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Israeli Community Powered By Alternative Energy

by Rick Rael

KFAR KLIL, Israel — A remote settlement in Israel's Western Galilee has now become one of the world's first communities to rely exclusively on sunlight for almost all its energy needs. The village Kfar Klil, is currently embarking on a 10-year project, sponsored by Israel's Ministry of Energy and the Jewish Agency, in order to determine to what extent solar power can meet the everyday needs of their isolated, rural community.

Klil, which means 'whole' or 'complete' in Hebrew, consists of twenty family homesteads scattered along a hillside six miles inland from the Mediterranean coastal town of Nahariya. Since the days when the first few families arrived nearly ten years ago, pitching their tents under carob trees, they have dedicated themselves to living in a self-sufficient manner consistent with the name bestowed upon their settlement.

"We wanted to explore alternative means toward maintaining our independence as a community," says Alon Porath, one of Klil's first residents, and like many, a former urban dweller. "We were determined to build a life free of city entanglements."

That basic tenet explains their

commitment to various methods of self-sustenance including organic farming, the raising of livestock for domestic purposes, the exclusive use of wood for heating the homes in winter, and now the employment of modern solar energy systems for each household.

The solar project originated several years ago as families began to grow, children came along and practical need suddenly converged with personal ideology. The settlers wanted electricity but the remoteness of the site made the traditional use of power lines and supply systems impractical. Nor were people at Kfar Klil particularly warm to the idea of huge poles and cables running through the settlement.

"Our location made solar energy the best viable alternative," according to Allan Afterman, himself employed at a large solar equipment firm in Jerusalem. "Officials agreed to install entire self-contained units at each household because it avoided many costly expenditures."

Each unit per home consists of three basic elements; 18 flat reflecting solar panels, an inverter capable of changing a 24-volt DC charge to a 220-volt AC current, and a regulator-battery protector that monitors battery fluid levels

and maintains the system's overall functioning.

The Afterman's energy system is typical of those in operation at Kfar Klil. The dark solar panels, acting like battery chargers, are emplaced on the roof and adjusted seasonally according to the direction of the sun. Each panel consists of 30 to 40 photovoltaic cells that convert the rays to energy units. On a day with maximum sunshine, the system can generate up to two and 1/2 kilowatts per hour of electricity. The energy is then stored in 12 deep cell batteries, similar to those used on submarines, which hold enough power for a week of normal electrical output.

The house is wired for both types of currents utilized in Israel. The 24-volt DC outlets are differentiated by color from the 220-volt AC terminals and also serve distinct purposes; the lower charge is good for lights and portable appliances while standard electrical equipment is served by the more powerful voltage. Thus, sunpower in the Afterman home is enough to keep the food chilled in the refrigerator, the word processor humming along and as Afterman claims, "my three children reading by lamplight well (continued on page 9)

Temple Am David Workshop



Mrs. Claire Goodman, of Temple Am David Religious School Staff, conducted a workshop for parents on Sunday, January 31, 1988, on holiday craft ideas, with the use of simple geometric shapes.

Working on the project are Mrs. Hyla Holtz, Mrs. Myrna Dress, and Mrs. Barbara Zenofsky (left to right).

NCCJ: A Primer For Human Relations

by Sandra Silva

When reading the local section of *The Herald*, you may have noticed announcements for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. You may have wondered what this organization was.

By definition, the NCCJ, founded in 1928, is a nonprofit education human relations organization working to keep people aware of intergroup problems and their impact in our community through workshops, seminars, conferences, training programs, dialogue groups or other unique programs. The driving force behind the Providence NCCJ, located at Butler Hospital, is a local woman. Charlotte Penn has been its executive director for the past twelve years and she can tell us more about the organization than anyone else.

"The National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) is not a religious organization, it is a civic organization dedicated to protecting the richness of diversity in cultures and heritages. The primary interest of the NCCJ is to oppose racism and anti-Semitism by combatting bigotry, prejudice and discrimination.

"Our job (NCCJ) is to educate people. We live in a pluralistic society and if we want to get along with one another we must leave room for everyone to enjoy their own culture, religion and historical background," Charlotte said. "The best way to accomplish this is through education, through knowing and understanding the

other person(s) we live with."

The people involved with the NCCJ have undertaken this responsibility. Other than Charlotte and her assistant, everyone involved with the organization is a volunteer.

"We have a very large, prestigious Board of Directors who are all corporate and civic leaders in the community. They volunteer their time and energies in raising the funds which enable us to continue our work and they provide us with opportunities into areas that might otherwise be inaccessible." Charlotte said that the Board of Directors is what makes it possible for the organization to continue its work.

The work of the NCCJ involves fostering dialogue between people of different backgrounds with the intention of promoting greater understanding and respect for one another. The NCCJ serves as an 'honest broker' in this dialogue.

"We are totally impartial to the final outcome, we could never be accused of having a decision made that is in our favor," Charlotte explained.

"Our role is to help people listen to each other in a non-combative atmosphere, that is what dialogue is. Dialogue is listening to another person without focusing on what your response is going to be, but rather listening to the point of learning something. Once you know more about another person you can never stereotype or categorize them because you have

individualized the person."

The NCCJ has established programs that it will present to interested organizations, of which there are many. These include community and civil service organizations, businesses and schools.

The programs consist of films and dialogue. For the schools, there are curriculum materials available which can be used in social studies classes. The films are always accompanied by a trained staff member or volunteer. They deal with topics ranging from racial prejudice to historical tragedies such as the Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide.

"We are concerned with the decimation of any peoples. We are concerned that history not repeat itself. The only way to ensure this is through awareness," Charlotte said. "We feel that the study of history and of the motivations behind these tragedies will foster in the minds of young people an awareness of what can happen when people (ordinary people) let their prejudices take control of their reasoning. If ordinary people understand this, there is a better chance that it will not reoccur."

The Jewish people have promoted the term 'never again' in relation to the Holocaust. The NCCJ works to ensure this for all peoples through these programs.

"We try to teach the young people a sense of values by facing them with ethical questions and helping them to work through the

questions," Charlotte said.

"One way we do this is through our Heritage Panel. The panel consists of fifteen to twenty diverse students who are chosen by the school. We work with them and they are prepared to sit on a panel of five, before any group of parents, teachers or students and talk about an incident they lived through. This could be something they did to someone else or something that happened to them. They discuss their feelings, their hurt," she explained, "and this makes the listeners aware of how much damage can be caused to another human being through prejudice."

Is our society becoming more or less prejudiced? "Prejudice is a problem that doesn't go away. As long as there are new people coming to live in our country there will be prejudice. When we don't understand people there is a natural tendency to push them away, to be afraid to get close to them or get to know them," she said. That is why the NCCJ promotes understanding and awareness, to dispel that fear of people who are not like ourselves.

"Television has helped us to learn about other people," she continued. "There are programs that introduce us to other cultures. Watching these programs helps us to understand the differences in the way people live and the culture shock they must experience coming to our country. We realize that they are not strange people but that they are strange to a new

way of life."

The major program this year for the schools is called Democracy is US. This program will address the rights, risks and responsibilities that come along with democracy. The program revolves around the fourth amendment and contains curriculum materials that can be used throughout the year.

"We could use people to pick up the program now, on a volunteer basis, to train to go into the schools and speak with the films maybe once a month," Charlotte said. She is currently preparing the school programs.

"I am not an expert in religion," she said. "I am not an expert in affirmative action or education, I don't know how to write curriculum. I am only expert at bringing people together."

Charlotte has managed to bring together a group of people who are experts in these areas so that they may work together to affect positive change in the way we deal with one another as human beings. Charlotte's dedication to her vision of bringing greater understanding between peoples has made a difference in our community and will continue to do so for some time to come.

The NCCJ would be pleased to bring its programs to your organization. If you want more information or if you are interested about becoming involved with this worthy organization, you can reach Charlotte at the NCCJ office at 351-5120.

Local News

Sons Of Jacob

Friday, February 26, candlelighting, 5:10 p.m.
 Friday, February 26 services, 5:15 p.m.
 Saturday, February 27 - P. Tezaveh
 Saturday, February 27 - P. Zachor services, 8:30 a.m.
 Kiddush following morning services
 Minchah, 5:05 p.m.
 Third meal after Minchah
 Maariv, 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday is over at 6:10 p.m.
 Sunday, February 28, morning services, 7:45 a.m.
 Minchah all week, 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 2 - Fast of Esther
 Morning services, 6:15 a.m.
 Minchah service, 5:10 p.m.
 Maariv service, 6:10 p.m.
 Reading of the Megillah, 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, March 3, Purim morning service, 6 a.m.
 Megillah reading, 7 a.m.
 Minchah service, 5:20 p.m.
 Sunday, March 6, annual Purim party and raffle drawing.

Beth Sholom

Purim Carnival At Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom will hold its annual Purim carnival on Wednesday night, March 2, immediately after the reading of the Megillah. Reading of the Megillah will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the carnival will start at 6:45 p.m.
 The carnival will feature booths with various games, such as a roulette wheel, a shoot out the candle contest and a balloon shaving booth. The popular fish for your own goldfish game will be back again this year. A booth at which children can play miniature bowling will be featured. In addition a photographer will be present to take pictures of adults and children. Many other attractions will also be available.
 The highlight of the evening will be a costume judging contest in which prizes will be awarded for the three best costumes. A drawing for the winners of the Beth Sholom raffle contest will also take place. In addition, a door prize will be given away. Food and drinks of various kinds will be sold at the

carnival. All members of the Jewish community are invited. There will be a charge at the door.

Purim At Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom will be holding services for the Purim holiday according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, March 2, the Fast of Esther, Shachrit will be at 6:45 a.m. and Mincha at 5 p.m. On Purim evening, March 2, Maariv will begin at 6 p.m., the Megillah will be read at 6:15 p.m. followed by the Beth Sholom Purim Carnival at 6:45 p.m.

On Thursday, March 3, Purim Day, Shachrit will begin at 6:30 a.m. and the Megillah will be read at 7 a.m. A second reading of the Megillah will take place at 10:30 a.m. for women and others unable to attend the early reading.

Congregation Ohawe Sholom

The 2nd Annual Purim Dinner sponsored by the Congregation Ohawe Sholom will take place next Thursday, March 3 at 5 p.m. Reservations for this full course chicken dinner must be made by Sunday, February 27. Please send your reservations (adults \$12.00 children \$8.00, under 2 - free; no family, no matter what size, will have to spend more than \$50.00) to the congregation or call the following numbers: 724-3552, 725-3886, 726-6633 or 723-2669. The whole Jewish community is invited to all the dinner plus all our other Purim festivities. The following is the schedule for Purim:

Tuesday, March 2 - Ta'anit Esther

Mincha 5:15 p.m.

Maariv 6:15 p.m. - followed by Megillah reading. (All adults and children are encouraged to masquerade.) Music and refreshments will add to the evening.

Purim morning - March 3 - Shacharit 6:30 a.m.

Megillah reading 7 a.m.

Purim afternoon - 2nd Megillah reading (for those who missed the morning one), 4 p.m.

Mincha - 4:45 p.m.

Purim dinner - 5:00 p.m.

This Friday evening, services will be at 5:20 p.m. Saturday

morning, Shabbat Zachor, services will be at 9 a.m. A kiddush will follow Saturday afternoon. Rabbi Jacobs' class meets at 4:30 p.m. Mincha will be at 5:10 p.m. followed by the Third Shabbath Meal. Maariv will be at 6:10 p.m. Havdalah will be at 6:20 p.m.

On Friday, March 4-Sunday, March 6, a contingent of our Junior NCSY'ers will be going to Springfield for a regional convention. For more information call Rabbi Jacobs at 724-3552.

Chabad House Purim Plans

An exciting Purim program will be offered at the Chabad House Jewish Heritage and Hospitality Center, located at 360 Hope St., during the Purim holiday.

It starts on Wednesday night March 2 at 6:30 p.m. with the reading of the Megilla, the book of Esther that recounts how Haman's plot to destroy the Jews was thwarted. A late reading will be held at 3 p.m. the next day Thursday for those who missed it. In the morning Laibel Pesach (Lon) Cerel famous balloonist, juggler and entertainer will be presenting the traditional Purim festivities of music and comedy skits. Rabbi Laufer cordially invites anyone wishing to join the Purim feast to call 273-7238.

The Chabad Lubavitch of New England will distribute Purim kits to university students and families. Each kit contains two kinds of food, as prescribed by the tradition of Mishl'dach Monos. Pennies for charity and a brochure describing the various Mitzvot (commandments) are included to remind the recipients of the full meaning of Purim. Hundreds of kits will be distributed to schools and temples in Providence, Cranston, Warwick, Barrington and New London, Conn.

As part of a nationwide campaign initiated by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, Shlita, Chabad representatives will share the holiday spirit with patients and residents at Miriam and Rhode Island Hospitals, Charlesgate and Oak Hill Nursing Homes, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and with senior citizens at the Jewish Community Center.

All these activities are designed to recreate the spirit of unity and harmony that prevailed among the Jewish people during the miracle of Purim. Assisting Chabad in the undertaking are Dr. Benjamin Vogel, Shmuel Berman Laibel Estrin, and Tom Pearlman.

Temple Beth-El

Orchard Avenue Study Group

The Orchard Avenue Study Group, a remarkable joint venture in adult education shared by Temple Beth-El and neighboring St. Martin's Episcopal Church, will continue its series on "Visions of the Future" when it meets to discuss the future of "Family Life" on Thursday, February 25, 1988. A panel of experts will look at the face of the American family in the twenty-first century and discuss effective interventions for families in trouble and the role of the church/synagogue in responding to changes in family life. Panel members include: Ellen P. Salvatore, Ph.D., chair, Department of Social Work at Providence College; Robert I. Cohen, Ph.D., Professor at R.I. College of Social Work, teaching marriage and family therapy, working with couples in distress;

and Reverend David A. Ames, Episcopal Chaplain, Brown University.

The community is welcome to attend. Call 331-6070 for more information.

Rabbi Gutterman To Speak On Inter-marriage

On Friday, February 26 (originally scheduled for February 12) following Sabbath Eve Services at Temple Beth-El, Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman will speak on "Inter-marriage: 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.

South Area JCC

Meet The Artists Of Our Heritage

The South Area Jewish Community Center announces a three session introduction to selected topics in Jewish art on Mondays, March 7, and March 21 at 7:30 p.m., 1044 Central Street, Stoughton, MA.

On March 7 we will take a look at the American Jewish Scene through the artists eyes. We will explore how the unique opportunities in America laid the fertile ground for Jewish expression in the plastic arts.

On March 21 we will look at creations from Israel beginning with the earliest works of the Bezalel school and continuing to contemporary Israeli artists.

