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Gaza Unrest Triggers Questions For U.S. Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) — As violence in the Gaza Strip and West Bank continues to pit Israeli soldiers against Palestinian youths, American Jews are examining their relationship to Israel to an extent perhaps not seen since the Lebanon War.

Quietly and with some discomfort, American Jews are heard asking:

Is it a duty to defend Israel's actions when it is "set upon" by the news media? Is it fair for diaspora Jews to criticize Israel? Must all criticism of Israel be kept "in the family" and not shared with the non-Jewish majority? And will images of unrest erode support for Israel, or even lead to anti-Semitism?

"The concern is comparable to what it was during the Lebanon war and the Pollard (spy) affair," remarked Martin Raffel, director of the Israel Task Force of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. He said he based his evaluation on the *Journal of calls he has received from local community relations councils.*

He said "the primary complaint — beyond the events themselves, the loss of life — is with media coverage, which many feel has been excessively harsh."

"I also think there's some real frustration at speaking out," he said. Because the situations in Gaza and the West Bank "are ugly, and the Israelis themselves have said that not all situations have been handled with utmost restraint," how to interpret the unrest publicly is "difficult and complex."

A case in point is Los Angeles, where, according to Steven Windmueller, there are "certain frustrations" among some Jewish leaders with Israeli policy in the administered territories. But because so much of the local coverage of the unrest is negative — Windmueller calls the *Los Angeles Times'* coverage "very harsh" — most leaders have

agreed not to air those frustrations.

Windmueller, executive director of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation Council in Los Angeles, said that among the city's Jewish leaders, "the theme is that Israel is in a difficult situation and that (negative) public and private comments are not helpful."

Steven Cohen, professor of sociology at Queens College in New York, said that when Israel is involved in an unpopular conflict and seems to be under attack by the press, the short-term reaction by American Jews is to close ranks behind Israel.

The long-term reaction, however, is "the sharing of the doubts towards Israeli policy as they have been expressed by others," he said.

Those doubts, said Cohen, will center on the viability of Israel's presence in the administered territories. "I think for the first time, American Jews are able to peer inside the occupation and see how dangerous it is for Israel," he said.

Neither Cohen nor Raffel sees the unrest leading to an anti-Semitic or strongly anti-Israel backlash in the United States.

The causes of the unrest are too complex for others to place blame on Israel alone, according to Richard Straus, editor of the Middle East Policy Survey.

"There are too many forces at work here," said Straus, referring to the role of other Arab nations, and the Palestinians themselves, in creating the stalemate in the administered areas. As a result, the Reagan Administration, the State Department and, in turn, the general public, are allowing Israel "a lot of rope" in terms of handling the riots as it sees fit.

He indicated that the international pressure on Israel will ease. "Unless things automatically escalate, the issue

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Ratzinger Strikes Conciliatory Note On Catholic Jewish Ties

NEW YORK (JTA) — Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the controversial head of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, struck a conciliatory note on Jewish-Catholic relations last week when asked at a news conference here to give his perception of the Catholic view on Judaism.

Ratzinger, in New York for a biblical scholarship conference, said Catholics should "respect the point of view of our Jewish brothers," who do not see the New Testament "as a fulfillment."

His remark appeared to be a reversal of the position he expressed last October in a highly contentious interview with an Italian magazine. In it, he was quoted as saying that Catholic-Jewish dialogue should be based on the notion that "the faith of Abraham" finds its "fulfillment" in Jesus Christ.

But last Thursday, Ratzinger, whose thinking is considered to be very close to that of Pope John Paul II, seemed to balance his previous comments with admiring reflections on Jews and Judaism.

"We must be able to read the Old Testament the way the Jews read the Old Testament, rather than always looking at it from a Christian perspective," he said.

The New Testament is, for Christians, "the key to understanding the Old Testament," he said. "I think especially that the argument of our theology is we should see it (the New Testament) as a partial fulfillment of the Old Testament." He added, "On this part I think we can really have a dialogue."

Ratzinger emphasized that Christians should respect the Jewish viewpoint on the Old Testament "just as I am sure they respect our position."

The cardinal was in New York

for a two-day conference on modern biblical scholarship as the guest of a prominent Lutheran minister, Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, director of the Center on Religion and Society.

Ratzinger met with some Jewish representatives as private guests of Cardinal John O'Connor, the archbishop of New York. Invitations were extended to some members of the International Jewish Committee on Interfaith Consultations.

But several members of the umbrella group declined to participate in the meeting, apparently objecting to the way in which it was arranged.

Members of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress, a member organization of IJCIC, met in special session and at that time decided to urge their members not to attend the meeting.

But those who declined to attend rejected the notion that they were "boycotting" the meeting, as reported in *The New York Times*.

Among those who declined the invitation were Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, former chairman of IJCIC; Seymour Reich, president of B'nai B'rith International; Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly; and Rabbi Henry Michelman, executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America, which is the American secretariat of IJCIC.

Kelman said the Jewish leaders "wanted to convey their distress that the cardinal did not go through the normal channels which had been established throughout the last 20 years," particularly on "such a sensitive issue. . . . Instead, he took it upon himself to choose the Jews who would be invited."

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, current IJCIC chairman and

international affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, was out of the country and did not attend the meeting.

Reached after his return to New York, Tannenbaum said he had "some concern that confusion developed about the channels," through which such dialogue should occur.

He said that normally, such contacts are arranged by "Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, and IJCIC, which together have been working on these kinds of problems for about 20 years."

Michelman said that "as much as I deeply appreciated the invitation from O'Connor, and as much as I feel he was very sincere in his desire to bring Cardinal Ratzinger and Jews together, I felt that personally it was inappropriate for me to attend," because "meetings and consultations with Vatican officials are to be engaged with the consensus of IJCIC and the cooperation of the Vatican."

Rabbi A. James Rudin, AJCommittee director of interreligious affairs, who attended both the private meeting with Ratzinger and the news conference, declined to provide his assessment of the meeting.

Another IJCIC member who attended the private meeting, Judith Banki, associate director of interreligious affairs for the AJCommittee, said, "The decision to accept a private invitation graciously offered by Cardinal O'Connor didn't imply a total agreement with sentiments attributed to Cardinal Ratzinger."

Calling the exchange "helpful and constructive," Banki said she was satisfied that Ratzinger "did clarify his position on the Jews." She did not elaborate.

UJA Young Leadership Meets With Shamir



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met with the Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal in New York in January. Subjects discussed included the P.M.'s participation in the upcoming UJA Young Leadership Conference in Washington this March, and the disturbances in the occupied territories.

Israeli Paper Charges Hypocrisy Of U.S. Jewish Leaders

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Jerusalem Post charged last week that U.S. Jewish leaders are criticizing Israel's policies in the administered territories not out of concern for Israel, but because of embarrassment at media coverage of events in the territories.

"Morally, they deserve only to be ignored. As troubled diaspora Jews, they deserve sympathy," the English-language daily declared in an editorial that was one of the most scathing attacks on American Jewish leadership ever made by a mainstream Israeli publication.

Condemnation of Israel's beating of Palestinian demonstrators has lately been made publicly by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Henry Siegan, executive director of the American Jewish Congress.

The Post did not fault the content of the leaders' criticism, but rather their silence in the face of the policies that the newspaper said has led to the current unrest.

"More than 20 years of government occupation policy lies battered amongst the rock-strewn streets of Gaza and the West Bank. Also in shambles are 20 years of 'policy' to the degree the term applies, of the organized Jewish community in the U.S.," The Post declared.

It said the U.S. Jewish policy "was based on a handful of fixed premises: Israel knows best. Israel mans the trenches. American Jewry mans the rear lines. American Jewry must speak in one voice."

The editorial cited the unwavering and unquestioning support of Israel government policies.

"When in 1977, the newly

installed (Premier) Menachem Begin made 'Greater Israel' official state policy, it was none other than the chairman of the Presidents Conference (Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations), Rabbi Alexander Schindler, who came to Jerusalem to endorse the Herut premier," the editorial charged.

(Schindler denied that he ever supported Israel's policy of settlements in the administered territories other than those around East Jerusalem.)

(He explained in a telephone interview from San Diego that he did not publicly express an opinion on the settlements as chairman of the Presidents Conference because that organization had not reached a consensus on the issue. However, he criticized the policy in private conversations, he added.)

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Local News

Touro Synagogue

The Touro Synagogue of Newport, Rhode Island, will host the annual mid-winter Shabbatone of the National Council of Synagogue Youth's New York area chapters, announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, spiritual leader of the Synagogue, and Rabbi Jeffrey Greenberg, Director of the NCSY. The event is scheduled for President's Week-end, and will include approximately 120 visitors. The NCSY is the official youth program of the Orthodox Union of Jewish congregations; its members are high school age students.

The group — accompanied by advisors, counselors, and adult leaders — will travel by bus to Newport and will be housed at

homes of Synagogue members and at the Armed Forces Hostel. The visitors will have their catered shabbat meals in the Jewish Community Center social hall, where they will also have their Sabbath classes and discussion groups. They will participate in the regular shabbas services of the local congregation in the main sanctuary of the renowned Touro Synagogue, the oldest Jewish house of worship in North America.

Beside spiritual activities, members of the NCSY group will also have an opportunity to visit many of the highlights of the Newport community. They will have a shabbat walking tour of such outstanding tourist sights as the Narragansett Bay harbor area, the Historical Hill section, the Jewish Patriots' Park, the Colonial

Cemetery, and the Judah Touro Park. A personal tour of the historic Synagogue by Rabbi Shapiro will be a feature of the shabbat.

This project is the first of a series of tours that is being initiated by Touro Synagogue for Orthodox Jewish groups to acquaint them with the historic traditions of the Jewish community in Newport, and its illustrious Sephardic heritage.

The spring term of the Adult Education "Torah Nights" at Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I., will commence on Wednesday evening, February 3, announced Rabbi Shapiro, spiritual leader of the congregation.

The schedule for these Wednesday evening classes is as follows:

6:30 *Elementary Hebrew II. 7 Let's Explore Jewish Prayer* (with monthly Bible lectures), 8 *Symposium on Jewish Living*.

For the initial program, Rabbi Shapiro will give a Bible lecture entitled *Signs and Omens* and a book review of Isaac Bashevis Singer's *Images and Other Stories*.

Registrations for these classes are now being accepted. The nominal fee of ten dollars is the tuition charge for the entire series (one or all).

For further information, contact the Synagogue office at 847-4794.

Temple Shalom

In honor of their young people involved in the scouting movements, the Congregation of Temple Shalom will hold their annual Scout Sabbath on Friday evening, February 5 at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will conduct the service and pay tribute to the following scouts who will also assist in the service: Danielle Sarao, Matthew Schneller, Jeffrey Schneller, Michael Hackett and Adam Kaminitz.

On Saturday evening, February 28, an Adult Purim Party is being held, beginning at 8 p.m. Tom and Sarah Atkins, a professional dancing team, will present an exhibition of dancing as well as teach. A full and varied evening of music for dancing will follow. Hors d'oeuvres and a dessert table will be served. Reservations are a must and should be made with David and Chris Freedman at 846-8480. The cost of the evening is \$5 per person. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, February 23.

Shalom Chapter Pioneer Women is having a delicious Surprise Come One — Come All! Saturday, February 13, 1988. Italian Night — Phyllis Solod, Warwick, R.I. \$12 couple, \$6 per. 7:30 p.m.

February 16, 1988 (Tuesday) — Merri Schlessinger, 7:45 p.m. Please come and bring a friend. The evening will be an enjoyable one.

On Sunday afternoon, January 24, Trinity Church, the first Anglican house of worship in Rhode Island was rededicated after an extensive refurbishing program which lasted almost two years.

