatre will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary season with Ansky's timeless drama about a great human love which fails until heaven intervenes. The troupe of deaf and hearing actors will present "The Dybbuk" in sign language and spoken English, a unique style which enables audiences to hear and see every word.

On Wednesday, October 21, The Benefactors will present an evening with Elizabeth Holtzman, the youngest woman ever elected to Congress and the first woman District Attorney in New York City. During her distinguished career in Congress, Holtzman served on the House Judiciary Committee during the impeachment hearings on Richard Nixon and won international acclaim for her work against Nazi war criminals. As District Attorney Holtzman helped

revolutionize the treatment of child sex abuse cases in New York State and led a successful campaign for passage of a law to aid the prosecution of rapists.

Ben Steinberg, distinguished composer of music for the synagogue, will return to Temple Beth-El, November 13-15 as scholar-in-residence. Sponsored by the Freda and Louis Kaufman Memorial Fund, Mr. Steinberg will appear before the congregation on three separate occasions during the weekend.

On Friday, during Shabbat services, Steinberg will premiere a new work written for choir and orchestra featuring members of the Beth-El Choir. The piece is a wordless hymn and a setting of *Ma Y'didot*. Saturday the guest composer will present "The Music of Ben Steinberg." He will discuss his music, both sacred and secular, in a session illustrated by himself, the Temple Beth-El Choir and Cantorial Soloist Alice Solow. On Sunday, the Temple's Brotherhood will sponsor a breakfast featuring Steinberg in a presentation entitled, "Songs of Jerusalem: A Celebration of Contrasts."

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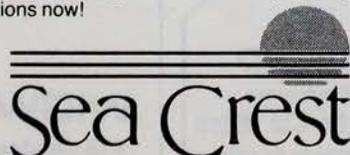
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## Art And Strings At Royal Crest

Warwick Picture Frame and Gallery will present Art in the Afternoon on the grounds of Royal Crest Estates Apartments on Sunday, August 16 from 1-5 p.m. The apartment complex is located off Route 117 West on Cedar Pond Drive in Warwick. The public is invited to view an array of artwork under a canopied tent while a stringed trio from the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra entertains. New England artists Dan Britt and Sybil will be featured guests.

In the event of inclement weather, Art in the Afternoon will be held inside the Clubhouse on the apartment complex. No admission will be charged; ample free parking is available. Call 821-9742 for further information.



## Exhibition Schedule At RISD Museum

A Decade of Collecting - Part One through September 6 - Part Two through September 20. This two-tiered exhibition features the most important from among the 7,000 works recently added to the Museum's permanent collection. Among those on view in the first tier are major paintings by Bassano, Couture, Leger and Sargent; prints and drawings by Cassatt, Lichtenstein, Matisse, Renoir, Rowlandson and Turner. Decorative arts range from early American furniture and silver to contemporary glass. Textiles on view include a ballgown by Jacques Fath and an umbrella by Robert Venturi. The second tier, A Decade of Collecting: Contemporary Art from the Permanent Collection, revolves around painting, sculpture, photography and decorative arts. Artists represented include Emilio Cruz, Judy Kensley McKie (RISD '66), Dale Chihuly (RISD '68), Robert Wilson and an installation piece by Mary Miss.

American Painting from Copley to O'Keeffe - Through January 3. Drawn from among the best works in the Museum's permanent collection, American Painting from Copley to O'Keeffe features masterworks ranging from colonial portraiture to early

20th-century modernism. The exhibition includes John Singleton Copley's portrait of *Rebecca Boylston Gill* (ca. 1773), as well as four paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe recently acquired by the Museum. Other highlights include Winslow Homer's *On a Lee Shore* (1900), Frank Benson's oil on canvas, *Summer* (1909), John Singer Sargent's *Senor Manuel Garcia* (1905) and fine examples from such pivotal painters as Stuart, Cole, Durand, Cassatt and Bellows.