Adults of all ages are invited to take part in any or all three sessions. Each session will be led by Marion Gribetz, SAJCC's new Director, Cultural Arts, who has lectured and studied Jewish art for many years at The Jewish Museum in New York, The Israel Museum in Jerusalem, and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The sessions are free to members of the SAJCC; general admission is \$5 per session.

For registration, please call Marion Gribetz at the SAJCC, 341-2016 or 821-0030.

Positively Purim

The South Area Jewish Community Center is joyously presenting an evening of adult festivities to celebrate the holiday of Purim on March 6, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 100 Ames Street, Sharon.

Join us for an evening of Purim entertainment. Dr. Joseph Lowin, formerly the National Education Director for Hadassah and currently Director of the Midrashan Institute of Jewish Studies in Metro West, New Jersey, will present "King David, Verteicht and Verbessert," Joseph Heller and the Jewish Artist." The presentation promises to offer us a humorous new insight to Purim traditions.

The R-yay duo will provide Klezmer music for listening, foot tapping, and dancing.

Light refreshments by Green Manor.

The evening is free for members of the SAJCC and \$5 per person for general admission.

Advance reservations are requested. Please call Marion Gribetz or Lisa Cohen at 341-2016 or 821-0030.

Pre-kindergarten

Is your child chronologically

ready for Kindergarten, but you would like to give him/her another year to grow?

A Transitional Kindergarten Class will be offered next year (1988-1989) at the new Striar Jewish Community Center in Stoughton. This educational program will provide your child with concrete learning experiences and the opportunity to develop at his/her own pace and develop his/her timetable.

The curriculum will stress visual discrimination skills, eye-hand coordination, and the introduction to shapes and the recognition of letters.

This class will meet for five afternoons a week. For more information, please call Carole Neitlich at 341-2016.

Will your toddler be at least 18 months in September? The Striar Jewish Community Center, Canton Preschool, 1 Blue Hill River Road, Canton will be offering a Toddler-Parent Cooperative for next fall. This program is for children ages 18 months to 2 years, 9 months. The class will meet on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. We also have an afternoon P.A.L. (Play and Learn) program for children who are 2 years, 3 months to 3 years of age. This is a two or three day a week program, which is held in the afternoon from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Activities are designed to provide social, physical, and cognitive experience for the toddler. Programs include music, language arts, fine and gross motor activities and a variety of creative art experiences.

If you have any questions of either of these programs, please call Elaine Paisner at the Canton Preschool at 828-3507 or Carole Neitlich at 341-2016.

The new Striar Jewish Community Center, Canton Preschool has openings for the fall in our afternoon Kindergarten class. The class provides a small-group setting in which children can learn through a rich combination of materials, activities and teacher skills. Emphasis is placed on social concepts, science and math, expressive and receptive language skills and physical development. A Thursday morning enrichment class will supplement the curriculum with field trips, creative arts activities and special projects.

For more information, please call Elaine Paisner at the Canton Preschool, 1 Blue Hill River Road, Canton at 828-3507 or call Carole Neitlich at 341-2016.

The South Area Jewish Community Center Young Singles Group will have "A Movie Night" on Tuesday, March 1, 7:30-10:00 p.m. at the Center. The movie will be "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World." Purim refreshments will be served. Admission will be \$3 for members and \$4.50 for nonmembers.

For further information, please call the Center at 341-2016 or 821-0030.

Benefit For Guatemala

The Guatemala Committee of Rhode Island in conjunction with the U.R.I. Students for Social Change, will present a benefit concert/cultural event on March 31 in the U.R.I. Memorial Union Ballroom, from 1-11:30 p.m. This will be a multi-media event with films, latin American music, folk, rock, reggae, dance troop, ethnic food, photo/textile exhibit, and more. Proceeds from event will benefit the Guatemala Health Rights Support Project.

For more information: Jim Rocha/JR Production at 884-5203 or Carol at 467-7314.

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Touro Synagogue

Touro To Dedicate Torah Breast Plate

A special Dedication Program will be one of the features of the forthcoming Late Friday Evening Service-Oneg Shabbat at the Touro Synagogue, announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the spiritual leader of the congregation. This program will be held in the Main Sanctuary at 85 Touro St. in Newport, on Friday evening, March 4, 1988 at 8 p.m. At that time, a beautiful Torah Breast Plate will be presented to the congregation in memory of the late Mrs. Malvina Katz. Mrs. Katz was the wife of Rabbi Ely Katz, who served the congregation for 50 years as the Cantor, Sexton, and Teacher — and Mrs. Katz was his devoted helpmate during this period. Special greeting messages from Rabbi Katz, who resides in Israel now, his son, who is also in Israel, and his daughter, who lives in Houston, Texas, will be read at this time. With the addition of this Breastplate, which depicts the twelve tribes of Israel, the adornment of the entire set of Torah scrolls in the synagogue, will be complete.

As part of the monthly service, Rabbi Shapiro will conduct the services and deliver a sermon, entitled, "The Jewish Trinity." All the members of the greater Newport Jewish community are invited to participate in this program. Since there are extensive explanations and English readings, everyone should be comfortable and be able to derive educational as well as inspirational benefits from the service. A free collation will be served in the Jewish Community Center Social Hall, adjacent to the synagogue, after the services. This collation will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Slom in honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

In addition to Rabbi Shapiro, the following officers of the Synagogue will take part in the Dedication Program: Bernard Kusnitz, President; Dr. Aziel Harari, Seymour Schechter, and Mrs. Rita Slom, Vice Presidents; and Samuel Friedman, Honorary President.

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

JCC News

Children's Department To Perform Original Production

The third annual children's theatre production, "Bible Tales '80s Style," will be held in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, on Saturday evening, February 27 at 7 p.m. for children in grades K through 6.

The original musical, written and directed by Roxanne Tulenfeld and Lisa Waldman, stars children from the JCCRI as actors, set designers and stage hands. Tickets are \$2.50 per person and are available in advance at the reception desk or at the door the day of the performance.

For information call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

Community Festivities For Purim

Day long festivities for all ages to celebrate Purim will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove

Avenue in Providence on Sunday, March 6.

The community Purim celebration with the traditional costume contest, games and hamentaschen will be held in the Social Hall room 1 to 3 p.m. Danny Kertzner will entertain with a Purim spiel and stories; songs will be led by Laura Berkson. The cost is \$1.50 per person; \$7.50 maximum per family.

A Children's Swim Exhibition will kickoff the annual Swimathon from 10 to 11 a.m. Family and friends are invited for a \$2 spectator fee to be added to the Swimathon total. Following the exhibition will be a family swim from 11 a.m. to noon.

For those who would like to stay for lunch, a hot dog lunch will be on sale for \$1.50 in the Main Lobby.

Art lovers can attend the opening reception of Peter London's "Jerusalem Impressions" in Gallery 401 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Members may also register for spring courses from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Main Lobby.

For information on any of the festivities, call the JCCRI at 861-8800.

Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest

The Children's Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island announces The Third Annual Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest for children in grades 4-6. In celebration of Israel's 40th birthday, the theme of the contest is Rhode Islanders who have helped Israel become established as a state.

All entries are due by Sunday, March 13, 1988. Submit to: Children's Department, Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, R.I. 02906. The winner will receive a United States Savings Bond and a tree planted in their name in Israel. Award will be made at the Kidspace Farewell Dinner. For information, call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

Stress Management At Providence Center

The Providence Center is sponsoring a "Stress Management Lecture Series" during the month of March. Under the direction of two of the Center's clinical therapists, the series will focus on working adults who are faced with the daily struggle of mixing: work, child rearing and personal problems.

The lectures will be held on three successive Thursday evenings: March 3, 10, and 17 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. All workshops will be held at The Providence Center's new Administrative Offices on 32 Branch Ave. (at the intersection of North Main Street).

The March 3 program is entitled, "Test Your Stress Level"; the March 10 program is entitled "Techniques for Stress Management & Relaxation"; and the March 17 lecture is entitled "Managing Stress at Work."

A pre-registration fee of \$35 is requested by Monday, February 29. For more information, call the Center's Public Relations Office at 274-2500.

Symposium On Israel At 40

A six-week Symposium Series, Israel at 40: Policy and Politics in Perspective, will hold its final sessions on March 1 and March 8 at Temple Emanu-El. It is not too late to attend the series, which offers a candid and lively look at problems and directions in various aspects of Israeli Society.

The Symposium, sponsored by the Institute of Jewish Studies, meets on Tuesday nights at 8:30 p.m. The programs for the final weeks are as follows:

On March 1, Mr. Robert Riesman will speak on the topic Strategic Alliance: The United States and Israel as partners in Middle-East Diplomacy. Mr. Riesman is an officer of American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), and past president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. He will discuss the history of the relationship between the two countries, and mutual benefits that continue to be reaped by it.

On March 8, Mr. David Mersky, president of AMPAL Securities Corporation, will speak on the topic, From Oranges to Electronics: The Implications of Moving from an Agricultural to a Technology-Based Economy.

AMPAL-American Israel Corporation provides long-term capital to business enterprises in Israel, enabling Israel to grow towards economic independence. It has financed and invested in manufacturing, gas and oil distribution, real estate and agriculture, as well as fostering the advancement of high technology and science-based research and development projects. AMPAL's story is that of Israel's birth and growth, from an agricultural to a technology-based economy.

The Symposium Series, and all Institute of Jewish Studies courses, are open to the public.

Hospice Volunteer Program

Interviews are now being conducted for persons who are interested in becoming volunteers at Hospice Care of Rhode Island, a home health agency dedicated to providing a program of care for terminally ill patients and their families. The training program will begin on Monday, April 4, 1988, and continue on consecutive Mondays and Thursdays, through April 25 at Hospice Care Offices in the Potter Building, Butler Hospital, 345 Blackstone Blvd., Providence.

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

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

For an appointment and preliminary interview call 272-4900.

Gourse Family Fund For Travel And Study In Israel

Established by the Gourse Family, the Fund provides financial assistance to High School (15 years or older) or undergraduate students who have a family member residing in the Greater Fall River area, and to undergraduate students active in the Hillel Chapter at Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R.I.

The study program in Israel must be structured.

Only one or two awards will be granted. Decision of the Selection Committee will be final.

Written applications should be sent to Louis Sevin, Coordinator, 56 North Main Street, Room 327, Fall River, MA 02720 by March 15, 1988. Applications must describe course of study or program to be pursued in Israel.

Diabetes Support Groups

Enjoy the opportunity to meet with others who have diabetes to share successes and failures, get new ideas for coping with the disease. Some groups have been in existence for a while and some are brand new. Newcomers are always welcome! Do yourself a favor — JOIN US!

1st Monday of each month - Roger Williams General Hospital from 7 to 9 p.m. Conference Room W1.

1st Tuesday of each month - Woonsocket Hospital from 7 to 9 p.m.

1st Saturday of each month - Cranston Public Library, Sockanosset Crossroads from 10 a.m. to noon.

2nd Saturday of each month -

Westerly Hospital from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

3rd Wednesday of each month - begins March 16 - North Providence Public Library, 1810 Mineral Spring Avenue from 7 to 8:45 p.m.

3rd Saturday of each month - South County Hospital, 10 a.m. to noon.

4th Tuesday of each month - begins March 22 - Barrington Congregational Church, 461 County Road, Barrington from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Nancy at the A.D.A. Office: 331-0099. (After March 15, 738-5570).

NCCJ: Tenth Annual Human Relations Youth Conference

10th Annual Human Relations Youth Conference is being held Sunday, February 28, 1988, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island-Warwick Campus sponsored by The National Conference of Christians and Jews in cooperation with Community College of Rhode Island. The theme is students confronting today's concerns and pressures.

The 10th Annual Youth Conference will bring together students in grades 10 to 12 to discuss important and timely issues as teen suicide, depression, pregnancy and substance abuse.

A panel of teens will make presentations as "Survivors of External Pressures" followed by a panel of human services professionals presenting the many causes and effects of these issues which are causing today's teens so much concern and pressure.

Come to Browns Catskills for Passover

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From The Editor

by Robert Holtzman

Press Bashing And Sloganism

There's been a lot of "press bashing" going on lately, with my-country-right-or-wrong supporters of Israel berating the media for its biased outlook and unfair treatment of the Palestinian riots. Ironic, isn't it, that these contrary opinions appear in the very newspapers accused of being biased and one-sided?

The press is being criticized for dwelling on the worst of the situation in

the occupied territories, for only showing the rioting, for siding with the protestors. Well of course. There is news only where there is conflict—the more action, the better, as far as the media is concerned. This may not make for the most rational and balanced journalism, but it's the way of the world. News consists of change, not the status quo. No one is interested in reading

Jewish Press Seeks Balance In Middle East Coverage

by Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK (JTA) — Context, balance and history are the words used by editors of North American Jewish newspapers to describe their coverage of the Palestinian unrest in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

They said in interviews that they can be supportive of Israel while remaining true to journalistic standards of objectivity and fairness.

Their general approach is not to apologize for Israel or deny the severity of incidents, but to provide the context that they say is too often missing from the general media's Middle East reporting.

"We're trying to do whatever we can to give the Israelis' point of view," said Gary Rosenblatt, editor of the privately-owned *Baltimore Jewish Times* and *Jewish News of Detroit*. "We always walk a thin line between being an advocate and being a cheerleader, of being in support of Israel without losing our credibility. It's something we're always going to struggle to do."

Rosenblatt pointed to his editorial critical of the Israeli policy of beating suspected Palestinian rioters. But even as the editorial described the policy as "inhumane and indefensible," it took pains to describe the regional conflict, including the "callous and calculated disregard by the Arab states," that led to the Palestinian problem.

Marc Klein, editor and publisher of the *Northern California Jewish Bulletin* in San Francisco, had a similar answer. "As editor of a Jewish paper, my tone has to be different (than the mainstream press). We need to present a situation in its total context, its historical context, its emotional context," he said.

Klein added, however, that "Our responsibility is not to color stories, but put them in the best possible light. The news stories are all there for people to see. We're not hiding any facts."

More Of An Advocate

The *Canadian Jewish News* of Toronto seems to take a stronger advocacy role. "Ninety-five percent of my coverage has been in the interest of Israel," said editor Maurice Lucow. "Five percent has been description of the rioting" provided by news services, including the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Updates on the rioting are relegated to the inside pages, he said, while his front-page stories have focused on the American government's role in reactivating the peace process or Israeli President Chaim Herzog's rebuttle to American Jewish leaders critical of the beatings policy.

Like many editors, Lucow is critical of the general media's coverage of Israel since the riots began last December 9. General newspaper and television coverage of the crisis has not only been overlapped in comparison to other strife, editors say, but in failing to treat the story as a dispute of at least 40 years has demonized the Israeli military.

