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## William G. Braude — His Legacy Of Challenge

by Herman J. Blumberg

Many of us remember vividly the moment on Yom Kippur morning in 1965 when Rabbi William G. Braude took a *yarmulka* from his pocket and declared that he, a reform Rabbi for thirty-five years, would henceforth cover his head in the tradition of the Jewish people.

The gesture was one in a long list of dramatic acts and bold declarations which punctuated his career. Whether using props to attract the attention of youngsters to his story-sermon or singing a Yiddish song in the midst of a talk to adults, he made his listeners sit up and take notice.

His flare for the dramatic was not simply a showman's technique or manifestations of a would-be actor. Always thoughtful and contemplative, deed thoroughly consistent with word, often unpredictable, William Braude always sought to challenge himself and those around him to new understandings of Torah and to more ways of living as Jews in consonance with God's Word.

The challenge could be simple. "What is your Hebrew name?" he would ask at first meeting, confident that such knowledge and articulation would preserve and strengthen Jewish identity. When he brought the Lubavitcher Day School into Beth El's fashionable new East side quarters or reached out beyond the parochial boundary of the Reform movement to embrace conservative and orthodox colleagues, he was expressing our profound link to all Jews and challenging us to fulfill our responsibility, even to those of our people centuries and worlds apart from us. When he substituted the refreshment of "Humash-and-Rashi" for post-Bar Mitzvah cocktail party socializing or avoided yet another committee meeting in favor of an hour to translate the Midrash on Psalms, he was asking us to affirm with him the value of Torah study and the distinction between the sacred and the not-so-holy.

The challenge could be very personal as he urged each of us to

reach into our beings for new dimensions of creativity and decency, of Yiddishkeit (feelings and deeds as Jews), of reverence for all that was sacred and sensible, humane and holy. Often the challenge was to us as a community as he urged us to bring justice and compassion into our lives.

He did not hesitate to confront us from the pulpit as he did with these words on the occasion of Beth El's ninetieth anniversary in 1934:

You can call this house a Beth El (House of God) from now till judgement day, and unless you live lives that are permeated with responsibility to a God above us and to men about us this will never be a Beth El... Illuminations and scrolls never make a house of God. A pulpit and a preacher never make a house of God. It is you and your lives alone that can make it... by upright and honorable living, by being ourselves frankly and openly, without boast, apology, complaint. (unpublished sermon, 1934).

Rabbi Braude's actions were equally bold and thoroughly consistent with his sermons. Long

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## The Emphasis Is On Service At The JFS



Paul Segal, Executive Director of JFS: "Our goal is to provide a strong program for all segments of the (Jewish) population."

by Robert Holtzman

When Jews in America lived in ghettos, said Paul L. Segal, Executive Director of Rhode Island Jewish Family Service, they had their particular hardships to bear, but "we thought we were immune to some of the problems" of the rest of American society: problems such as divorce, alcoholism, drugs, isolation. "The Jewish family used to be the strong link," he said. But Jews have become so assimilated into the patterns of American society that the family has become weaker, and problems like these are becoming as common among Jews as among the rest of American society. "Our mission," said Segal, "is to strengthen Jewish family life."

"We don't want to be reactive. We want to be proactive," said Segal. "JFS isn't only problem-oriented. We're trying to be preventative too." To that end, the organization, headquartered at 229 Waterman Street in Providence, provides a range of programs designed to help people understand the tensions and dislocations of everyday life, as well as helping people in the midst of their problems.

"Family Life programming helps people cope better with normal life stress—or with crises," said Bryna Bettigole, Director of Clinical Services at JFS. Family Life Education programs are designed to get people together to discuss the common situations they face. The program includes sessions on marital separation, coping with old age, inter-faith marriage, the special problems of working women, and more. What's common to all the offerings is the opportunity to learn about the experiences of other people going through the same situation. "It's very helpful to sit down with people and find that you're not unusual in the problems you face," said Bettigole. "It helps people cope." It's one example of a preventative service. Rather than

waiting for the crisis to occur, people have the chance to understand the issues beforehand. This allows them to develop strategies to cope with, for example, a rebellious teenager, a new baby, a divorce, the death of a loved one, before the situation becomes a crisis.

A related service offered by the JFS is counseling to help people deal with existing problems. The counseling is always conducted on a confidential basis. Unlike many other kinds of professionals, who may specialize in the people's problems during a particular phase of life, the counselors at JFS are qualified to deal with people in all family situations: couples, families, divorcees, children, the elderly, etc. All of the clinical counselors are registered with the State of Rhode Island, all are members of the Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW), and all have their Masters in Social Work (MSW). Counseling services are provided on a sliding fee scale, the more well-to-do paying more of their share. "It is a myth that we only deal with poor people," said Segal, although no one is ever denied services due to an inability to pay. Counseling services are reimbursable by agencies such as Blue Cross, Blue Shield, and private insurance companies.

Mrs. Bettigole said that, in counseling, the first step is to define the individual's or the family's problem. Interviews with a clinical counselor help people recognize the source of their troubles. From that point, the counselor will help define goals and establish strategies to solve or cope with the problem. "You're constantly reassessing with the family until you reach the goals," said Bettigole. If a family is having trouble dealing with an unruly child, the first sessions might be separate: first the parents, then the child. At a later date, when the

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## Hadassah Hospitals Provide Aid For Victims Of Violence

JERUSALEM — Despite tensions between Arabs and Israelis that have erupted in violence in Gaza and the West Bank, Arab physicians in the territories are continuing to refer infant patients to the Hadassah hospitals here.

In recent weeks, cases referred to the Hadassah-University Hospital and the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center have included a newly-born baby with a malformed esophagus and a 10-month-old infant with a severe disorder of the large bowel, both from Gaza.

Doctors at the Medical Center at Ein Karem also treated and released the youngest reported Israeli victim of the disturbances on the West Bank, a 15-month-old boy who was struck on the head with a rock hurled by rioting Arabs. And a surgeon at the Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus performed a rare operation on a five-year-old Arab boy to correct a birth defect which rendered his right arm useless. Both children live in the West Bank.

The Israeli child was identified as Michael Ben-Hur of Ma'aleh Adumim, a Jewish settlement, who was hit in the head by a fist-size stone thrown at his parents' car as they passed through the Arab village of Eizariya shortly before Shabbat.

The infant, bleeding and unconscious, was taken first to Hadassah's Mount Scopus hospital, then transferred to the Pediatric Surgery Department in the Medical Center at Ein Karem. Doctors said Michael was "incredibly lucky" not to have suffered a skull fracture or serious brain damage.



JERUSALEM — Ten-month-old Mustafa greets Dr. Shmuel Katz from his mother's arms during a check-up at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center's Pediatric Surgery Department. Dr. Katz successfully operated on the Arab child from Gaza to correct a congenital disorder of the large bowel. Mustafa is one of several young patients referred to the Hadassah hospitals here by Arab doctors in Gaza and the West Bank.

Physicians at the Children's Hospital in Gaza turned to specialists at the Hadassah Medical Center to treat a baby just hours old who was born without an opening to his esophagus. The infant was rushed by ambulance to Ein Karem, where Dr. Shmuel

Katz, the senior pediatric surgeon, performed the life-saving operation.

Dr. Katz also performed surgery on the 10-month-old infant from Gaza who suffered from Hirschsprung's Disease, which

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# Local News

## Temple Beth-El

This Friday evening, March 11, the Temple Beth-El Choir will celebrate Jewish Music Month when it presents songs by Ben Steinberg, Max Janowsky and selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Oneg Shabbat. Members of the choir include: Joanne Mouradian, soprano; Hillary Nicholson, mezzo-soprano; Edward Whalen, tenor; and Kenneth Clauser, baritone. The quartet is directed by Rosamond Wadsworth, music director at Temple Beth-El since 1979. The Temple's organist is Vance Westgate, organist at Beneficent Congregational Church as well as Beth-El. The quartet will perform following worship services at 8:15 p.m. The community is welcome.

For more information call 331-6070.

### Program On Media

The Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El present a dynamic forum on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. entitled "Life in a Fishbowl: The Media and Public Life." M. Charles Bakst, political writer for the *Providence Journal* for 20 years, will moderate a panel including Raul Lovett, attorney,

William R. Goldberg, retired Chief Judge of the Family Court of R.I., Bruce Corris, Assistant News Director, WPRI-TV, congressional candidate and political consultant Scott Wolf and *Providence Journal* staff writer Judy Rakowsky. With our nation's obsession with the personal lives of potential leaders and people in the spotlight, and with recent events involving Gary Hart, Joseph Biden and former Supreme Court nominee Douglas Ginsburg, there is renewed debate about the role of the media in our local and national affairs. The community is welcome to attend this program which begins with coffee and pastry at 7:30 p.m. followed by the forum at 8 p.m. in the Temple's meeting hall.

For more information call 331-6070.

### Brotherhood Sabbath March 18

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El will participate in a special Sabbath worship service on March 18 at 8:15 p.m. in the Temple's Bennett Chapel. Members of the Brotherhood Board will participate in this service which will be led by Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman. Following services at the Oneg Shabbat, a program entitled "Jewish Life on

Campus" will be presented by Rabbi Alan C. Flam, Director of the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation and Associate Chaplain, Brown University. Rabbi Flam directs one of the most active and successful Hillels in the country. He will moderate a panel of students who will reflect upon issues of Jewish identity at colleges and universities. The community is welcome to join in the fellowship of worship.

For more information call 331-6070.

## Sons Of Jacob

The current schedule for Sons of Jacob Synagogue is:

Friday, March 11, Candlelighting, 5:26 p.m. Minchah service, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 12, P. Vayakhel - Perikuday - CHAZAK! (Blessing of the month of Nisan) Morning services, 8:30 a.m. Kiddush after services. Minchah service, 5:30 p.m. Sabbath ends, 6:20 p.m.

Sunday, March 13, morning services, 7:45 a.m.; refreshments after services. Minchah service, 5:30 p.m.

Minchah the entire week, 5:30 p.m.

Rabbi Drizin will speak this week concerning the preparations for the holiday of Passover!!

## Ohawe Sholam

Bar Mitzvah Of Allen Mal At Congregation Ohawe Sholam

This Shabbat is not only Shabbat Parah but also is the Bar Mitzvah of Allen Mal. Friday evening services begin at 5:35 p.m. Allen will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Saturday morning services at 9 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. David Mal invite all those at services to participate in the deli luncheon in celebration of this momentous day in Allen's life.

The Rabbi will give a class on Pesach Laws at 4:45 p.m. Mincha is at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath meal. Ma'ariv is at 6:30 p.m. Havdalah is at 6:40 p.m.

On Tuesday March 15, March 22, and March 29 Rabbi Jacobs will give a class at 8 p.m. on the Philosophy and Relevant Observances on Passover. March 20 the Rabbi will be available to act as your agent to sell Chametz. Any questions about preparation for the holiday may be directed to the Rabbi at 724-3552.

## Temple Beth David

Temple Beth David, Narragansett, will hold Friday Evening Services this Friday, March 11, 1988 at 8 p.m. Services are conducted by Ethan Adler, Religious Leader. Temple President is Dr. Stanley Barnett.

Services at Temple Beth David are warm, friendly and "Shabbos-dik"; those attending are often invited to lead parts of the service. An Oneg Shabbat brings the evening to a "sweet" close.

Everyone is invited to join us for "Shabbos by the Sea."

A Sunday morning service is scheduled for Sunday, March 13, at 9 a.m.

Our next Friday Evening Service is scheduled for Friday, March 25.

