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Colonization Body To Send Investigators To
S. America, S. Africa

THE HAGUE, December 9 (JTA) — The International Jewish Colonization Society decided at a conference today to send two delegations to South America and one to South Africa to investigate settlement possibilities for Jewish refugees.

British Guiana Seen Willing And Able To Absorb 500,000 Jews

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, December 9 (JTA) — British Guiana could easily absorb and would welcome the settlement of 500,000 Jewish refugees, according to an article published in the local *Daily Chronicle* today co-authored by Theodore Orella, stock-raiser, and Vincent Roth, former high-ranking civil servant. The article lauded the work of the Jews in turning sandy Palestinian wastelands into fertile orange groves. This colony would profit greatly if Jewish refugees were to apply their industriousness to the fertile Essequibo valley, it added.

Kennedy Urges Hitler's Cooperation

LONDON, December 11 (JTA) — United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, embarking on the *Queen Mary* for the U.S., said yesterday the major need in solving the refugee problem at this time was an international loan and "above all a little cooperation from Hitler." He declared: "You can stop worrying about where to put the refugees now. That problem will be solved."

A new proposal for solving the Jewish refugee problem has been submitted to the government and is now under consideration, the *Daily Telegraph's* diplomatic correspondent reported. The proposal reportedly contemplates an offer by Great Britain to create a new Jewish national home in Northeastern Rhodesia, which is declared to be most suitable for European settlement and is large enough to accommodate, in the course of time, Jewish settlers from all over the world.

Mizrachi Demands Boycott Of Conferences

JERUSALEM, December 15 (JTA) — The central committee of the World Mizrahi Organization adopted a resolution today demanding that the Jewish Agency boycott the forthcoming London conferences on Palestine. High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael received President Isaac Ben Zvi of the Jewish National Council and Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, who presented demands for the admission of 10,000 German-Jewish refugee children and the relatives of Palestine residents.

Israeli Consul Deputy Speaks Out

by Sandra Silva

Itzhak Oren, Israel's Consul Deputy for the Northeastern Region of America, spent a very long Thursday last week meeting with people and organizations in the offices of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. The Consul made this day-long trip, coming from the Boston office he has shared since 1987 with the Consul General, to help Rhode Island Jews obtain a clearer perspective on the current issue of "Who is a Jew?" and its impact upon the American Jewish society.

Mr. Oren, an extremely likable and well-spoken man, maintains a surprisingly objective and open-minded view concerning the actions of his own government.

Every day the situation in Israel changes course. On Thursday, prior to this interview, Mr. Oren had called the Consulate in Boston to update his information, but the current session of the Central Committee of the Labor Party had not yet ended. The committee was gathered to decide whether to join in a National Unity Coalition Government. If the decision was positive, then according to Mr. Oren, the following course of events might occur: the decision on the "Who is a Jew" issue would be postponed and/or there would be a change in the electoral system in Israel which could affect the out-

come of the decision.

The existing electoral system treats the entire state as one region. The proposal being dealt with would divide the state into thirty regions, with two representatives from each region. The remaining sixty representatives would be elected on a national basis. In Mr. Oren's assessment, this means that only the big parties would survive. This system would be much better than the current situation, where a very small party may have two members but have a major weight on the agenda. To illustrate this situation, Mr. Oren points to the "Who is a Jew" issue.

Mr. Oren states that he doesn't feel the "Who is a Jew" issue reflects a wide political sentiment, but rather the sentiment of a concentrated party who can exert a great deal of pressure because their votes are crucial in the current system of government. Under the new form of government which has been proposed, this situation would be less likely to occur. Although he feels that the change to a National Unity Coalition Government would delay the issue, he says it's impossible to tell whether the issue would ever be put to rest without coming to a vote.

Even if the Law of Return were changed, the actual impact on American Jews would be small. According to Mr. Oren, the situa-

tion has many a symbolic value. In actuality, very few people are going to have to deal with the proposed changes on a yearly basis. It is estimated that approximately seven to nine people a year will not be converted according to Orthodox means before going to Israel.