The moving service which was presided over by the Rt. Reverend Edmond L. Browning, the national presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church and the Rt. Reverend George N. Hunt, the Episcopal Bishop of Rhode Island also included participation by Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom in Middletown. The rabbi was the first Jewish clergyman to preach from the high wine glass shaped pulpit in the 262 year history of the church. Rabbi Jagolinzer read an Old Testament reading in Hebrew and English.

Temple Beth-El

Program On Loss

On Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m., Bryna Bettigole, ACSW, a social worker at Jewish Family Service and Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman will present a program for parents of young children on "How to Talk to Your Kids About Loss." The discussion will focus on the dynamics of death and divorce. This is the second of three forums sponsored by the Family Program committee of Temple Beth-El. The first program held last December was entitled "How to Talk to Your Kids About God." The final program will be held on Tuesday, March 8 and will feature Rabbi Herman Blumberg of Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland, Ma. and Ellen Steingold, ACSW at Jewish Family Service. The topic will be "How Talk to Your Kids About the Holocaust." For more information, call Rob Goldberg at 331-6070.

Intermarriage

On Friday, February 12 following Sabbath Eve Services at Temple Beth-El, Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman will speak on "Intermarriage: When Love Meets Tradition." Marriage between members of different religious groups has long been a part of the "melting pot" of American experience. Yet bringing two religious faiths to a marriage and raising children has created tension and unhappiness as often as it has prompted sharing and understanding. The Rabbi will lead a discussion following the showing of a remarkable new film produced by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations which depicts the thoughtful and honest attempt of five couples to examine and interpret the complexity of contemporary intermarriage.

The community is welcome to attend this program and join in the fellowship of Shabbat worship. For more information, call 331-6070.

On Friday, February 5, George Goodwin, a staff member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, will address the congregation of Temple Beth-El on "Modern Sculpture in Jerusalem: From Rodin to Kadishman." An art historian with broad interests in painting, sculpture and architecture, Goodwin earned his Ph.D. in Art from Stanford University. Before coming to Rhode Island to work at Federation this past summer, Goodwin was curator of education at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Goodwin will speak following Shabbat services which begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Bennett Chapel. The community is welcome to attend.

The Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El will welcome Rabbi Frank Waldorf of Temple Sinai in Brookline, Mass. at their joint breakfast on Sunday, February 7 at 10 a.m. Waldorf's topic will be "Getting Along with Relatives You Cannot Stand." The Rabbi writes: "Ever since Esau, Jacob, and Joshua left home in early adulthood, Jews have developed some helpful and useful ways to alleviate the inevitable tensions of family life." The Rabbi will present strategies to promote a family harmony that one can actually enjoy.

Breakfast precedes the program at 9:30 a.m. The community is welcome. For more information, call 331-6070.

Temple Sinai News

Temple Sinai will present *Dedicated to the End*, an audience participation murder mystery evening, on Saturday, March 26, at 7:30. Tickets are \$12.50 single/\$25.00 couple. Cash bar and snacks will be available. Make checks payable to: Temple Sinai. Mail to Alan Berk, 1 Shortway Dr., Coventry, RI 02816. For more information, call Jack Tregar at 781-6171, or Judy Tobin at 943-8266. Temple Sinai: 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, RI 02920.

Congregation Ohave Sholam

Services will be 4:55 p.m. this Friday evening. Saturday morning Kiddush will follow services beginning at 9 a.m. Rabbi Jacobs will give his Mishnah class at 4 p.m. Shabbat afternoon. Mincha will be at 4:50 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv will be at 5:45 p.m. Havdalah will be at 5:55 p.m.

The next Junior N.C.S.Y. event will be a game day on Sunday, February 14 at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m., February 16, March 1, March 15, and March 29, Rabbi Jacobs will give a lecture series on Purim and Passover. He will discuss the philosophy of the holidays and how they relate to the various practices and customs in their observance. There will be a nominal fee for the series.

Service this week will be as follows: Morning — Sunday, 7:45 a.m.; Monday-Thursday, 6:40 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:50 a.m. Evenings — 5 p.m.

Sons Of Jacob

Portion of the Week — YITRO! Friday, February 5, candlelighting, 4:43 p.m.; Minchah, 4:55 p.m.

Saturday morning services, 8:30 a.m.; Kiddush after services.

Saturday Minchah, 4:45 p.m.; 3rd Meal — Zemirotz songs.

Saturday ends, 5:53 p.m. Sunday morning services, 7:45 a.m.; refreshments, 8:30 a.m.

Minchah all week, 4:45 p.m. Every day after Minchah Rabbi Drizin gives a Twar-Torah concerning the entire community.

Mahal Reunion

Coordinating Committee: Canadian, American, Israeli — 40th Anniversary Israel Reunion. On June 23, 1988, a reunion of all the volunteers who participated in Mahal (airforce, Navy, Army, Aliyah Bet, and Materials for Israel) from 1945-1949 is being held in Israel. The program will take place in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. Those participants who are interested in joining the reunion or have knowledge of other members who are eligible, please call: Drora Katz 201-575-4050, Joseph Landow 526-766-8294, David Gen 201-376-8460 or write: A.V.I., P.O. Box 292, Wayne, N.J. 07470.

Hadassah

Alice Goldstein, a member of the Sociology Department of Brown University, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Evening Group of the Providence Chapter of Hadassah. Her topic will be a continuation of the series of meetings devoted to Jewish life in other countries. Mrs. Goldstein will talk and show slides of her trip to China and the Jewish communities there.

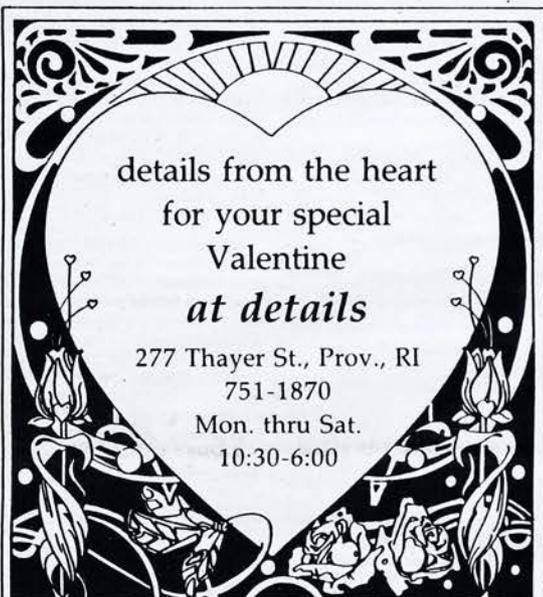
The meeting will be held next Monday, February 8, at the home of Sybil Miller, 205 Slater Avenue. A coffee hour will be held at 7:30 p.m., and the meeting and program will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Members and guests are welcome. Please call Claire Bell at 272-2856 for further information.

Large Print Bible Offered Free

NEW YORK (JTA) — A large-print, specially adapted Hebrew edition of the Five Books of Moses is being offered free to visually impaired individuals by the Jewish Braille Institute of America here.

The five-volume, spiral-bound set was computer-typeset, with vowels added. The enlarged letters and cantillation marks were printed on non-glare paper.

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A retrospective show of the work of Rhode Island Jewish women artists will open on Sunday, February 7 with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. in Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence.

"Images of Jewish Women: A Celebration of the Arts," sponsored by the Career Women's Affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, includes a variety of styles and media, works from oils to ketubot, and represents fifteen local artists. Many have had their own shows and are well known to collectors.

Included are: Ellie Frank, sculpture; Cynthia Friedman, watercolors; Esther Robbins, paintings; Suzanne Neusser, wall hanging; Marcia Kaufner, ketubot; Rene Kahn, religious watercolors; Pat Simons, ceramics; Ruth Emers, sculpture; Barbara Alpert, paintings; Leslie Cooper, watercolors; Robin Halpren-Ruder, shadow boxes of domestic environment; Ruth Cook Brandt, painting, Louise Ehrlich, collage; Rodie Seegler, selected works; and Jane Adler, selected works.

The show will continue until February 28. Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Saturday.

For further information call Ann Miller, Director of Gallery 401, at 861-8800.

The Brown Bag Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence will feature "You and Your Heart: Lifestyle '88" with a speaker from the Rhode Island Heart Association on Tuesday, February 9 at noon.

The club, for people free for lunch from active seniors to mothers of preschoolers, hears monthly speakers on a broad range

of topics from consumerism to cultural discussions. In addition, trips to local sites are planned. Participants bring a brown bag dairy lunch; dessert and coffee is served.

For further information, call Ann Miller at 861-8800.

On Sunday, February 7 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, Harry Garfinkel, New England Pocket Billiard Champion, and Eddie Gregory, Rhode Island Billiard Champion, will hold a demonstration for teens, children and their parents.

Professionals Harry and Eddie, who have acted as consultants for the movies, *Mr. North* and *Mystic Pizza*, will show their trick shots, give pointers and chat. The cost for the program is JCCRI members, \$2 per person, (\$6 maximum per family); non-members \$4 per person (\$12 maximum per family).

For further information call David Enos at 861-8800.

"Investing in the New Environment" will be offered by the Adult Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Adult Lounge.

Robert Sherwin, Vice President of Kidder Peabody and Company, will conduct the seminar for those who would like to learn more about managing a stock portfolio. Topics will include the current investment climate, dealing with losses and gains, shifting the emphasis on more conservative investing, the need for tax-free investments and information on retirement accounts.

The program is open to the community at no charge. For information, call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800.

Three Generations At Warwick Museums

"Three Generations" opens Sunday, February 7 at Warwick Museum. Works by Leah Jacoby, Ruth Jacoby Emers, and Charles Emers represent three generations of artists working in different styles and mediums. Leah Jacoby (1905-1980), a native of New York City, painted cityscapes of her Coney Island neighborhood — scenes of places some of which are no longer in existence. Mrs. Jacoby studied art at Pratt Institute, the Brooklyn Museum, and with well-known artists of her time including Raphael Soyer and Chaim Gross. Her realistic style is in marked contrast to the expressionism of her grandson, Charles Emers (1961-). Leah Jacoby came to Providence in the mid-70s. Her daughter, Ruth Jacoby Emers (1930-), is a well-known East Side sculptor. Emers' work has been exhibited in New York City and throughout New England, and is in a number of private and corporate collections. She studied with sculptor Louise Nevelson in New York City, and after coming to Providence, studied art at RISD and Brown. Emers is a member of the Providence Art Club, the New England Sculptors Association, and the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts. Emers' pieces in this show are in a variety of mediums: clay, stone, and wood. Her son, Charles Emers, studied art at Johnston State College, the Museum School in Boston, and Tufts University. He has been included in shows at the Boston Center for the Arts, the Museum School Gallery, and at Wheeler Gallery in Providence.

The opening reception for "Three Generations" is on Sunday, February 7, from 1-4 p.m. at Warwick Museum. The public is cordially invited to attend. The show continues through February 28. An audio-tape of the exhibit will be available for the blind and visually-impaired. Warwick Museum is located in the historic Kentish Armory at 3259 Post Road in the Apponaug section of Warwick. (Take Rte. 117 East.) Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission is free; donations are welcome. For further information call 737-0010.

Parents, Teachers And Friends Donor At Providence Hebrew Day School



A Pre-Purim Masquerade Cocktail and Dinner has been planned by Parents, Teachers and Friends of the Providence Hebrew Day School to be held at the school, 450 Elmgrove Avenue, on Saturday evening, February 27 at 9 p.m. The Donor committee include Ruchama Szendro, Claudia Akerstein, Elaine Strajcher, front row, from left; and Ginny Baron, Ester Gottlieb, Gabriella Barros, back row, from left. The Biblical theme costume is optional. Reservations must be in by February 12.

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CRMC Hearings

Coastal Resources Management Council has scheduled the following public hearings. If you are concerned about the preservation of our marine environment or about public rights-of-way to the shoreline, here's a chance to get involved.