Is your organization having a function? Let everyone know about it in the Herald.

## Temple Emanu-El



Isaac Kriger  
Women's Association Of The  
Jewish Home To Host  
Luncheon

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home will hold its annual Donor Luncheon on Wednesday, March 16 at noon in the Alperin Meeting Hall at Temple Emanu-El.

Doris Jacobs, Chairwoman of this event announced that funds raised through this and other projects are used for the maintenance of the services and programs which enhance the well-being of the Home's residents.

Entertainment will feature "Espresso." The duo of Rivka Isacher, brilliant soprano and Isaac Kriger, a dramatic tenor, and accompanied by pianist Elizabeth Brahm-Kruger will present Broadway, Yiddish and Israeli



Rivka Isacher  
songs with opera excerpts.

Assisting Doris Jacobs is a committee which includes Betty Goldstein, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Gertrude Hak; Corresponding Secretary, Trudy Rotenberg; Early Calls, Esther Feldman; Telethon, Beverly Adler, Ardean Botvin and Estelle Forman; Contributions, Eve Zucker; Hostesses, Zeldia Feldman; Publicity, Grace Alpert; Decorations, Lillian Zorum, Charlotte Goldberg, ex-officio. Tilda Kessler is Chairman for the program book, Shirley Goldberg, Memorials and Ruth Wagner, Treasurer.

Reservations and information are available at the Women's Association office 331-4750, ext. 36 or may be had by calling 861-9662.



Judith Baskin  
Rabbi Morris G. Silk  
Memorial Lecture Weekend  
March 18-19, 1988  
Presents  
Dr. Judith R. Baskin

Wives and husbands, parents and children, a family's joys and sorrows are unique. Yet, it may be possible to glimpse ourselves reflected in the families of the Midrash, the ancient collections of Rabbinic Lore. Join us on March 18 and 19, as Dr. Judith R. Baskin introduces us to wives and husbands, parents and children in the Midrash.

Dr. Judith Baskin is an Associate Professor of Judaic Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She did her graduate studies at Yale University, receiving her Ph.D. in Medieval Studies in 1976. Professor Baskin is the author of *Pharaoh's Counsellors: Job, Jethro and Balaam in Rabbinic and Patristic Tradition*. This book compares Jewish and Christian views of gentiles, and discusses Jewish and Christian biblical interpretation and contacts in late antiquity. Prof. Baskin is currently studying Jewish women in the rabbinic and medieval periods.

Professor Baskin is the wife of Professor Warren Ginsberg and the mother of Sammy, age nine, and Shira, age two.

Since 1984, the Annual Rabbi Morris G. Silk Memorial Lecture Weekend has been an opportunity for the Emanu-El community to learn and grow in Jewish scholarship. It is a fitting memorial to a man who was known in Providence for his scholarship, compassion, and community involvement.



## AIDS Topic At Social Action Breakfast

No issue has galvanized our consciousness in the past year like AIDS. Every community in this country has had to deal with it in some way. The Jewish community, too, has seen some of its members succumb to this disease; and perhaps we have not acted as quickly as we might to dispel some of the myths and false information concerning this deadly illness.

On Sunday morning, March 20, at 10 a.m. in the Alperin Meeting House, the Temple Emanu-El Men's Club, Sisterhood, and Social Action Committee will sponsor a breakfast and presentation on the topic of AIDS. Speaking that morning will be Veneita Porter, Director of R.I. Project AIDS. Ms. Porter has been interviewed extensively on radio, television, and the print media. Recently, she coordinated a conference on "AIDS in the Workplace" at Butler Hospital. Several hundred companies were invited to participate for the purpose of learning how to deal with AIDS before it becomes a crisis that could disrupt the workplace; and how to avoid unnecessary litigation. Dr. Bruno Borenstein who has been involved with AIDS programs throughout the state will respond to questions relating to the medical aspects of AIDS.

Education is the most important component in preventing the spread of AIDS. Even if you are not at risk, it is crucial to understand as much as possible about this disease. Please make every effort to join us on Sunday, March 20 to learn about one of the most significant issues of our day.

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## JCC News

## I.B. Singer Film Series

The powerful 1986 Academy Award nomination, *Isaac in America* will open the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's tribute to Isaac Bashevis Singer on Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence.

The first of a two-part film series, *Isaac in America: A Journey with Isaac Bashevis Singer*, narrated by Judd Hirsch and featuring Singer on Singer, portrays the author as a young man struggling to establish himself as a writer in America and affords an intimate look at Singer's life today. The film weaves together present-day actuality with dramatic scenes from the Singer work *A Day in Coney Island*, based on his impressions of his first days in America. The powerful film gives the viewer a deeper understanding of the man, his work and the culture in which they exist.

The second film in the series, to be shown two weeks later on Sunday, March 27 at 2 p.m. is *The Cafeteria*, winner of the CINE Golden Eagle Award and starring Zorah Lampert and Bob Dishy. The film adaptation of the Singer short story explores apparitions of



Bob Dishy and Zorah Lampert star in *The Cafeteria*.

the past and their emergence as reality in the present. The cafeteria, shot on location at Dubrow's on Seventh Avenue in Midtown Manhattan, is a second home to the cast of characters who meet to discuss the issues of the day and gossip about mutual acquaintances. The film is a beautiful adaptation of a genuinely human story.

Following the films a discussion will be led by Dr. Blossom S. Kirschenbaum. The fee is \$1 per person per film.

The series is co-sponsored by the Cultural Arts Committee and the Yiddish Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

## Lifeguard Training Courses

The Aquatic Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence is offering two courses required for lifeguards.

"Advanced Life Saving," for those fifteen and over, will be held for ten Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning March 9. Participants must attend all classes to complete the course. The fee is \$35.

"First Aid Course," also required for lifeguards, will be held on six Tuesdays beginning March 15 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$32.

For further information or to register call Patty Winer Gold at 861-8800.

## Brown Bag Club

## To Tour John Brown House

The Brown Bag Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence will tour the John Brown House on March 15. The visit will be guided by the Rhode Island Historical Society.

The group will meet at the JCCRI at 10:15 a.m. for car pooling, will tour the House at 11 a.m. and will return to the JCCRI at noon for lunch and discussion. Participants are asked to bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and coffee will be provided. The suggested donation for the morning is \$1.50.

The Brown Bag Club is for people free for lunch from mothers of preschoolers to active seniors. Please call Ann Miller at 861-8800 for further information or to sign up for the tour.

## Brunch, Relax 'n Rap For Singles

Marc A. Silverman will speak on "How to Date Successfully" at a brunch for Jewish single adults on Sunday, March 20 at 11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence. Mr. Silverman, a psychotherapist in private practice, specializes in issues of love and loneliness. The fee for the brunch is \$3.50 for JCCRI members; \$6 for non-members.

A Relax 'n Rap session for Jewish singles will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. An exercise equipment demonstration will be held.

Meet friends, socialize and enjoy light refreshments. Members: \$1; Non-Members: \$2. For information on Jewish singles activities call Karen Lowe at 861-8800.

## Temple Shalom

The winter session of Adult Education continues this Thursday evening, March 10 beginning at 7:15 p.m. with Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer speaking on the origins and meaning of Reform Judaism. Jeffrey Sochrin will continue his Hebrew class.

The featured speaker for the second hour will be the Reverend Dr. John Wilson of the Newport Congregational Church who will address his remarks to "What is a Congregationalist?" A question and answer period will conclude the evening.

A Late Sabbath Eve Worship Service will commence at 8 p.m. on Friday evening, March 11. Rabbi Jagolinzer will chant the liturgical portions of the service and deliver a sermon entitled, "Feeling Poorly, Take Two Jokes. ..." An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, graciously sponsored by William and Dora Soforenko in honor of their son, Tracy, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Shabbat morning Service begins at 10 a.m. and is followed by a Kiddush and Torah discussion.

Sunday evening at 5 p.m. the Rabbi's Adult Education Program will present a dinner and presentation on the "Skinheads." Attorney William Mandell of the Speaker's Bureau of ADL will be the featured speaker. Reservations can be made by contacting the Temple Office.

Reservations are being taken for the Annual Temple Seder which will take place on Friday evening April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Barbara Jagolinzer to reserve your place on or before March 18.

On Friday evening, March 25 following an early worship service, there will be a Model Seder presentation by Rabbi Jagolinzer. Reservations are required and can be made through the Temple office.

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# From The Editor

by Robert Holtzman

## The Insufficiency Of History

As we begin to gear up for Passover, we call to mind the liberation of the Jewish people. Central to the Passover story, it seems, is the idea that there was a Promised Land to which the Jews, after centuries of hardship in Egypt and another 40 years in the desert, could go. Looked at in Christian terms, the Sinai was a kind of Purgatory, a cleansing experience.

Where do the Palestinians go? Where is their Promised Land after 40 years of state-less purgatory? Jordan, so I've heard, is their Promised Land. But somehow, I don't believe it.

A knowledge of history is important to understanding why things are as they are, but, unfortunately, that knowledge does not lead us to a solution to the problems in Israel. As many commentators are fond of pointing out, the situation is not Israel's doing. It is the doing of the United Nations and the Arab states.

So what? How does this help find a solution?

In statement after statement, resolution after resolution, the United Nations has questioned Israel's right to exist. Israel, therefore, has often had to reject the authority of the UN, for the sake of maintaining its own *raison*

*d'être*. We cannot say, then, that the UN's Resolution of November 29, 1947, giving part of Palestine to the Jews (Israel) and part to the Arabs (Jordan) is a solution to the problem. One can't say in one breath that the UN's 40-year-old decision is the proper authority for such questions, and in the next refuse to accept the more recent rulings of the same body. The solution, then does not lie in the UN's 1947 decision.

That resolution would be unacceptable to Israel in any case. It defined a Jewish state comprised of three virtually separate regions, connected with each other by the merest threads of territory. If Israel's middle is considered narrow and vulnerable now, then the borders of the 1947 resolution are absurd — comparable, perhaps, to making a nation out of Arizona, Colorado, and Oklahoma without New Mexico, Utah, or Kansas to provide contiguity.

The borders after the War of Independence were established based on existing positions at the time of the armistice — not based on a UN resolution. Even these borders are today considered unacceptable after 20 years of relative security provided by the West Bank, and the Golan Heights

acquired, again, not by UN resolution, but as the result of the 1967 war.

We can say that the Palestinians are the Arabs' responsibility — that they belong in Jordan. Again, this is a non-solution. Jordan won't take them. Egypt doesn't want them. Where are they to go? It may be a Jewish tradition to help other Jews in need, but this motive is apparently not active among the Arab nations in the Middle East today.

It's been pointed out that Palestinians were slaughtered by their Arab "brothers." This is sometimes cited as the logic to lay the blame for the situation on the Arabs, and to try to demand that, as they caused it, they should solve it by accepting Palestinian refugees. That is comparable to wishing genocide on the Palestinians. The lives of Jews may be our first priority, but condemning the Palestinian Arabs to death at the hands of other Arabs is not an acceptable resolution of the Palestinian problem. It brings to mind a certain solution to a certain "Jewish Problem." Let not the Jews ever abide the genocide of any other people, even if it should occur at the hands of their co-religionists. We should by now have learned too much, and we should be too compassionate, to allow ourselves to sell any human into slavery.

Besides, would you want to live under the Jordanian regime? Even if the chances for a democratic government to function under Palestinian self-rule are virtually nil, the Palestinians may prefer that gamble to the chances of being treated well in Jordan.