Most Jewish weeklies have published editorials or news stories pointing out that the media work under few restrictions in Israel, and are able to obtain — and eagerly broadcast — dramatic footage of stone-throwing youths.

But according to Cynthia Dettelbach, editor of the *Cleveland Jewish News*, "I don't think it is our role simply to be the antidote to what the 'other side' is saying. . . . The media have been biased, but that is not carte blanche to say that Israel is always right. These issues are not black and white. There are gray areas. And it's not my job to whitewash the gray areas."

Yet some critics believe that Jewish newspapers, whose editors often answer directly to the local Jewish federation or a board of directors that overlaps with local fund-raising leadership, have no choice but to "whitewash" their coverage of Israeli and other Jewish news.

Probably the most outspoken critic has been Jerome Lippman, editor and publisher of the *Long Island Jewish World* and past-president of the American Jewish Press Association.

"A majority of Jewish newspapers are house organs (of the federations), and as a result it is a shock to most Jews to read (mainstream) dailies and find news that is not positive about the State of Israel or Judaism," he said.

According to Robert Cohn, editor of the *St. Louis Jewish Light* and current president of AJPA, half of North America's Jewish newspapers have affiliations with federations or other organizations. (The Cleveland, San Francisco and Toronto newspapers also accept local federation subsidies.) To debate whether such affiliation is best for Jewish journalism is "counterproductive," he said.

Cohn, whose own paper is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and has an autonomous board of directors, said the debate has shifted to how federations get involved in editorial policy — especially in smaller communities where, according to Cohn, "editors feel weak editorially."

Range Of Approach, Quality

Federation-run newspapers range from 12-page bulletins with limited national and international coverage to more comprehensive weeklies of 100 pages and more.

One of the latter is the *Jewish Exponent*, published by the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia. Its managing editor, Al Erlick, said his editorial pages represent the spectrum of Jewish opinion.

"Is there federation input? Certainly," said Erlick. "Just like there's input from any publisher. Is an editor ever a free agent? No, he's not." But, said Erlick, "I've never been told to print anything but the truth."

Robert Forman, federation executive vice president and publisher's representative of the *Exponent*, said he sees the *Exponent* as "a vehicle to help build the Jewish community."

According to Forman, the federation meets on a regular basis with the newspaper's editorial staff. And it does set limits on what can be printed in the paper.

Recently, the federation declined to sell advertising space in the *Exponent* for a petition signed by 240 Philadelphians critical of Israel's occupation of the territories.

According to Forman, the board does not approve any ad that "blatantly misrepresents" Israel or any other issue. However, a revised version was allowed to be published.

Yet, independent ownership is no more an indication of editorial quality or diversity of opinion than is federation sponsorship, most of the editors said. As Dettelbach of the *Cleveland Jewish News* put it, the papers publish "what I feel in my conscience is the right way to go."

about the cars that weren't involved in accidents.

Those people berating the press for showing the violence in Israel were strangely silent during the popular uprisings in the Philippines and Haiti. We did not read angry letters to the editor, accusing the press of distorting the facts and urging a fair (read "positive") view of the Marcos or the Duvalier regimes.

The popular press in the U.S. almost invariably sides with the "popular" movements against the ruling authority. Israel deserves no special treatment from the press. We recognize that Israel's security is threatened. We recognize that Israel is surrounded by enemies. We support Israel's right to exist and to defend itself.

But Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the occupied territories is oppressive. We needn't weigh the pros and cons of the government's policies—we need only listen to the Palestinians. They say they are oppressed. We can take their word for it. Has one ever heard of someone claiming to be oppressed when he was in fact free? Can one imagine a popular movement bringing hundreds into the streets in rage over fair treatment? Would anyone face off rocks against rifles to protest good will?

We read letters from American supporters of Israel's policies, criticizing other American Jews who condemn those policies. The supporters frequently take the tack that only they are adequately informed about the realities of the situation and that those who condemn should be silent, so as to present a united front. These apologists for Israel may be hurting their own cause in the long run.

Most of the world, not all of it anti-Semitic, has lined up to censure these policies that, under any regime, would be termed oppressive. If American Jews maintain Israel's special perquisites to hold martial law over a population that has no rights as citizens, then American Jews will lose credibility in the press and among the population at large. Ferdinand Marcos was indeed pressed by Communist insurgents, but when he reimposed martial law in an attempt to quash the People's Power movement, that justification rang hollow. World opinion sees national security as no justification for such denial of human rights.

American Jews should not shrink from criticizing Israel. It does not make one any less loyal, just as criticizing Reagan, or Congress, or the Constitution does not diminish our loyalty or reputation as Americans. Although rarely practised by politicians, self-criticism and the admission of error generally earns points with world opinion.

I find myself reading two phrases a lot lately: "mobs with stones can kill," and

"what would you say to the mother of an Israeli boy killed by a rioting Arab?" I find fatuous both of these responses to the question of Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

Why are there mobs with stones? Are they simply a bunch of boorish Gentiles who don't know how to act like *mensch*? Are they *bad people* with nothing but hate and murder in their souls? Is it their primary aim to kill Jewish soldiers?

I don't believe so. People do not man the barricades on childish whims. People willing to die for their cause—allowing themselves to be shot at in exchange for worldwide television coverage—are probably motivated by a deeply-felt need.

Nationalism is too frequently a destructive force, but it appears to be a requisite of the human condition. People who perceive themselves as a group distinct from those around them seem to inevitably conceive the idea of breaking away so that they may control their own destiny. Almost every violent revolution that comes to mind conjures images of the popular will striving against unfair masters: the American Revolution, the French Revolution, Haiti, the Philippines, Israel, Russia, Iran. This is not to say that the results are always positive. They are too frequently bad—but the motivation of the people in all of the above examples seems just. The French nobility, Duvalier, Marcos, the Czars, the Shah—villians all. In some of these cases, the solution was worse than the problem. That does not minimize the problem. What it indicates is that, while the people may be wrong in what they think they want, they're usually right about what they don't want.

Nationalism and self-determination are powerful factors that cannot be denied. They can be forestalled—witness South Africa. But do we not believe that the blacks in South Africa will ultimately throw out their white masters? It's a matter of time and, sadly, violence. Yes, mobs with stones can kill, but the intent is not murder, it is liberation.

What would I say to the mother of the Israeli soldier killed by stones? Probably the same thing I would say to the mother of a Palestinian boy killed by bullets. I'm so sorry for you. You have my sincere condolences. It's a shame when young men are killed fighting for things they believe in.

For they do believe, they sincerely yearn for a homeland, just as strongly and as passionately as any Jew ever yearned. As long as Israel denies this reality, so long will violence persist.



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Holtzman:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for your recent series of articles on our synagogue. I appreciate your efforts to publicize our community and its achievements. I don't necessarily agree with the emphasis of the articles—which seem to focus on the negative events of the past, rather than the glorious history and the significant recent achievements. However, I do believe in the freedom of the press and your right to take a certain angle, or position, in your approach. In this context, I would like to correct some important omissions and misquotes from our recent informal interview, which have been brought to my attention. I hope that you will be able to print these clarifications.

Keeping in mind that our present community is a comparatively small one in numbers, and diverse in their backgrounds and personal religious observances, I believe there are many positive elements that you have either overlooked or discounted. As in many small communities, the people are conservative (small "c") in their attitudes, and it takes patience and fortitude to institute dramatic changes. In spite of this, I believe that our community has made definite progress—much of which I can see in just the short time that I have been here. Despite the passing of the "old guard," we have been able to maintain our Sabbath and holi-

day services and provide special *yahrzeit* "minyanim." This has been possible because of the efforts of a small core of concerned worshippers who have renewed their commitment to their religious heritage and to Touro in particular.

Likewise, we have instituted several important basic improvements in our synagogue and communal programs:

- We have erected an *erev* which permits observant Jews to carry on the Sabbath in the immediate synagogue compound area. We hope to expand this *erev* to other areas of the community.
- We have sponsored a Wednesday evening "Torah Night" adult education program which, although admittedly attracting a relatively small regular attendance thus far, has developed a devoted nucleus of students. These people have shown great interest and dedication, often overcoming severe weather problems, and I believe they have achieved growth and a deeper understanding of our heritage—and have made up in quality for any lack of quantity!
- Also, we have conducted several successful Late Friday Evening Oneg Shabbat programs and monthly Sunday Morning Communal Breakfasts—with a comparatively large group of participants.

On another matter, I expressed to you my disappointment, and at

times frustration, at not being able to attract many new families to our community. As you noted, I believe, this is the key to future growth and survival. I pointed out that one of the main obstacles to the attraction of new families, especially young Orthodox ones, is the lack of basic religious facilities for these people. I mentioned that *Newport* doesn't have a *mikvah* (ritualarium) anymore, and that there is no Kosher butcher or baker on Aquidneck Island. In fact, based on my personal observation and information supplied to me by rabbinical colleagues, I voiced the belief that there are no *shomrei shabbat* butchers in Rhode Island. Since this has always been a basic criteria of religious reliability, especially in dealing with Kosher meat, observant Jews in this area are forced to purchase their meat requirements from New York, Boston, or other areas out of this state. This creates numerous logistical difficulties.

Looking forward to your continued cooperation, I remain sincerely,

Rabbi Chaim Shapiro
Touro Synagogue
Newport

To The Editor:

I am concerned, perhaps even afraid of the present state of morals and values within American Society. Everyday, I see values and morals being sacrificed

as more people employ immoral, unethical, and even illegal means to achieve their ends.

Specifically, I would like to discuss the recent actions of Gary Hart and his subsequent re-entrance into the Presidential race. My point here is not to belabor over Gary Hart's well publicized actions, but rather to show how these actions have been indicative of the prevailing trend towards the devaluation of morals and ethical standards. First of all, I would like to praise the media for uncovering Hart's contemptible adventures and condemn those who believe the media was unmerciful and unmindful of this senator's rights. To the latter, I would like to remind them that the media remains the primary instrument of democracy, where the populace is informed and can make informed decisions.

Gary Hart's actions were indeed immoral, unethical, and punitive towards his wife, family, and supporters. What's worse is Gary Hart's subsequent re-entrance into the race and the support he has received, despite his actions. Hart was running for the highest governmental position in the free world. I believe the President is expected to embody and represent the highest values, morals, and ethics of American Society. Are these the morals, values, and ethics we want our President to

represent?

More importantly, I am concerned over the support Hart has received after his re-entrance. This frightens me. Despite Hart's "mistake" and "bad judgement," many Americans are still willing to support him. To think that Hart made a "mistake" and used "bad judgement" over a simple issue like suppressing his sexual desires. Hart betrayed his wife and family. If he could not suppress his sexual desires and he has the capacity to betray his wife and family, how would he handle the decisions of President. Would he fulfill his interests first and the interests of our country second? I don't really know, but it disturbs me terribly that many Americans would like to find out.

Gary Hart's actions and more important, the American people's response to his actions, are indicative of a prevailing trend towards the devaluation of morals and values in our society. Is America lenient with Hart because so many Americans practice adultery, do people simply not care, or are Americans just plain ignorant of the facts? Why are so many Americans unconcerned with values? I can only hope that there are enough people out there who think as I do, so that values and morals will be preserved.

Sam Shaulson
Cranston, R.I.

No Way To Do Business

by Jacob Neusner

Just now I received a letter from a rabbi who told me a story that I think worth public attention. I omit all information that would identify the parties to this awful tale.

"The head of a Jewish school for educating rabbis asked a pulpit rabbi to use his good offices to help raise funds in his synagogue for that school.

"Having told the head of the school that he is not happy with the school's ideological and academic policy, the rabbi in question declined to help.

"The head of the school thereupon informed the rabbi that 'since he has no place else to go, he had better fall in line.'

"The mild mannered rabbi felt threatened and stated, 'The conversation is over if you intend to make threats. My concerns in Judasim are better represented by another organization than yours.'

"The head of the school thereupon wrote letters to all the members of the rabbis' executive board and invited them to dinner to discuss the future of the rabbi in question as rabbi of that congregation."

For the uninitiated, what this means is that the head of the school is trying to retaliate against the uncooperative rabbi by using the standing and prestige of his school as a means for depriving the rabbi of his livelihood, his position as leader of his congregation, and his standing and authority in his own community.

If a pulpit rabbi were to have entered into negotiations of any kind with the board of another rabbi's synagogue, that person would be expelled from the rabbinical association to which both rabbis belonged.

What I find troubling is not that the head of the school in question so pointlessly troubles Israel's peace, but that that person, leading a religious movement, regarded as appropriate and constructive, representative of his school's standards and values, engages in the sort of vindictive and mean-spirited policy just now carried out. Is this the way we want our rabbinical schools do to their business?

Is this the way we want any Jewish organizations or institutions to do their business?

I wonder — what is worth the behind-the-scenes backstabbing of a pulpit rabbi by outsiders to his community? What can be gained for the Jewish world by maligning and undermining a rabbi who, for good and sufficient reasons, takes the view that he wishes to help support one school rather than another?

Just now, writing in SHMA, Dr. Michael Berenbaum points out how several Jewish organizations have lost their executive leadership. American Jewish Committee fired Dr. David Gordis after a remarkably brief span. The Bardin Institute in California lost the services of Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, an incandescent spirit and grand spiritual figure in contemporary Jewish life. The inestimable Dr. Ira Silverman, head of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College for several good years, was dropped as head of the Ninety-Second Street YMHA in NYC, the premier institution of Jewish culture in the USA, after all of three years. The dismissal of the head of B'nai B'rith International is another public scandal as yet not fully explained.

Clearly, something is awry in Jewry.

Berenbaum raises the question of whether the lay leadership of American Jewry wants executive leadership at all. Whether or not his criticism of the American Jewish Committee is valid is not an issue here; the defense of the Committee by its lay president seemed to me entirely persuasive. And I do not pretend to know the ins and outs of the Bardin Institute or the 92nd St. Y, though, in that case, I was in process of collecting a dossier to secure for the Y a major national award for outstanding patronage in the arts, so I know how much good work has been done in Dr. Silverman's time there. Why the eminent head of B'nai B'rith International, after much good service, was let go I do not pretend to know.

But all of these people were highly qualified and widely respected; they were the executive and responsible leaders of the organizations, and in at least some of the instances (the California case having been aired in the press) we know that it was interference in the everyday conduct of affairs by members of the board of directors that led to resignations or dismissals.

So the real issue before us is the

definition of what we owe to *mareh d'atra*, the person who bears principal responsibility for a given institution, a given locale.