Thursday, February 11 — Council Chambers, City Hall, Taunton Avenue, East Providence. Richard L. Johnston d/b/a R.L. Johnston Homes, Inc. application (continuation) 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17 — General Assembly Room, Newport Police Station, Broadway, Newport. Newport ROW investigations (continuation) 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 18 — Council Chambers, Town Hall, 26 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett. Gerald Gentilotti application. 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 22 — Cafeteria, Oliver Stedman Government Center, Tower Hill Road, Wakefield. ROW Investigation on Black Point (Downing Corporation) property

(continuation) 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 25 — Council Chambers, City Hall, Warwick. Thomas Gasset application. 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 29 — Planning Board Room, Town Hall, East Main Road, Portsmouth. Roger Moriarty application. 7:30 p.m.

Sister City Project In Nicaragua

This summer the Providence Sister City Project will sponsor its second large construction project in Providence's sister city of Niquinohomo, Nicaragua. Brigades organized by the Sister City Project will spend from June 13 until August 20 constructing a two-room school house in a rural area just outside of Niquinohomo. Brigade members will live and work alongside Nicaraguans, contributing to a mutual understanding and respect between the two peoples.

The entire cost of the construction project, excluding travel and living expenses of brigade members, is expected to be \$30,000, which will be met through various fundraising activities and dona-

tions. Brigade members will pay travel and living costs amounting to approximately \$750 out of their own pockets. Some scholarships are available.

Persons interested in participating in one or more of the two to three week brigades during the summer can call Pamela Kane at 461-5940. Individuals and groups can also participate in the Sister City Project by making donations of school or medical supplies or sponsoring a team in the March 20 Sister City Bowlathon.

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From The Editor

by Robert Holtzman

I hope to make as few controversial statements in this, my first editorial for the *Rhode Island Herald*, as possible. I expect to change that policy in the near future. Here, I hope only to introduce myself and to let our readers know of the change at the Editor's desk. Having joined the staff just two days before our deadline, I consider it prudent and respectful to produce a newspaper very much like the one you have been reading for several years. Prudent because I have much to learn — about how the *Herald* does business, about the community, and about the interests we serve. Prudent because there simply isn't time to make changes this week.

I consider it respectful because the *Herald* is a good newspaper. Robert Israel, in his five years as editor, produced an interesting, readable, informative newspaper, well-suited to its readership. Mr. Israel is an experienced and an accomplished journalist, and I would do well to follow his tracks for a while.

I consider it respectful also because the *Herald* serves the community well. It is the only comprehensive source of Jewish news for many of its readers; the only source of local news so important to the cohesive functioning of the community; the only detailed source of national and global Jewish news. It clearly fulfills its functions to inform, to enlighten, and to entertain. By doing so, it serves the wishes of the Jewish community. I will respect those wishes.

While keeping that in sight, I hope to make some changes. We will rely less on "canned" news — on items that come in from the wire services and in the form of press releases. To provide more in-depth news about subjects of local importance, we will do more personal reporting of events in our region and we will solicit submissions. As always, your comments are welcomed for the "Op-Ed" page — the page opposite this one — where we will continue to print opinion pieces and letters to the editor. And of course, we will print notices to publicize local events.

I hope to expand our coverage geographically. We already do a good job covering the greater Providence area. But sometimes, it seems as if Providence and Newport are on different coasts. Considering that Rhode Island is the smallest state, its Jewish community should get to know itself better. All of itself.

Most of all, I hope to expand our coverage socially. I suspect that now, most of the *Herald's* readers are strongly committed, either theologically or culturally, to Judaism. The *Herald* serves those readers well. But there is a whole segment of the Jewish community whom we do not serve: the weakly committed, and the non-committed Jews. I want to gain their interest.

This will not be a compromise. We will not ask our present readers to change their interests. We will continue to serve the community according to its needs. We will, however, try to broaden the scope of the paper. We will try to find a way to interest those Jews who have little interest in the community. I hope that our present readers will see this as a means of expanding our ranks, of working to establish or strengthen commitments. It is certainly not meant to dilute them.

Belated Introduction

I come to this newspaper by an indirect route. I'll chart out, here, those parts of the course I followed that are at all relevant. If we ever meet, and I am sure many of us will, you'll cause me great embarrassment and discomfort by asking me what part I've left out. Try it — it's a great conversation starter.

I was trained in creative writing and secondary education at Vassar College. (Although many people still think of it as a "girls' school," it's been co-ed for years, and the number of men and women is about equal.) My first teaching job was in Ponce, Puerto Rico, where I taught English in the sixth through eighth grades.

I eventually moved to Newport where I worked for a market research company. There, I wrote and edited a monthly newsletter, market reports, by-lined articles, promotional materials, and anything else that needed writing or editing. I also conducted research and surveys, and organized and spoke at trade conferences.

So I come to you with a fair amount of editing, organizing, and publishing experience, but, you'll notice, none with newspapers. And you'll understand my reluctance to change the format over night. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" is generally good advice. But everything needs periodic maintenance to keep running smoothly.

Highlights From Gaza

by Eric Rosenman

In the avalanche of news coverage of the uprising in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, a few nuggets:

• Jeane Kirkpatrick, writing in the January 18 *Washington Post*: "It is a classic late-20th-century confrontation between not-so-civil disobedience and a not-so-iron fist. Each time Israel uses lethal force to fight off stone throwers (in this region where stoning is a mode of execution) Israel loses, and the demonstrators know it. The media make the difference, and the media know it."

Kirkpatrick, the Reagan Administration's first U.N. Ambassador, writes that "the longer a problem lasts the harder it is to remember what it is about. Since the so-called Arab-Israeli problem is now 50 years old, it is hard for Americans and others to remember that Israel's Arab neighbors still refuse to accept Israel's existence."

She adds that Egypt's education minister recently "barred from his country's schools a world map that included Israel." Egypt, of course, is the one Arab country to make peace with Israel. As a result, it was ostracized by most of the rest of the Arab world for a decade; partly as a result of making peace, its then-president, Anwar Sadat, was assassinated.

• David Pryce-Jones, in the February 1 issue of *The New Republic*, referred to the real iron-fist policy Egypt's Nasser used in Gaza before 1967: "Neither rehoused nor offered work nor allowed to travel or to emigrate . . . the Gazans were penned into a pitiable plight."

Then, "in 1969 and 1970, 76 West Bankers and Gazans were killed by the PLO and 1,122 were injured. In the same period there were only a handful of Israeli casualties. On some mornings, Israeli patrols discovered the corpses of those killed by the PLO and hung up on meat hooks in Gaza markets."

"Gen. Ariel Sharon put a stop to such horrors by the use of what might be called Nasserist methods, surrounding refugee camps . . . with tanks, bulldozing roads straight through them, arresting and screening hundreds of suspects. . . ."

Gazans and other Palestinian Arabs in the territories had no constitutional rights under Arab rulers and "as things stand, Israel has no title to be granting rights" to them, Pryce-Jones

continues. "Where and how . . . are the Israelis to begin remaking the family and tribal order so that a Palestinian electorate can emerge instead?"

Until what he calls "constitutionality" replaces the all-or-nothing approach (the Arabs or Israel) in Palestinian politics, the choice "facing any Israeli government is stark:

"Either to stay and enforce law and order at whatever cost to themselves and the Gazans, or to pull out and surrender the population to anarchy or to tyranny. Just like the Israeli government, world opinion does not care to inspect this choice in its ugly detail — but world opinion can go hang."

• Tom Teepen, editorial page editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, January 14, on U.N. criticism of Israel's handling of Arab refugees: "Israel will take still another public relations drubbing from its refusal to let a U.N. official inspect areas of the Gaza Strip, one of the two Palestinian territories Israel has occupied since its Arab neighbors gazed up on it in the 1967 war. . . ."

Teepen notes that while Israel settled its large influx of Jewish refugees from Arab lands, "the Arabs did not settle the Palestinians. Arab politics preferred to keep them as refugees and a political irritant to Israel," a policy the U.N. participates in, thanks to Arab- and Soviet-block votes.

• Meanwhile, the networks' frequent flyer, PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat, turned up on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," January 17. He once again proved unable to utter an unambiguous endorsement of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 — the bases of all successful Arab-Israeli diplomacy since the 1967 and 1973 wars, respectively.

• With utter two-dimensionality, ABC's "World News Tonight" on January 18, noted Israel's effort to distinguish between its handling of Palestinian Arabs and South Africa's handling of blacks. Anchorman Peter Jennings then used pointless fragmentary appearance by correspondents in each country and colorful graphics to imply such an equivalence. If there is an Emmy for breathtaking superficiality, this particular segment is in the running.

Eric Rosenman is editor of *Near East Report*.

Methane Gas Flare Ignited At Central Landfill

January 27, 1988, Johnston, R.I.: The Rhode Island Solid Waste Management Corporation (RISWMC) launched the first phase of its multi-million dollar methane gas recovery program at the Central Landfill today by igniting a flare to burn the methane gas produced from decomposing trash at the landfill since 1955.

Four gas recovery wells, drilled to an average depth of 45 feet, are connected to the flare, which will burn gas at the rate of 400 CFM (cubic feet per minute) to help control odor problems at the 154-acre landfill site, where 4,000 tons of trash from 31 Rhode Island communities are disposed of every day.

Thomas E. Wright, Director of the RISWMC, said that the Corporation's gas recovery program is following an ambitious schedule which calls for methane gas from decomposing trash to be converted into enough electricity to serve the average needs of 18,000 Rhode Island homes by February, 1989.

Wright explained that the flare ignited today will burn gas from eight wells, four of which will be installed over the next month. Once these are in place, 33 more wells will be drilled and connected to a second larger flare unit (2600 CFM) which will begin operating on July 1. From that point on, until February, 1989, an additional 30 wells

will be installed, for a combined total of 71 recovery wells, and an electrical generation facility will be built. According to Wright, odors at the site will gradually decrease until the program is fully operational next February.

The Corporation is negotiating an energy contract to sell power from the project to the New England Electric Service, a subsidiary of the New England Power Company. The 30-year contract is presently before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and its approval is expected next month.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) granted the Corporation approval to operate the flare today after the Department approved the environmental permit for the 400 CFM flare project late last week.



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Letters To The Editor

Just a word of acknowledgement of the accomplishments of Bob Israel, editor of the *Herald* for five years. Bob had a policy of printing all letters to the editor, whether or not he liked the content. He had a journalist's sense of the value of dialectic, of disagreement. He did not print only popular voices, but a range of views. Bob loved writing and reading and being part of the Jewish community of Rhode Island, and this love showed on the lively pages of his newspaper. His enthusiasm and idealism will be missed, and I wish him happiness and fulfillment in the future he will now be sharing with his newborn son, Jeremy. I understand Jeremy got a congratulations letter for

coming into this world from none other than Elie Wiesel! I think Wiesel recognized those qualities of enthusiasm and idealism in the father and hoped they would be passed on to the son.

I hope Bob's interest in our shared community will be passed on to the new editor and thus that Bob's legacy will not be lost to us. On the subject of reports on the Ethiopian Jews, Bob was ahead of his time. On the holocaust memorial, Bob was early in his active support. His recent report on the Orthodox movements was welcome.

A toast to Bob, Robin and Jeremy.

Michael Fink

Study: Jews Becoming Less Religious

by Gary A. Tobin

Jews have become more and more like other Americans. Most Jews dress like their fellow Americans, eat the same foods, live in the same neighborhoods. They go to the same schools and work in the same offices.

Jews have also adopted most of the habits, both good and bad, of the general society. A few differences remain. Jews vote differently, leaning more to the Democrats, while other white, middle-class Americans lean more toward Republicans. Jews are more likely to be in white collar jobs than other Americans. Jews have fewer children.