Saying that the Palestinians are not Palestinians, but rather, that they are some kind of displaced Jordanians, is denying the people the right to self-definition. Self-definition is a right

even more basic than self-determination. It was why the Jews of Spain suffered during the Inquisition.

There may be no UN sanction for the existence of a Palestinian state as distinct from Jordan. There may be no biblical sanction either. But Israel herself more often than not rejects UN sanctions, and one cannot ask Palestinian Arabs to accept the validity of sanctions from the Old Testament. There may be the sanction of Humanity, however, which seems to feel that all people deserve a state to call their own. World opinion has become galvanized. Is world opinion very different from the authority vested in the UN in 1947, when the Jewish people were willing to accept its judgement regarding their future state?

Forty years ago, Jordan was conceived as a Palestinian state. It is no longer the case. Jordan is Jordan — not Palestine. It doesn't want the Palestinians, and neither do they want it. They do not want to be refugees to a strange land. Rather, they want a *homeland*, where they are.

This is not to recommend a Palestinian state as a solution. It is not to say that a Palestinian state might be willing to exist peacefully besides Israel. It is not to say that such a state would be economically viable. It is not to say that such a nation could be established with adequate provisions for the security of Israel.

It is simply to state that blaming the Arabs for causing the problem is not a means to a solution. It is to repeat that to propose a mass exodus of Palestinians to Jordan would not provide a humanely acceptable solution, and it can't and won't be instituted in any case.

## Right And Wrong Lessons From Gaza

by Irving Greenberg

The uprising in Gaza and the territories has cost both sides dearly. Israel's costs include a loss of political grip on the West Bank, a tarnished moral image, injuries and damaged morale for its soldiers and civilians and labor shortages. Despite their offsetting gains, the Palestinians' losses are grimmer — more than seventy lives, countless injuries, many arrests and lives disrupted, heavy loss of wages and business, curfews and food shortages.

For the international community as well as for the Israelis and the Palestinians, there are **right lessons** and **wrong lessons** to be learned from Gaza.

### The Palestinian Arabs

The **wrong lesson** for the "generation of the stones" would be that their rock throwing victory over soldiers, acting under restraint, proves that they can "liberate" all of Israel. American and Israeli sympathy for the Palestinians stems from the sense that they seek self-determination. Emotional empathy will fade rapidly if the goal is identified as destruction of the Jews.

The **right lesson** would be to turn the inchoate rage at subordination and poverty into a positive program for peace, self-help and autonomy as the first step toward national independence. A mature interpretation — based on the true strength of self-control — would be to admit that the demonstrations were made possible by Israel's moral controls, by the fact that its conscience would not allow the kind of murderous suppression of riots that a Syrian government allowed itself at Hama or that Hussein visited on the PLO in September 1970.

It is easier to throw rocks at Israelis who retaliate in a limited way. It would be more appropriate to throw them at the hard liners in the PLO and the Islamic Jihad who have repeatedly refused to negotiate peace and have murdered Arabs who sought to carve out a moderate, peaceful alternative.

### Israeli Hawks And The "Right"

The **wrong lessons** would be: if only Israel had cracked down even more strongly at the beginning of the uprising, the uprising would have never spread; the Arabs know only the language of force; exclude the media; the whole world only hates Israel; and if Israelis were like Syrians at Hama, there would be peace and quiet now.

The **right lesson** would be that the energy spent keeping a nationally conscious Arab people under control will be far more productive, and more

noble when utilized to create an island of peace and prosperity in the Middle East.

The **wrong lesson** would be to oppose any Arab self-determination on the West Bank in the belief that all Jewish settlements would subsequently be uprooted.

The **right lesson** is that, as Arabs can live in the Galilee and in Haifa, so Jews can live in Samaria and near Hebron. When peace has created the mutual trust and political framework for two states to exist side by side, there could be an option for people on both sides of the green line to opt for citizenship in the state on the other side.

### Israeli Doves

The **wrong lesson** is that an expression of peace will, automatically, draw forth an Arab leadership willing to make peace. The illusion is that willingness to compromise can swiftly overcome the resentment — or unreconciled hatred — of Israel.

The **right lesson** is to make clear to everybody that it is not wishful thinking or lack of will to sacrifice or readiness to dump settlers that underlie peace policies.

The **right lesson** is that it will take years of persistence and major effort to enable an indigenous Arab leadership to emerge that would take responsibility for peace.

The **right lesson** is to nurture that leadership and to insist that this process must begin now.

The **wrong lesson** would be to simply walk out of Gaza leaving it a jungle open to the triumph of terror. When the raids on Israel start, the Israeli army would have to intervene at greater cost.

The **right lesson** is that helping the Arabs build the infrastructure of prosperity and dignity will mean greater security and a better life — humanly and economically — for Israel.

### Arab Nations

The **wrong lesson** is that sympathy for the Palestinians will translate into support for a continuing refusal to recognize Israel.

The **wrong lesson** is to revive all the imagery of Israel as a crusader state, to cling to the hope that the Islamic idea that non-Moslems have no right to statehood within the Dar-al-Islam — the boundaries of the Islam world — can go on unreconstructed.

The **right lesson** would be to seize the opportunity of a chastened Israel to open a process of self-determination for the Palestinians. The energy freed up from the conflict with Israel can be

harnessed to economic renovation and grassroots strengthening of Islamic society.

### American Jews

The **wrong lesson** is that unconditional love for Israel means not admitting when Israel is wrong. The **right lesson** is that feedback and moral questioning of ethical errors expresses love and deepens commitment. The **right lesson** is to make judgments on Israel's policies in the real world not by an absolute standard of perfection that no country can live up to — and survive.

The **wrong lesson** is delegitimizing Israel when it does something wrong or passing harsh judgments through the media. The **right lesson** is to speak truth to Israel with determination to be heard.

### American Government

The **wrong lesson** is to blame the American government for not being more active in Middle East diplomatic initiatives up to now.

The **wrong lesson** would be to let the protagonists stew in their own juices rather than risk American prestige on a peace initiative.

The **right lesson** will be for the United States to harvest both the fruit

of its alliance with Israel and its responsible friendship with the Arab side all these years. America alone can give Israel the confidence and Arab nations the realism to trade territories for a real peace. But it will take persistence, firmness and leadership to bring the parties to the bargaining table.

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## Hadassah News



Marjorie Housen

The Providence Chapter of Hadassah will hold a Donor Kick-Off meeting on Monday, March 14, 1988 at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

The speaker for the afternoon meeting will be Marjorie Housen, who is a member of the National Board of Hadassah. Mrs. Housen, who is a graduate of Brandeis University, is a past National Vice-President, and a former

president of the Western New England Region of Hadassah. Currently, she is Organizational Consultant to the New England Region, and is an Area Founders Chairman for the National Major Gifts Department and Co-Chairman for the Endowment Fund. Mrs. Housen's address to the members will be an "Hadassah Update."

The Annual Donor Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 1988 at the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass. Members heading the committee are: Erna Oelbaum and Roberta Blum, Donor Co-Chairpersons; Rita Millen, Donor Treasurer; Selma Halpern, Reservations; Esther Share and Diane Silk, Ad Book Co-Chairpersons; Nellie Silverman, Ad Book Treasurer; Claire Bell, Ad Book Editor.

Dessert and coffee will be served in the Art Gallery at 12 noon. The meeting and program is scheduled for 1 p.m. in the Senior Lounge.

The hospitality committee consists of Kay Abrams, Roberta Blum, Bertha Kasper, Cele Low and Gertrude Podrat, decorations.

## Cantor Concert At Torat Yisrael



Cantor Samuel Linkovsky

A gala spring concert featuring New England's leading cantors will be presented at Temple Torat Yisrael on Saturday, March 19, at the temple, 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

Headling the program will be Cantor Samuel Linkovsky of Temple Torat Yisrael and Cantor Aryeh Finklestein of Temple Mishkan Tefila, Newton, Mass.

Also featured will be Stephen Martarella, pianist-organist, who is the organist at Temple Torat Yisrael, and the Festival of Music Band.

While the concert will contain several Yiddish songs, grand cantorials, and an international potpourri of English and modern Israeli songs, it will not be limited to Jewish music. Instrumental classics and arias from great operas also will be included.

General admission will be \$8. Concert-goers wishing to be listed as sponsors may purchase tickets in the following categories: patrons, \$25; benefactors, \$50; and special friends of music, \$100. Tickets will be available at Temple Torat Yisrael, in advance or at the door. Reservations may be made by phone at 785-1800.

A fourth generation cantor, Samuel Linkovsky was born in the U.S.S.R. and migrated with his family to Israel in 1972, where he served as a sergeant in the Israeli

Armed Forces. He presented numerous concerts for wounded Israeli troops after the Yom Kippur War. Hailed by Israeli critics as a "yeled pele" (child prodigy), he won first prize in the Chassidic Song Competition held at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem in 1972. He has appeared extensively with leading cantors and musicians, and has been featured often in his own concerts.

The Israeli-born Aryeh Finklestein also is a member of a cantorial family. He became the youngest professional cantor in British history when, while still in school, he was appointed cantor of the Pollokshields Synagogue in Glasgow, Scotland. A regular soloist with the Zamir Chorale of Boston, he has appeared as tenor soloist with many Jewish musical organizations, and often with his father and brother. He appears nationally on Jewish radio programs.

Stephen Martarella has appeared as featured piano soloist in recital and with dance companies. He has performed with the New York Woodwind Quintet, the Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra, the New Music Ensemble, and the Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra. He has also appeared on television and radio broadcasts.



Cantor Aryeh Finklestein

## Touro Fraternal Association Programs

Touro Fraternal Association members should be proud of their association for all the good work they have done in the past for the community. Besides the parties for the children and grandchildren of members and also for the Jewish Home, we have done much for the disabled and ill children of our area. During the past year, Touro Fraternal association raised slightly over two thousand dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Touro also did an outstanding job on TV for the Easter Seal (Meeting Street School) telethon. Not only were we on the Angel List but we helped man the phones. Thanks to all the members who called in with a donation for this worthy cause.

Did you know that Touro Fraternal Association has a fund for Trees for Israel? If you have any event, such as a death or a happy occasion you would like remembered please call the Touro office or bring the information to any association meeting.

Don't forget some of our events that are coming up.

March 23 — our association meeting at Vasa Hall with Nominations for officers and a free Deli dinner. Time 6:30 p.m.

April 17 — Mark it down, Touro members and wives will have a brunch. This is a Two for one at Evelyn's Villa in West Warwick. Time will be 10:30 a.m. sharp. Our outstanding speaker will be Probate Judge, Shayle Robinson.

April 27 — Not to be missed. Initiation of Candidates at a half price dinner at Archies Tavern in Pawtucket. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Membership Drive — Don't forget our membership drive is now on and any young Jewish men who would like to join the largest independent men's Jewish Fraternal Association in New England are invited.

If you would like more information or would like to join you should call the Touro office. The main phone number is 944-4412.

Members please mark down, Voting for Election of Officers of Touro will be held at Touro Hall at 960 Reservoir Ave. in Cranston on May 11. Voting is from 7 to 10 p.m.

The Touro Fraternal Association will hold its annual nomination of officers on Wednesday, March 23, at Vasa Hall in Cranston. There will be a delicious deli dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the nominations and by the initiation of candidates. There will be no charge for admission. For more information call (401) 944-4412.

## B'nai B'rith Youth Seeks Volunteer Advisors

The New England Region of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is seeking volunteers to serve as advisors to local Jewish youth chapters in various locations throughout Rhode Island.