The real problem is that this is a show of inconfidence on Israel's part in the religious system here in the U.S., in the Reform and Conservative rabbis. Americans must bear in mind that the Israeli agenda is different from the American-Jewish agenda. Right now, getting the national conference to pursue settlement with the Palestinians has top priority on Peres' agenda, not the settlement of the Law of Return issue.

When asked what he could say to appease the feelings of fear, anger and betrayal that are coursing through the Providence Jewish community (as evidenced in the past two month's issues of the *Herald*), he said:

"You can feel betrayed if this Law of Return was decided by a majority of Israelis because that is what they truly believe. But this is not the case. It's a classic case of falling in political ambush to the religious parties who have tried in the past to see that not enough members of the House were present to pass the motion. You

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Black — Jewish Relations: The View From Israel

by Sally Greenberg and
Alan Katz

Sally Greenberg, Eastern area civil rights director for ADL's Civil Rights Division, and Alan Katz of the New Orleans Times Picayune, accompanied the mission to Israel about which they write.

A few months ago, eight black American college presidents traveled to Israel under the aegis of the Anti-Defamation League and returned with some new perspectives on black-Jewish relations in the United States.

The ten-day tour covered meetings with top Israeli officials including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as well as other political and military leaders. Historic areas important to both Christians and Jews were visited. The group walked the Via Dolorosa, tracing the 12 Stations of the Cross, and spent a meaningful afternoon viewing the heart-wrenching exhibits at the Yad Vashem Museum of the Holocaust. There were stops at three of Israel's best known higher educational institutions — Haifa, Tel Aviv and Ben Gurion Universities.

The visit with Prime Minister Shamir was longer than expected. The Israeli leader was gracious and attentive to the visitors. He impressed them with his emphasis on Israel's desire for peace in the midst of enemies but he told them, "We want peace but we won't commit suicide to get it."

The educators heard firsthand views regarding the intifadah, the Palestinian uprising, from Israeli leaders as well as from four Palestinians. They also had frank discussions about the relationships between Israel and South Africa.

At the end of the trip, the group agreed about several basic themes:

— Blacks and Jews have much in common to share with one another and this trip to Israel provided the opportunity to do so.

— American media's coverage of the problems in the Middle East has failed to illustrate the complexities of the region.

— The American experience with racism and prejudice does not have a parallel in Israel.

The presidents making the trip were Dr. Robert L. Albright, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C.; Dr. Ozell Beatty, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C.; Dr. David Beckley, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas; Dr. Samuel Cook, Dillard University, New Orleans; Dr. John Henderson, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; Dr. John Quill Taylor, Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas; Dr. Warren W. Morgan, Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, and Dr. Talbert Shaw, Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.

Other members of the group were Janet Ballard of Richmond, Va., head of the national Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Virgil E. Ecton and Michelle Stent, staff members of the United Negro College Fund; Joe Lee, president of the National Alumni Council, Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.; Kenneth Jacobson, associate director of ADL's International Affairs Division, and the authors.

Not surprisingly, the mission members expressed a deep interest in Israel's attitude toward blacks and toward immigrants. As the days passed, they had several opportunities to see for themselves how skin color affects (or does not

affect) the way people are treated in the Jewish state.

The first came on a visit to the Good Fence marking the border between Israel and Lebanon. At the site was a tank surrounded by Israeli soldiers. The college presidents noted one in particular, who turned out to be a dark-skinned Ethiopian Jewish immigrant. The soldier, who took for granted his status as a member of the Israel Defense forces, seemed surprised and shyly reluctant to be the center of attention but agreed to pose for photographs with each of the educators.

During a visit to the Israel Museum and its collection of Dead Sea Scrolls, the ADL group passed another gathering of black visitors, dressed in brightly colored patterns of reds and blues. Kenyans? Nigerians? We asked and, to our surprise, they told us they were from South Africa. "Can you as blacks travel freely to and from South Africa?" we asked. "Oh yes," was the reply. "We're from a Catholic church group." It was an interesting contrast — blacks from South Africa meeting American blacks in Jerusalem, a place where all religious groups seem comfortable.

Israel's relations with South Africa were thoroughly discussed. One day, the group heard a talk on the subject by Yossi Alpher, deputy director of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

One of the college presidents said to Mr. Alpher:

"We see Israeli soldiers on television beating Palestinian protestors. It looks very similar to what happens in South Africa.