Jews are also different in one area that is ironically striking: Jews are much less religious than Protestants and Catholics. While other Americans are developing stronger ties with organized religion and religious beliefs, Jews are breaking their bonds.

The Gallup Organization has just released a major report entitled *Religion in America*.

The study is mainly about Protestants and Catholics, but also

includes a small sample of Jews. The religious profile of Jews, especially in contrast to Protestants and Catholics, is pretty grim.

Sixty-one percent of Protestants say that religion is very important in their lives, as do 52% of Catholics, but only 30% of Jews. At the other end of the spectrum on this same question, only about 10% of Protestants and Catholics say that religion is not very important to them, compared to 35% of Jews. While there seems to be a resurgence among Protestants and Catholics, Jews as a group are drifting further away from their religion.

No matter which way you look at it, a greater proportion of Jews are less formally religious than Protestants and Catholics. The Gallup poll shows that 72% of Protestants and 81% of Catholics belong to a church, compared to 44% of Jews belonging to a temple or synagogue. The evidence from Jewish population studies around the country point to a great deal of exaggeration in Jews reporting their synagogue membership. If they go to services on the High

Holidays, or used to belong to a synagogue, or their parents belong, people often say that they have a current membership. In fact, while the 44% figure that Gallup reports is very low, it may be really as low as 33% or less.

While Jews belong at far less than half the rate of Protestants and Catholics, they also attend at about half the rate. While 41% of Protestants and 49% of Catholics attend church in a typical week, the number drops to 20% for Jews. Gallup shows definitively that the Jewish level of religious involvement on the whole is vastly less than other Christian Americans.

Less formal religious behavior is accompanied by low levels of ritual observance in the home, little knowledge of Judaism, and low levels of volunteerism for Jewish organizations. In a more assimilated society, Jews cannot remain Jews through the osmosis of neighborhood, friendship, and family connections. Those ties are also more tenuous today than they were a generation ago, and certainly more than two generations ago. For years, Jews have been less religious than Protestants and Catholics, in the formal sense of observance. But the ethnic ties of family and neighborhood and tradition still bonded Jews as a group. Jews could take themselves and their religion for granted, and still be Jews. Today, some Jews are becoming more observant, and more religiously involved. But they are a minority. The drift remains in the opposite direction.

Judaism, if it is to survive today, must be more than an aging ethnic group tied by old world memories that become more dim with each passing generation. The less distinctive and vibrant Judaism becomes as a religion, the less attractiveness and meaning it will have. Judaism can develop a self-perpetuating and self-fulfilling cycle of disintegration.

The Gallup poll must concern us. The data are consistent over time. Some may delude themselves into believing that being "just Jewish" or an "ethnic" Jew alone may satisfy their religious needs. Perhaps such a way of life may do for them, but may not suffice for their children or their grandchildren. Religion without substance cannot be very sustaining for long.

How much religion is "enough?" Enough to make it distinctive, to provide a moral and ethical framework for everyday life, to provide some spiritual structure in our civil lives. It has to be enough to make it tangible and understandable. A six-year-old or sixteen-year-old must be able to distinguish Judaism from other religious frameworks. Judaism is not likely to disappear, but it can become more meaningless. If someone calls themselves Jewish, but behaves in ways that are indistinguishable from everyone else, what does it mean? Without the substance of some ritual, synagogue life, education, philanthropic or organizational ties, Judaism has nothing to offer the next generation, or the next one. Even if we still call ourselves Jews, nothing is what we will become.

Mr. Tobin is Director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University.

Revisionist Bookstores Vandalized

PARIS (JTA) — A group calling itself the "Jewish Organization of Combat" took credit last week for ransacking two Paris bookshops, one specializing in "revisionist" texts that deny the Holocaust occurred and the other in right-wing extremist literature.

The group said it hit the shops to protest the scheduled appearance of Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the far right-wing National Front Party.

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Church Attendance

Question: Did you happen to attend church or synagogue in the last 7 days or not?

	Five selected weeks during 1986 (Telephone and Personal)		Number of Interviews
	Yes	No	
Protestants	41%	59%	3,950
Catholics	49%	51%	1,732
Jews	20%	80%	150

Church/Synagogue Attendance — 1986

Protestants	41%
Catholics	49%
Jews	20%

Churched vs. Unchurched

Who are the Superchurched, Churched, Unchurched?

	Levels of Religious Involvement			Totally
	Super-Churched	Churched	Unchurched Non-Religious	
Protestants	32%	75%	25%	*
Catholics	36%	83%	17%	*
Jews	13%	46%	53%	*

Definitions

- Superchurched:** Church member, also attended church in test week, also says religion very important in life.
Churched: Church member, or attended church in test week.
Unchurched: Not church member, did not attend church in test week.
Non-religious: No religious preference, also not a member, also did not attend church in test week, also says religion not very important in life.

Church Membership

Question: Do you happen to be a member of a church or synagogue?

	Five selected weeks during 1986 (Telephone & Personal)		Number of Interviews
	Yes	No	
Protestants	72%	28%	3,950
Catholics	81%	19%	1,732
Jews	44%	56%	150

Importance of Religion

Question: How important would you say religion is in your own life — very important, fairly important, or not very important?

	Five selected weeks during 1986 (Telephone & Personal)				Number of Interviews
	Very Important	Fairly Important	Not very Important	No Opinion	
Protestants	61%	29%	9%	1%	3,950
Catholics	52%	37%	10%	1%	1,732
Jews	30%	35%	35%	< 1%	150

Note: Findings are based on telephone and personal interviews with 6,632 adults, nationwide.

Source: The Gallup Report. *Religion in America*, April, 1987.

Social Events

"Big River" At PPAC

"Big River; The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" arrives in Providence for five performances February 19 - 21.

"Big River" earned seven Tony Awards including Best Musical 1985, and was acclaimed by critics for its impressive sets and Roger Miller's outstanding score.

Wonderful for the entire family, the play brings together Mark Twain's classic "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" (1885) with Roger Miller's originality to create an authentic piece of Americana.

Through the use of simple materials such as wood and canvas, set designer Heidi Landesman has created the river onstage to keep the feel of

nineteenth century America.

"Big River" is one of the Bank of New England-Old Colony Broadway Series 1987-1988.

Performances are Friday, February 19 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 20 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, February 21 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50, \$25.50, \$23.50 and \$21.50. Call 421-ARTS Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m. Master Card and Visa are accepted. Tickets available at Ticketron locations or call Teletron at 1-800-382-8080. For special group rates and information, call Susan Havens at 423-2997.

Ronda Gale Weds John Goldman

Ronda Gale of Jerusalem, Israel, the daughter of William and Dorothy Gale of Providence, R.I., was joined in marriage to John Y. Goldman of Providence, R.I., the son of George and Zelda Goldman of Providence, R.I.

The ceremony took place at Ramat Tamir in Jerusalem, Israel, on January 4, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. The reception was held at Ramat Tamir.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Houston and has an RN from Malden Hospital School of Nursing. The groom graduated Summa Cum Laude from Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his master's in accounting at Northeastern University where he was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma Society.

Amy Rice To Wed Craig Rosengarden

Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Rice of Cranston, R.I. announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Beth Rice, to Craig Lee Rosengarden, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Rosengarden of Owings Mills, Maryland.

Amy is a graduate of the University of Rochester. Craig received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and his M.B.A. in finance from the University of Rochester.

Amy's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Sklut of Cranston and Mrs. Theodore Rice of East Providence.

Craig is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rosengarden and Mrs. Jeanette Baylin of Baltimore, Maryland.

Amy and Craig plan a November wedding.

Lisa Burdman To Wed Steven Altman



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Burdman of Youngstown, Ohio announce the engagement and coming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Judith, to Steven Russell Altman, son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Altman of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Providence. Mr. Altman's grandparents are Prof. Edward Altman and Mrs. Tillie Halpern of Tucson and the late Florence (Meisel) Altman and Joseph Halpern all former residents of Providence.

Miss Burdman graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Cincinnati and a juris doctorate degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. She is a lawyer working for the Ernest J. Hahn Co. in La Jolla, Calif.

Mr. Altman received a bachelor of science degree (magna cum laude) from Northern Arizona University. He graduated cum laude with a juris doctorate degree from the University of San Diego School of Law where he was also a member of the law review. He is a business attorney with the law firm of Gray, Carey, Ames and Frye in San Diego.

A May 15 wedding will take place at Temple El Emeth in Youngstown with a reception to follow at the Squaw Creek Country Club.

JCC Singles

The South Area Jewish Community Center Young Singles Group will host a brunch on Sunday, February 21 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Center.

The speaker will be Judi Ehrlick, Director of *New Possibilities*, the JCCGB sponsored dating service. Her topic will be "Match-making in the 80's."

A delicious brunch of bagels, cream cheese, salad, coffee and dessert will be served.

The fee is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members.

For reservations and information, please call Judith Halperin at 341-2016 or 821-0030.

Rocky Hill School

Rocky Hill School, an independent day school for boys and girls in nursery through grade 12, is accepting applications for the 1988-89 school year.

Admissions testing, required of all applicants in grades two through 12, can be arranged by calling the school's admissions office at 884-9070. Formal application to the school precedes the testing, and a visit to classes is strongly recommended.

The school's first annual merit scholarship examination for new students in grades eight through 11 will be given on Saturday, February 6, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. It is still possible to reserve space for that exam.

For further information, call the school at 884-9070 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Advocates Needed For Child Abuse Program

The CASA program of R.I. Family Court is in immediate need of additional volunteers. CASA is an innovative program which utilizes volunteers to monitor cases involving abused and neglected children.

CASA volunteers are needed to represent the over 1400 children now in the state's care. Common sense, a concern for children, objectivity and a desire to help are the main qualifications. Each volunteer is trained by staff coordinators and then assigned to a case. Staff attorneys act as legal counsel for the volunteers.

As advocates for children, CASA volunteers provide information to the court and follow-up on the court's orders. Training is held every month. Anyone interested in volunteering can call 277-6863 for more information.

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David Bekelman Is Westinghouse Scholar

David Bekelman, 17, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bekelman of Warwick, R.I., has been selected to the Honors Group of the 47th Annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search, the nation's top science competition for high school seniors.

The award is based upon David's report of his scientific research in neurophysiology for the past two years at the National Institutes of Health. Last summer, he also conducted independent research on the cellular basis of learning at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass.

Members of the Honors Group will be recommended for scholarship awards to the nation's colleges and universities.

A total of 16,566 entry materials were distributed and 1,339 students completed all requirements and were qualified for judging. Three hundred of these entrants were selected as members of the Honors Group. The students selected represent the best of their graduating classes.

An honors student at Whitman High School in Bethesda, Md., David is a member of the varsity swim team, president of the business club, and active member of United Synagogue Youth. He served as a Marshal at the recent Summit on Soviet Jewry rally held in Washington, D.C., in which many of his family from Rhode Island participated.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bekelman of Maryland and has numerous relatives in Rhode Island and Massachusetts including the Glucksmans, Feingold, Bazar, and Kupferman families.

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Professor Neusner To Lecture

Dr. Jacob Neusner, University Professor and Ungerleider Distinguished Scholar of Judaic Studies at Brown University, will be Temple Torat Yisrael's 1988 Scholar-in-Residence the weekend of Feb. 12-14.

Prof. Neusner's three lectures will be based on his most recent book, *The Enchantments of Judaism* (Basic Books, 1987), in which he analyzes the religious values of American Jews and asks why certain symbols and rituals continue to work their magic on individuals, while other practices do not.

In his first lecture, which will follow the 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service on Friday, Feb. 12, Prof. Neusner will explore: "Why Does 'Traditional Judaism' Work When It Works?"