For more information on becoming a volunteer advisor, please call the Regional Office at 617-566-2067 or 401-421-4111.

## ORT Meeting

The Providence Chapter of O.R.T. (Organization For Rehabilitation Through Training) will hold its March 17 general meeting at a member's home in Cranston at 7:45 p.m.

Eliot Cohen, executive vice president of the Rhode Island Jewish Federation, will be the guest speaker. The topic will be "How to Explain Anti-Semitism to Our Children."

For further information or directions, please call 943-5939.

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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Queen Esther, Mordecai, Haman, jubilant clowns, Raggedy Ann and Andy, cowboys, punkers, fuzzy friends, a ballerina and one Mary Poppins were spotted among the crop of those costumed at Temple Beth Sholom's Purim Carnival last Wednesday night.

The Purim celebrators gave each booth a whirl at fishing, bowling, knock-down pins, spear balloons, basketball, shoot out the candles, balloon shaving and lucking out at the roulette wheel.

Winners turned in their coupons at a central prize redemption center where they chose from among a slew of gifts.

For kids, moms and dads who donned make-up and cute get-ups, a costume parade was called to pick the top three.

Savory sundries at a food bar added to the festivities.



Looking wide-eyed are little clown Brooke Saltzman and this unidentified mega-spectacled youngster.



Snack time for David, Leah and Rebecca Zisserson.



Gilead Tadmor positions his son Joel for a spin at the roulette wheel while baby brother Daniel looks on.

## Celebrating Purim At Temple Beth Sholom



Capped with a fiery red wig, Adena Jurkowitz was a sensational clown. She returned to her hamantashe, after the shutter flicked.



Raggedy Andy (Howard Mintz) holds son Orli, cute as a button in a baby tiger costume.



A smiling Myrese Nachomowitz, right, was in charge of the shave-the-balloons booth. So far, so good for Avi and Shira Rosenstein. Neither balloon had popped as of this moment.



Lining up for the costume contest are clowns Daniel, Eric and Evy Stieglitz, Aliza Jurkowitz as Mary Poppins, and her sister Adena. Aliza was one of the winners.

Photos by Dorothea Snyder



# Parents Plights & Rights

by Dr. Steve Imber



## Some Questions and Answers About Learning Disability Evaluations

**Question:** Exactly what does a learning disability evaluation consist of?

**Answer:** A learning disability (LD) evaluation, according to Rhode Island State Regulations for Handicapped Children, requires that a classroom observation be conducted. The evaluation must include psychological testing which includes the administration of a standardized test of intelligence. Often, other psychological testing is done to assess a child's visual motor abilities. Sometimes psychological testing includes an assessment of a student's personality, adjustment, and behavior patterns. An LD evaluation must also include an assessment of a student's academic strengths and weaknesses in verbal and math skills and abilities.

**Question:** Does the age of a child affect what testing is done?

**Answer:** Yes. If a three- or four-year-old child is to be tested, then naturally, an assessment would pertain to language skills and basic concepts appropriate to that student's age and intellectual functioning. When a five- or six-year-old child is tested, the focus of an assessment pertains to readiness skills rather than academic mastery, *per se*. With upper elementary and secondary students, a greater emphasis upon written language may be reflected since those skills become more important as the student advances

in grade level.

**Question:** Is an LD evaluation complete if the student is merely evaluated in reading but not in other areas?

**Answer:** Unless there is a wealth of information to suggest that the student is fully competent in other academic areas, it is expected that an LD assessment would include testing in several other areas. Usually, this would include a teacher interview and a review of the student's daily work as well as prior achievement test scores. If a student is capable in mathematics, based upon all available information, a multidisciplinary team may elect to skip testing in that area.

**Question:** Suppose that the multidisciplinary team elects not to do an evaluation. Can a parent obtain an evaluation on his or her own?

**Answer:** Yes, however, it is suggested that the parent explore the reasons why the multidisciplinary team elected not to conduct the evaluation. Sometimes, parents are told that their student is not failing or that his achievement test scores are now low enough to warrant an evaluation. The parent may choose to explore the matter further before electing to pursue an independent evaluation. The individual who conducts an independent evaluation needs to be as qualified or more qualified than those individuals available through the public school system in order to have the evaluation

results considered by the multidisciplinary team at a later date.

**Question:** Is it appropriate for a child to be denied services as a learning disabled student merely because the director of special education argues that the student is not doing all of his homework?

**Answer:** If there is a very large difference between a child's expected performance and his present level of achievement, the issue of the degree to which the student is or is not completing all of his homework is moot. Such a reason cannot be used to deny a student eligibility as a learning disabled student. Furthermore, services provided by a resource specialist cannot be denied because the student either "isn't motivated" or "isn't doing all of his homework."

**Question:** What can a parent expect when a public school conducts an LD evaluation?

**Answer:** A parent can anticipate a meeting with members of the school staff to discuss the results of the evaluation and to advise the parent about the student's eligibility for special education services. If the student is perceived by the team as ineligible, the parent may receive a letter stating the team's position. However, any member of the team who dissents from the majority would be expected to submit a written statement. Since the child's regular classroom teacher is expected to be a member of the multidisciplinary team, that individual can express a dissenting

opinion if they truly believe that the child is indeed learning disabled although other members of the team do not. Where the student has been identified as a learning disabled student, parents may expect school personnel to work cooperatively with them to state the child's level of functioning, to develop a set of relevant goals, to specify objectives, and to state how the student's performance will be evaluated in the future. The parents can also expect to learn the type and the amount of services which the multidisciplinary team believes would be appropriate for that student.

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

## AJC Hails Civil Rights Restoration Act

Theodore R. Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress, recently hailed as a "welcome affirmation" of American principles of nondiscrimination, the House of Representatives overwhelming passage of the Civil Rights Restoration Act. Mr. Mann expressed hope that this outpouring of Congressional support would convince President Reagan that "the commitments expressed in the ... Act should also reflect the policy of his Administration" and dissuade him from vetoing the bill, as he had threatened.

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## The Emphasis Is On Service At The JFS

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Bryna Bettigole, JFS's Director of Clinical Services: "It's very helpful to sit down with people and find that you're not unusual in the problems you face."

problems have been defined, the family may be "reunited" for group discussions. Counseling can last from one month to two years.

Another major focus of Jewish Family Service is its Homemaker Service. Homemakers are licensed Home Health Aides who are trained to help people who are temporarily incapacitated. Often, the person needing care is elderly and has recently been released from a hospital. It may take a few weeks or months before that person is really "back on his feet." In the absence of someone to help around the house, that person might otherwise end up in a nursing home.

Many people who need such help are referred by other social welfare agencies or by their hospital. Home Health Aides are assigned according to need. Deborah Prinz, Director of Homemaker Services, conducts a personal assessment of each applicant for the service. She determines the amount and the kind of help needed. Aides will help with personal care, meal preparation (including Kosher meals, where required), light housekeeping, grocery shopping, and transportation to medical services.

The JFS usually has about 25 people receiving Homemaker Services. Aides come to a client's home an average of about three

times each week and help out for half-days or full days. When fully staffed, JFS employs nine Home Health Aides. Again, fees are on a sliding scale, based on the individual's ability to pay.

Mrs. Prinz described the Lifeline, a 24-hour emergency response system available to people who are physically frail and who live alone. A small radio transmitter is worn like a necklace. If the wearer should become suddenly incapacitated, as in a fall, all he or she has to do is press a button on the transmitter. That sends a signal to a special device attached to the telephone, and an emergency service is automatically contacted. JFS provides the systems—which, at \$600, are expensive—in conjunction with logistical help from the Jewish Community Center and financial support from Miriam Hospital.

"Our goal is to provide a strong program for all segments of the population," said Mr. Segal. And the program is strong. With its staff of 21, the JFS offers help in a myriad of other ways. There are adoption services, consulting with the local Hebrew day schools on educational matters, a Kosher meal site in Cranston, and classes on parenting. The JFS has helped to settle more than 500 emigres from the Soviet Union, most of them in Providence. There is an outreach program to help put the elderly in touch with other social services, and a program on Tay-Sachs disease presented in conjunction with Miriam Hospital. The organization is involved with the state's Conservative rabbis, helping to organize classes and discussion groups for converts to Judaism.

This is just a sample of the pro-

grams offered by the Rhode Island Jewish Family Service. For a more complete list, or for more information, contact the JFS at (401) 331-1244.

"Our big problem is getting the message out about what we do," Segal continued. In spite of the fact that the JFS presented more than 36 programs to over 1,200 people last year, Segal wants the organization to do more, to become even more involved. As Mrs. Bettigole said, "We're always looking for new ways to serve the community."

## Braude

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before it was fashionable he advocated on behalf of black people, ran as a reform candidate for public (school committee) office and forged lasting friendships with Christian clergy and scholars. During the years of political agitation for a Jewish state, he did not join the nationalists' bandwagon. He chose to maintain a carefully defined and independent course, challenging the Zionists among us who heralded Israel as a panacea for the Jewish future and thoroughly rejecting the self-hating anti-Zionists on the fringe of the Reform movement.

Braude's perspective on social problems was frequently unpredictable. When, in the 1960's, most liberal Jews and their leaders were running from one cause to another, championing wholesale government intervention in complex social problems, blindly acquiescing to minority groups' ill-conceived demands, and shouting forth unbridled condemnation of the United States, William Braude dissented. He walked patiently and firmly along his own path, confident in the goodness of this country which had provided freedom and security for his family in its flight from Soviet madness and always concerned with how a solution to other groups' problems might compromise what is good for Jews. And then, when we thought we could rehearse from memory Braude's every conservative response, he showed up in Selma,

Alabama with Martin Luther King, Jr. He was prepared to break the law, confident in Torah's teaching that "... Consideration for human dignity overrides not merely man's laws, but God's."

Finally, there was that Yom Kippur morning with the yarmulke. Only two or three of us knew of his plan. (I believe that the dozen or so people who pulled skull caps from their pockets and put them on when he did had carried them into the synagogue for their own reasons, without knowledge of Rabbi Braude's intention). When he covered his head the response was palpable. The gasp of surprise audible, the tears visible. The reasons for his action were compelling. The response to indignity suffered by fellow Jews in Beth El's sanctuary twenty-five years earlier overwhelming.

The concluding words of his talk continue to challenge us:

Friends: Today marks the beginning of my 34th year as Rabbi of this Congregation, my 35th year in the Reform Rabbinate, my 41st year as part of the Reform movement. On this day, I intend to perform a solemn act which I believe to be in keeping with the historic spirit of this Congregation. To atone for the hurt inflicted upon the refugees who innocently came to us as our guests; to atone for the hurt inflicted on many other innocents who were told sometimes not too politely to remove their hats; to identify myself with what I consider to be the growing maturity in the Reform movement and, above all, to identify myself with the spirit of our people throughout the world who associate worship with the covering of the head (Indeed, some would have it that Yarmulke means *Yirah Malkah* — "mark of reverence for the King in Heaven") ... Both as an act of atonement and as a symbol of identification with my Jewish brothers throughout the world, I solemnly place this Yarmulke upon my head as I say:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, who has sustained us, kept us in life, and brought us to this season. "About Yarmulkes," the *Jewish Spectator*, February, 1966.

We should not have been surprised. We should never have been astonished by William Braude's words or actions because he told us so clearly who he was and what he believed in when he first came to Beth El. Everything he did reflected his pledge to the congregation in that first year, 1932: unconditional love and respect for all Jews, everywhere; loyalty to the traditions and sacred language of the people of Israel; unceasing battle against oppression which subverts the Jewish ideals of justice and compassion.