I think of the Council of Jewish Federations as the premier Jewish agency in terms of its professional leadership. Anyone who knows Carmi Schwartz knows why. Can anyone imagine a lay leader of the Council of Jewish Federation telling Carmi Schwartz how to do his job? Not very likely. The respect for professionalism and professional, executive leadership characteristic of the CJF trickles down to most Federations, which is why, in the range of Jewish organizations, the Jewish Federations in most communities are the best run organizations or institutions of those communities. The Council of Jewish Federations lay leadership knows its responsibilities to *mareh d'atra*. That is a tribute to that lay leadership.

By contrast, the synagogues are not in the major league of excellence and professionalism within Jewry, and the fault is not with the rabbis but with the lay leadership and its attitude toward itself and "its" rabbi. The rabbi is not accorded the authority and standing that people give to their dentists, lawyers, and doctors. People may sue their dentists for malpractice but do not tell them how to drill their teeth, but they do tell rabbis how to do their jobs in ways in which they have no call to instruct them.

If the Jewish community is to have the services of first-rate rabbis, it must accord to them not only respect for their position and learning, but also opportunity to lead. And that means the rabbi must enjoy respect also for what she or he proposes to accomplish. Standards should be high; people should listen to what the rabbi says and think critically about it. But at the same time, the notion that the rabbi is merely a hired hand is intolerable. The conception that the board of directors tells the rabbi what she is to do, dictates to the rabbi what he is to spend his time on, is corrupt and intolerable. Good people will not go into careers in which their professionalism is ignored.

If this dreadful incident involving the undermining of a rabbi's authority and relationship with his own board should be repeated, I shall see to it that the public knows the name of the school and persons involved. Then let public opinion take over.



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Social Events

Goldenbergs Announce Second Son

Anne and Tsvi Goldenberg of Irvine, Calif., are pleased to announce the birth of their second child and second son, David Edward. David was born on December 19, 1987, in Newport Beach, Calif.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. Albert Glucksman of Warwick, R.I. and the late Carol Glucksman. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Zanel Goldenberg of Qiryat Shemona, Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Homonoff Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Homonoff of Providence are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, David Alexander, born January 17, 1988. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kall of Hauppauge, New York. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Homonoff of Providence. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rothenberg of Amityville, New York. Maternal great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Bertha Abel of Amityville, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sternbach Announce Birth

Donna and Larry Sternbach of Aberdeen, New Jersey are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Adam Hale. Adam is their third child. He was born on January 9, 1988.

Adam's sisters are Rebecca Michelle, 5, and Perri Melissa, 3. Maternal grandparents are Lynn and Irving Silverman of Cranston, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Roz and Seymour Stennbach of Springfield, N.J.

Adam's great-grandfather is Max Blausenstein of Lebanon, N.J.

Rabbi and Mrs. Arnold Antokol Announce Birth

Rabbi and Mrs. Arnold Antokol of Brooklyn, New York announce the birth of their second child, a daughter.

She was born on February 1, 1988 and was named Golda Leah. Golda has an older sister, Malka (one year old).

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

Sandra Jeanne Wilkinson To Wed Barry M. Gertz

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wilkinson of Homosassa, Florida, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Jeanne Wilkinson of Providence to Barry M. Gertz of East Greenwich. Mr. Gertz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Junius Gertz of Cranston.

Miss Wilkinson is a graduate of Warwick Veteran's Memorial High School and the University of Rhode Island. Mr. Gertz is a graduate of Classical High School and the University of Rhode Island.

The ceremony is planned for Sunday, July 31, 1988.

Ezra Zuckerman Finalist For Nat'l. Merit Scholarship

Ezra Zuckerman, the son of Alan and Roberta Zuckerman of Providence and a senior at New England Academy of Torah has been named a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Seven of the school's seniors have participated in the Rhode Island Distinguished Merit Program, which recognizes the superior achievement of high school seniors in the state. They are Joshua Beiser, Yair Holtzman,

Ellen Beth Resnick To Wed Eric James Peterman

Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Resnick of Brookline, Massachusetts announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Beth, to Eric James Peterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira H. Peterman of Stamford, Connecticut and grandson of Mrs. E. Lottie Cohen and the late Dr. William B. Cohen of Providence, Rhode Island.

Ms. Resnick received her bachelor's degree magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1986 and a master's degree in Middle East Studies from Harvard in 1987. She is currently a first year student at Columbia Law School. Her father is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and an attending physician at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Mr. Peterman, a summa cum laude graduate of Harvard University in 1983, is in his third year at Harvard Law School where he is an Editor of the Harvard Law Review. This fall he will join Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz in New York as an associate. His father is Vice-President of Administration for the Melville Corporation. His mother is the Administrator for Federal and State Programs in the Stamford, Connecticut Public Schools.

and Ezra Zuckerman, all of Providence; and Shayna Greenstone of Bridgeport, CT; Stacey Wilson of Springfield, MA; and Diane Jacobs and Yehudit Vegh, both of Charleston, SC.

The school's two chapters of the National Honor Society have nominated Diane Jacobs, Yehudit Vegh, Joshua Beiser, and Ezra Zuckerman for National Honor Society scholarships.

Barrington Public Library

Family Library Concerts

The Charleston String Quartet, Quartet-in-Residence at Brown University and the Rhode Island Philharmonic, will be presenting a family library concert at the Barrington Public Library on March 1, 1988, at 7 p.m. During the concert the quartet will introduce the instruments of the string quartet, and will play many selections which will better familiarize the audience with the workings of a chamber ensemble, and the great variety of music written for this combination of instruments. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to be introduced to classical chamber music in a familiar setting. The concert is being sponsored by grants from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and Chamber Music America Ensemble Residency Grant in cooperation with the Department of State Library Services. There is no admission fee and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information contact: Diane Pacheco, librarian, Barrington Public Library, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806, (401) 247-1920.

BookLook Registration

Registration begins March 3 for two new sessions of BookLook, Barrington Public Library's storytime for two year olds. Meeting for eight weeks on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m., BookLook uses short books, finger games, songs and filmstrips to introduce young children to literature. Each group is limited to 12 two year olds each of whom must be accompanied by an adult. To be eligible for this session a child must have a birthdate earlier than March 8, 1986. Children who have participated in previous BookLook groups may sign up on a waiting list and will be included if space is available. Registration may be done in person or by calling the library at 247-1920.

New Board Member Welcomed

At its February meeting, the Barrington Public Library's Trustees welcomed Elliot Krieger to its 7-member Board.

Elected to serve as officers for the coming year were Lawrence Taft, Chair; Agnes Johnson, Vice-Chair; Henry Swan, Secretary.

Ruth Corkill, Library Director, reported on exceptionally high usage in January, with Circulation reaching a new plateau of 25,121 (up 22% from the previous January), and attendance at Youth programs up 174%.

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting Wednesday, March 9 at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David.

Bea Feldman will read a book revue *Call It Sleep* by Henry Roth. Refreshments will be served.

March 24 plans have been made to go to Wright's Farm in Harrisville, R.I. Reservations and payments should be made at this meeting.

Members were saddened by the death of Sam Tarsky second past President.

Hope High 50th Reunion

Hope High School class of June 1938 is holding its 50th year reunion on Saturday, September 17, 1988 at Metacomet Country Club, East Providence, R.I.

If you have not been contacted and would like to attend please contact Hinda Pritsker Semonoff at 722-6312 or Lillian Shushansky Lewis at 738-6656.

Jewish Home For The Aged

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will hold a board meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 1988, in the Martin M. Chase Auditorium at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

The luncheon at 12:30 p.m. will be followed by the meeting at 1:15 p.m. presided over by Charlotte R. Goldberg, president.

Chamber Music Concert

The Rhode Island Chamber Music Concerts will present The Franciscan String Quartet on Tuesday, March 8, 1988 at 8 p.m. in Alumnae Hall, Brown University. The group will play selections from Mozart, Shostakovich and Brahms.

Tickets are available by writing to Box 1903, Brown University or calling 863-2416, and at the Box Office, Alumnae Hall on the evening of the concert.

INVESTMENT INCOME

Generally, the new tax law requires children and other dependents to file tax returns for 1987 if: • they have any investment income, such as interest on savings, and • this investment income plus any wages is more than \$500. Publication 922 contains detailed information. To get one, call the IRS Forms number in your local telephone directory.



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Jewish Family Service Programs

The years of giving, — as a parent, as a spouse, as an adult child of aging parents, as a productive member of the work force, as a caring member of the community — have been identified by Jewish Family Service as the "forget-ME-not" years. During this time, the "me" is often put on hold and neglected.

In a Family Life Education series designed to recharge emotional batteries and explore the consideration of the self, Jewish Family Service is offering a series of workshops covering a broad range of life cycle passages.

• **"MOTHERS AND ADULT DAUGHTERS: A SPECIAL BOND"** is a forum for mothers and their adult daughters to explore the uniqueness of their adult relationship. Participants may come together or alone and

may be living nearby or at a distance. The four-session workshop begins Wednesday, March 2 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; the fee is \$25 per person.

• **"SINGLE AGAIN: SURVIVING MARITAL SEPARATION"** explores the confusion, anger and loneliness of the newly separated or divorced. The four-session workshop begins Wednesday, March 2 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; the fee is \$25.

• **"WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE GROWS OLD"** will hold both daytime and evening workshops. The physical and psychological changes, losses, relationships as well as support systems and community resources will be discussed. The four-session workshop will be held: (daytime) beginning Monday, March 21 from 10:30 a.m. to noon; (evening) beginning Tuesday, March 22 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$25 per person.

• **"LETTING GO: SENDING A CHILD TO COLLEGE"** will deal with the adjustment to the suddenly empty nest and the loss of control a parent often experiences. Specific situations such as exposure to alcohol and drugs, sexual freedom and AIDS will be covered. The two-session workshop begins Tuesday, April 5 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; the fee is \$15 per person.

• **"FOR WORKING WOMEN"** will look at the attitudes of spouse, family and society toward the working woman as well as her own feelings. The workshop is for both those balancing a career and those planning to enter the working world. The three-session workshop will begin Monday, April 11 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; the fee is \$20 per person.

• **"ONE MARRIAGE/TWO RELIGIONS"** is a workshop for couples of interfaith backgrounds. Raising children, celebrating

holidays, belonging to a community will be discussed. The three sessions will begin Monday, April 25 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.; the fee is \$30 per couple.

In each of the series a member of the professional staff at Jewish Family Service will help the participants to identify the issues, share common life experiences and offer realistic expectations and goals.

All workshops are held at the Jewish Family Service offices, 229 Waterman Street in Providence. Most sessions are scheduled on weekday evenings to accommodate busy schedules.

Pre-registration is required for all Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service. To register or for further information call 331-1244.

TAXPAYERS with dependents

HERE'S A TAX TIP:
Beginning with your 1987 income tax return that you will file in 1988, you generally must list social security numbers for dependents who are at least five years old by the end of 1987. If any of your dependents do not have this number, get an application form today from the Social Security office in your area.



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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



"A day doesn't go by without thinking of Belize," says Betty Levitt pensively.

Three months ago the nursing supervisor for the Rhode Island Visiting Nurses Association, went on a help mission to Central America. Her trip came about after a two-year working association with Sister Mary Hartnett, a Sister of Mercy who was Betty's nurse in South Providence.

"Mary was asked by her Order if she would consider going to Mercy Clinic in Belize for a couple of years. Taking a thirty-day leave from our agency two years ago, she went to visit Belize.

"She liked it and believed it would be a wonderful commitment. I lived vicariously through the plans Mary made in preparing to go. She raised funds to buy a van that was shipped down, and in August, 1986, before she left, I teasingly said, 'After you go for a year and come back alive and well, I'd love to go down and work with you.'

"Mary came back to Rhode Island last August for a visit and asked me when I was going to Belize. Well, my son got married, then it was YomTov, and I looked ahead to my November calendar. It was clear.

"She's such a fun person that I planned my trip, leaving on a Thursday so we could work together for a week and have two weekends of fun. I went on my own time, and it was my vacation time. I paid my own way.

"I had to go through a lot of medical inoculations because I wasn't going to be the normal tourist. I was going to work, eat and travel in the hinterlands, so there was an added expense of malaria pills, shots, and gamma globulin shots for potential hepatitis."

What prompted her to go, Betty said, is "It's very easy for a Jewish matron to give money. It's not easy to give of yourself, your energy, and to leave your husband. I tease how people can go away for a two-year Peace Corps experience. I had a two-week one.

"The options kids have today aren't the same as it was for us. When I finished my schooling, the opportunity wasn't there for me. I was married the last year of nurses' training at Beth Israel School of Nursing in Boston. Ralph and I went to Syracuse for him to work on his graduate program and for me to complete my baccalaureate.

"As far as going off to Central America, my husband didn't have a problem with that because he knows Mary and is very fond of her. He felt safe about my arrival, but was very concerned about my traveling alone. All those what ifs...

"Once I decided I could go, then Mary's shopping list came. 'Would I mind bringing Christmas wrapping paper for a thousand gifts, Crystal Lite Sugar Sweet Lemonade for a thousand people, children's stainless silverware for 50 kids. They were getting ready to open up a children's day care center and thought the children would like that. Plus a variety of other things.

"I went with two huge suitcases, everything we use... soap, toothpaste,

toothbrushes, linens. A lot of the things I took were luxury items there. It got to the point that Ralph really felt I could even be arrested for smuggling.

"I assured him that wouldn't happen. Once I would see Sister Mary, everything would work out fine. She had spoken of how the Belizeans are very sensitive to people who do good things for them. I wouldn't encounter any problems in customs.

"I flew from Providence to Miami, then Miami to Belize through Taca Airlines." Betty says, laughing from the name Taca. "You know that's a Jewish expression.

"The trip was very nice. I was warmly received. I got through customs without any problems once I said I was going to work at Mercy Clinic."

"I spent some phenomenal time seeing a third world country where I had never been. We all assume everybody is like us. I've done a fair amount of travelling to a number of places. We always assume people have the opportunities we do, and if they don't, they're not making use of it.

"But this country was my first experience in seeing real poverty. I had been to Mexico where there's a lot of poverty, but in this country of Belize, there's not a rich class or a middle class. It's either very very poor or next to poor.

"Mary's program was to give health care to the elderly who are over 55 in this country. She tours all over. Clinics are held on certain days in Belize City, the largest in Belize, with a population of 40,000. On other days, she drives her moving clinic, the van loaded up with medical supplies, to the countryside.

"Clinics are held in churches. There are few doctors in Belize, and they charge \$40 per visit. It's expensive when the average yearly income is around \$2000, so that's really not an option for the people. The Belize City Hospital interior and equipment is pre-World War II vintage. Very clean, but very old.

"A sister from another Order is working with Mary for a two-year duration. She also has a 24-year-old Jesuit volunteer, a nurse from Chicago who has given up a year of her time to work in a Third World country. There are several other youngsters, volunteers who work in the school system.