The second lecture, to follow the 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Service and Kiddush Lunch on Feb. 13, will have Prof. Neusner discuss: "Why Does 'Traditional Judaism' Not Work When It Doesn't Work?"

The third presentation, which will follow the 9 a.m. Minyan and Sisterhood-Men's Club Joint Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 14, will



Jacob Neusner

feature Prof. Neusner in the subject: "What Works Instead: The Civil Religion of American Jews."

Prof. Neusner is widely-regarded as one of the world's pre-eminent scholars in the field of Judaic Studies. He is the author and editor of more than 150 books and collections.

All activities are free and open to the public; however, reservations are required for the Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast. Please call the Temple office (785-1800).

Children's Museum

A Valentine's Day Party, Astronomy Night and Movie Day are just a few of the many activities scheduled for school vacation week at the Children's Museum. Every day we will be offering something extra for our visitors in addition to our two floors of exciting hands-on exhibits.

On Saturday, February 13, come to our Valentine's Day Party from 1-3 p.m. Then at 7 p.m. explore the "Splendors of the Winter Skies" at our Astronomy Night. On Monday, February 15, help us celebrate Washington's Birthday with scheduled special programs in the morning and afternoon.

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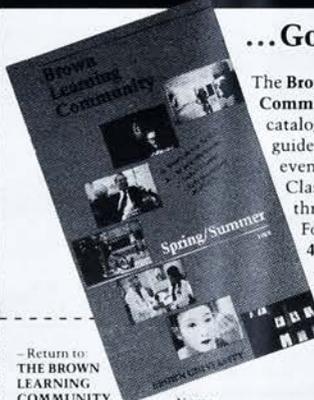
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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



WARMLINE: 331-KIDS

"There has been a growing realization at our agency that young families are isolated," said Ruth Berenson, a clinical social worker at Jewish Family Service.

"Historic ways of passing information on as to how you raise your kids are broken down. Families don't live near each other. Families are smaller. There's no one to answer the questions you want to ask like how did your kid do the first day in school or what did you do when he skinned his knee or when your daughter had a problem with a friend, how did she handle it?"

"A lot of people out there are feeling a bit adrift and isolated."

Part of Ruth's work at Jewish Family Service is running several groups for mothers and their children. "The most wonderful thing is they give them a chance to communicate with one other. There is a sense from the people with whom we work and from the staff's own experiences that this is an especially critical time for families.

"As an agency that focuses so much on families, it made sense to offer some kind of special program. In our research as to what was happening across the country, we were introduced a year ago to the Family Resource Coalition which provides services and information.

"On that board was a person from the San Francisco Jewish Family Service where the Warmline program was offered. We thought it was a great idea. We had been getting lots of calls, calls on what age should you send a child to kindergarten, calls about discipline, calls on how to take a trip with a child, lots and lots of calls on what to do with daycare.

"We realized that it made sense to have a phone number out there that people could use so they could call in all those questions to which you're not quite sure if your pediatrician really knows the answer ... not that this is competitive with pediatricians in any way. If ever a medical question comes up, we'll refer the caller back to the family doctor.

"Very often there are questions you don't know who to ask. It seems silly to call the nurse practitioner or the family doctor. You can't ask your mother-in-law because you're not sure if you're going to like the answer you're going to get, and you'd have



Ruth Berenson, WARMLINE coordinator, Jewish Family Service. Photo by Dorothea Snyder.

to follow up on her advice.

"Sometimes it's tough to ask a parent because they're far far away, and they don't know the situation.

"So, we have Warmline for people to call and ask questions about their families, about community resources, and what to do about a particular situation. We're hoping that people will really see Warmline as the first place to call if they have a question."

Clarifying that it's not a hotline, Ruth would like to see the Warmline utilized more than it has been. Right now, the staff receive a couple of calls a week.

"It took a couple of years for the San Francisco Warmline to get going. Now they get upward of 600 to 800 calls a year.

The types of calls Jewish Family Service gets, Ruth said, range from the seriousness of a woman calling in that she was losing it with her kids and is about to abuse them to a simple call about day care.

She terms most of the calls as mid-range like the woman who phoned in when her father-in-law died. She was very close to him, and wanted to know if she should take her kids to the funeral.

Several people have called in looking for answers about their sleepless children at night. "When youngsters don't sleep at night, you can imagine what that does to the family.

"And how much time does someone in the pediatrician's office have to sit and talk at length and ask what are your concerns, how is it effecting your child, how is it effecting you, what solutions have you come up with, what have you done that's worked or hasn't worked, and what do you think you're doing wrong?"

"The Warmline model, as we see it, is for a very short time. It may be a one-time call. We're not talking long term. If somebody wants to maintain a relationship, perhaps requiring counselling, than the caller would be asked to come into the office instead. We have limited time to spend on the phone."

Asked if the Warmline caller needs a confirmation of how they already feel about a decision, Ruth replied, "That's what really helps them more than anything.

"People get an educative model rather than a mental health model. We go on the premise that people have the power within themselves to know what's really right, to know what's best, to come to that realization, and to feel more confident about their parenting skills.

"It's there ... maybe they need a little bit of information, a little bit of support. They know somebody's out there listening to them and that can help."

Some of the questions that have come into the Warmline number ask "What do I do with my colicky baby? I'm pulling the hair out of my head. What can I do?"

"Colicky babies are tough," Ruth remarked. "They are really tough. The biggest way to help is to offer a few suggestions. There is reading material I can send out. Basically, it's the support knowing and hearing it will end."

This mother with the colicky baby did call a few times. What finally helped? "Nature helped this baby stop crying," she smiled.

"Where Warmline can be very helpful is by being reassuring and supportive of this young mother. An educated, sophisticated mother with an older child, she certainly is someone who had every expectation of herself that no matter what would happen, she could handle it herself.

"The fact is some things exist that nobody can handle. It doesn't matter how many careers you've been successful with. It doesn't matter how much money you've made. It doesn't matter how many degrees you have by your name."

Warmline receives calls for daycare advice. "That's a biggie," Ruth said.

"One caller told how her 3½ was up at midnight and at 5 a.m. disturbing everybody in the house. What should she do? We'll talk about behavioral management. I've had some interesting calls about 'my child is swearing and calling people names. How do we handle that?'"

"We've had a call from someone who has five kids under the age of 7. Once again, that sense of being overwhelmed. To know someone is at the other end of the line and who's willing to listen to you helps you to take a deep breath and recoup, and maybe come up with a plan that may not be perfect.

"It's not going to make anything perfect, but it will bring a little clarity to one's life. Parenting is something nobody was ever prepared for. It's a job nobody was trained for, and then on top of it, if you do your job well, you get fired!"

"It's even worse today for parents than it used to be. In the past there weren't the expectations that parents have today, to have it all, do it all, be everything to your child.

"Expectations are much higher today than ever before. There is much pressure on young families."

Another Warmline call concerned a newly divorced mom. "What her ex-husband was saying to her children was very distressing. She had one idea of how to handle it. Sensitive and educated, she was very aware of her children's needs. 'If I go to my family, they'll tell me to have nothing to do with him.' She needed someone outside."

Warmline also receives questions about toilet training and going back to work. But, Warmline is set up to hear all issues.

"Warmline is not just for questions about toddlers and infants, but also for teenage concerns," Ruth noted. "We hear questions dealing with adolescents and going off to college, even from the kids themselves. Teenagers can call in too."

Warmline's number became active last summer, and is staffed by the social workers at Jewish Family Service. The hours for calls to the Warmline phone is 331-KIDS, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ruth stressed that should a social worker be unable to talk when the caller dials, the call will be returned that day.

"We do get anonymous calls, so if you don't wish to identify yourself, that's okay," Ruth said.

"Why does my child refuse to eat?"

"What should I look for in child care?"

"How should I handle my teenager?"



Jerusalem Post

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(The Reform rabbi, now president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said The Post was either "misreading the facts or rewriting history.")

The Post editorial further contended that "throughout these long years of what was billed as benign occupation . . . American Jewry's spokesmen persuaded themselves, in order to better rub shoulders in Washington, that whatever Israel's policy might be, it was in the best interests of the U.S."

The reason American Jewish leaders are speaking out now, according to The Post, was "anguish about footage on their TV screens which embarrasses the American Jewish community for its identification with Israel."

Regulation Proposed For Boat Paints

House Deputy Minority Leaders Paul A. Suttell (R-Little Compton, Portsmouth, Tiverton) and Gilbert V. Indeglia (R-Narragansett, South Kingstown) have introduced legislation which would regulate the sale and use of anti-foulant paints containing TBT and other tin compounds.

Antifoulant paints are used on boat bottoms to control the growth of organisms such as barnacles and algae which reduce the boat's speed and efficiency. Since 1943, organotins (organic compounds containing tin) have been added to these boat-bottom paints. In recent tests, the EPA has determined that they not only kill the fouling organisms, but they leach out from the paint and are highly toxic to marine and fresh water organisms, such as oysters, clams, fish and other marine life in our bays and inlets.

"The continued unrestricted use of organotin-based antifoulant paints in this state poses a threat to commercially important fish and shellfish species. By restricting their use we will protect the living marine resources of the state as well as public health," according to Suttell and Indeglia. Indeglia points out that alternatives are available. Copper-based paints are less toxic and less expensive, yet offer similar protection.

The Suttell-Indeglia bill prohibits the sale or use of antifoulant paint or paint-mixing substances containing organotins for use on boats under 25 meters in length. The Department of Environmental Management will be responsible for instituting an educational program to inform boat owners and boatyards in the state of the dangers of organotins and the provisions of the law.

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will begin to fade away," said Straus.

Nevertheless, communal leaders feel statements by U.S. officials have been unduly critical, which when combined with television images of Israel as occupying power could erode the emotional and financial support American Jews provide to Israel.

Cohen traces that anxiety to the Lebanon war, which he said was the first Arab-Israeli conflict that did not generate an increase in donations to the United Jewish Appeal.

Cohen, who has conducted demographic studies of American Jewry, said there is "some evidence" that the popularity of Israeli actions affects giving, although recent shortfalls also can be traced to a lack of identifiable Israeli heroes of the stature of Golda Meir or Moshe Dayan.

Since the war in Lebanon in 1982, American Jews have had to learn to live with the real, imperfect Israel, as opposed to the mythic one of Meir and Dayan, according to Leonard Fein, visiting scholar at Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C.

Fein, the former editor of *Moment* magazine, said American Jews still love the "metaphysical" Israel, but distinguish between that and their feelings for the Israeli government of the day. "I don't have to praise Shamir or Peres to say I love Israel," said Fein.

When he delivered that message to American Jews in the wake of the Lebanon war, Fein recalled, the words he often heard were, "Thank you so much for saying out loud the things I've been feeling."

"... The left said, 'Thank you for saying I could love Israel even though I think its actions are reprehensible.' The right said, 'Thank you for saying Israel's actions were reprehensible even though I still love her.'"

Plantations Unit, B'nai B'rith To Meet

Plantations Unit, B'nai B'rith, will hold a general meeting and elections on Thursday, February 11 at 8 p.m.

Members are urged to attend. Call Paula Waldman at 831-7967 for meeting place.

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B'nai B'rith Calls For Moscow Presence

WASHINGTON — The B'nai B'rith Board of Governors has voted to take the first steps toward the establishment of presence of the world's largest Jewish organization in the Soviet Union.

Meeting here at its international headquarters, the board pointed out that the world's third largest Jewish community — some two million people — lives in the Soviet Union. The board concluded that because the Soviet government limits emigration, a large majority of its Jews will remain there.

As a consequence, the board voted that Seymour D. Reich, international president of B'nai B'rith, appoint a select committee to work with its European districts and its International Council towards the goal of testing glasnost and establishing B'nai B'rith's presence in Moscow.