From Rabbi William Braude all of us — the people of Beth El, Jews and non-Jews of Rhode Island, the American Reform Jewish movement — particularly its Rabbis — have received an extraordinary legacy of challenge. He has enriched and shaped what we are as Jews and human beings. He has taught us how to be better Jews, how to be more gentle, how to be stubborn and tenacious, how to go on when discouragement reigns, how to be reverent and humble before Torah and God.

William Gordon, Gershon Ze'ev, Braude has brought a measure of kedushah, of God's holy life into our lives and we live more fully, more richly because of his presence among us. *Zichrono livraha*, may his memory continue to abide with us and — as was so in his life — may his memory enrich us with blessing.

Herman J. Blumberg served as Associate Rabbi at Temple Beth El in Providence, R.I. from 1964 to 1970. He is the Rabbi of Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland, Massachusetts.

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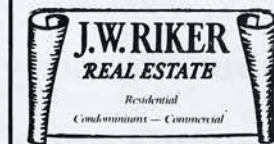
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## Queens Of Purims Past



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## Out Of The Past

by Eleanor F. Horvitz  
(Reminiscences From The  
Rhode Island Jewish  
Historical Association)

We have recently celebrated Purim. In the archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association are several pictures and stories about the beautiful young women who competed for the title of Queen Esther. These annual contests were under the auspices of the Jewish Community Center.

The event attracted city wide attention. There were definite rules for the would-be contestant as described in the 1934 scrapbook assembled for publicity. The hopeful Queen Esther had to be 18 years of age or older, Jewish, and live in Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, Newport or Fall River. The young woman who received the largest popular vote was to be crowned Queen Esther. The ten young ladies who received the next largest popular votes were to be chosen to serve as court attendants to Queen Esther.

In the Purim scrapbook are examples of the letter which contained the ballot form. The contestant sent this letter and form to her friends and acquaintances soliciting their vote.

In the 1934 contest the prizes were listed as follows:

- (1) One week's vacation at Camp Annisquam, Gloucester, Mass.
- (2) Dinner for the Queen and her escort at the Narragansett Hotel.
- (3) Podiatric service for the Queen by Dr. Myron Keller.
- (4) Dental service by Dr. Albert A. Albert and Dr. Sol Rubenstein.

In addition to the Queen Esther contest the gala event included a

masquerade. Participants were urged to wear costumes and masks. Costumes of characters relating to Purim such as an Esther, a Haman or Mordecai or of Jewish historical and biblical characters were preferred, but any costume was welcome. Suggestions were examples in various categories:

International — a Dutchman, a Chinese or Russian; Humorous — a clown or a Mickey Mouse; Patriotic — George or Martha Washington or Abraham Lincoln; Beautiful — A Shirley Temple or a Mae West.

There are many in the community today who remember the annual Queen

Esther Purim Dances which were held in the Jewish Community Center at 65 Benefit St., the Elks Auditorium or the Arcadia Ballroom. The consensus of opinion is that the event was the biggest and best Jewish social affair of the year!



Sara Foster and her son, David (right), enjoy the company of their friends at JCC extended day.



# Arts & Entertainment



## "Performing For Tourists" Lecture At Brown

Next in the continuing series of free, afternoon lectures sponsored by the theatre department of Brown University is a visit from Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett of New York University on Friday, March 18 at 2 p.m. in the Leeds Theatre. She is Professor and Chair of Performance Studies at the Tisch School of the Arts, and will be speaking about several manifestations of a particular variety of performance: acts prepared and presented expressly for tourists.

Born and raised in Toronto, Canada, Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett studied English literature at the University of Toronto and the University of California, Berkeley, where she graduated with an M.A. Her doctorate in folklore was completed at the Folklore Institute, Indiana University.

Her honors include the Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship (1986-87); citation by the Library of Congress for having produced one of the best sound recordings of folklore and folksong in the U.S. during 1986; and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the New York Council for the Humanities.

In addition to numerous articles, her publications include *Image Before My Eyes: A Photographic History of Jewish Life in Poland* (with Lucjan Dobroszycki), which formed the basis for a major museum exhibition and feature documentary film. Her books in progress include an intellectual history of Jewish folklore and ethnology, a study of vernacular

culture in New York City, and a volume tentatively titled *Tourist Productions* (with Edward M. Bruner).

Ms. Kirshenblatt-Gimblett's lecture is free of charge and open to the public. For more information about this event and/or any others of the Brown University Theatre season, please contact the Box Office at 401-863-2838.

## Ruth Falcon Soloist With Philharmonic

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra (RIPO) will feature the music of Richard Strauss on Saturday, March 12, 8:30 p.m. at Providence Performing Arts Center. Included in the evening's performance will be *Serenade for Winds, Four Last Songs and Ein Heldenleben*. Ruth Falcon, soprano, will perform with the orchestra which will be conducted by Andrew Massey, music director for RIPO.

Soprano Ruth Falcon has won wide acclaim in performances at the leading opera houses of Europe including the Paris Opera, Vienna State Opera, Royal Opera at Covent Garden, Munich, Deutsche Oper Berlin and the Teatro La Fenice in Venice. She made her professional debut as Michaela in *Carmen* in 1974 and began her international career in 1976.

Tickets are available at \$17, \$15 and \$13 and special discount rates for students and senior citizens. They may be obtained at RIPO's 334 Westminister Mall office in Providence or by calling Providence Performing Arts Center at 421-ARTS.

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## Pianist Alan Marks To Play Newport

Concerts on the Island will present a recital by the young pianist Alan Marks on Saturday evening, March 19, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Viking Hotel, Newport. The program will open with the *Sonata in A-flat Major* by Haydn followed by the *Fantasy in C Major* by Schumann, Op. 17. After intermission, Mr. Marks will perform *Three Fantasies or Caprices*, Op. 16 by Mendelssohn, *Orage*, from "Annees de Pelerinage" by Liszt and conclude with the *Fantasy on 2 motives from the "Marriage of Figaro"* by Mozart transcribed by Liszt.

Alan Marks, a native of St. Louis, began studying piano at the age of five but didn't take it seriously until a summer at the Interlochen Music camp in Michigan. While there, he won a concerto competition, and a few years later, was accepted as a student at the Juilliard School of Music. Later, he was selected as one of the Exxon Foundation's Affiliate Artists, traveling the country playing for a wide range of audiences under varying conditions. In 1979, he won Second Prize in the Geza Anda Piano Competition in Zurich.

Since then, Mr. Marks has gone on to perform as soloist with many of the country's leading orchestras including St. Louis, Cincinnati, Buffalo, and the American Symphony Orchestra in New York. Abroad, he has performed with the Berlin Philharmonic and the Zurich Chamber Orchestra. He records for Nimbus Records, the latest being a recording of the Liszt opera transcriptions such as the *Marriage of Figaro* selection he will present at the recital. In addition to his classical activity, Alan Marks has recently written a musical comedy which will be performed this year in Berlin.

Tickets for this recital are priced at \$15 per person. They are available in Newport at Norton's

Oriental Gallery, the Brick Market Gallery and the Carroll-Michael Pharmacy, or may be ordered in advance by calling 847-1118. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the performance.

## Children's Museum

### America Takes Note

Come to The Children's Museum in Dartmouth and celebrate 150 years of Music Education in the public schools of the United States! There will be two special programs offered on Saturday, March 12, under the supervision of New Bedford Music Teacher, Charlene Gallant.

At 11 a.m., sing and dance with Brownie Troop 101 as they present a program of songs and dances. Then, at 2 p.m., come and "experience" stringed instruments. Violins and cellos of various sizes will be available to try or you can bring your own instrument and join the "band."

Both programs are free with Museum admission and are appropriate for children ages 5 to 12. Pre-registration is requested as the number of participants in each class will be limited to 20 children.

Ms. Gallant has a Master's Degree in Music from the University of Miami and has been teaching music in public schools for eleven years. A specialist in teaching violin, viola and cello, Ms. Gallant resides in New Bedford with her six-year-old daughter, Paula.

The Children's Museum is located at 276 Gulf Road in South Dartmouth. The Museum is open from Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 1-5 p.m. and is closed on Monday.

## Workshop For Parents Of Gifted Children

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the State Advocates for Gifted Education (SAGE) will co-sponsor the Seventh Annual Conference, "Gifted Children: Meeting Their needs VII," on March 19, 1988, at Winman Junior High School in Warwick.

Gina Ginsberg Riggs, Executive Director of Gifted Child Society, Inc., will deliver the two presentations entitled, "The Gifted Parent: Friend or Foe?" and "The Joys and Woes of Raising a Gifted Child."

The Conference will also offer thirteen workshops for students

between the ages of five and eleven. Children will explore such topics as paper making, reptiles, legends, creative dramatics and computers.

Gina Ginsberg Riggs is an author, consultant, trainer, and advocate for gifted education. She is a staff writer for *Gifted Child Today*.

A recent publication is *The Whiz Kids: A Low Budget Program for Multi-Ethnic Gifted*. Her book entitled *How To Help Your Gifted Child* is in its second printing.

Conference pre-registration fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. For further information, contact Judy Edsal at 277-6523 or Marilyn Remick at 785-0400.

## A Tribute To Rebbetzin Chaya Moussia Schneerson, 1901-1988

by Rabbi Yeshoshua Laufer

The life span of the Rebbetzin of Lubavitch encompassed the far greater part of this century, which was probably among the most tumultuous in our history. During this period she weathered the storms of Czarist oppression, Stalinist brutality and Nazi evil.

Destiny provided that her whole life would be at the very center of Jewish life with all its pains, hopes and promises. As granddaughter of the fifth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Sholom Dovber Schneersohn from whom she received encouragement and guidance, she was being groomed for a key role in the oncoming trials that were to overtake Russian Jewry in general and her family in particular. As daughter of the sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, who singlehandedly resisted the Stalinist regime, she stood steadfast, discreetly supporting the efforts of her father in planting the seeds for Jewish survival.

But her major role was reserved to be that of partner in marriage to the present Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson. From their very earliest married years, as they were forced to move from place to place, the Rebbetzin was always there to encourage and support the Rebbe's incessant efforts on behalf of the respective Jewish communities they found themselves in, and eventually on behalf of world Jewry.

Though at the center of influence, her contributions to the Jewish community were not expressed in the modern idiom of the first lady.

Although the Rebbetzin Chaya Moussia was an exceptionally brilliant and erudite woman, she carried the mantle of her revered and exalted position in a most humble and unpretentious fashion. Her striking regal bearing, her gentle sense of humor, and her compassionate, considerate and sensitive manner, endeared her to all.

In an age when feminist aspirations have blurred the traditional ideals of role and purpose for the Jewish woman, the Rebbetzin stood as the quintessential role model for the contemporary Jewish woman.

Her integrity was paramount in all her relationships, and expressed itself both in her firm resolve to stand by her illustrious husband's side, supporting his global efforts, as well as generating a warmth and understanding which made encounters with her quite unforgettable.

Her determined low profile, in the spirit of the true daughter of Israel, is probably the legacy she would want to have left for us.

May we all strive to emulate these noble characteristics.

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Holtzman:

Your editorial, "Press Bashing and Sloganism" (R.I. Herald, February 28) was a perfect example of the kind of exploitive, self-serving, specious and trivialized media writing that has caused the "press bashing" you so naively deplored. The editorial's glaring faults were, unfortunately, emphasized by its proximity to a report by the *Jewish Press* of North America published alongside it.