"Belize is the only English speaking country in Central America, formerly a British Protectorate. It was British Honduras, and the British remain. The Belize government wants them to stay for fear if they move, Guatemala would gain control. Interestingly, when I returned to Rhode Island, I read that Senator Pell went to Belize the first week in December. I feel the United States might be involved there.

"Since I was going to be in Belize for two Friday nights, Ralph suggested I find a temple. This is the first country I've been to without a temple and no Jews, except for the prime minister's wife. Unfortunately, I was too busy to meet her. She's a good friend to Mary. She came as

At The Cutting Edge



Betty Levitt won't forget the two weeks she spent in Central America. She is a nursing supervisor for the Rhode Island Visiting Nurse Association. Photo by Dorothea Snyder.

a volunteer teacher from England, met a young Belizean, married him, and he was later elected prime minister.

"One of Mary's goals is to get Belize's health system self-supporting. Her role is to show them the way and then to leave. Americans don't need to do things for people, but show them how by teaching skills."

Explaining the Christmas paper she brought down, Betty says it was to wrap up presents of soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste for 1000 patients. We spent one day in Mexico at the bazaars shopping for combs, bracelets, any kind of inexpensive trinkets. For many, it was probably their only Christmas gift."

Medical problems seen among Belizeans are diabetes, high blood pressure, and lots of eye problems like glaucoma, she said. "The Red Cross in Belize is very successful in screening and testing for eye problems. Medical problems are caused by improper diet, parasites, and lack of care when there is a problem.

"The basic diet in this country is fried beans and rice. It's difficult to counsel people with the start of diabetes because their dietary habits are full of sugar. They use evaporated milk rather than regular milk.

"If they have money, their alternative is skim milk. Dried milk can be purchased. All food is imported, but with instruction, people can change their dietary habits, much like what happens in our country.

"Medicines are very expensive. When Mary sees a patient, evaluates and prescribes, she gives them a two to three week supply of medication she buys with financial donations from Catholic charities and friends. Whenever she thinks no money is available, suddenly a check appears."

The Belizeans heartily welcomed Betty. "The people were very warm, loving and happy I was there. They view anyone who comes as a Sister. They called me Sister Betty. This is typically British. I wasn't aware of this because anyone giving medical assistance was usually a Sister from England. I was Sister Betty.

"I spent a lot of time with people who couldn't believe somebody Jewish had come to Belize. 'You're not even Catholic,' they told me, although the prime minister's wife is Jewish."

Reflecting on her decision to go to this Third World country, she says, "It was also important for me to make a statement to my kids. I personally don't believe

young people are as committed to charity and giving of volunteer time as other Jewish people have done in the past. I wanted my kids to see you have to think about who you are and where you're going.

"When I came back on the plane, I read an article in a women's magazine on why people volunteer. One reason is the score-card concept: my parents are on the west coast; I'm on the east coast. If I do some good work here, somebody like myself is going to be good to my parents or my in-laws.

"Another reason is wanting to be at the cutting edge of something. I look upon Peace Corps volunteers in that vein, working in a country to make a difference on a very basic level... either teaching or helping people with food or building houses... the basic necessities of life.

"So that's kind of why I went and did what I did. I had some fun, snorkeling along the coast of Belize in the Ambergris Caye, which is the largest barrier reef in the world."

Betty has been speaking to groups since her return. "I'm amazed how interested people are in this country, this part of the world, and how life is for the Belizeans. I'm amazed at this reaction. I probably shouldn't be because Jews have always thought about people in other places."

"They're very interested in what natural resources they have to better their lives and how they can become self-sufficient. Natural resources in the area don't exist, and for anyone coming in, it's only going to be exploitation of the country. There may be some small jobs, but Belizeans can't get to the point where they can build or own a company.

"They may work at a sewing factory for the Dixie Company, an American pants company, but it's small, and only 25 women work there. There are few construction jobs, small boat fishing, and lots of unemployment. Jobs in Belize's three banks are good but few. Teaching is open to women if they have an education."

Public health nursing is a specialty that involves all kinds of people, all kinds of communities, and different ethnic cultures, Betty said.

"It was broadening to my public health experience to go somewhere else outside of Providence, Rhode Island. I was able to come back and tell my staff the work they do here to fulfill people's needs is the same in other countries.

"It was a phenomenal experience. How I would love to go back!"



Betty holds a zericote wood carving of dolphins made by Belizean craftspeople.

Alternative Energy (continued from page 1)



Allan Afterman, who lives at Kfar Klil and works in a "think tank" of a large solar equipment firm in Jerusalem moves boulders on his property. (photo: Richard Nowitz)

into the evening." Though Israel has over 300 days of cloudless skies a year, an occasional string of rainy winter days does call for slight adjustments in the use of the system. "We often go back to using our oil lamps and candles in December or January. We become that much more careful about how often we push a button or leave a light on unnecessarily," says one resident. For three resourceful families, however, winter clouds that blow in off the coast bring winds that can also be harnessed for energy. These households employ old-fashioned windmills, constructed of wooden beams, that are capable of generating electricity on a 24-volt dynamo generator. The towering mills

draw the equivalent amount of energy produced by four solar panels, and fill 12 standard-size batteries with wind produced power. The people at Kfar Klil believe it is still too early to ascertain if their experimental project is the prototype for future remote community ventures into solar based self-sufficiency. Says one resident, "The initial costs here in Israel make it an expensive means of obtaining energy, but we are searching for ways to improve these cost-effective factors. However, for remote locations like Klil, we have already proven that solar energy systems are practical to install. We expect them to be more efficient to operate and certainly better for the environment."

GED On TV

Education commissioner, J. Troy Earhart, announced that on March 8 a 43 part telecourse will begin on Channel 36 for adults who want to earn a high school equivalency diploma by completing the GED exams. The half-hour programs are designed as a preparatory course to help adults pass the five tests required of the GED. The series will be broadcast on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and repeated on Saturdays at 11 a.m. "GED on TV," which is offered by the Department of Education in cooperation with Channel 36, is divided into three segments: reading, writing, and mathematics. An orientation session and one on test-taking tips will be offered. The adults who enroll and participate will follow the TV programs in special workshops provided to them. Testing for the equivalency diploma will be offered in August 1988 at the conclusion of the series at several locations throughout the state. The programs use animation, theatrical sketches, and drama to illustrate the lessons graphically and effectively. Some of the lessons feature studio performances by actors and actresses, and appearances by personalities such as Wally "Famous Amos" and astronauts Sally Ride and Kathryn Sullivan. A unique aspect of the program will be the availability of a toll-free "hot line" to those who enroll in the course. A Department staff person will provide academic counseling and will respond to questions related to the course on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. throughout the series. The program was previously offered in the Fall of 1987 with over 200 people enrolled in the course. Persons who wish to enroll in the "GED on TV" series may call one of the following for information: Cranston — Adult

Learning Center, 785-0400, Ext. 160; RI Regional Adult Learning Center, 762-3841; Newport Adult Learning Center, 847-7171; Department of Education, Adult Education, 277-2691. **Summer Food Service Program Offered** J. Troy Earhart, Commissioner of Education, announced that the summer food service program for children, similar to that provided under the national school lunch and school breakfast programs will be offered to children during summer school vacation. To participate in the summer program, sponsors must be public or private nonprofit school food authorities, residential summer camps, or units of local or state governments. In order to be approved, a site must serve an area with at least 50% of the children eligible for free or reduced meals or qualify as a residential camp. Meals must be made available to all children enrolled in the program without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, age, or handicapping condition. The program, funded through the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service is directed primarily toward children from needs areas and is designed to initiate, maintain and expand nonprofit food programs for children during the summer months. Persons wishing further information on the program may contact John Custer at the Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of School Food Services, 277-2711. The draft Management and Administration Plan for this program has been completed and is available for public comment, which must be submitted prior to March 15, 1988.

B'nai B'rith on Israel Television Coverage

PALM BEACH — Senator Howell Heflin (D-Ala.) declared that television coverage of unrest in the West Bank and Gaza has created a "distorted, one sided perception" of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. "Unfortunately for television viewers," he added, "this perception is the only reality they know." The Alabama Senator told an annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here that Palestinian demonstrators have "become more sophisticated in their use of the media ... and have learned how to stage a 'better' riot — one that looks better on television. They set fire to rubber tires to create dense black smoke and they bring a truckload of rocks or a few Molotov cocktails to antagonize and intimidate Israeli troops, thus escalating the violence." At the same time Senator Heflin blamed the Palestine Liberation Organization for preventing an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue through "terror and intimidation." Mr. Heflin was the keynote speaker at a 75th anniversary dinner of ADL's National Executive Committee meeting at the Breakers Hotel here February 11-13. In his address at the same dinner, Burton S. Levinson, ADL's national chairman, said the issue in the Middle East "is not how the situation got to the point it is now, but whether any government can allow anarchy and revolution to exist." Mr. Levinson declared he had confidence that "as a democracy, Israel will resolve the current strife." Honored at the dinner were Edgar M. Bronfman, chairman and chief executive officer of Seagram Company, Inc. and Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Inc.,

who received ADL's Distinguished Leadership Award, and philanthropists Babbette and William Wolff of Palm Beach, who were given the agency's Haym Salomon Award. In discussing the situation on the West Bank and Gaza, Senator Heflin deplored "the beating and killing of Palestinians" and went on to say: "Yet, as is the case in any conflict, people have been looking for a culprit to blame for the unfortunate killings and violence ... but what we are after is a solution to these problems, not a scapegoat. So instead of deciding who is right and wrong — rather than pointing an accusing finger — I believe everyone must work to uncover all the facts, assess the whole situation and find some workable, acceptable and hopefully lasting solutions." One of the primary reasons for the conflict, the senator said is that "there is virtually no indigenous Palestinian leadership ... there are no Palestinians with whom the Israelis can forge a compromise. In part the Israelis must share some blame for this ... but a greater blame for the lack of Palestinian leaders can be placed directly at the doorstep of the PLO." The Senator continued: "Through terror and intimidation the PLO has effectively prevented any Palestinian from beginning a dialogue with Israel." He cited as "one example of the success of this policy" the murder of Zafir Al Masri, the mayor of the West Bank town of Nablus. Senator Heflin said that the "last thing that Israel needs from the United States is hostile criticism — Israel is a friend ... and in times of trouble, friends help one another. Nothing in the basic

relationship has changed — Israel remains the only real democracy in the region and the only nation the United States can truly rely upon." Senator Heflin said that he hoped the new Administration peace plan — involving limited Palestinian self-rule and based on the 1978 Camp David peace accord — would "bear fruit." But he added: "We must keep looking for other solutions, while bearing in mind that Israel has made concession after concession in her quest for peace only to be threatened time and again by her Arab neighbors." In dealing with recent events in the West Bank and Gaza, Mr. Levinson cited a recent nationwide poll commissioned by ADL which found that there has been no erosion of the American people's support for Israel. The League's national chairman said the poll of 810 persons of diverse backgrounds, which was carried out by the New York polling firm of Penn and Schoen, revealed that Americans, by a wide margin, blame the Palestine Liberation Organization for the unrest. The survey also found that most Americans consider Iran the greatest threat to peace in the Middle East and to U.S. interests in the region. The findings also showed that a majority of Americans view Israel as a military and strategic asset to the United States. "On the question of Israel's reactions to the demonstrations," Mr. Levinson continued, "36 percent of those polled said they were too harsh; 12 percent said not harsh enough; 29 percent said they were appropriate under the circumstances and 23 percent had no opinion."

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Credit Unions — What They Are

by Robert V. Bianchini

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In a recent survey, Rhode Island Credit Union members response to what they thought of their credit union was "service and convenience." The togetherness of credit unions working for the benefit of their members is reflected in our statewide campaign, "Feeling good Together, your Credit Union and You!" Working together within the organization of their league, credit unions are meeting members' needs better than ever before.

Mr. Bianchini is President of Rhode Island Credit Union Affiliates.

Afikoman Pledge Campaign

BOSTON, Mass. — "Let all who are hungry come and eat! Let all who are in need share in the hope of Passover!" These are the words of the Haggadah which inspire the Afikoman Pledge, the nationwide educational and fundraising campaign of the American Jewish World Service for Passover.

AJWS is asking American Jews to make the Afikoman Pledge at their seders by saying: "We renew our commitment to help all who are hungry around the world, so that next year we may all be free," and by redeeming the afikoman with a donation through AJWS to alleviate world hunger.

More than 175 congregations, Hillels and other Jewish organizations have already ordered over 50,000 Afikoman Pledge brochures and have begun distributing them to their members. The rabbinical organizations of the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements are supporting the campaign.

Last year, 150 congregations in 30 states participated in the Afikoman Pledge campaign and raised over \$45,000 for field-testing in Africa of grain-storage silos developed by the Volcani Institute in Israel. The goal for this year is to double both participation and the amount of money raised.

The proceeds of this year's Afikoman Pledge campaign will be used to support AJWS' projects in 18 of the poorest countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. As

the international development and disaster relief organization of the American Jewish community, AJWS helps build self-reliance through self-help programs in agriculture and health care. AJWS works with poor families without regard to their religion or race.

"The Afikoman Pledge is related to the venerable Jewish tradition of *tikkun olam*, working to repair and complete the world," said Laurence Simon, President of AJWS. "The Torah reminds us that we were once 'strangers in Egypt,' and should 'befriend the stranger, providing him with food and clothing.' What better time than Passover, when we remember that our ancestors were hungry, poor and oppressed in Egypt, to remember the poorest in the world and give *tzedakah* to help them?"

Caroline Harris, Chair of the New York Associates of AJWS, the group which conceived the Afikoman Pledge campaign last year, said, "We are excited about the Afikoman Pledge and hope that it will become a part of American Jewry's Passover celebration. The response in the Jewish community this year has been terrific."

For more information about the Afikoman Pledge, and for copies of the Pledge brochure, contact Mark Niedergang, Campaign Coordinator, American Jewish World Service, 729 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 02116, Tel. (617) 267-6656.

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Energy Assistance

The Governor's Office of Energy Assistance (GOEA) announced the results of Governor DiPrete's Emergency Fuel Program for the month of January, 1988. The GOEA received 1,802 total calls and made 381-25 gallon oil deliveries, distributed 66 portable electric heaters, and 8 kerosene deliveries.

This program is designed to aid Rhode Islander's who are in need of heating assistance. The types of assistance that are available include the following:

1. Counseling on how to maintain heat in your home.
2. A delivery of fuel to your home.
3. The use of an electric heater.
4. Emergency shelter if no other solution is possible.