In other resolutions the board:

* Called on the Soviet Union to live up to its international responsibilities under the United Nations human rights covenants and the Helsinki Final Act, to eliminate all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion, and to permit its Jewish

Reagan Emphasizes Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK — In a letter to Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), President Ronald Reagan pledged to "continue to press the human rights question," which for him "will always be a front-burner issue." He also congratulated the NCSJ "on your extraordinarily successful demonstration on December 6" (Freedom Sunday for Soviet Jews).

While acknowledging that "there has not yet been a meeting of minds on the crucial issue of human rights" between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, the President recounted how, in the opening session of the December summit, he pointed out to general Secretary Gorbachev "the necessity of further progress in the area of human rights," and that he "especially emphasized the cause of Soviet Jewry, stressing how much this concerns all Americans." The President added that he also made the point that further improvements in U.S.-Soviet relations "are related to appreciably improved Soviet human rights performance," and that "progress in human rights is just as vital as progress in arms reductions."

citizens to practice their religion; * Appealed to the world to support B'nai B'rith's efforts to win the legitimate rights of Jews from Arab states, including compensation for property and assets;

* Urged Syria to permit Jews to emigrate "as promised by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to U.S. President Carter in Geneva in 1977" and to respect human rights obligations;

* Called on governments and

people in countries where there is a resurgence of neo-Nazism, extremism, and bigotry to oppose those actions and to enact legislation that deters anti-Semitism and racial and religious discrimination through severe penalties;

* Asked the Japanese government and leaders to condemn Japanese anti-Semitic writing and "to oppose the authors for outrageously false and scurrilous attacks."

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Business & Financial

UJA Collects \$372.2m In 1987

NEW YORK — The United Jewish Appeal, which meets humanitarian needs in the U.S., Israel and 33 other countries, collected a total of \$372.2 million for calendar year 1987. On one day, December 31, \$41.7 million was collected — the largest cash collection on any single day in UJA history.

The cash results are especially noteworthy at this time, said Larry J. Hochberg, UJA National Cash Chairman.

"Exclusive of our special Operation Moses campaign the UJA raised \$370.6 million in 1986," Hochberg said. "But the large payments of last year, motivated in part by incentives of the Tax Reform Act, did not detract from the 1987 cash campaign."

Hochberg thanked Martin F. Stein, UJA National Chairman, for his personal involvement in

encouraging communities to meet or exceed their cash remittances. He praised the UJA Regional Cash Chairmen and the community Cash Chairmen around the country for their outstanding efforts in assisting cash collections. Ben Berman, Los Angeles; Arthur Feinstein, Hartford; Marvin Goldstein, Atlanta; Sanford Halberstadter, Linden, New Jersey; Charlene Loup, Denver; Elaine Pittell, Hollywood, Florida; and Stanley Ruskin, Pittsburgh, all serve as Regional Cash Chairmen.

"When we consider the October stock market decline and the unsettled state of the nation's economy," commented Hochberg, "the results this year prove that Jews recognize that they are responsible one for the other regardless of transitory economic events or changing tax laws. We overcame these difficulties with the help and dedication of the UJA and local federations, both lay leaders and professional staff. Moreover, the results prove that the American Jewish community is steadfastly committed to meeting the needs of the people of Israel, regardless of political or other events that may occur from time to time."

UJA is a national organization that works closely with over 600 local Jewish fund-raising campaigns. About half the funds raised by local communities and federations remain in the U.S. for a variety of social services and educational programs. Most overseas funds are applied in

Israel, helping new immigrants, aiding and improving lives of teenagers, senior citizens, farmers and others. Additional assistance is provided to Jewish communities in 33 countries throughout the world.

The UJA raises funds for Project Renewal, a program in which American Jewish communities are "paired" with disadvantaged Israeli towns and neighborhoods. Another UJA campaign is for the Israel Education Fund, which enables donors to participate in funding the construction of community and educational facilities in Israel.

SBANE Seminar

"How to Win in World Markets," a seminar sponsored by The Smaller Business Association of New England, Inc. (SBANE) will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 1988, at the Sheraton Boxboro, Boxboro, Mass. The all-day seminar is designed specifically for small companies interested in the international trade arena. Simon Fireman, a former small business owner and now small business representative on the Export-Import Bank Board of Directors, will be one of the keynote speakers.

The day will be divided into two parts. The morning will feature six plenary sessions: "Winning in a Global Arena," "Building a Winning Competitiveness," "Designing Competitiveness Superiority," "International Joint Venture and Strategic Alliances," "International Marketing," and "Manufacturing Products for International Competition." In the afternoon there will be four workshop sessions. These will cover the areas of manufacturing, marketing, international joint ventures, and finance.

For more information, contact SBANE at 617-890-9070.

SBA Information

The U.S. Small Business Administration held a New England Roundtable Meeting on Monday, January 25, in Sturbridge, Massachusetts to discuss Rural Development.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore means of implementing the Administration's goal of fostering rural economic development.

James A. Hague, District Director, Small Business Administration, Rhode Island, headed the Rhode Island delegation.

This is one of ten Regional Roundtables which will be held across the country. The recommended solutions that were developed at Sturbridge will be presented to Governors and Cabinet Secretaries at a National Meeting on February 22, 1988.

B'nai B'rith

WASHINGTON — B'nai B'rith's International Board of Governors, the organization's top policy-making body, called on the Arab world "to finally respond positively to Israel's quest for peace over the last 40 years." At the same time, the board stated that it "supports and encourages the government of Israel to negotiate a peaceful resolution in the area."

At its Washington meeting, the board noted that while the media portrayal of Israel has been unbalanced in recent days, B'nai B'rith "fully supports the objective of the government of Israel to quell the rioting in the most humane way possible and under the most provocative and difficult circumstances."

Coping With A New Investment World

by Rob Sherwin
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Until a few months ago investors benefited from one of the strongest bull markets ever — and most of them profited from the experience. Unfortunately, October 19, 1987 changed that, so that investors now face a new investment world. This world differs radically from that which existed previously and offers some unique investment opportunities.

Capitalizing on these opportunities won't be easy. To do so investors will have to rethink their overall investment philosophies and reconsider their previous investment strategies. They'll also have to make some difficult decisions in light of the uncertain economic situation. Below are some suggestions that we hope will help investors make the transition.

Evaluate Present Portfolio

Given the present scenario, it's a good idea for investors to review their investments and update their portfolios. Some things to consider when doing so are:

- Recent changes in our tax laws have eliminated the distinction between capital gains and dividends or interest.
- IRA contributions, while not tax deductible, may still be used as tax-deferred investments. Contributions, however, should be made early in the year to maximize tax deferral.

- Because many state income tax rates are based on Federal rates, most state rates have risen to compensate for the lost revenue resulting from lower Federal rates.

- Net yields on taxable investments have increased because of the lower Federal rates. (For investors in the 28 percent bracket, the net after-tax yield on a 9 percent taxable investment is about 6.48 percent.)

These changes may affect the status of some investments, forcing investors to make some difficult, but necessary, decisions. Some people, for instance, keep poor investments because they're afraid to take a loss. Bear in mind that the funds generated from a sale can be re-invested in alternative financial vehicles. These new vehicles could increase in value faster than the old ones.

Also bear in mind that investors can often minimize their losses. In fact, under the right circumstances, they may be able to recover as much as one-third of the loss. For example, let's say an investor sells a security bought at \$10 for \$4, incurring a \$6 loss. If the investor deducts the loss from his or her 1988 income, he or she may be able to recover as much as \$2. That's equivalent to selling the stock for \$6 instead of \$5 — 50 percent increase in the stock's price.

Re-assess Your Financial Plan

In addition to updating their portfolios, investors should also review their current financial plans. They should revise them to conform to their present situations. If they don't have a financial plan, they should develop one. If nothing else, the plan will guide them in their future investment activities.

Remember, when developing or updating a financial plan, that many confine most of their assets to secure financial vehicles. This approach protects investors from unexpected economic events, like Black Monday. Unfortunately, many investors abandoned this concept the past few years and invested in the bull market. When the market corrected itself, they paid the price.

Developing a financial plan is like constructing a pyramid. You start by laying a firm foundation of conservative investments into which you place a good portion of

your assets. On this you lay successive levels of more aggressive investments, until you reach the apex of your plan, where you have the most aggressive vehicles of all. At each succeeding level you invest less and less of your assets. This approach forces investors to put more of their assets in relatively stable investments, like money market funds, certificates of deposit, U.S. government bonds, and secure insurance products.

Tax-Free Investments Still An Option

A third area that investors should review is their tax situation, including their tax-advantaged investments. Some people think that tax-advantaged vehicles are only for the rich. That's not necessarily the case. For example, because of changes in our tax laws, investors wonder if tax-free instruments are still viable investment options. Keep in mind that despite the changes, a municipal bond fund paying 7.7 percent tax-free is still equivalent to a taxable investment paying 11.2 percent if the investor is in this year's maximum tax bracket.

Tax-free vehicles are especially appropriate as long term investments. For instance, a tax-free compound interest bond provides a large quantity of cash at a predetermined time. This cash can be used for specific future purposes, such as a supplement to one's retirement income or as financing for a child's or grandchild's education.

Investing For A College Education

The last area that investors should review are the investments they've made for their child's or grandchild's education. With the cost of college rising and the government holding the line on student loans, the need to find ways of financing an education is greater than ever.

If investors haven't put anything aside for education, two investments appropriate for this purpose are zero-coupon bonds and conservative mutual funds. Both vehicles provide a degree of safety and liquidity. They also allow for income reinvestment.

The concept behind reinvestment is simple. The income generated by the instrument, instead of being paid out, is reinvested and allowed to accumulate until the vehicle is sold. In other words, it's compounded as long as you own the investment. This compounding effect has an enormous impact on total return, providing substantial capital accumulation in a modest amount of time.

For example, parents that want to send their four-year-old child to college in the year 2002 can currently purchase a tax-free compound interest bond (CIB) for about \$2,600.00. CIBs are currently paying an interest rate of about 9.25 percent. If the parents are in the 33 percent tax-bracket and they reinvest the interest in the bond until it matures, the return on their investment will be equivalent to that generated by a taxable investment paying approximately 18.8 percent.

Reviewing one's investments and updating one's portfolio is especially important this year because of the changes that have recently taken place. However, if investors are truly serious about their finances they'll hold a review like this yearly. Ideally, they should conduct the review with the help of an experienced investment executive, who can look at their situations objectively. If the review determines the need to make changes, a professional can suggest a program of activities designed to improve investment results. More importantly, he or she can ensure that the changes are made in an orderly and timely fashion.

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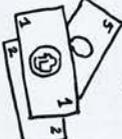
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רִיבוּס
(Ree-boose) – Rebus

What was the first name given to the festival of Purim?



- NEY +



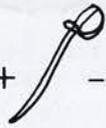
- AIO +



- TAHER +



- TRN



+ - WOR +



- H =

- Answer on page 2.

Needed: "Mordecais" and "Esthers"



It's Purim time! It's time to celebrate the amazing rescue of the Jewish people in Persia long ago. Many times in Jewish history, some person or group has tried to destroy the Jewish people. Each time, the lesson of Purim reminds us how important it is for Jews to help each other. Just as Esther risked her own life to save her people, Jews have learned that we must help our people whenever and wherever they need it. An example is the way Jews all over the world are demanding freedom for the Jews who live in the Soviet Union.

Today, the Jews of Ethiopia need "Mordecais" and "Esthers" to help them. Many people think all of the Jews left Ethiopia three years ago, during Operation Moses. That's when thousands of Ethiopian Jews took the dangerous journey across Ethiopia to Sudan. There they were loaded onto airplanes that took them to Israel. It was supposed to have been a secret, but the news leaked out and the airlifts were stopped. Although thousands of Jews died trying to make the trip, more than 10,000 did make it to Israel where they live today.