Your apologia for the media and its need to pander to the demands of sensation-hungry readers and viewers is really a disgusting indictment, not a defense of the media's *raison d'être*. Professional journalism calls for more than "following the way of the world" and presenting what is popular as though it were true.

Daily body counts, carefully posed photos of Palestinian women, rock-and-firebomb-throwing misguided teenagers (Where are the adults?), "crusading" against Israeli authority to get back their "homeland" may be attention-getting and titillating but they are deceptive, simplistic and dangerous. Somehow or other, the true facts get lost in a welter of irrelevant photo opportunities. If, as you said, you recognize that Israel's security is threatened, that it is surrounded by enemies, that you support Israel's right to exist and to defend itself, then the rest of the *mishigass* about who supported regimes in the Philippines and Haiti and who is adequately informed or not is pure nonsense.

Equally nonsensical was the statement that people who say they are oppressed *must* be oppressed and that nationalism is its own legitimate motivation for outrageous behavior and that the wish for a homeland supersedes facts and rationality. Who are the *real* oppressors in the Middle East insofar as the Palestinians are concerned? Do irrational and fanatic notions of nationalism breed legitimacy? Who said that the Palestinians are entitled to a homeland carved out of Israel? You might have asked yourself those questions first.

The facts are that hate and greed-filled Arab states rejected the United Nations Partition Plan and set out to seize all of Palestine. Four wars later, even *they* realized that they could not defeat Israel militarily. They lost all four.

Lying and venal Arab leadership used a combination of greedy lust and phony terror to move the Palestinian Arabs out of the country while they "drove the Israelis into the sea" and brought the Palestinians back for loot, murder and rape, this despite the pleas of the Israel government to stay, as some did and prospered as full Israeli citizens. The Arabs lost, they gambled during a war and lost and, in truth, Israel owes them nothing but repatriation for those who choose to live under Israeli government as citizens of Israel, not some mythical never-never-land to which they feel they are entitled.

For nineteen years Jordan and Egypt ruled "occupied territory" on the West Bank, in part of Jerusalem and in Gaza. Their rule was a horror story in all these areas. Inhabitants had no rights, got no help, enjoyed no services, were not permitted to work and lived on outrageously inflated UNWRA handouts which everyone paid for but the Arabs. Where were the complaints about oppressive occupation then? What happened to the Palestinian homeland designed for Jordan? Where were the Pope's complaints about their destruction and degradation of religious sites then?

Jordan slaughtered Palestinians. Syria slaughtered Palestinians. And the Lebanese Christians, unable to stand PLO gangsterism any longer, also slaughtered Palestinians. They

wanted them in the camps where they could be held up as a continuous deplorable symbol of Israeli cruelty and they not only did not contribute one dime to aid them, but they bitterly resisted any attempt by anyone else to improve their lot. Israel has done more and offered more to the Palestinians than all the Arab states together. Don't the media uncover facts?

Trivializing the situation with "cutsey" statements, irrelevant red herrings and non-sequiturs does not alter the facts, Mr. Holtzman. The Palestinians live in squalor and deprivation because the Arab world chooses to keep them there. It is a part of their slow strategy to delegitimize Israel before the rest of the world, slice away their territorial strategic defenses bit by bit and finally overcome them. They've said it often enough. Didn't you listen?

The sight of young Israelis bashing betrayed and misguided young Palestinians is pathetic. Both sides deserve better, but not at the expense of Israel's suicide. Even the Palestinians are beginning to realize their betrayal by the PLO and Arab leadership. Isn't it time that was exposed to the world and the real culprits recognized, asked to provide for their brethren or shut up about Israeli "aggression." How about a debate in the Security Council about *this*?

There are some other options: A world effort to develop Gaza as a prosperous deep-water port in a Palestinian enclave administered and protected from PLO incursion by Israel; full Israeli citizenship for all Palestinians willing to return to the Jewish State; increased autonomy and self-management for Arabs in their own West Bank towns, but under Israeli rule. *That's* what should be offered and *that's* what the media should be exploring instead of their senseless, destructive orgy of "six-pack journalism" for the "popular" readers and listeners. They can't *all* be so stupid that they don't want to hear the truth.

Yes, American Jews — and non-Jews, too — have the right to deplore Israel's tactics in attempting to muzzle what could escalate into armed insurrection. They're not pretty to see and they hurt us in the gut. But we have a right to be told what brought it about, who is really guilty and the limitations of solutions that are one-sided and pressure-applied. They're not getting it from the media.

Arthur Eisenstein  
Cranston

Dear Editor:

Friday, March 11, 1988 shall be an anniversary. I wonder how many of your readers will notice it.

It marks the end of my childhood and my youth. It is also the fiftieth anniversary of Germany annexing Austria. Yes on March 11, 1938, it too was a Friday, Nazi troops rolled into my native country. It was the beginning of the Holocaust, the subsequently following occupation of the Sudetenland, the entire country of Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the rest, to repeat a worn out cliché, is history.

My parents and I lived on Mariahilferstrasse, an equivalent of Fifth Avenue, the Champs Elysee, the Via Veneto, etc., and from our windows we could only watch in horror as the so-called patriotic Austrians raised their arms in the Nazi salute, screaming, shouting, and welcoming the so called "liberators." Now, of course, no one was a Nazi, they all were oppressed by the invader hordes. This includes the present president Kurt Waldheim, of whom I was initially proud when he became involved with the United Nations, believing that a former compatriot of mine now had become famous. History, alas, proved otherwise and I am now deeply ashamed of the fact.

There were, of course, the silent heroes too. Not many, but, thank God, they were a few. Some were hiding Jews in their homes, yes even throughout the entire war. Others did what their conscience dictated them to do, such as the Nazi-appointed "Kommissar" of my parents' export business who took my mother's jewelry and my father's gold pocket watch to my uncle in Paris for safekeeping.

My reason for writing this letter? There are, I am sure, not too many survivors who were around in 1938. But as the saying goes, "Lest we forget..."

Hans L. Heimann  
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Dear Editor:

I am looking for descendants of Michael and Rochel Leah Abramowitz, of Jakobstadt, Latvia. Two of their children, Zalman and Bossa Abrams settled in Rhode Island in the early part of the twentieth century. Their children included Frieda Halsband, Fagesta Fogel, Julius Abrams, Morris Abrams, Mike Abrams, Joe Abrams and Toby Abrams.

If any of your readers have any information about the above, I would be most interested in hearing from them. I have already collected some material about this family (I am related through my grandfather, the late Jacob Louis

Morewitz of Newport News, Va.), and would be glad to share information.

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## Social Events

### Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sheldon Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sheldon (Debra Lake) of Lexington, Mass., announce the birth of their second daughter, Kari Lynne, on February 19.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lake of Sharon, Mass. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sheldon of Marblehead, Mass. Maternal great-grandfather is Mr. Philip Seidman of Providence.

### Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marks Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Alan D. Marks, of Scarsdale, N.Y., announce the birth of their first child, Harrison Douglas Marks, on February 18, 1988.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hanzel of Providence. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marks of Lake Worth, Fla.

### Mim And Stuart Shapiro Announce Birth

Mim and Stuart Shapiro of Willowdale, Ontario, are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Melissa Paige, born on February 18, 1988.

Maternal grandparents are Polly Soloway and the late Murray Soloway of Toronto, Ontario. Paternal grandparents are Freda and Sheldon Shapiro of Cranston, R.I.

### Marsha And Alan Horovitz Announce First Child

Marsha and Alan Horovitz of North Providence, R.I., are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Alexandra Beth. She was born February 22 in Providence, R.I.

Maternal grandparents are Sandra and Murray Cerel of Cranston, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Audrey and Stanley Horovitz of Cranston, R.I. Great-grandparents are Frances Cerel of Hollywood, Fla., and Cranston, R.I.; Sarah Blau of Salisbury, N.C., and Sophie Horovitz of Cranston, R.I.

### Suzanne Rosenblatt To Wed Dr. Kenneth M. Lury

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Rosenblatt of Miami, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne of Northampton, Mass., to Dr. Kenneth M. Lury of Springfield, Mass. Kenneth is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John J. Lury of Cranston.

Suzanne earned her Bachelor's degree and her Master's degree at the University of Georgia and she is a psychiatric social worker.

Kenneth completed his undergraduate work at Brown University and earned his Medical degree at St. Louis University School of Medicine. He is a radiologist at Medical West in Springfield. The couple is planning to be married on June 12.

Are you getting engaged? We'd love to print your picture and information.

### Birthday Concert And Celebration At Am David

WARWICK — When a member of the family reaches a significant milestone in his or her life their family and friends traditionally prepare some sort of celebration.

The Temple Am David family is holding just such a party Sunday, March 27, 1988, for a very special person on a very special occasion.

The party is in honor of the 70th birthday of Rubin Zeidman of Warwick and it will take the form of a Birthday Concert and Celebration.

The 2 p.m. concert at the Temple (40 Gardiner St.) here is open to the public. It will feature the Temple's cantor, Steven W. Dress, tenor, with piano accompaniment by Sylvia R. Pitnof. The Temple's adult choir, under the direction of Elena DiNitto, also will perform. And the students in the Temple's Religious School, accompanied by Rabbi H. Scott White on the guitar, will make a presentation.

Mr. Zeidman, known to his family and friends simply as Rube, is a native of Quincy, Mass., where his brother, Morris, still lives. He has been active in the record business for years and holds memberships in several civic, charitable and fraternal organizations.

But his first love is Temple Am David. Rube is a charter member and has been a behind-the-scenes force in the growth and development of the congregation.

He is chairman of the Temple's House Committee and a member of its Board of Directors and Ritual Committee.

He established the Eunice R. Zeidman Memorial Fund at the Temple in memory of his wife. The fund helps support the Eunice Zeidman Pre-School at the Temple as well as extra activities for the students in the Religious School.

When the Temple undertook its ambitious expansion program several years ago which resulted in the addition of a modern sanctuary and daily chapel, Rube was among the first contributors and was the driving force behind its design and completion.

Rube calls himself a "traveling Minyonaire." He has assumed the responsibility of traveling throughout the area picking up men, when necessary, to assure the morning Minyon. Through his efforts the Temple has not missed a daily service in years and, more important, men who otherwise might not have been able to attend services now can.

In 1986 Rube received the Israel Achievement Award presented by State of Israel Bonds.

Those attending the concert will be treated to a special birthday party honoring Rube following the program. Reservations are required. A donation of \$15 for adults and \$5 for students is requested. All proceeds will go to the Eunice R. Zeidman Memorial Fund and the Temple Music Fund.

Reservations and additional information may be obtained by calling the Temple at 463-7944. Deadline for reservations is March 14.

### Barrington Public Library

Due to popular demand, there will be a 2nd session of this winter's *Twentieth Century American Short Story Series* at the Barrington Public Library. The second series will run from Tuesday, March 22 to Tuesday, May 17. Programs will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Barrington Public Library, and will be led by librarians Lauri Burke and Joan Schaefer. The schedule is as follows:

March 22: Grace Paley *The Long Distance Runner*, William Styron *Shadrach*.

March 29: William Saroyan *Little Miss Universe*, Vance Bourjaily *The Amish Farmer*.

April 5: John Barth *The Remodeling of Jacob Horner*, Philip Roth *Very Happy Poems*.

April 12: Isaac Bashevis Singer *The Spinoza of Market Street*, Flannery O'Connor *Parker's Back*.

April 19: Stanley Elkin *I Look Out for Ed Wolfe*, Bruce Jay Friedman *Black Angels*.

April 26: Norman Mailer *The Language of Men*, Tim O'Brien *Ghost Soldiers*.