Batik: Northern Javanese Textiles from the Collection of Inger McCabe Elliot - August 21 through November 15. Selected from the collection of one of the world's authorities on batik, this exhibition focuses on Northern Javanese pieces and the batik tradition, from the earliest 18th-century examples up to contemporary pieces.

The Highway as Habitat: A Roy Stryker Documentation, 1943-1955 - August 28 through October 11. The historical photographs in this loan exhibition, organized by the Art Museum of the University of California at Santa Barbara, revive a bygone era when the automobile had revolutionized American culture but not yet

overwhelmed the landscape. Taken during World War II and the immediate post-war years, the photographs — by John Vachon, Charles Rotkin, Esther Bubley, Russell Lee, Harold Corsini, Sol Libsohn and others — portray a confident and united nation, proud of its material prosperity, in love with the freedom and mobility that automobiles and highways promised. Executed under the direction of sociologist Roy Stryker, well known for his work in the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s, these images treat the subject in a lively, narrative manner, recording the daily business and social life of roadside diners, drive-ins, tourist camps, gas and bus stations. A full-color catalogue will accompany this exhibition.

Prints from the Fazzano Collection - September 18 through November 8. This exhibition features 200 American and European prints which have been selected from the Fazzano brothers' gift of more than 1300 prints and drawings, given to the Museum in 1984. With an emphasis on the area of American prints from 1870 to 1950, the show includes works by every major American artist from Whistler to Sloan to Benton. European artists

represented include Rembrandt, Delacroix, Bonnard and Bonington. A catalogue accompanies this exhibition.

RISD Graduate Student Show - May 20 through June 5. This annual exhibition focuses on a selection of outstanding works by students graduating with Master of Fine Arts or Master of Industrial Design degrees. Departmental programs represented include ceramics, furniture, glass, graphic design, industrial design, jewelry and light metals, painting, photography, and sculpture.

Also on view at the Museum of Art this year:

Ottoman Turkish Art - September 25 through January 24. Hokusai and His Followers through September 27.

Meisho-e: Famous Places in Japanese Prints by Hiroshige - October 2 through January 24.

The Illustrations of Fritz Eichenberg - October 16 through November 8.

Traveling Exhibitions: Nancy Sayles Day Collection of Modern Latin American Art - This collection of paintings, prints, drawings and photographs by contemporary Latin American artists includes works by Diego Rivera, Wifredo Lam and Fernando Botero. Travel schedule: Boston University Art Gallery, Boston, MA, September 11 through October 25; University Gallery, University of Florida at Gainesville, FL, November 13 through December 20.

The Spirit of Barbizon - Organized by the Art Museum Association of America, this exhibition draws on the Museum's large collection of French Barbizon art and American naturalist landscapes influenced by it. The show is accompanied by a scholarly catalogue. Travel schedule: Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY, through September 13; Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL, November 8 through January 3, 1988.

## Hall Announces Trinity Rep's New Season

Adrian Hall, Artistic Director of Trinity Repertory Company, has announced the plays for 1987-88, Trinity Rep's 24th Season. The year will include classic plays, the best of the contemporary theatre, and important premiere productions.

Trinity Rep's 24th season begins in the Upstairs Theatre on September 25 with *Mourning Becomes Electra*, a powerful and surging drama by the great American playwright Eugene O'Neill. Set immediately after the Civil War, *Mourning Becomes Electra* traces the tragic fall of a proud New England family as they descend into adultery, incest, and murder. O'Neill's masterful use of language and brilliant understanding of human passion build in intensity toward a stunning climax. *Mourning Becomes Electra* will continue through October 25.

The Downstairs Theatre series begins on October 2 with John Guare's Tony Award-winning *The House of Blue Leaves*. This mad farce depicts a beleaguered, middle-aged zookeeper who dreams of becoming a famous songwriter, but seems destined only for domestic craziness of major proportions. The intimate Downstairs Theatre is a perfect setting for this engaging and touching comedy, which runs through November 15.