The program is available on a 24-hour a day, seven days a week basis. Dr. Clement A. Griscom, Director of the Energy Office said, "I am pleased with the response to the program thus far and I urge all Rhode Islanders with heating problems, especially the elderly, individuals with medical problems, and families with young children to contact the GOEA for assistance."

To obtain assistance call the GOEA at 277-3003 or 1-800-253-HEAT outside the metropolitan area.

Wentworth Vice President At Prov. Alumni Meeting

Area alumni of Wentworth Institute of Technology are invited to attend a reception to hear Dr. L. Russell Watjen, Vice President for Student Affairs at the Providence Marriott, Charles at Orms Sts., Providence, on Thursday evening, February 25 at 6 p.m.

He will speak about "Marketing Wentworth: The Role Student Life Plays." Reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. For further information, contact Tom Walker at (617) 442-9010, Ext. 482.

Tax Assistance Programs

Free Tax Assistance Program At Providence College

A free volunteer income tax assistance program (VITA) is being offered at Providence College every Saturday, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., through April 15 in the lobby of Alumni Hall on the PC campus. The program is open to anyone who needs assistance and/or information in order to file an income tax return.

Members of PC's accounting department faculty, along with senior accounting majors, have volunteered their time for this program, which is a vehicle of the Internal Revenue Service.

Tax Assistance On Cable

Dimension Cable Services will provide a unique program service to its customers for six consecutive Thursdays beginning February 18. Customers can tune in cable channel 53 for TAX LINE '88.

TAX LINE '88 will feature tax experts from the Internal Revenue Service who will answer viewer questions *live* during the six week series. TAX LINE '88 will air from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, February 25, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24, 1988.

"The Tax Reform Act of 1986 made sweeping changes in the federal tax system — changes that will affect you and every other taxpayer in the nation. While it's up to you to know which of these changes affect your taxes, the IRS wants to help and is pleased to present programs such as TAX LINE '88," said IRS spokesman Steven J. Pyrek.

Customers can call in any questions they might have as they prepare their 1987 tax returns. Viewers can videotape the programs to use as a reference when they complete their returns.

"Dimension Cable Services is pleased to be able to offer this timely series on income taxes right at the time our customers are completing their tax forms," David Rosenbloom said. "We hope that our customers will take advantage of the opportunity to have their tax questions answered live by the IRS experts."

RIGHA Lecture On Turning 40

Throughout the end of this century members of the Baby Boom generation will be turning 40 years old and coping with the approach of mid-life. For some people, turning the age of 40 is a natural progression into another stage of adulthood. Others, however, have some difficulty in making this transition smoothly.

Responding to the need for education on this subject, RIGHA will present a free lecture entitled "The Big 4-0: The Single Session." The program will meet Monday, February 29 at 7 p.m. at RIGHA's Providence Health Care Center on 530 North Main Street.

Steven McCloy, M.D., a RIGHA Internal Medicine Specialist, will conduct the program. The two-hour lecture will focus upon emotional and physiological issues in turning 40 years old and approaching mid-life.

"The Big-40: The Single Session" will also provide an introduction for those interested in taking RIGHA's six session series on this topic, scheduled for April.

The lecture is part of RIGHA's 1988 "Health Educational Plus" series, which offers classes and lectures on a variety of important and timely health issues throughout the year.

Upcoming programs in the "Health Educational Plus" series include multi-session courses on smoking cessation, stress and weight control, and lectures on insomnia, overeating, AIDS and parenting issues.

"The Big 4-0: The Single Session" is free and open to RIGHA members and the public, pending space available. Those interested in attending can preregister and receive information on future programs by calling RIGHA Health Education at 732-0300.

RIGHA, a federally qualified health maintenance organization (HMO), provides comprehensive health care services to more than 87,000 members at centers located in Providence, Lincoln, Warwick and Newport, Rhode Island and in Plainville and Swansea, Massachusetts.

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS



by Sandra Silva

Midrasha Students Host Carnival For Ladd School Residents

by Sandra Silva

I spent this past Sunday afternoon enjoying a carnival for Ladd School residents. This was a special carnival. It was held at Temple Emanu-El and was put on entirely by the Midrasha students. The students solicited outside donations from Almacs, Hasbro and Party Warehouse. They set up the games and other entertainment. Then paired up with Ladd residents for a day of fun. The students received awards from many local public officials for their "community spirit and humanitarianism." The Jewish community should be proud of these young people, they have shown us what Jewish education is all about.



Ashley Porath relights the sodden candle after a Ladd School resident doused the flame with his squirt bottle.

A Student's Reflections On The Carnival

by Nanette Loebenberg

On May 24, 1986, I became a Bat Mitzvah. On that day, Rabbi Franklin told me that in the eyes of the synagogue I was now an adult. On February 21, 1988, the students of the Harry Elkin Midrasha hosted a carnival for the residents of the Dr. Joseph Ladd Center. On this day, I truly felt, as Rabbi Franklin had said, like an adult. I was fulfilling my community service and helping others who were not as fortunate. When Wendy Garf-Lipp, teacher advisor to the Student Council, asked if someone would plan this year's carnival, I raised my hand without thinking of all the work, all the phone calls, all the meetings. Yes, it was a lot of work, phone calls, and meetings but the rewards were far greater. Games included pin the tail on the donkey, sponge throw, painting and a puppet show. All of our money was raised by the selling of calendars and candy, and by donations from local business. Many R.I. politicians took time out from their busy schedules during this election year to share in this joyous event. All of them remarked that it was nice to see young people in caring community roles. For many years in my Jewish studies, we have talked about ethics and community responsibility and during this carnival, we saw these words put into play. It was a fun and memorable day for all, residents, students, teachers, and politicians. I look forward to next year's carnival.



Sandi Prosnitz (left) and Michele Levy were responsible for choosing the games. Nanette Loebenberg (not pictured) obtained donations from Hasbro, Almacs and Party Warehouse.

A Teacher's Reflections: Standing Ten Feet Tall

by Evelyn Brier

There is a saying in the Talmud which appropriately describes my feelings about our second annual carnival for the residents of the Dr. Joseph Ladd Center: "Much I have learned from my teachers, more from my colleagues, but most from my students."

The idea for this carnival was originally conceived, planned and executed by the Student Council of the Elkin Midrasha under the leadership of their dynamic, creative teacher-advisor, Wendy Garf-Lipp. It really was a student venture. The students obtained donations from Hasbro, Almacs and Party Warehouse in Pawtucket. It was an outstanding morning! Can you imagine? Students came to school early to set up.

Every Midrasha student stood ten feet tall that morning. Students who were not always academic super-stars were often the shining stars of the morning. The morning touched everyone.



Sandi Prosnitz and Michael Robinson with their teacher, Evelyn Brier, proudly display two of the many citations they received for their work today.

Prayer: Choices And Challenges



T.J. Feldman

The synagogue, the home, Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, tradition, commitment, community, individuality, creativity, these first ten words are illustrations of just some of the conflicts that may plague the decision process about Judaism. However, if these concepts weren't complicated enough, a new set of questions has come up.

Recently at a gathering of Reform Jewish teens in Great Barrington, Mass., a friend of mine introduced the concept of remaining seated throughout an entire service. His reasoning was that it made the service flow better for him. As a result I experimented with the idea and discovered that services took on a new meaning when I was able to shed the distractions of getting up and down all the time. Other people began to worship in the same way and soon enough a small group of us had become comfortable with this method of worship.

As the end of the week approached questions were raised

about whether prayer was an individual or community process in a setting like this. Since the theme of the week was finding ourselves, many people felt that prayer was an individual process. Others felt that in a group setting like this that prayer was a community process. The issue was debated and caused people to question their methods for prayer and the "real" rationale behind their actions. The week ended without a solution and with the regional director and some others a bit frustrated.

The issue did not die, at a regional board meeting one month later the study/worship vice president of the regional board raised the issue and said that we should continue to question our methods of worship and that all our choices should be made for the right reasons. She concluded by saying that the region was a community and as such uniformity at regional events would be nice, but if those who had different methods of worship wished to continue them that was their choice. I left that meeting full of frustration and wrote to my friend who introduced the concept. While awaiting a response from my friend I thought seriously about the meaning of Judaism for me and about how to get the most out of my religion. I came to the conclusion that I would continue to sit through services and that prayer was an individual process before it was a community process.

The response from my friend came and confirmed my decision. However, this does not mean that those of us who sit when we pray have all the answers, because we don't. For those of us that sit during services, we feel that services are more than reading liturgy from a prayerbook, in the same way that Judaism is more

than observing holidays. Orthodox, Conservative and even some Reform Jews probably disagree with what we do, but it boils down to different perceptions of Judaism. Judaism is governed by guidelines set forth in Scripture(s) but those guidelines were meant to be interpreted by individuals. It is not a crime to question the ancient process, it is simply a matter of reaching carefully considered conclusions.

Sitting down during worship is controversial and some might even say sacrilegious but I feel that relating to G-d can be achieved in a number of ways. I'm not making a pitch to get others to sit when they pray, I am simply offering "food for thought."

Judaism never promised to provide simple solutions for its believers and the questions have become more complex with time. As part of the next generation of Jewish leadership I feel that continuing to explore with different paths to G-d is the key to better Judaism.

Free Poetry Contest

World of Poetry is celebrating its 13th Anniversary by offering a Free Poetry Contest to poets. Some 200 prizes are being awarded, totaling over \$16,000, including a \$1,000 grand prize.

Says 80-year-old Poetry Editor Eddie-Lou Cole: "I have loved poets all my long life, and this is an opportunity for them to receive recognition for their work."

The deadline is March 31, 1988. Interested poets may send **One Poem Only**, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. 95817.

Arts & Entertainment



Trinity Rep Offers Powerful Production



Geraldine Librandi, Patricia McGuire and Barbara Orson in *Aunt Dan and Lemon* at Trinity Rep, through March 27.

by Lois Atwood

Aunt Dan and Lemon, at Trinity Rep, is probably not a play you should bring your grandmother to ... or your small children. But if you're not squeamish about explicit, kinky sex onstage and aren't looking for an evening of laughs (that's upstairs), this is a play you should try to see before it closes on March 27.

It is a powerful, painful drama

about the corruption of innocence, set in an English flat outlined against a foggy London skyline. Playwright Wallace Shawn shows how easily people are swayed out of reasonable, ethical behavior, how lightly we abandon the stands we take. He shows it by setting a gentle young woman in the context of a homelife without psychological security, her primary nurture coming from Aunt Danielle.

When Lemon was only 11, Aunt Dan began sharing with her the exciting reminiscence of her life and ideas. Aunt Dan was a

dangerous confidant for a child without other psychological resources. Dan's acquaintances and friends were a rum lot, and the rummest was Mindy, who loved only herself and money and was singleminded about the latter. She doesn't care how she gets it, but will give as little as possible in exchange. Equally alive for Lemon was Henry Kissinger: Aunt Dan became obsessed by the man and his policies and abandoned her perspective to become shrill and judgmental.

Aunt Dan and Lemon is well directed by David Wheeler. Patricia McGuire, a Trinity Rep Conservatory graduate, is wonderful as the gentle, chilling Lemon, explaining finally how the Nazi ideology necessitated the death camps. Aunt Dan is splendidly played by Geraldine Librandi, her monologues threading the play as she sweeps through it. Becca Lish plays the narcissist Mindy with exquisite control. The supporting cast is excellent. The play runs with no intermission, and has no problem holding the audience in its sometimes cruel grip for just under two hours.

Lectures On John Brown, Local Culture

PROVIDENCE — A Tuesday evening lecture series will be held at John Brown House for five weeks beginning March 1. The public is welcome to attend one or all of the lectures which will present information about the John Brown House and the history of Rhode Island.

The John Brown House, built in 1786, features furnishings and illustrates the lifestyle of some of Rhode Island's foremost families. John Brown and his brothers — Joseph, Moses and Nicholas — transformed Providence from a small port of wooden structures to a major commercial center with a brick market house and a college — now Brown University. The Browns and other merchants led Providence's entrance into the China trade and the first venture into the manufacture of cotton textiles. The Providence they left behind was a center of commerce, transportation, industry and government, a place of towering steeples and a soaring ambition that rivaled nearby Boston.

Each lecture will be an introduction to a specific field of material culture from the colonial period to the nineteenth century. Each lecture will be followed by a special tour of the John Brown House which focuses on the lecture topic. These tours are not the regular tours given to visitors but will be more detailed and will emphasize special areas of The Rhode Island Historical Society's collections. The lecture and tour dates and topics are: March 1, Architecture; March 8, Furniture; March 15, Paintings; March 22, Porcelain and Silver; and March 29, Textiles. All talks will be presented by L. Candace Pezera, assistant curator of education, except the session on textiles which will be presented by Linda Eppich, assistant curator of collections, both Rhode Island Historical Society staff members.

Admission for each lecture will be \$4 for Historical Society members and \$5 for all others. Lectures will be held at the house from 7 to 9 p.m. at 52 Power St., Providence.

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All Children's Theatre

1988 Opens With Telling Wilde Tales

The All Childrens Theatre Ensemble, under the direction of Wrenn Goodrum, begins the new year with *Telling Wilde Tales*, an adaptation by Jules Tasca of Oscar Wilde's fairy tales. *Telling Wilde Tales* performs February 27 through March 6 at the First Unitarian Church at the corner of Benefit and Benevolent Streets in Providence.

The fairy tales, written by Oscar Wilde in 1888, were adapted into four one-act plays by Jules Tasca and are unified in their themes that "beauty comes from within." In *The Birthday of the Infanta*, a princess' cruel inhumanity breaks the heart of a crippled dwarf brought to entertain her. *The Star Child* learns a lesson when her face is turned into a toad. In both *The Happy Princess* and *The Young Queen*, royalty discovers new-found joy and hope as they relieve the poverty and despair around them.

Telling Wilde Tales show that people are often judged on their appearance instead of their heart, and that unusual or different people are often ridiculed because they are misunderstood. These plays present a challenge to members of the ACT Ensemble. In one play, an actor must wear a hump on his back to emphasize his disfigurement. In another play, an actress must sit completely still throughout the play, acting only with her head and voice (she plays a statue). Other roles played by the actors are beggars, priests, lepers, as well as rabbits, moles and sparrows. The serious themes of

life and death, beauty and ugliness are being directed as naturally as possible. Actors are portraying characters rarely seen performed by children aged 8 to 14. "It's all part of the learning process," says director, Wrenn Goodrum, "the actors must define their characters by the way they walk and talk as well as searching for the motives behind their actions ... and they must feel the emotions their characters feel."

Telling Wilde Tales is directed by Wrenn Goodrum, with original music composed by Liz Stott. The children of the ACT Ensemble are responsible for running the show on stage and off which includes lights, box office, concessions, props and stage management.