May 3: Henry Miller *The Misfits*, Richard Ford *Rock Springs*.

May 10: Joyce Carol Oates *Ich Bin Ein Berliner*, Ernest Hemingway *Horns of the Bull*.

May 17: John Cheever *Death of Justina*, Barry Targan *Harry Belton and the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto*.

Register for this series during the week of March 14. All stories to be discussed are included in a paperback anthology which will be available for purchase during the registration period.

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# Youth Hi Lights

by Sandra Silva



Tj Feldman is a junior at Lincoln School. (photo by Dorothea Snyder)

## The Chicken Soup Lessons

The Chicken Soup Lessons  
Part I  
by Tj Feldman

Greetings Campers, this week I would like to welcome you to salute some people near and dear to us all, "Our analysts?" someone asks. "Not that near and dear," I reply. "Oh, you mean the other near and dear," quips another observer, "wrong again," I answer, knowing that I'll have to tell you who I'm writing about. Since you've covered the mental and the extreme physical and were wrong, I ask you, "who watches over those pillows and every other one too?" "Our Jewish mothers," reply each of you in unison. Finally, you have said something right and now we can continue our tribute. In order for this to be a complete tribute, each of you must do something: 1. Wrap your arms around your mother 2. Squeeze tightly 3. Tell her you love her.

For those of you who do not live at home 1. dial your local florist 2. order a dozen of your mom's favorite flowers (if you don't know order roses) 3. call mom and tell her you love her. Great, now that you've done that you ask, "why?" I'll tell you, think of all the times you were sick and your mom made chicken soup for you. What about at Chanukah, all those latkes. How about Shabbat when they spent hours on their *gesfulehah fes* (swollen feet) preparing the perfect Sabbath meals.

Despite all of that, it is hard to pay tribute to our Jewish mothers without remembering all of the "Jewish Guilt" we've suffered over the years. All the times when our mothers have said, "I'd really like it if... but you don't have to." Honestly, how many times have all of us fallen victim to this type of statement and 'humored' our mothers. It's also hard to forget the endless hours of Hebrew School and piano lessons.

When we'd come home from tortuous activities we'd often find our mothers talking on the phone with other mothers in Yiddish, a language we had yet to learn. When they'd speak in English they would tell embarrassing stories about us when we were little, (Oh how we hated that). In doing this they'd use words like *bubele* (cute) and *sheyn punim* (pretty face).

On top of all that, there were the stories about how difficult they had it as children and how their parents had escaped from the old country or a concentration camp. They'd tell us these stories so that we would work

hard and make something of ourselves. They wanted us to have everything they couldn't. As we grew older, we'd find excuses not to listen to their stories. But it didn't matter because they were engrained in our minds and the lessons of our Jewish mothers had become a part of our consciences.

However, of all the things our Jewish mothers told us, I think there is one lesson that stands out: "Dear, don't forget... always wear clean underwear, because... (their reasons ranged from being hit by a bus, being rushed to the hospital and being in labor and so on)." If we had a nickel for everytime they said that we would all be as wealthy as Donald Trump. The familiar Kvetch (whine) of our mothers could be heard from miles away, and we knew we were in trouble when they would swear at us in comprehensible Yiddish and call us by our full names.

Whenever we were upset there was always a bowl of chicken soup, and often being upset earned us an extra kneidl (matzoh ball). Chicken soup wasn't always the solution to our problems, but it reminded us that our mothers love us.

Another symbol of love was the constant pinching of our cheeks by our mothers. Everything they did was because they love us. That's true of the things they do for us today, as well. As we got older we began to appreciate our mothers more and more but we did not always show it. That is why I have put together this salute to our mothers.

However, there is one small negative note to this salute. As time has passed bringing us to modern times, has come modern Jewish mothers and with them store bought chicken soup. Though this time saving method is wonderful for them, it is not for us because the time they don't spend in the kitchen is spent on the phone discussing the discipline of adolescents. Not only that but store bought chicken soup lacks the love and care which goes into the making of homemade chicken soup. However, whether store bought or homemade, the lessons of our Jewish mothers remain the same. With all of this the moment of salute has finally come to say "Please pass the kneidlach (matzoh balls)." Actually what we really want to say is "Of all the types of mothers in the world we think you're the best." In other words moms "you done good."

(Please watch for the Chicken Soup Lessons Part II coming for Mom's Day.)

## Changing History

A fantasy tale about Purim  
by Joshua H. Cohen  
PROLOGUE

I'm David Zimmerman. My father's an inventor. One day, I pulled my bike up at my house after school. There was a circular pod in the driveway.

"What's that, dad?" I asked as I wheeled my bike into the garage.

"It's a time machine. I have a problem. Climb inside." I did. "See the fuel gauge?"

"Yes."  
"I'm going to fill the tank with fuel. When I give the command to switch on, flip the switch next to the service controls."

"Okay."  
"Switch on!"  
"Hey, dad. The fuel gauge is pointing to full."

"Excellent. Switch off now." I flipped the switch back. "Now I'll eject the fuel. Switch on!"

"The fuel gauge points to empty."  
"Good. One more test should do it. Switch on!"

"The thing points to full again."  
"Terif..." There was a banging noise.

"What on earth was that?" I asked. "I don't know." He opened the door to the motor. "Oh, rats! The future circuit has blown."

"What does that mean?"  
"It means that whether you press 'past' or 'future' you go to past."  
"Can you fix it?"

"Sure. But I have to get my wiring tools." He left into the basement where he kept all his tools.

I looked around me. "Neat place. But what are the service controls?" They all had pictures on them. The first one had a tray on it. I pressed the button. A tray loaded with food came out of the wall. I pressed the button again and the tray disappeared. "Cool!" I exclaimed.

I looked at the next one. It had a bed on it. I pressed it, and a bed came out of the wall. "Figures." I pressed the button again, and the bed went back into the wall.

The next one looked like a pair of shutters. "Ventilation, probably." To my surprise, it was a wardrobe.

The next one was ventilation. There was also heating and a desk. I began pressing buttons, pulling levers and flipping switches. I didn't realize that I had turned the machine on, and set it for random date, past. Then I stopped typing. This is the life, I thought. I put my feet up on the control board. My foot accidentally hit the travel button.

The screen showed lights whizzing by me. I began to feel queasy. The machine picked up speed. I pulled out the bed, jumped onto it and hung onto the head for dear life.

### CHAPTER I

SUDDENLY, the machine slowed down. I could see what was going by on the screen now, not that I could identify what any of it really was. Then, the machine came to a final stop. Praying that I wasn't in a dangerous place, I opened the door and stepped out.

There, I saw a girl, gathering flowers in a basket. She saw the time machine. "Cousin Mordicai! Cousin Mordicai! Come quick! Something is on our front lawn!"

"What is it, Esther?"

"Look!"

I'm in Persia when the story of Purim took place! I thought. I stepped out.

Mordicai turned to me. "You wear a kippah," he said. "Are you Jewish?"

"Yes, but if you just read the Torah, that's no way to greet a stranger," I said.

Mordicai laughed. "Come into my house for a place to spend the night and a meal. What is your name?"

"David Zimmerman."

"Come in."

"How's Queen Esther?"

"QUEEN Esther?" exclaimed

Mordicai. "You mean Esther's going to win the contest?"

I smiled. "Oh, you just wait and see."

I guess I don't have to tell you who

won. Esther. Mordicai brought the news.

"How'd it go?" I asked. "On a scale of one to ten."

"Six thousand. Esther was picked. She had to stay for the wedding."

"Why didn't you go?"

"Because they would find out that Esther was Jewish."

"Smart thinking."

The next day, I met Mordicai in front of the palace. Two men walked by. They stood near the gate, whispering.

That day, we had done a play, which I had tape recorded with my walkman. I still had it with me, so I turned the tape over, pressed record and wandered past the servants, dropping the walkman nearby. I went back to Mordicai.

Soon, the servants went into the palace. I got my walkman, and pressed play. This is what the tape said:

"How should we kill the king?"

"The caribou head over his bed."

We'll string a sword on his antlers. When the king lies to sleep, we cut the string."

I rewound the tape. Then Esther came out. "Your Majesty," said Mordicai.

"Yes?" said Esther.

I said, "I think you'd like to hear this." I played the tape.

"I'll tell the king," said Esther.

The next day, Esther came out and said to me, "The servants were executed, thanks to you."

She walked into the palace. Later, a man walked by. Everybody bowed but me and Mordicai. The man saw us, stopped, grumbled something to himself, and walked into the palace.

"Who's that?" I asked.

"Haman. The king's chief advisor."

"Oh."

When Haman returned, he grinned slyly at us. "Why so happy, Haman?"

"You'll see tomorrow." Haman walked away.

"Look, Mordicai, I can't wait. I've got to get home. Listen. Haman is going to try to kill the Jews. Tell Esther that it's time for her to tell the king that she's Jewish. She must!"

"I agree. His Majesty should know. Now, good bye. And good luck."

I climbed into the machine, and pressed 'future,' not remembering the future control's defect.

### CHAPTER 2

I figured I was now used to the lights rushing by. Ha! Actually, I could stand them at their normal speed. But if I thought it was fast the first time, I was crazy. This was one hundred times faster. Compare the two and the first is slower than a snail.

I was thrown across the room. I was lucky that I had left the bed out. I jumped on. Safe now, I thought. Well, I had another think coming.

The bed slid out from the wall. I hit the control panel. I held on to check the instruments. They were going crazy. Things were tumbling all about. The tray came out, and food went all over the place. The desk came out, and pencils and paper flew everywhere. Then the wardrobe came out. Clothes flew everywhere. But when the wardrobe fell, it struck the year gauge and shattered it. Things calmed down. A signal flashed, and the screen read, "HEADED FOR THE BEGINNING - OF - TIME BARRIER."

"HOLY MACARONI!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

I tried to get to the control panel. I slipped.

"BARRIER FIVE YARDS AWAY!"

I made it to the control panel. I could only press one button. I could press the off, but then I'd be stuck. So there was only one button left. I didn't know what it did. I sent up a prayer, then pressed the last button.

"BARRIER DESTROYED!!!!!!!!!!"

I turned off. The machine jumped and lurched through space. This was deadly. I held on for dear life and closed my eyes....

(To be continued next week)





## Obituaries

### OSCAR BOKSER

PROVIDENCE — Oscar Bokser, 78, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a laborer for the Atlantic Tubing Co. for 20 years before retiring, died Tuesday, March 1, 1988, at the home.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Chaim and Hava (Nirenberg) Bokser, he lived in Providence for many years.

There are no immediate survivors.

The funeral service and burial will be in Haifa, Israel. Arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence.

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### HARRY CHERTOFF

WARWICK — Harry Chertoff, 88, of 12 Cushing Rd., co-owner of the Bay Shore Pharmacy for many years, died Wednesday, March 2, 1988, at the Kent Nursing Home. He was the husband of Celia (Applebaum) Chertoff.

Born in Russia, he lived in Providence for several years before moving to Warwick.

Mr. Chertoff had owned the former Jean's Luncheonette, Weybosset Street, Providence, for several years.

Besides his wife he leaves a sister, Fannie Singer of Miami, Fla.

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

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### FREDA R. HARLAM

PAWTUCKET — Freda R. Harlam, 81, of the Oak Hill Nursing Home, Pleasant Street, died Friday, March 4, 1988, at the home. She was the widow of Sigismund Harlam.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late Abraham and Rebecca Lasher, she lived in Pawtucket for the past seven years, previously living in Florida.