Next in the Upstairs Theatre is the eleventh annual production of Trinity Rep's holiday class *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, adapted by Adrian Hall and Richard Cumming, with original music and lyrics by Richard Cumming. The annual sellout production begins November 23 and continues through December 27. *A Christmas Carol* presents the well-known story of Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation from a bitter old miser to a kind and compassionate man. Public ticket sales begin at the Box Office in mid-October.

Next in the Downstairs Theatre is August Wilson's *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, a searing inside portrayal of the effects of racism. *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* offers both powerful music through the artistry of authentic blues, and powerful drama through its depiction of the great Ma Rainey, "mother of the blues," and her band. *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* runs from December 11 through January 24.

Beginning January 29 in the

Upstairs Theatre is the great American comedy *The Man Who Came To Dinner* by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart. The versatile Upstairs Theatre will come alive with this uproarious tale of a nationally-known radio commentator/storyteller who is injured at dinnertime and forced to spend several chaotic weeks with a bewildered small-town Ohio family. *The Man Who Came to Dinner* runs through February 28.

Running from February 12 through March 27 in the Downstairs Theatre will be either Julie Bovasso's *Angelo's Wedding* or a new play by David Rabe. Bovasso, noted for her work on the screenplay of *Prizzi's Honor*, has written a witty and realistic story of conflicts in an Italian-American family. Rabe is the author of *Hurlyburly*, one of the most acclaimed and controversial plays of Trinity Rep's 1986-87 season. The third production in the Upstairs Theatre will be either of two great American dramas, Tennessee Williams's *Camino Real* or Lillian Hellman's *The Autumn Garden*. Williams's play is a highly imaginative exploration of purity and corruption in a coastal town inhabited by such characters as Don Quixote, Casanova, and a vagrant American boxer named Kilroy. *The Autumn Garden* is a Chekhovian treatment of a group of disillusioned guests in a Southern heartbreak house. The third play in the Upstairs Theatre will run from March 11 through April 10.

The final production in the Downstairs Theatre is *Little Shop of Horrors*, Howard Ashman's musical spoof of Roger Corman's 1960's parody of horror films. Trinity is sure to deliver a unique and rollicking treatment of the long-running off-Broadway hit about a man-eating plant. Finally, The Upstairs Theatre will play host to a new play, perhaps the long-awaited premiere of *Frederick the Great* by Heinrich Mann, who left the play unfinished at death. Completed by Alexander Lang and translated by Providence's James Schevill, this innovative historical drama concerns the raging conflict between the young Frederick the Great and his father. *Little Shop of Horrors* runs from April 15 through May 29, while dates for the final Upstairs production have not been set.

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# Obituaries

## LOUIS CHAFITZ

Louis Chafitz, 75, of 83 Chancery St., New Bedford, died Sunday, August 2, 1987, after a long illness. He was the husband of Clara (Rutchik) Chafitz and son of the late Joseph and Anna (Galinkin) Chafitz.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and lived in New Bedford for more than 35 years. He was a member of Temple Ahavath Achim. Mr. Chafitz was a tool dealer in Greater New Bedford for more than 30 years, retiring eight years ago.

Mr. Chafitz was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and was a volunteer with the Service Corps of Retired Executives of the Small Business Administration. He was a member of the Eureka Lodge, AF & AM, the Aleppo Temple of Shriners, and was a 32nd-degree Mason. He also was a member of the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home.

Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Gail Prerau of Chesnut Hill and Arline Bresler of Newton; and a grandchild.

Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## Rabbi Steinberg Dies At 86

Harav Moshe Steinberg of New York City, head of the Beth Din of the Rabbinical Council of America and noted talmudic scholar, died on July 20, it was announced. He was 86.

Known as a halachic authority, Rabbi Steinberg was frequently consulted by world and Israeli religious authorities on matters of Jewish traditional law.

As "Rosh" of the Beth Din of the Rabbinical Council of America, he directed and established the largest Beth Din in the United States to serve the needs of the Jewish community in all religious matters.

Born in Premyslany, Galicia, Poland, he became Chief Rabbi of Brody in Poland at the age of 33. After World War II, he was named Chief Rabbi of Cracow. He came to the United States in 1947.