The performances are Saturday, February 27 at 7:30; Sunday, February 28 at 3 p.m.; Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for children and \$5 for adults. For reservations, call: (401) 331-7174.

For *Telling Wilde Tales* the cast includes: Rachel Deutsch, Lisa Perlman, Jane Roberts, Liz Guterman, Sarah Champa, Chloe Johnston and Marc Lewinstein from Providence; Tracey Young and Danielle Pelosi from Cranston; Karen Rosenberg, Torri Currier and Lex Sadasvian from Barrington; Josh Allen from East Providence; Josh Joseph from East Greenwich; Nathan Scoggins from Warwick; Wendy Greenbaum and Nicki Marrianni from Rehoboth; Allison Amaral from Seekonk; Karen Fournier from Woonsocket; Caitlin Trainor from North Scituate and Cindy Mero from Gloucester.

Newport Preservation Society

NEWPORT, R.I. — The Educational Department of the Preservation Society of Newport County will sponsor a series of five lectures, "The 19th Century House and Its Decoration." They will all take place in March at 3:30 p.m., at The Elms.

On Thursday, March 10, John Tschirch, Educational Coordinator of the Preservation Society, will speak on "19th Century Architectural Decoration." On Wednesday, March 16, Jeff Moore, Preservation Society's Furniture Conservator, will talk on "Victorian Furniture: Problems in

Joan Sutherland In Providence

The Rhode Island Philharmonic announced recently that famed Australian Opera Diva Dame Joan Sutherland will appear in concert on Sunday, April 10, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Dame Sutherland is one of the most popular coloraturas of our time.

Dame Sutherland will be accompanied by the Rhode Island Philharmonic under the direction of Maestro Richard Bonyngne, one of the world's most respected conductors and musical scholars. Also appearing on the program will be flute soloist Andrea Griminelli, who was featured in January with Luciano Pavarotti at the Hartford Civic Center.

Dame Sutherland's first-ever Rhode Island appearance is produced by the eminent impresario Tibor Rudas. The concert will feature selections from "Norma" and "Lucia di Lammermoor," operas for which she is especially noted.

The Rhode Island Philharmonic is now offering preferential seating to its subscribers. Information and order forms have been mailed and an early response is advised. Ticket sales to the general public will begin March 7.

Prices are \$25, \$50 and \$75. For more detailed ticket and seating information about the Sutherland/Bonyngne concert, please contact the Providence Performing Arts Center at 421-ARTS.

Conservation." On Monday, March 21, John Cherol, Executive Director of the Society, will speak on "Restoring 19th Century Interiors." On Wednesday, March 23, Jim Rensch, a restoration and decorative artist who has worked in several of the Preservation Society's properties, will talk on "The Restoration of 19th Century Decorative Art." On Wednesday, March 30, Jan V. Larson, Assistant Supervisor of Interpretation for Coastal Life Exhibits at Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Connecticut, will close the series with "The Genteel Tradition in American Language." A reception will follow the last lecture.

Guides of the Preservation Society will be admitted free. The fee for Preservation Society members is \$20, and for non-members \$40. Checks should be made out to The Preservation Society of Newport County. Registrations are now being accepted by calling the Educational Department at The Breakers' office, 847-6543.

Yiddish Theatre On Cable

A locally produced program, "The Yiddish Theater," will be shown on Cable TV Interconnect A on the following schedule:

Sunday, February 28, 8-8:30 p.m.; Monday, February 29, 8:30-9 p.m.; Sunday, March 6, 8-8:30 p.m.; Monday, March 7, 8:30-9 p.m.

Interconnect A is on Channel 49 in most parts of Rhode Island. For those homes serviced by Heritage Cable TV, it is on Channel 57.

This program was produced by Sydney Long and edited by Milton Nachbar, assisted by members of the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood Cable Access Team.

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Elie Wiesel Speaks

the victim, nor the bystander. And I do not understand God.

Yet I try. I cannot understand, for instance, the silence during the war. I cannot understand the St. Louis episode. In 1939, after *Kristallnacht*, after people had read about Hitler and his pogroms, a ship, the St. Louis, with 1,000 Jewish refugees — men, women and children — came to the shores of the United States and somehow the ship was sent back to Germany with the refugees still on board. How was that possible? Why didn't the American Jewish community send 100,000 people to Washington to proclaim a hunger strike?

Today it would not happen. Today the Anti-Defamation League would mobilize the population and see to it that the ship would not leave our shores.

The Jewish community has become involved in a more militant fashion. In France, until 30 years ago, Jews were timid, bashful, frightened. They would never dare to speak out against the government. That was true in the United States, too, but it is not the case any longer. Now we dare. We speak up when we do not like what is happening in Washington. Not just a person or an organization but the entire community speaks up.

Still the basic question remains. How was the Holocaust possible? We are concerned when we read literature that tries to deprive this tragedy of its uniqueness. I am outraged — and we all must be — when we read that in Germany today there is a movement to de-Judaize the tragedy. I was convinced that Germany — at least — would have the decency to be in the forefront of the fight for memory and remembrance. Not at all. There is a battle among historians and the prevailing opinion is that the Holocaust was just one tragedy among others.

One said that Stalin was worse than Hitler because he created a system of oppression worse than Hitler's. That leaves a very bitter taste in my mouth.

No Jew is guilty for what happened then. But if we allow the memory of the tragedy to be trivialized, cheapened, devalued and desacralized, that will be our guilt.

Israel, which is the center of our lives, whether we admit it openly or not, is still in danger. It is in danger because of internal struggles, because of religious-secular conflicts, because of Israeli-Diaspora divisions and, above all, because Israel is a small country and needs more strength to feel secure. We must always be sensitive to Israel's needs and be there when we are needed.

Russian Jewry. If anyone had told me in 1965 that I would see Russian Jews leaving for Israel, I would not have believed it. Yet 250,000 Jews have left the Soviet Union. Why? Because they, themselves, had the courage and the intensity to fight. Before Solzhenitsyn, before Sakharov, before all the dissidents, young Jews were the first to defy the secret police. They came out and sang and shouted their Jewishness and their allegiance to the Jewish people, to Jewish history.

I saw them and I could not convince myself that one day they would be free. However, I am also convinced that once the high visibility refuseniks are gone, Gorbachev will close the door. What will we do then? There are still three million Jews in the U.S.S.R. I think this is a battleground where ADL will have to be vigilant and show its strength and its wisdom.

In the past, every Jewish parent told his child: do not forget that you are Jewish wherever you go. Do not forget that you are Jewish whatever happens. You must

belong to the community, you must claim kinship with Jewish destiny. We must perpetuate that attitude. Whatever we do, we must never forget that we must do it as Jews. That does not mean that we must concern ourselves only with Jewish issues. There must be room in our hearts to think of other people who suffer.

When I think of the Jewish people, I have nothing but gratitude. I have problems with the world and often they are justified. At times I even despair. I think civilization betrayed itself. I think culture abdicated. But when I think of the Jewish people it gives me an impetus to smile. I cannot teach anything Jewish to my students without smiling. I cannot study the Talmud without smiling. There is something very beautiful and moving which is rooted in our tradition.

Jews everywhere today want to learn. The children I teach want to learn. When they read about the Inquisition they learn of the dignity that our ancestors manifested. The state was against us, the world was against us. And we simply said, "we are Jews" and with a few words we resisted the mightiest nations in the world. This is what we must teach our children.

I believe in the community of Israel. I could never imagine Jews other than surrounded by Jews. In joy as in sorrow, a Jew is never alone. Just as man needs other men to be human, a Jew needs other Jews to be Jewish. We choose to define ourselves not in relation to the hate we elicit from strangers but rather by the faith that we inspire in our own people.

A Jew alone is in danger. His security lies within the community which helps him survive and to obtain fulfillment. Community is the key word. It indicates what paths to follow, it opens hidden gates, it bestows ancient strength on everyday words. What would a Jew be without his community? A withered branch, a nameless wanderer, buffeted by alien hostile destinies.

Together, Jews represent historical power, a collective consciousness. Alone, we must cope with our own weakness, together we are each other's affirmation. Alone we must disappear. To be part of a community, to shape it and to strengthen it is the most urgent and vital obligation facing the Jewish individual. The gravest sin that a Jew can commit is to cut himself off from the community. The severest punishment that we can receive is to be cut off, to be excommunicated. To be part of a community gives us a sense of beauty and a sense of history that no other people have.

Elie Wiesel is Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and a professor at Boston University.

Cancer Prevention Lecture

Roger Williams General Hospital is sponsoring a free lecture about cancer prevention on Thursday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Kay Auditorium.

Alan Weitberg, M.D., chief of the Division of Hematology/Oncology at the hospital, will discuss various preventative measures that can reduce the risk of cancer, and the importance of regular health checkups and screenings. Recent medical studies have shown that a healthful diet and lifestyle combined with regular checkups and screening can significantly reduce the risk of cancer.

Roger Williams General Hospital is one of 17 Clinical Cancer Research Centers in the nation, as designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). The Roger Williams Center for Cancer and Related Diseases is at the forefront of cancer research and innovative cancer treatment. The Center's Cancer Screening Program was the first of its kind in New England.

The lecture is part of the hospital's free health education series, "Grab All The Health You Can Get." Each month between September and June, the hospital offers a lecture or screening on an important health issue.

For more information or to register for this free lecture call the hospital's Public Relations Department at 456-2019.

Weisenthal Center Applauds U.K. Government

JERUSALEM — The Simon Wiesenthal Center hails the announcement that the British government has established a two-man inquiry team to investigate the issue of Nazi War Criminals in the United Kingdom.

"We applaud this long overdue decision," said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The Center submitted data on 17 alleged Nazi War Criminals believed to be living in the U.K. to the Home Office in several meetings over the course of the last two years.

"We are gratified to learn that these two investigators will be able to travel throughout the world, apparently including the Soviet Union. The Simon Wiesenthal Center pledges its full cooperation."

The inquiry team, which includes George Chalmers, a former senior law officer in Scotland, is expected to complete its work within a year and submit its findings to the Parliament. The Parliament would then be in a position to amend British law so that these criminals will not escape justice.

National Society To Prevent Blindness

New "Eye Sites Program"

Beginning March 1 the Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness will initiate a new "eye sites" program within five regional senior centers located across the state. Each site will offer an "Aging Eye" pamphlet display containing information on eye diseases such as glaucoma, cataract and macular degeneration and an "Eye Update" bulletin board with current newspaper and magazine articles.

"The purpose of the program," says acting executive director, Virginia Mendillo, "is to make helpful and crucial information on eye care as easily accessible as possible and to fix in the public's mind that there is a place nearby that they can go to for general eye care information when they need it."

Another important part of the program will be a once-a-month glaucoma screening program, whereby each site will have a designated day of the month (ex. the first Tuesday of every month) when a glaucoma screening will be conducted by the society. The Society's glaucoma alert program has for the last several years traveled on the average to approximately 150 locations each year, but this is the first time that they will visit the same locations on a regular monthly basis. This once again is to fix in the public's mind that every month a glaucoma screening will be conducted at a nearby senior center.

The five regional senior centers that are working in cooperation with Prevent Blindness and their designated screening day are:

- Barrington Senior Center (first Monday) 10 a.m.-noon, 281 County Road, Barrington, R.I. 02806, 247-1926.
- North Providence Senior

Center (second Wednesday), 10 a.m.-noon, 2240 Mineral Spring Avenue, N. Providence, R.I. 02911, 231-0742.

- St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (third Tuesday), 10 a.m.-noon, 160 Cranston St., Providence, R.I. 02907, 274-6783.

- Warwick Senior Center (second Friday), 10 a.m.-noon, 3027 West Shore Road, Warwick, R.I. 02886, 738-5621.

- Woonsocket Senior Services Center (last Monday of month), 10 a.m.-noon, 84 Social Street, Woonsocket, R.I. 02895.

Every effort will be made not to cancel a screening. But for anyone for whom it is difficult to get to the Center, it is advised that they call the Center on the morning of the screening after 10 a.m. to check.

The glaucoma screenings are free, painless (a puff of air is used) and quick. "It only takes a minute," says Mendillo, "but it could be the most important minute of your life. If caught in time, glaucoma is treatable in almost all cases, however any sight already lost before treatment begins cannot be restored." Anyone 35 years or older should have a glaucoma test once every two years — every year if you have diabetes.

Also available for viewing on the day of the screening will be two VHS tapes, "Cataract and the Glaucomas."

One of the pamphlets in the display that will be of particular interest is a new publication from the Society's national affiliate, "A Checklist for your Eye Doctor Appointment."

Anyone who has a medical question is advised to put their question in writing (being as specific as possible) and mail to Prevent Blindness, 1800 Post Road, Warwick, R.I. 02886. The

question will be answered in writing by a medical professional. Anyone experiencing symptoms of any kind should contact an ophthalmologist immediately.

The Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness is a nonprofit organization, located in Warwick serving all of Rhode Island. It's glaucoma program is supported by the Rhode Island Dept. of Elderly Affairs and all prevent blindness programs are supported by individual, corporate and foundation contributions.

The Most Beautiful Eyes In America Contest

The national affiliate of the Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness is searching for the most beautiful eyes in America. They could be yours! Just enter "The most beautiful eyes in America contest!"

Winners will be chosen from throughout the United States and Puerto Rico and go on to compete in the national finals scheduled for September 23 at the Hilton Towers international ballroom in Chicago. The national winner will receive an all-expense paid, one-week trip for two to Paris, in addition to other prizes and the distinct recognition as having the most beautiful eyes in America.

Participants need to submit a photo that best displays the beauty and overall healthy appearance of their eyes, along with an entry form and \$10 entry fee. Entry forms are available from the Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness, 1800 Post Road, Warwick, R.I. 02886, 738-1150. Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 1988.

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Obituaries

GENYA BERMAN

PROVIDENCE — Genya Berman, 81, of University Heights, 23 Nicholas Brown Yard, died Sunday, February 14, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Yefim Berman.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Lev and Malka Krupnik, she came to this country 10 years ago.

She leaves a daughter, Mary Shindelman of Providence; a grandson and a great-granddaughter.

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

EDYTHE SUMMERFIELD GLASSER

Edythe Summerfield Glasser, a long-time Florida resident died of Alzheimers Disease in Miami, Florida on Tuesday, February 16, Mrs. Glasser leaves two daughters; Lesta Summerfield Stacom, a resident of Palm Beach, Florida and New York City, and Joanne Summerfield Karlikow of New York City. Mrs. Glasser had six granddaughters.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El in Providence, R.I.