She leaves a sister, Mildred Lasher of New York City, and two grandsons.

A funeral service was held at Beth Olam Cemetery, Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, N.Y. Arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

### LILLIAN S. SILVER

PROVIDENCE — Lillian S. Turner-Silver of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Monday, February 29, 1988, at the home. She was the widow of Dr. Henry Silver. Her first husband was the late Samuel S. Turner.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Paul and Dora (Leibowitz) Siegler, she moved to Providence nine years ago.

Mrs. Silver had been an interior decorator for many years in New York City. In World War II, she was a member of the American Red Cross Ambulance Corps in New York City. In 1966, she was honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Lillian R. Spector League, of which she was a founder and a past president, and in 1972 she received the same honor from the Kingsbrook Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. She also was a founder and a past president of the Manhattan Cancer Group. The Spector League and the Manhattan Cancer Group are affiliated with the Kingsbrook Medical Center.

She was a member of Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Women's Association of the Kingsbrook Medical Center.

Mrs. Silver leaves a daughter, Bernice White of Providence; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Montefiore Cemetery, St. Albans, Long Island, N.Y.

### Memorial Tribute For Rebbitzin Schneerson Scheduled

The Community is invited to a Memorial Tribute marking the end of the 30 days of mourning—"shloshim" for Rebbitzin Chaya Moussia Schneerson, o.b.m. wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

The tribute will be on Saturday, March 12, 1988, 8:30 p.m. at Chabad House, 360 Hope St., near Olney Street.

A Siyum Mishnayos Moed will be given by R. Moshe Drazin and a Light Buffet will be served. All men and women are encouraged to attend.

For more information call 273-7238.

### Grants For Community Initiatives In Jewish Art And Culture

#### Newman Incentive Grants To Mark Israel's 40th

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture (NFJC) has announced that it will award "Community Initiatives in Jewish Art and Culture" grants, funded by its Newman Incentive Awards Program. The Newman awards were established by the late C.M. Newman of Omaha, Nebraska. In the last decade, they have benefitted 107 communities.

NFJC President George M. Zeltzer reports that the grants "stimulate cultural activities in communities whose access to Jewish cultural resources is limited." This year's grants program will be part of NFJC's "Independence and Interdependence: Israel-North America Cultural Exchange" project, a year-long series of programs designed to promote intercultural understanding through the arts.

The NFJC fosters and supports projects aimed at preserving, developing, and disseminating Jewish cultural resources. For information on how to apply for the grant, contact Susan Och, Program Administrator, National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 330 Seventh Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, N.Y. 10001 (212/629-0500).

### Donations Needed For Leukemia Auction

Art works, collectibles, antiques, trips, dinners, entertainment packages — the sky's the limit when it comes to possible auction items for the Twelfth Annual Leukemia Society Auction on Sunday, April 22, 1988, at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

A special preview with complimentary wine and cheese will be held at 1 p.m. followed by the auction which will begin at 2 p.m. with all items being auctioned

by Christie Mercurio, Auctioneer #11097.

The Society is seeking the support of the Rhode Island community through the donation of items in "mint condition" and valued at \$25 or more. Our goal is to obtain 200-300 quality items. Remember, the more unusual the item, the more money that can be raised for Leukemia research and local patient-aid.

It should be noted that all contributions are tax deductible. To make a donation contact the Society Office at 943-8888.

### Child Care Lecture At CCRI

State public officials, business and industry representatives and child care professionals will discuss the importance of child care at a free, open-to-the public conference at the Lincoln campus of the Community College of Rhode Island on Friday, March 18.

Sponsored by the college's Department of Human Services, the conference will open with a general session at 9:30 a.m. at which U.S. Senator John H. Chafee will discuss the "ABC Bill," proposed legislation for funding and standards in child care. Views of Rhode Island legislative developments will be given by Governor Edward D. DiPrete and Lt. Gov. Richard A. Licht.

For more information about the conference, call Dr. Worsley or Ms. Schutte at 333-7290.

### Lauren Gross Named To Pell's Staff

Senator Clairborne Pell (D-R.I.) recently announced that Lauren G. Gross, a native of Providence, has joined his staff in Washington, D.C., as a legislative aide for human services issues — including health and aging issues.

"Lauren and her knowledge of the law," Pell said, "are a most welcome addition to my staff. I am delighted that, as a woman born and raised in Rhode Island, she fits right in with my staff."

The daughter of Herman and Irma Gross of Providence, Ms. Gross earned her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1985. She earned her B.A. with Distinction from Yale University in 1980, after graduating summa cum laude from Classical High School in 1976.

Ms. Gross is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association; a Member of the Bar, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and a member of the Yale Club of Washington, D.C.

### SBANE News

PROVIDENCE — J. Peter Huestis, publisher of *New England Business* magazine will comment on Rhode Island's strong economy at the upcoming meeting of The Smaller Business Association of New England, Inc. (SBANE) on Wednesday, March 16 at 8 a.m. at the Turks Head Club, Providence. Huestis, the former publisher of *Inc.* magazine, will compare the state's growth rate to the rest of the region and show patterns that point to future economic expansion.

Cost of the program is \$12 for SBANE members and \$17 for non-members. To register, contact Dick Tracy, SBANE's Rhode Island representative at 134 Don Ave., Rumford, R.I. 02916; telephone: (401) 434-7780.

SBANE, founded in 1938, is a non-profit small business association serving the needs of its members located throughout New England. The association specializes in educational seminars, legislative advocacy, and cost saving benefits.

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### International Competitiveness For Small Companies

Simon Fireman, director of U.S. Export-Import Bank, and Ezra F. Vogel, Harvard professor of international affairs and author of the best selling book, *Japan As Number One*, will be the keynote speakers at the upcoming seminar, "How to Win in World Markets," on Tuesday, March 22, at the Sheraton Boxboro, Boxboro, Mass. The all-day seminar, sponsored by the Smaller Business Association of New England, Inc. (SBANE), is designed specifically for small companies interested in the international trade arena. Cost is \$165 for SBANE members and \$195 for non-members.

The program features seven plenary sessions in the morning and four concurrent workshops in the afternoon. Speakers include Ezra Vogel on strategy formulation, Kenneth B. Hamlet, president of Holiday Inns, on developing a strong presence, Walter Downey, president of Fidelity Investments International Investment Advisors on evaluating winners in global markets, and Robert McIntyre, president of Amprotech, Inc., on manufacturing and productivity.

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## Special Needs Awareness Program

The Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Community Center will present a Special Needs Awareness Program (SNAP) on Sunday, March 13, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. To be held at the Jewish Community Center, the program will offer parents and educators an opportunity to discuss with a panel of experts the problems of special needs children and their families. The panel will address the issue of providing Jewish and secular services for special needs children, from the learning disabled to the retarded. Specialists from community agencies, like Barbara Zenofsky, Special Education Coordinator of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Deborah Feinsod of Jewish Family Service and a representative of P'tach will explore the range of services provided by the Jewish community. Dr. Daniel Marwil, a neurodevelopmental pediatrician, will offer his insights on the special needs child. Joining him on the panel will be Alice Freeman, a school psychologist and early intervention specialist.

The program is offered to the community without charge. Educators and parents interested in special needs are invited to register by calling the Bureau of Jewish Education at 331-0956.

## Lecture On Israel's Territories Slated

The Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation is pleased to present a lecture by Mr. Avraham Burg on Thursday evening, March 17, at 8:30 p.m. The title of the talk will be "Israel and the Territories: Today and Tomorrow."

Mr. Burg, a native of Jerusalem, is currently advisor to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Diaspora Affairs, and served Mr. Peres in the same capacity when he was Prime Minister in 1985-86. He also serves as Chairman of the Center for Jewish Studies and Religious Tolerance in Israel, is a regular columnist for the popular daily *Yedioth Aharonoth*, and hosts a weekly program on Israel television.

Mr. Burg has been a leading voice in Israel's religious peace movement. In 1982 he was a featured speaker at a rally protesting the invasion of Lebanon which attracted 400,000 demonstrators. He is also a disabled veteran of the Israel Defence Force, having been wounded as a paratrooper in 1979.

The lecture will take place in room 120 of the List Art Center on the Brown University campus, College Street, Providence. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Hadassah Hospitals Provide Aid

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causes a constriction of the rectum and resulting dilation of the large bowel. The child, identified only as Mustafa, was first treated at the Hadassah Medical Center at the age of two weeks when Dr. Katz performed a colostomy to create an opening for the infant's bowel through his abdominal wall.

The most recent procedure will close the colostomy and completely correct the Arab child's condition. In keeping with Hadassah policy, Mustafa's mother has remained at his bedside throughout his treatment at the Medical Center.

Five-year-old Barakat Alkadi of Hebron, one of the centers of unrest on the West Bank, underwent a highly unusual operation to correct a birth defect which resulted in crippling damage to his right forearm and elbow.

Dr. Maurice Rousoo, an internationally recognized expert in hand and arm surgery at the Hadassah-University Hospital, said that the youngster's inner forearm bone stopped growing

about a year ago. The outer bone had continued to grow, but was not attached to the child's elbow. As a result, the long outer bone jutted out at the elbow joint, causing paralysis of the boy's right hand.

Dr. Rousoo said that this rare condition usually is not treated until a patient is well into adolescence. But in Barakat's case, the decade-long wait would have resulted in his arm muscle withering, with almost no hope of even limited function being restored.

The surgeon cut the shorter bone and attached both segments to the bone growing normally. A special screw permits the abnormal bone to "grow" along with the healthy one, which was attached to the proper position to the child's elbow. With time and physical therapy, Dr. Rousoo said, Barakat will regain full use of his right hand.

The cost of the complex operation was paid by the Civil Administration of Judea and Samaria.

## Orthodox Synagogues Open Doors To Unaffiliated Jews

by Marlene Goldman  
NEW YORK (JTA) — Twenty-five Orthodox synagogues throughout North America will "Turn Friday Night into Shabbos" on March 11, offering unaffiliated Jews a traditional Sabbath experience.

The purpose of the project, according to coordinator Suri Kasirer of the Lincoln Square Synagogue here, is not only to comfortably open the Orthodox synagogue door to all Jews, but also to serve "as a vehicle to enhance spirituality in people's homes and lives."

Lincoln Square has offered the annual program since 1980, attracting some 400 unaffiliated Jews. Two years ago it expanded to five and then eight synagogues nationwide.

This year, with a grant of up to \$65,000 from Avi Chai, a philanthropic foundation, the program has expanded to serve an anticipated 6,000 Jews from New York to California, from Florida to Canada, according to Kasirer. The funds will pay for extra staff and publicity, she said.

Participating synagogues were chosen by Kasirer and Rabbi Saul Berman of Lincoln Square based on the outreach potential of the Jewish community and the dynamism of the rabbis. The synagogues have received publicity flyers, posters, bumper stickers and advertising mats along with a detailed manual with instruction for a Friday evening beginners' service. Since each congregation partially subsidizes the event, Lincoln Square also sends a

brochure on how to gain sponsors.

The flyers claim that for \$10 each outreach participant can experience the rituals of Shabbat practiced by their grandparents as well as join in singing and dancing. Much of the service is conducted in English, according to Kasirer, and each rabbi provides explanations of the prayers and ceremonies.

"This is meant to be a low-key event," Kasirer said, "not a hard sell."

Members of the Orthodox congregation serve as hosts and some invite participants home, Kasirer said. A follow-up class includes group discussions and lectures.

Kasirer noted that many past participants have become more active in their Jewish communities and some go for further study.

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