A synagogue in New York was established in memory of his grandfather, Rabbi Avraham Steinberg, the author of Machzeh Avraham. Rabbi Steinberg's father was the renowned Rabbi Shemaya Steinberg.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel.

## REBECCA LEVITEN

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Rebecca Leviten, 83, of 5001 Collins Ave., formerly of Milton Street, Fall River, died Monday, August 3, 1987, at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Miami. She was the widow of Morris Leviten.

Born in Stockton, Calif., a daughter of the late Perry and Mollie Chervinsky, she lived in Fall River for many years before moving to Florida several years ago.

Mrs. Leviten was a member of Temple Beth-El and a former president of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves two sons, Paul Leviten of Providence and David Leviten of De Land, Fla., three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held at Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River.

## AMIT Women Leader Dies

(JTA) — Mollie Golub of New York, a lawyer and honorary national president of AMIT Women, died here Monday, July 13, 1987, at the age of 87. She had been active in the religious women's Zionist movement for more than 40 years at the local, regional and national levels.

Golub served as national president of AMIT, formerly American Mizrahi Women, from 1949-51, and was elected again in 1956 to a one-year term.

She negotiated with governmental agencies in the U.S. and Israel on a variety of projects aiding children and new immigrants in Israel. She travelled extensively to rally support for her organization's work, aimed at creating a secure and religious Israel. Its projects expanded greatly during her terms in office.

## Conference Of Senior Housing Residents Held

Thirty past and present officers of the resident councils of B'nai B'rith-sponsored senior citizens housing complexes participated in the first national conference designed solely for the residents of such facilities.

Unlike many previous citizens housing conferences, the managers and staff of the buildings did not participate. Rather, the five-day seminar was designed to teach the delegates how to better perform their duties as leaders. Resident councils and associations coordinate and formulate myriad activities from how to react in emergency situations to producing vaudeville-type road shows.

Delegates to the conference, held July 22-26 at the B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp in Starlight, Pennsylvania represented nearly 3,500 seniors living in the 20 B'nai B'rith-sponsored apartment buildings nationwide. The apartments are rented to low to middle-income senior citizens.

Throughout the conference, delegates discussed, debated, and analyzed ways to attack the various problems they face as leaders. Their enthusiasm and energy were evident as every working session ran overtime and conversations continued until late in the evening.

The friendly atmosphere of the conference was enhanced by the beautiful mountain surroundings and more than 500 children campers. Throughout their time at the camp, the seniors took part in a variety of camp activities and ate several meals with the general camp population. The activities were designed to teach techniques that can be implemented in the delegates' buildings. They included Israeli dancing, arts and crafts, exercise, and a workshop on novelty games.

"This conference really opened our eyes and helped us find out first hand as to what is going on in our buildings and how we can help each other develop successful programs," said Dr. Mark Olshan, director of the B'nai B'rith Senior Citizens Housing Committee. "What we found, in addition to learning about many individual situations in the buildings, is that these people really face the same types of problems that are found in most organizational structures — the difficulties in getting people involved, stimulating fundraising,

and maintaining a positive working relationship with management."

For many, it was an opportunity to hear the successes and frustrations of others in dealing with such challenges. "Everybody here had an aim to learn," said Ernest Botswain of Irving B. Matross Covenant House in Brighton, Mass. "Each of us was challenged to display knowledge as a leader. There were differences of opinion, but they were handled amicably. I was overcome by my fortune to find that these people were such fine thinkers."

"One thing that really thrilled me here, in addition to all that I heard and learned in the sessions, was after dinner when all the kids were singing and dancing," said Louis Cohen of St. Louis's Covenant House. "I had learned all of the songs when I went to school, but it's been a long time and I had forgotten some of them. It really was a thrill for me to see and hear all of this."

"This was a very fine conference," he added. "I was just so impressed by what we did here. It was a great chance to learn what others were doing."