In lieu of flowers, remembrance can be made to Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders, 70 East Lake Street, Suite 6001, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

CHARLES HYATT

BALTIMORE — Charles Hyatt, a life-long resident of Baltimore died Sunday, February 7, 1988, at the Baltimore County General Hospital after a short illness. He was the husband of Cecelia (Levin) Hyatt and the late Edna (Raffel) Hyatt.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Gertrude Gordon of Providence; a son, Raymond Hyatt of Melbourne, Florida; a stepson, Tillman Pollack of Baltimore, Maryland; two granddaughters, Eda Gordon of Sante Fe, New Mexico and Elaine Levin of St. Louis, Missouri and three great-granddaughters.

Interment was in the Ahavas Shalom Cemetery in Rosedale, Maryland.

CLARA MEISTER

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Clara Meister, 92, died Thursday, February 4, 1988, at Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford. She was the widow of Isadore Meister.

Born in Norfolk, Va., a daughter of the late Lewis and Ida (Sachs) Steinberg, she had lived in Hartford 60 years.

She leaves three sons, Joseph S. Meister of Miami, Fla., Jerome F. Meister of Holliston, Mass., and Herbert B. Meister of Warwick; a daughter, Estelle Spungin, with whom she lived; a brother, Eugene Steinberg, Del Ray Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Weinstein Mortuary, 640 Farmington Ave., Hartford.

ROSE PRESS

WARWICK — Rose Press, 72, of Sparrows Point II, 777 Cowesett Rd., a bookkeeper for the Lorac Jewelry Findings Co., Providence, for 20 years before retiring eight years ago, died Sunday, February 21, 1988, at home. She was the widow of Morris Press.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late David and Celia (Kornstein) Yanku, she moved to Warwick 19 years ago.

Mrs. Press was a member of the Sparrows Point Tenants Organization, and a former member of Shaare Zedek Synagogue.

She leaves a son, Harvey Press of Smithfield; a daughter, Beryl Tippen of South Kingstown; two sisters, Esther Schwartz of Warwick, Sarah Silverman of Albany, N.Y., and a granddaughter.

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

REBECCA SIEGAL

PROVIDENCE — Rebecca Siegal, 99, of 122 Upton Ave., who with her husband was co-founder of the former City Hall Hardware Co., died Wednesday, February 10, 1988, at home. Her husband, Max Siegal, died in 1961.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Bertha Berman.

The City Hall Hardware Co., later known as City Hall Store, was on Washington Street in Providence. The store was expanded to include an annex on Westminster Street.

The Siegals opened a small hardware store in South Providence in 1907 and added a

downtown store in 1915. Mrs. Siegal continued to run the store on Prairie Avenue for several years after her husband opened the downtown store.

Mrs. Siegal supported a number of charitable organizations, donating funds and merchandise to many local church and synagogue groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Siegal also conducted annual carnivals to benefit the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its sisterhood, a member of Hadassah, the Council of Jewish Women, the Women's Associations of the Miriam Hospital and of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a contributing member of Brandeis University in Massachusetts and of the Sophia Little Home.

She leaves a daughter, Edyth Hamin, and a son, James Siegal, both of Providence; a sister, Bella Pepper of Daytona Beach, Fla.; 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

A private funeral service was held. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Providence, R.I. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street.

SARAH E. SPUNGIN

EAST GREENWICH — Sarah E. Spungin, 85, of 87 Terrace Drive, died Friday, February 19, 1988, at Kent County Memorial Hospital, Warwick. She was the widow of Halman Spungin.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Pincus and Lena (Weiner) Markowitz, she had lived in East Greenwich 16 years and had resided in Providence most of her life.

She attended the former Bryant & Stratton Business School, now Bryant College.

She was a member of Hadassah, the Sisterhood of Congregation Shaare Zedek and the Professional Women's and Business Association.

She leaves three brothers, Dr.

Joseph Markowitz and Morris Markowitz, both of East Providence, and Edward P. Brown of Garden Grove, Calif.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

REVA STOLZBERG

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Reva Stolzberg, 82, co-founder of Eddy's Shoes Inc. with stores in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, died two weeks ago in Fort Lauderdale. She was the widow of Edward O. Stolzberg.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., a daughter of the late Harris and Leah Stoloff, she lived in Brookline, Mass., and Cranston for many years before moving to Florida in 1974.

She leaves two sons, Herbert Stolzberg of Warwick and Jack Stolzberg of Fort Lauderdale; a daughter, Sandra Zimble of Newton, Mass.; two sisters, Jessie Leff of Swampscott, Mass., and Ida Klein of Los Angeles; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, 1668 Beacon St., Brookline. Burial will be in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

SAMUEL TARSKY

WARWICK — Samuel Tarsky, 81, of 64 Columbia Ave., owner of the Acme Sheet Metal Co., Providence, for 40 years before retiring two years ago, died Saturday, February 20, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Louise (Price) Tarsky.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Abraham and Jenny Tarsky, he moved from Providence to Warwick 36 years ago.

Mr. Tarsky was a member of Temple Am David and its Men's Club. He was a member of the Warwick Senior Citizens, What Cheer Lodge, Providence, the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and the Knights of Pythias.

He leaves two daughters, Joyce Friedman and Judith Weiser, both of Warwick; a brother, David Tarsky of Lincoln; a sister, Sally Bazar of Warwick; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

B'nai B'rith Career Service Celebrates 50th

B'nai B'rith Career and Counseling Services, which has provided testing and counseling for hundreds of thousands of people throughout the United States and Canada since it was created in 1938, will celebrate its Golden Anniversary April 10. The celebration will be at Bucks County Holiday Inn, northeast of Philadelphia.

Dr. Kenneth Bloom, chairman of the anniversary committee and vice chairman of the B'nai B'rith Career and Counseling Services, announced that the organization will present two Golden Anniversary awards. One will be to Jack J. Spitzer and the other to Dr. Max F. Baer.

Spitzer is a former international president of B'nai B'rith. While top officer of the world's largest Jewish organization, Spitzer had "stabilized and re-energized" B'nai B'rith Youth Services, of which B'nai B'rith's Career and Counseling Services has been a part.

Baer is the founding director of CCS and kept that position until 1954, when he decided to spend all of his time as the international director of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Baer retired in 1977 but in 1980 he was appointed coordinator of CCS.

The creation of CCS — then called the Vocational Service Bureau — was the result of demands by B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, each of which wanted a vocational guidance bureau for Jews. As the years passed, VSB grew, changed its name and ultimately met the needs for entire families, from children to retirees.

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Soviet Women Call For Hunger Strike

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Moscow-based group, Soviet Jewish Women for Emigration and Survival and Refusal (JEWAR), is appealing to women's groups throughout the West to join them in a hunger strike scheduled for Wednesday, March 2.

The group asked B'nai B'rith Women President Irma Gertler, who met with them in Moscow last June, to broadcast the appeal on their behalf. The hunger strike is timed to coincide with Ta'anit Esther, the Fast of Esther, which precedes the holiday of Purim and commemorates Esther's three-day fast and plea to the King of Persia to save her people.

Soviet Refuseniks Boris, Galina and David Lifschitz of Moscow transmitted the message to their adopted "family," the Ohio Jewish Community Relations Council, and asked that it be relayed to Gertler.

Signed by 30 people, the message depicts the desperate plight of the refuseniks: "Every applicant to leave the USSR becomes a hostage," it says in part. "He remains without his livelihood and must wait many years for the decision of his destiny. . . . Another problem is the awful situation of long-time refuseniks (who) have been waiting 8, 10 and more years.

. . . All of this takes place in a situation of increasing anti-Semitism. . . . A real danger of physical violence has appeared."

The message concludes: "We want to emphasize that "peace, detente, and disarmament have a direct linkage with human rights in the USSR, (and) the realization of this right: free emigration of Soviet Jews from the USSR."

In issuing the appeal for the March 2 fast to the American Jewish community, Gertler said: "The Fast of Esther marks one of the few instances in Jewish history where a woman was able to act, and to make a difference in the lives of her people. Now we have a chance to act and to make a difference. I call on all Jewish women to take part in this struggle."

Several months ago B'nai B'rith Women published "Between the Clouds and Heaven," a written plea for freedom which the women refuseniks gave to Gertler when she met with them in Moscow.

BBW has issued an action alert to its 120,000 members in the U.S. and Canada, asking them to collect food for the homeless during their day of fasting in honor of the refusenik women who are striking for their lives.

Bureau of Jewish Education

Yiddish Festival Bus Trip

The Bureau of Jewish Education is planning a bus trip to New England's first Yiddish Culture Festival to be held at Boston University.

The all-day event is geared towards people of all ages and levels of Yiddish including non-Yiddish speakers, and will feature 25 workshops, lectures, dramatic readings, musical performances and events. Most of the sessions will be conducted in English.

Among the guest lecturers and workshop leaders are poet Ruth Whitman and Professor Robert Szulkin of Brandeis University who will speak on Yiddish poetry; Dr. Sol Gittleman, Tufts University's Provost, who will lecture on the immigrant experience in America; New York's Chana Mlotek, who will lecture on the Yiddish Operetta; and Aaron Lansky of the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst.

Performers will include singers Betty Silberman and Rosalie Gerut, Actress Roza Zarubinskyaya, and Klezmer musicians from around New England.

Join us for this exciting event on Sunday, March 27, 1988.

The bus will leave from the Jewish Community Center at 8:45 a.m. and return approximately 6:30 p.m. Please bring your lunch. Drinks may be purchased. Price of \$14.50 includes transportation and registration fee.

Please call Millie or Sam Eisenstadt at 941-1819 and mail

your check to them at 55 Mayflower Drive, Cranston, R.I. 02905 by March 4, 1988. Reservations are limited to 46.

Six Novice Teachers Selected

The Bureau of Jewish Education has received a grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island to train novice teachers to fill classroom positions in our schools. The grant will address the critical shortage of Jewish teaching talent by providing a class in teaching techniques, an internship and supervision by veteran teachers.

The novice teachers selected from an overwhelming number of applicants to participate in this program include: Cynthia Agronick, Mary Berger, Ron Citro, Hyla Holtz, Mara Rockliff and Leora Tanenbaum. Veterans identified as Master Teachers to supervise the novices include: Judith Cohen (Midrasha), Jennifer Miller (Temple Emanu-El), Rabbi Abraham Jakubowitz (Providence Hebrew Day School), Marcia Kaufner (Solomon Schechter Day School), Donald Solomon (Habonim), and Ruth Page (Midrasha). Each novice will be paired with a veteran-mentor for training.

This program is one attempt utilized by the Bureau to address the most pressing problem facing Jewish education: creating a corps of dedicated professionals who will train tomorrow's Jewish leaders.

Teacher Training Course

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Janice Newman, teacher at the Harry Elkin Midrasha, Solomon Schechter Day School and Rhode Island School of Design, will be leading this Goldberg Award winning course. Tuition: \$35.00. Credits: 1.5.

Israel Study Tour In Early Childhood Education Teachers

The WZO is sponsoring an exciting Early Childhood Educator's Summer Israel Study Tour from July 17-31, 1988. This seminar will offer participants the opportunity to study with the leaders in early childhood education in Israel, to tour some of the major sites of the country and to gain an understanding of the unique features of Israel's early childhood education philosophy and practice. Such topics as "Jewish Identity in Israel and the Diaspora" and "Teaching Israel to Young Children" will be explored. The program is open to those actively involved in early childhood teaching and their spouses. Cost for teachers is \$1390.00; fees are slightly higher for spouses. Grants for teachers

are available through the Teacher Training Advisory Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Applications must be in the Bureau by March 15.

For further information, call Ruth Page at the Bureau Israel Desk, 331-0956.

High Schoolers: It's Not Too Late To Apply For Summer Programs To Israel

High school students who are considering travelling to Israel this summer on study programs are urged to call the Bureau of Jewish Education for information on Israel trips. In addition, Rhode Island residents are eligible for grants from the Leonard I. Salmanson Endowment Fund of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Students who receive grants for summer programs must take an Israel test and must participate in a five session orientation program; students must also complete a community service project upon their return.

There are also grants available for college students who are R.I. residents. For information on high school or college programs, and grants available for both, please call Ruth Page at the Bureau of Jewish Education, Israel Desk, 331-0956.

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Child Care Program At YMCA

In response to a long-standing need in Downtown Providence, the Providence YMCA is opening KID'S WORLD, a child care facility, at 160 Broad Street, in the youth wing of the Downtown facility. KID'S WORLD is open to children 18 months to 6 years old. This is one of the few centers that caters to children under 3 years old. Children and parents will have their own entrance and off-street parking adjacent to the building. The Center is State certified for 35 youngsters, but initial enrollment will fill up quickly and registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Activities for children include Music Time, Library Hour, Arts and Crafts, Gym Time, Field Trips, and Indoor/ Outdoor Play.

Leslie Ann Andrade of East Providence is the new director at Kid's World. Her previous experience includes Director and Head Teacher at MacColl Field YMCA in Smithfield. She is currently a graduate student at Tufts University in Medford, MA.



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Refusenik Celebrates Tu B'Shevat



Iosif Begun, former Soviet refusenik who recently arrived in Israel, plants a tree in the Jerusalem Corridor on Tu B'Shevat, Israel's Arbor Day. Mr. Begun, known as the "Hebrew teacher," waited nearly 17 years for an exit visa from the Soviet Union, where he was arrested and exiled to Siberia three times for alleged anti-Soviet activities. In honor of his release, the Jewish National Fund recently announced plans to revitalize re-planting efforts in JNF's Iosif Begun Forest, located in the West Bank, Israel. Mr. Begun's wife, Nechama (Ina), holds another sapling for planting. Joining the Beguns in the moving ceremony were JNF-Jerusalem representatives Avraham Kalman (left) and David Angel.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council is now accepting entries in its fourth annual National Writing Contest on the Holocaust. The deadline for the contest, which is open to all high school students in grades 9 through 12, is March 24; the winners will be announced by April 14. The subject this year is "What are the Lessons of the Holocaust for Americans?"

The First Place winner will receive a free trip to Washington, D.C. for the award presentation, a library shelf of books about the

Entries Sought For Holocaust Writing Contest

Holocaust and a certificate of honor. Other winners will receive books on the Holocaust and a certificate. The schools of all winners will receive a matching set of books.

The format is open — entries may be fiction, nonfiction, poetry or drama. Isaiah Kuperstein, director of education for the Council and coordinator of the writing contest, emphasizes that all entries must represent the independent effort of the writer. Entries will be judged on originality, content, and appearance, and must

not exceed 2,000 words.

Entries should be typed on printed, double spaced, on one side of the page, and should be accompanied by a title page which contains the following information: student's name, home address and telephone number; student's school, telephone number; name of teacher; and grade. They should be mailed to: Writing Contest, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, 200 L Street N.W., Suite 588, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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