How do you distinguish it?"

Mr. Alpher's response was swift and to the point. "First," he said, "the South African whites are a minority: 4.5 million whites rule 20 million native South Africans. Israelis are the majority in Israel. Second, the West Bank and Gaza were ruled by other nations until the 1967 war waged against Israel. Israel inherited already existing problems and is ready to negotiate the future of those territories. Third, Israel has no enshrined written policy of racism. South Africa's laws, to the contrary, are overtly racist and that is a fact that is not debated."

Another day, the group met with black American artist Paul Collins, who lives in Israel and discussed his experiences with the visitors. Among other topics, he offered these thoughts:

"Don't ever let anyone compare Israel to South Africa. I've been to South Africa," he said, echoing Mr. Alpher's statement that its laws are "blatantly racist." He continued, "Israel is a democracy. The laws may not always work perfectly but everyone is at least guaranteed equal rights."

Questioned about the Middle East crisis, Mr. Collins prefaced his remarks by saying, "I'm not taking sides but..." One of the college presidents immediately responded: "Why are you afraid to take sides? I take sides. I'm pro-Jewish and I'm not afraid to say it." The meeting ended on a clearly positive note.

A jeep took eight of the group up a steep hill to visit the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Forest where more than 12,000 trees have been planted in memory of the

slain civil rights leader. At the top were several workers, some speaking Hebrew, others Arabic. One after another of our group knelt to plant new trees in the ground.

This forest, with its countless already grown trees, serves as a living memorial to the black American whose activism was coupled with teachings of non-violence.

Another special moment connecting blacks and Jews took place at the Mevasseret Zion Immigrant Absorption Center, a stopping place for many immigrants to Israel. Here they live for a time to learn the new language and customs in preparation for their lives as Israeli citizens.

As we walked toward the center's kindergarten, a horde of little boys with dark skins rushed to the gate, calling to us in Hebrew. One of the attendants told us they were asking if the visitors were Ethiopian. They gathered about the college presidents, clutching at their clothing in excitement. It was plain that the visitors shared their enthusiasm. Dr. Cook lifted the children one by one, laughing with them.

Later that day, the group visited Yad Vashem with its stark photographs depicting the horror of the Holocaust. Although the room was filled with people, the silence was palpable. One of our group said later: "This museum is so sad," sharing her sense of loss with her Jewish hosts. After a long pause, she continued, "Black people need a museum to remind us of those we lost to slavery." She

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Local News

Temple Beth-El

Social Action Committee

The Temple Beth-El Social Action Committee, chaired by Alan Axelrod, will be helping to serve a holiday meal at the Trinity United Methodist Church soup kitchen on Christmas Day. The committee is also seeking voluntary donations of articles to be given as Christmas gifts to the children at the soup kitchen. The donations of toys, hats, gloves, scarves, and craft items, will be wrapped by members of the Temple's Youth Group, PROVITY, and delivered Christmas Day. The Committee is also helping to staff the phones at the Women's Center, a shelter for victims of domestic violence, also on Christmas Day.

The Committee is planning a special Social Action weekend, on January 20-22, 1989. Members of the Social Action Committee will participate in Sabbath Evening Services on Friday, January 20 and will coordinate with the Temple's Brotherhood a special Sunday breakfast on the theme of "Making A Difference." The program will feature panelists who have made outstanding initiatives in community outreach.

For more information on the Temple Beth-El Social Action Committee, contact Arlene Zisserman at the Temple office, 331-6070.

Temple Am David

Services: Friday, December 16 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17 9:30 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m.

Services are conducted by Rabbi H. Scott White and Cantor Steven W. Dress.

Saturday, December 17: United Synagogue Kallah.

Sunday, December 18: United Synagogue Kallah. School Committee Meeting 10 a.m. U.S.Y. Paid-Up Membership Dinner 6:30 a.m.

Monday, December 19: General Congregational Meeting. Guest Speaker, Paul Segal from Jewish Family Service. Topic: "December Dilemma" 8 p.m.

Sons Of Jacob

Friday, December 16, 8th day in Tevet. Candlelighting, 3:52 p.m.; Minchah services, 4 p.m.