At the conference's end, Nathan Nagler, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Senior Citizens Housing Committee, hailed the importance of the delegates' work. "From my experience and my knowledge, many college courses have less time than we have spent here. I want to thank you for the thousands of senior citizens that you represent, for the lives they have, for the abuse you have to take, and for everything that you put up with. You certainly deserve our thanks."

Nagler said the B'nai B'rith Senior Citizen Housing Committee hopes to make the conference an annual event and will continue to strive to attain more quality-housing for fixed-income seniors.

B'nai B'rith also sponsors "parents homes" in Australia and Israel, senior citizens "flatlets" in England, an apartment building in Toronto and a medical-residence in Vancouver, Canada.

## Fla. Judge: BBI Membership Discriminatory

(JTA) — A respected state appellate court judge said he will not renew his membership in B'nai B'rith because the organization is technically discriminatory in admitting only Jews.

The Jewish Journal reports that Judge Hugh Glickstein will resign from the Jewish service organization after 25 years in order to meet the guidelines he promoted that the state's judges be screened for membership in discriminatory clubs and organizations.

Glickstein said he hadn't considered that his B'nai B'rith membership was problematic until a reporter asked him about the Jews-only membership. "It hit me like a ton of bricks," he commented.

But Louise Shure, regional director of the Palm Beach County Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said B'nai B'rith membership restrictions are constitutional and that Glickstein need not resign.

"He is trying to say that all clubs that discriminate on the basis of religion are exclusionary — that is not on the basis of reality," Shure said.

Added Art Schulman, communications director of B'nai B'rith International in Washington, D.C., "It seems illogical and unlikely to have non-Jews involved in an organization that focuses almost entirely on Jewish issues — very few share that interest."

The judge said he will continue to support the work of B'nai B'rith, and he has submitted a resolution to open the membership to non-Jews. It was turned down, but B'nai B'rith has decided to form an affiliate organization called Friends of B'nai B'rith.

Glickstein, 55, was voted 1984 Outstanding Judge of the Year by the Florida Bar and granted a 1985 U.S. Congressional Award for his efforts in heightening awareness of children's needs.



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## Cornerstone Laid For Museum's New Wing



Cornerstone laying at Beth Hatefutsoth, Tel Aviv, June 30, 1987, The Spiegel Family Building. (R to L) MK Yitzhak Artzi; Mr. Aharon Doron; Mayor Tel Aviv, Yafo Shlomo Lahat; Mrs. Ziva Lahat; Mrs. Edita Spiegel; Mr. Abe Spiegel; Mayor, Los Angeles Tom Bradley.

Prominent Los Angeles banker and businessman, Abe Spiegel, his wife Edita, their son Thomas and grandsons Anthony and Ivan, were present at a special ceremony which took place at Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, in Tel Aviv, on June 30, 1987: the laying of the cornerstone for the Museum's new wing.

The new addition will carry the name "The Abraham and Edita Spiegel Family Building," in honor of the Spiegel family's generous \$3 million donation which is helping to make the construction possible at this time. To be housed in the 5200 sq. mtr. will be a continuation of the current permanent exhibition, taking Diaspora Jewry from the European Enlightenment of the 18th century through to modern times. Also available there will be much-needed facilities for the educational departments of Beth Hatefutsoth and for the expanded and modernized photodocumentary archives.

The Spiegel family were joined at the ceremony by dozens of their friends including Los Angeles

Mayor Mr. Tom Bradley. Participating with them on the dais were Israeli Minister of Absorption Yaacov Tsur; Chairman of the Beth Hatefutsoth Executive Committee and Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo Shlomo Lahat; Mrs. Ruth Shamir-Popkin, President of the American Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth in the Western Region; and Prof. Anita Shapira, member of the Spiegel Building planning committee. Among the large audience gathered were members of the Beth Hatefutsoth International Council from around the world, representatives of numerous Friends Associations, members of the Knesset and people from Israel and abroad involved in the work of the Museum.