However, about 20,000 Jews are still in Ethiopia, dreaming of the day when they will be rescued and taken to Israel, too. Most of the Jews who are left are women, children, and old people. That's because they weren't strong enough to take the dangerous trip across Ethiopia three years ago. They live a very hard life. **Ethiopia is the poorest country in the world — and the Jews are the poorest people in Ethiopia!**

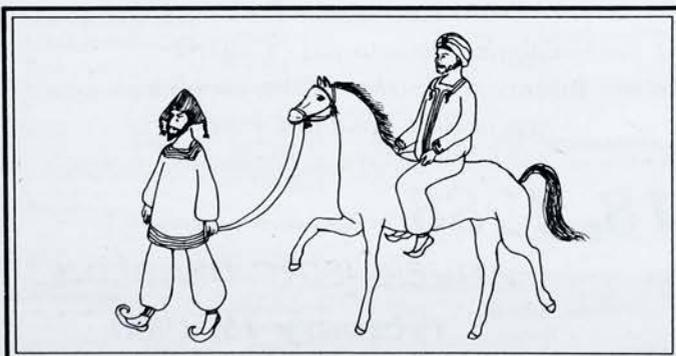
Until it is possible for the Jews to leave Ethiopia, Jews around the world are trying to help them. Ethiopia is having another famine now. That means, there was not enough rain for the crops to grow. So there's not enough food or water. They need clothing, medical supplies, and other things. Most of all, they need to know that Jews care about them and that they have not been forgotten.

The lesson of Purim is that good can win over evil, as long as we help each other and have faith in God. This is a good lesson to remember as we pray for the day when all of the Jews in Ethiopia will be free to live in Israel.

(A special project has been created for NOAH'S ARK readers to help Ethiopian Jewish children know they have not been forgotten. Please see page 2.)

Purim Contest Winner

Mazal tov to the winner of the Purim Contest: **Rebecca Horwitt, 12-years-old**, from Craryville, New York and a student at Congregation Anshe Emeth in Hudson, New York. Rebecca's prize is the new game, **TRADITION, CHILDREN'S EDITION**, donated by JOPCO, INC. Here is her Purim picture:



Make Gifts For Ethiopian Jews

On Purim, Jews are supposed to give charity to at least two poor people. Here is a Purim project you can do that will be enjoyed by Ethiopian Jewish children!

Members of an organization called the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) visit Ethiopian Jews a couple of times a year. They bring medical supplies and other things the Jews need to live. Whenever they go, the Ethiopian Jewish children always ask them for pens and paper. That's because they love to learn!

NACOEJ will be sending a group to Ethiopia soon. Here's a gift that readers of NOAH'S ARK can prepare for the group to give to the Ethiopian Jewish children. By sending this little gift, the children will know that they have not been forgotten — and they will receive things they really need and want.

However, it is important for every child to receive a gift — NACOEJ cannot give it to some children and not to others. So, it is important for every reader of NOAH'S ARK to work on this project, so thousands of gifts can be delivered! Thank you!

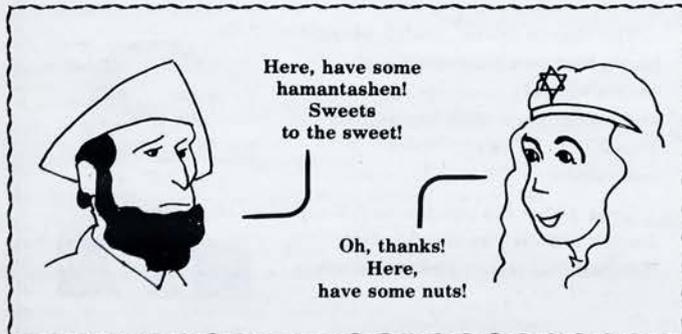
What You Need:

- Ziploc bag
- ballpoint pen
- pencil (sharpened)
- eraser
- a few pieces of hard candy
- a surprise! (see #3)
- a picture drawn by you



What You Do:

1. Follow these instructions exactly! This is the only way your gift can be delivered!
2. Put the pen, pencil, eraser, and candy in the Ziploc bag.
3. Find a small surprise to put in the bag. It could be a little toy car, a small pad of paper, a little ball, a small sock puppet you made yourself, stickers, or anything that's not too big.
4. On an index card or small piece of paper, draw a happy picture. The picture cannot be about anything Jewish (no Jewish stars) or about Israel. It could be a house, a garden, or children. Do not write anything on your picture. Don't even sign your name! (In order for these gifts to be received, it is very important that **nothing** be written on them. Besides, the highest form of charity is when the person receiving the gift doesn't even know who the giver is. So you can feel good about your gift, even though you can't sign it.)
5. Send your gift to: Children, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. Please mail your package by April 1, 1988.



מְלוּנֵי
(Me-lo-nee) – My Dictionary

מִסְבָּה
(m'see bah)
party

מֶלֶךְ
(meh lech)
king

מַלְכָּה
(mahl kah)
queen

לַיִצָּן
(lay tsahn)
clown

סוּס
(soose)
horse

תַּחְרוּת! (Tah-chah-root) Contest!

What You Do: Write a tongue twister in honor of Shavuot! It can be long or short, serious or funny. It can be about flowers, the Torah, the Ten Commandments, fruits and vegetables, or anything that has to do with Shavuot.

Mail your entry with your name, complete address, and age (you must be 6-12-years-old to enter) to: NOAH'S ARK, Tongue Twister Contest, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. All entries become the property of NOAH'S ARK and cannot be returned.

Deadline: March 10, 1988.

Answer To Rebus

Money – ney + radio – aio
+ teacher – taher + train – trn
+ sword – wor + hay – h
= **Mordecai's Day.**



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Obituaries

JULIUS H. HOWITT

SEEKONK, Mass. — Julius H. Howitt, 76, of 410 Pine St., a building contractor for 50 years, died Friday, January 22, 1988, at home. He was the husband of Shirley (Bertman) Howitt.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Harry and Sadie (Spilke) Howitt, he lived in Seekonk for 72 years.

Mr. Howitt was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Seabees in the South Pacific Theater. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, the American Legion War Veterans Post, Seekonk, and the VFW. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Brotherhood. He was an elected selectman in the Town of Seekonk for the past two years. He was a past president of the former Seekonk Chamber of Commerce. He was a past president of the East Providence Master Builders.

Mr. Howitt was also a past president of the former Seekonk Tax Payers Association. He was a former member of the Seekonk Representative Town Meeting and the Seekonk Planning Board. He was a supporting member of the Newman YMCA, Seekonk, the Seekonk Library Fund, the Seekonk Playgroup Fund and Camp Buxton. He had been an adviser to the Tricounty Vocational School, Franklin. He was a member of the E.L. Freeman Masonic Lodge and the Disabled American Veterans.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Idelle Howitt of New York City and Rachel Zugsmith of Studio City, Calif.; a son, Steven S. Howitt of Seekonk, and three sisters, Pearl Sturman of Brooklyn, N.Y., Anna Bloom of Margate, Fla., and Florence Goldstein of Clearwater, Fla. Funeral services were held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

TILLIE KAUFMAN

CRANSTON — Tillie (Cohen) Kaufman, of Arlington Manor, 50 Birch St., Cranston, died Sunday, January 31, 1988. She was the wife of the late Max Kaufman.

She leaves a daughter, Charlotte Moore of Florida and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 852 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JOSEPH SHAEVITZ

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Joseph Shaevitz, 83, of 1010 Kings Rd., a professional singer, died Wednesday, January 27, 1988. He was the husband of the late Sophie (Pollack) Shaevitz.

Mr. Shaevitz worked under the stage name of Joe Shea and began

JOSEPH B. KOMINSKY

PROVIDENCE — Joseph B. Kominsky, 85, of 133 Woodbine St., owner of the former Kay's Liquor Store, Pawtucket, for 17 years before retiring in 1960, died Monday, January 25, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Sarah (Leve) Kominsky.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Jacob and Leah (Epstein) Kominsky.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Men's Club, its Leisure Club, the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Miriam Hospital Association.

Besides his wife he leaves a sister, Mildred Kominsky of Brookline, Mass.

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

FRANK PARNESS

LOWELL, Mass. — Frank Parness, 82, a self-employed painting contractor for many years before moving from Providence to Massachusetts, died Wednesday, January 27, 1988, at home. He was the husband of Clare (Parness) Parness.

Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Benjamin and Esther (Perelman) Parness. He lived in Providence for 23 years before moving to Lowell 30 years ago.

Mr. Parness was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association. He was past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias of Lowell.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Barbar Sharfman of Lowell; a son, Bruce Parness of South Windsor, Conn.; a sister, Faye Neustein of Hartford, Conn.; two brothers, Daniel Parness of Providence and Harry Parness of Boynton Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

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

his career in the nightclub circuit in the 1920s and 1930s. Early in his career he was a singing waiter along with such famous entertainers as Danny Thomas, Morey Amsterdam and Milton Berle. He moved on to the Chicago area as an M.C. and singer. In his later years he spent much time entertaining senior citizens.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Abraham and Eva Shaevitz, he had lived in Sacramento, Calif. for 10 years, previously living in Mississippi for 20 years.

He was a member of B'nai B'rith.

He leaves a son, David Kessler of Los Angeles and a brother, Sam Shaevitz of Pawtucket.

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

Miriam Hospital Wins Award

The Miriam Hospital won a second consecutive Blue Ribbon Award for a videotape presentation of its coverage on television titled "Miriam Media Minutes." The award was made at the 1987 Blue Ribbon Exhibit, an annual six-state competition sponsored by the New England Hospital Assembly. The tape is a collection of 1986 television news segments that featured people and programs at The Miriam.

The 14 news clips included an interview on drug abuse with cardiologist Dr. Paul D. Thompson on *Good Morning America*. Dr. Thompson, called "this country's foremost authority on sudden death during exertion" by a Providence newscaster, also appeared on all three Rhode Island TV stations. He discussed not only the dangers of cocaine sniffing, but also the link between diet and heart trouble, the reason for the sudden death of the Celtics' Len Bias, and the use of steroids by athletes.

Other Miriam people starring in the tape were microbiologist Gary Fertardo, talking about sore throats; David Abrams, Ph.D., on the hazards of passive or second hand smoking; psychiatrist James R. McCartney, describing the

Chabad Hosts Rabbi Berel Bell

More and more people are looking for personal fulfillment, and if all the books, TV and radio shows on the subject are any indication, they're finding it less and less.

Rabbi Berel Bell, who has a degree in Psychology from Yale, is a noted expert on the dynamics of human behavior. He is a well-known and much sought-after speaker, author and translator. His phone study tapes on the RAMBAM (Maimonides) are heard daily in 35 cities around the country.

In his first appearance in Providence, Rabbi Bell will be approaching the concept of personal fulfillment from a unique perspective; one that's proven itself over the last eight centuries. Specifically, he will be speaking about "The Road to Peace" based on the teachings of Maimonides.

Rabbi Bell's talk will take place at the Providence Hebrew Day School on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:45 p.m. It is being sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Southeastern New England to celebrate the yearly completion of study of the Rambam's works.

Maimonides is famous as a Jewish physician and philosopher who lived more than 850 years ago. Yet it is as a scholar that he made his most important contributions to Jewish life.

For example, his *Moreh Nevuchim, Guide for the Perplexed*, addressed Jewish intellectuals who were faced with a variety of foreign philosophies; and his letters to various communities addressed their particular problems in a way that continues to have meaning for us today.

Perhaps the RAMBAM's best known work is his *Yad HaChazakah* or *Mishneh Torah*. It is an authoritative and encompassing codification of Jewish Law that defines and crystallizes the essential aspect of a person's daily service to HaShem.