In speaking of the Museum's new addition, Chairman/Mayor Lahat noted the interesting coincidence that the three people most closely responsible for its existence are all survivors of the Holocaust: Abe and Edita Spiegel and Abba Kovner, whose creative spirit and thinking will shape this building as it does the original.

What they are creating,

described Prof. Shapira, is, in a sense, "an antithesis of the old wing: ... from the ruins of the unity of the Jewish people comes a view of modern Jewish life of vast variety, differences within its motivating spirit and goals, all its aspects and perspectives. Its only similarity is the strength and deep emotional commitment toward the survival of the people."

Abe Spiegel himself spoke of the family's feeling that a "dream has come true ... Beth Hatefutsoth serves as a bridge between the past and the present, between the young generation of Jews all over the world and their heritage, and between Jews and the non-Jewish world. We are proud to associate ourselves with Beth Hatefutsoth."

Beth Hatefutsoth was opened in 1978 and has since gained worldwide admiration and appreciation. More than 3 million visitors have already seen it — making it clearly one of the most popular cultural and educational centers in Israel.

## Increased Immigration To Israel

(JTA) — Immigration to Israel was up 49 percent during the first six months of 1987, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported. In the first six months, a total of 5,400 persons — 2,900 immigrants and 2,500 potential immigrants — came to Israel, the Bureau said. The number of immigrants in January-June almost doubled as compared with the corresponding period last year, and the number of potential immigrants increased by 16 percent, for an overall growth in immigration of 49 percent.

The Central Bureau of Statistics spokesperson also reported that in the first six months of 1987, 676 immigrants and potential immigrants arrived from the U.S. (the same as last year; 409 from South Africa (240 in 1986); 732 from the Soviet Union (240 last year); 267 from England (227 last year); 250 from France (315 last year); and 504 from Argentina (471 in the first six months of 1986).

## Haifa's Jewry Declining

(JTA) — The Jewish population in Haifa declined by 6,000 persons (2.5 percent of the general population) between 1981 and 1985, while the Arab population grew from 7.2 percent of the population to 8.4 percent during this period, according to the annual report of the "Shekmuna" housing rehabilitation company in the Carmel city.

Haifa's total population is 224,625, including 205,757 Jews (91.6 percent) and 18,868 Arabs (8.4 percent).

In addition, Haifa's percentage in Israel's general population has dwindled from 9.3 percent in 1951 to 5.3 percent in 1985.

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A Ben-Gurion University of the Negev student plays swimming instructor to an Ethiopian child at the university pool. Students serve as companions and tutors to children of an estimated 6,000 Ethiopian settlers in the Negev.

## ADL Names Associate National Director

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has named Justin J. Finger as the agency's associate national director. Mr. Finger has been director of ADL's national Civil Rights Division since 1978.

The announcement was made Monday by Abraham H. Foxman, the League's national director.

Burton S. Levinson, ADL's national chairman, said the Anti-Defamation League is "fortunate in having at its helm two leaders with a combined ADL experience of 50 years."

Mr. Finger joined ADL in 1959 and was the League's Southern Counsel, headquartered in Atlanta, GA, during the turbulent period of the civil rights struggle.

As associate national director, Mr. Finger will continue to head the ADL's Civil Rights Division. In that post, he is responsible for the Legal Affairs, Fact Finding and Research Departments as well as the Nazi War Criminals Task Force.

An authority on extremist movements in the United States, he has testified before Congressional and state legislative committees that have investigated such groups as the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis. He has also testified on such subjects as the Arab boycott against Israel.

Mr. Finger has directed the preparation of numerous amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal courts in behalf of the agency. He has also supervised the preparation of ADL model statutes banning

paramilitary training activities and ethnic vandalism and intimidation that have served as the basis for legislation by numerous states across the country.

He has coordinated the preparation of the League's annual audits of anti-Semitic vandalism and desecration as well as major studies and publications, including "Racism and Violence: The Organized Hate Movement in America," "The LaRouche Political Cult: Packaging Extremism," and a security handbook for the protection of community institutions.

Prior to joining ADL, he was Staff Counsel to the New York State Crime Commission, the New York Waterfront Commission and the New York State Commission of Investigation. A graduate of New York University and Fordham University School of Law, he is a member of the New York and Georgia Bars.

Active in local community affairs, Mr. Finger has served as president of his local school board in Manhattan. He has been a chairman of the board of trustees of Tifferith Israel Synagogue, Manhattan and was a recipient of his community's annual Israel Bonds award.

Mr. Finger's wife, Dr. Sophia Finger, is an assistant principal in the New York City public school system. The Fingers have two married daughters, Janet and Laurel, who reside in Houston, Texas, and two grandsons.

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## Participants Needed For Diabetes, Hypertension Study

Scientists at The Miriam Hospital are seeking 200 diabetics for a study testing a new drug-free treatment approach aimed at lowering blood pressure and blood sugar.

The researchers seek individuals with Type II diabetes (adult onset) and borderline high blood pressure.

The study includes teaching participants lifestyle change and helping them develop partner support techniques as treatment for diabetics with borderline hypertension.

Diabetes and high blood pressure can be a dangerous combination. It's estimated that three million Americans have both diseases simultaneously. In Rhode Island alone there are 26,000 Type II diabetics and over 9,100 of those have hypertension.

Both diseases often occur together because of common risk factors: age, family history and obesity (80% of diabetics are obese). High blood pressure is two to three times more common among diabetics than non-diabetics. As separate conditions, both hypertension and diabetes place an individual at risk for cardiovascular disease and premature death from heart attack or stroke. This risk is four times greater when the two conditions are combined.

"The project, which is conducted by a trained psychologist, combines four specific behavioral treatment components into a single treatment plan," according to Michael J. Follick, Ph.D., principal investigator for the study. Follick is Director of The Miriam's Division of Behavioral Medicine and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Brown University.

The program includes calorie and sodium restrictions, a progressive program for aerobic walking, stress management techniques, and home monitoring of blood sugar and blood pressure. The study utilizes the concept of nondrug therapy for this combination of diseases and also includes strategies for spouse or partner support. The program, which is free of charge, consists of 14 two-hour sessions during a 16-week period.

"Many individuals with uncontrolled diabetes experience complications such as diseases of the kidneys and eyes," according to Larry Gorkin, Ph.D., a psychologist at The Miriam and Clinical Instructor at Brown. Gorkin is co-principal investigator for the study. These complications are worsened by hypertension. In addition, a problem arises when high blood pressure medications

produce side effects which are further aggravated for diabetics.

It is advocated that the first line of treatment for borderline hypertension entail lifestyle changes such as those introduced in the High Blood Pressure-Diabetes Treatment Program.

Individuals with Type II diabetes and borderline hypertension must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the study: between the ages of 35-65, have mildly elevated blood pressure, and have a spouse or partner willing to participate. Subjects will be screened for additional criteria in August and the program will begin in September.

The Miriam Hospital's Division of Behavioral Medicine is conducting the project in conjunction with the Diabetic Outpatient Education Program of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDH). The research is being funded by the RIDH.

For additional information on participating in the study, or to learn whether you are borderline hypertensive, please call Judy DePue, Ed.D., Project Coordinator for The Miriam Hospital's High Blood Pressure-Diabetes Treatment Program at 861-0978.

## Israel Displeased With NBC Documentary

by Hugh Orgel

(JTA) — Israeli spokesmen say the refusal by the three top government leaders to grant interviews to NBC-TV correspondents is an expression of displeasure over a July 1 network documentary on Israel.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman, Avi Pazner, said NBC's "Six Days Plus 20 Years... A Dream Is Dying" was a "completely biased and one-sided documentary on Israel." He complained that only

non-representative Israeli officials were on camera.

NBC has complained that the refusal of interviews by Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin is a boycott of the network. The Foreign Press Association in Israel is looking into the situation, saying official attempts at a boycott of a foreign news agency was a dangerous, undemocratic precedent that smacked of news management such as that practiced in the Soviet bloc.

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