At the suggestion of the Lubavitcher Rebbe (Shlita) a

personality type of those who put cyanide in aspirin bottles; and Michael F. Sheff, Ph.D., explaining The Miriam's prevention program against the tragic Tay-Sachs disease. A segment on cholesterol levels featured Dr. Peter N. Herbert. Two of The Miriam's special programs — the Headache Clinic with Joanne L. Fowler, Ph.D., and the Chronic Pain Clinic — also received special attention on local TV.

number of individuals have begun learning the RAMBAM's *Mishneh Torah* on a daily basis. By studying three chapters a day, they can complete the entire work in a year. By studying one chapter a day, the entire work can be completed in three years. Those who don't have the time or the study skills required to learn *Mishneh Torah* have been encouraged to learn the RAMBAM's *Sefer HaMitzvos*, a comprehensive listing of all the positive and negative commandments incumbent upon the Jewish people.

Using a common schedule, Jews throughout the world have just completed this year's round of study. In New York, 10,000 people came to the Javitz Center to celebrate its completion. For the last three years, similar celebrations have been held in Providence. Last year, more than 100 people turned out to hear a number of speakers and Torah leaders discuss the RAMBAM. This year, Rabbi Moshe Drizin, Spiritual leader of Congregation Sons of Jacob will be completing the entire *Mishneh Torah*.

This Celebration of the RAMBAM is free and open to entire Jewish community. For more information on the Celebration of the RAMBAM, contact Chabad Lubavitch of SouthEastern New England at 273-7238.

Displaced Homemakers

The R.I. Displaced Homemaker Program will sponsor a six-week Personal and Career Exploration Workshop starting February 16, for women who are divorced, separated, widowed or caring for a disabled spouse, and single parents.

The first week, the group will meet Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 to 12:30 at 275 Westminster Mall, Providence. For the next five weeks, the workshop will be held Monday through Thursday at the same place and time.

The first three weeks will focus on building confidence and self-esteem. The next three weeks will concern career development, including occupational testing, resume-writing, and career-related issues. Sessions are free and open to all displaced homemakers regardless of economic background.

For more information and to register, call Florence Fish at the Displaced Homemaker Program, 277-2862.

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PHDS Adult Education

Once again in response to the evergrowing trend for parents to share more intensely in the educational experiences of their children, a large group of men and women gathered at Providence Hebrew Day School to participate in the school's second semester newly established Adult Learning Program. The classes, which are being sponsored by the Parent, Teachers and Friends Association, began on January 31 and encompass a broad range of topics. This second semester of eight weeks duration includes: Hebrew Language, Advanced Hebrew, Chumash-Parshat Bereshit, Seasons of the Soul, Evolution of Halacha, Talmud, How to Run a Traditional Pesach Seder. All courses are being presented by faculty members of the Providence Hebrew Day School/New England Academy of Torah.

Classes begin at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday evening and conclude at 9:25 p.m. Plans have already been made for course offerings during the third semester, which will start at the end of April.

For additional information, contact Gershom P. Barros 861-4837 or Rabbi Yechiel Pinsky 351-6142.

B'nai B'rith Youth Tour

WASHINGTON — The famed sights of Western Europe's capital cities along with their Jewish communities will be visited and studied this summer by several dozen North American Jewish teenagers. They will be participants in the inaugural year of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) Capital Cities Tour.

The three-week program held from June 30 to July 21, will start in Washington, D.C., with visits to sites of interest in the U.S. capital. Then, it will be off to Western Europe's most famous cities, including Amsterdam, Antwerp, Brussels, London and Paris.

Sites visited will include Amsterdam's Anne Frank House and Van Gogh Museum, Paris's Jewish Quarter and Eiffel Tower and London's Buckingham Palace and Parliament.

Along the way, participants will meet and learn about Western Europe's Jewish youth as they visit BBYO members and their activities.

The program, open to BBYO members at least 15 years old, will be operated by a team headed by a BBYO professional staff member. Throughout the tour, the group will stay in youth hostels and hotels.

"The enormous educational and cultural impact this program can have makes it one of the most exciting and challenging tours for Jewish youth today," according to Alan Freedman, BBYO international director of programs and publications. "Just imagine how an educational tour of Europe will look on a college application and what this exposure can mean to a teenager."

Freedman adds that the trip is more than a vacation. "We're not just going to Western Europe," he says. "We're going because we want Jewish youth to understand the different lifestyles of world Jewry and BBYO members in other countries."

The program, for which planning began last winter, is the newest addition to BBYO's summer programs, which include five Israel trips, two international leadership development programs and one intensive international Jewish heritage program.

For more information on the BBYO Capital Cities Tour, contact: Registrar, BBYO Capital Cities Tour, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036, or call (202) 857-6633.

Parent Support Group

A support group for parents of children and adolescents with emotional / behavioral problems and learning disabilities, will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., at Northwest Community Nursing and Health Services, 187 Putnam Pike, Harmony, R.I.

This group is being formed to give parents the opportunity to share their common experiences, exchange ideas, develop peer support and promote advocacy related to children's educational and mental health services.

There is no charge to attend this meeting. For further information, contact Jane Keane at the Mental Health Association 272-6730.

DEA Identification Cards

The R.I. Department of Elderly Affairs processes identification cards for persons 60 and older every Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 79 Washington Street, Providence.

Persons must present proof of age, such as a birth certificate, driver's license, or Blue Cross Plan 65 card. The DEA identification cards contain their owner's photograph, date of birth, Social Security number, address, and signature. DEA identification cards may NOT be used for free transportation on RIPTA buses during off-peak hours. A \$2 donation per ID card is requested. A new state law requires financial institutions to honor the DEA identification as valid for the purpose of cashing municipal, state, and federal checks under \$750.

In addition, the DEA mobile ID unit will be at the following locations in February:

Wednesday, February 10, 1 to 3 p.m. — Simmons Villages, Simmonsville Avenue, Johnston.

Tuesday, February 23, 1 to 3 p.m. — Fairmount Manor, Second Avenue, Woonsocket.

Senior housing units, senior centers, and other agencies interested in hosting the DEA mobile ID card unit at their site, should contact Carmen Albert at 277-2880.

Edward Goldberg Memorial Awards

The Edward Goldberg Memorial Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island provides awards to outstanding teachers in Jewish schools for creative teaching projects and techniques.

To apply, a candidate must submit a project description form and a principal's endorsement by March 15. Some Suggested categories for projects to be considered include:

Games, music, family education activities, religious services, special one-time programs.

For application form and further information, please all Minna Ellison at 331-0956

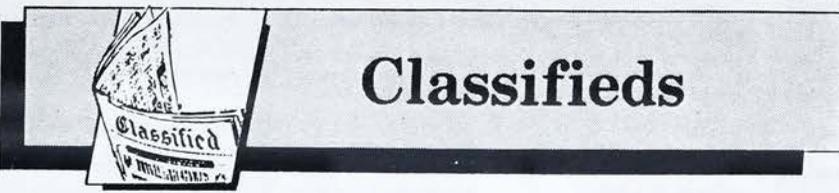
Energy Savers

Two new energy-saving wood window frame designs which curtail air infiltration, or heat loss, by as much as 50 percent was announced by a New England window manufacturer today.

The two new windows, The Duxbury and The Concord, consist of one piece, casing rabbetted to receive a recessed combination window. This differs from the conventional "blind stop" window frame which has two extra joints instead of one in each frame, critical points of air infiltration.

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Diabetes Education Offered

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island is sponsoring a series of educational classes for insulin dependent diabetics in February and March. Individuals living in the Blackstone Valley or surrounding area who have diabetes and take insulin or pills are invited to register for the series of six two-hour classes. Designed to help people take control of their diabetes, the classes are taught by registered nurses, nurse practitioners, registered dietitians, pharmacists, and physicians on staff at Memorial.

The session will begin on Tuesday, February 23, and continue on consecutive Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. All classes will be held in the New Sayles Conference Room #2 on the ground floor of Memorial Hospital from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A small fee is required. To register for classes, call Karen McMurtry, coordinator of the outpatient department of Internal Medicine Clinics, at 722-6000, ext. 2258.

RIGHA Offers Weight Control Program

PLAINVILLE, Mass. — RIGHA will offer a twelve-week program on long term weight control through its popular "Weight School" program.

The classes meet on consecutive Thursday evenings from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at RIGHA's Plainville, Massachusetts health care center beginning February 11 and concluding on April 28.

"The RIGHA Weight School" focuses upon the importance of diet, exercise and sensible eating habits as the means to long-term weight control. A RIGHA staff nutritionist, a Registered Dietitian, will conduct the program.

This course is part of RIGHA's 1988 "Health Educational Plus" program which offers educational sessions on a variety of important health topics throughout the year.

Upcoming programs include stress management and smoking cessation sessions, and lectures on contact lens wear, AIDS, parenting and insomnia.

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If you think about the nature of the universe in ways that the ancient astronomers did, you might be surprised at the scientific discoveries you'll find at a free planetarium presentation planned at Bristol Community College, 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 17.

For more information on the planetarium show or future community use, call the College at 678-2811, ext. 207.

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National Conference Of Christians And Jews

Charles H. Goss, President and CEO of Valley Resources, Inc. and its five subsidiaries, has accepted the position of statewide chairman of the 36th Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews which will be held on Wednesday, May 4 at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea. In announcing the appointment, Erskine N. White, Chairman of the NCCJ Board of Trustees, also stated that George Graboys, Chairman of Citizens Bank, will serve as Vice Chairman in 1988. Both men are members of the NCCJ Board of Trustees and Goss serves on the Executive Board.

Goss, a resident of Cumberland, was named to his present position as president in 1977. He has been active for many years in the Woonsocket Chamber of Commerce and is president of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. He holds top positions in the Old Slater Mill, Guild of Gas Managers, Pawtucket Visiting Nurses Association, and the United Way of Southeastern New England. He is an incorporator of the Pawtucket Memorial and Woonsocket Hospitals and is a trustee of the Pawtucket Boys Club and the R.I. Public Expenditure Council. He also serves on the Boards of the New

England Gas Association, Attleboro-Pawtucket Savings Bank and Pawtucket Mutual Insurance Company, the Northern Rhode Island Private Industry Council and Rhode Island Council of Economic Education.

For the past two years Goss has successfully promoted NCCJ's fundraising campaign in the northern area of the state. This year, as statewide chairman, he is extending these efforts into the Newport area. He has appointed as Chairman of the Northern Area for 1988 Nicholas F. Vrabel, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Eastland Bank. Vrabel will be assisted by Douglas T. Brown, Vice President of Keough Kirby Associates Inc. and Richard A. Zins, Vice President and Regional Manager of Attleboro-Pawtucket Savings Bank. John H. Ellis, Executive Vice President of the Bank of Newport, will coordinate efforts in that area. Kick-off meetings are being planned in each area of the state.

A breakfast meeting for the Greater Providence area will be held on March 1 at the Marriott Hotel. According to Goss the dinner, which is NCCJ's major source of fundraising, will draw enthusiastic interest and support from the corporate, banking, and

business communities throughout the state in recognition of the significant achievements made by

the local NCCJ chapter in the field of human relations.

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United Hebrew School Breakfast

The United Hebrew School of Newport held a Parent/Student Breakfast on Sunday morning, January 31 in the social hall of Temple Shalom. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, Principal welcomed all those attending. Following a delicious breakfast, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Klein in honor of their grandchildren, Karyn and Michael Pimental, a full schedule of activities were held. The Rabbi presented the

following students with special recognition for reading five books in the Jewish Book Month Program: Bethany Fisher, Leah Fisher, Charles Jagolinzer, Sarah Jagolinzer and Abigail Anthony. Special mention was awarded to Jason Lilien. All other participants were also recognized. In honor of Tu B'Shevat, trees were purchased by families and acknowledged.

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