Saturday, December 17, Reading in the Torah P'Vayigash, 9th day in Tevet.

Morning services, 8:30 a.m. Kiddush immediately after. Minchah services, 3:40 p.m. followed by the "Third Meal." The Sabbath is over at 4:55 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:07 p.m.

Sunday, December 18, morning services are at 7:45 a.m. and Minchah services for the entire week will begin at 3:55 p.m.

Congregation Ohave Sholam

Services this Friday evening are 4:05 p.m. Saturday morning a Kiddush will follow services which begin at 9 a.m. Rabbi Jacobs will give his Mishnah class at 3:25 p.m. Mincha will be at 3:55 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv will be at 4:55 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:05 p.m.

This Sunday is the Fast Day of the Tenth of Teves. The fast begins at 5:56 a.m. and ends at 5:02 p.m. Sunday morning services are at 7:30 a.m. Evening services are 3:55 p.m.

On the Shabbat of January 6-7 there will be a Junior N.C.S.Y. Shabbaton which in addition to our chapter will involve 5th-8th graders from Fall River and Brookline.

Our Chanukah party was an overwhelming success. Let us continue in that tradition and make our synagogue a bastion of Torah-True Judaism.

Solomon Schechter — South Area

The South Area Solomon Schechter Day School is pleased to announce that Temple Ahavath Torah on Central Avenue in Stoughton has been selected as the site for classes starting in the fall of 1989. The school will open with Kindergarten and first and second grades, and will add classes each year through the eighth grade.

"We are excited about this location. While we are pleased with the number of applications we have already received, we believe that Temple Ahavath Torah's central location will help to draw in students from the entire south area Jewish community," said Doreen Kriegel, president of the school.

Applications are being accepted now for grades K, 1, and 2. Please call Doreen Kriegel at 784-5120 or Jane Cohen at 784-4296 for more information.

Na'Amat — Club One

Mrs. Israel (Rose) Resnick will host the next regular meeting of Na'Amat Club One, formerly Pioneer Women, on Thursday, December 22, at 12:30 p.m.

Rabbi H. Scott White of Temple Am David in Warwick will be guest speaker. Topic will be "Pertinent Issues in Israel." A mini-luncheon will be served.

This is a very important meeting and all members are urged to attend.

Pawt.-C. F. Hadassah

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah will be gift wrapping at the Warwick Mall from December 11 through December 24. This project benefits cancer research by the Hadassah Medical Organization. Volunteers are needed to assist. Please call Ruth Blustein at 331-3270.

Congregation Beth Sholom

Cong. Beth Sholom Sisterhood is pleased to invite all adults to a Melave Malka on Saturday night December 17 at 8 p.m. at the home of Judy and Jay Rosenstein, 41 Elmway, Providence.

The evening's program will feature the movie *The Chosen* based on the bestselling novel by Chaim Potok. Also included on the program will be a raffle and refreshments.

For more information on what promises to be a most enjoyable evening kindly contact Sisterhood president Sharon Groh-Mintz at 751-1251.

Children's Museum

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island introduces a new exhibit in the State Room display cases. The exhibit is titled "Animals of Rhode Island." Featured in the case are specimens of animals native to Rhode Island, drawings of animals by students from the Attleboro Public Schools and some Rhode Island schools, and photographs of animals from Rhode Island and other places. Children can discover which animals are native to Rhode Island.

7 State BBYO Reunion

An unprecedented reunion of members of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) from the area previously known as District Seven is planned for March 30-April 1, 1988 in Dallas, Texas. People who were members of District Seven BBYO anytime from 1950 to 1965 are sought so that they can receive invitations to this event.

Thus far, more than 400 people have responded to invitations already mailed, however, many people have moved to addresses unknown. "We've heard from people in California, Washington, New York, and many other cities near and far, and know that they're planning on attending," said Gloria Utay Solomon, coordinator of the event. "Our goal now is to find as many people as we can so that they can also be included."

District Seven encompassed cities in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

The weekend plans include a Friday night Shabbat dinner and reception, a Saturday evening gala dance, and a Sunday afternoon picnic.

All former District Seven BBYOers are urged to write to Solomon at 6225 Northaven, Dallas, Texas 75230. Even if they are unable to attend the reunion, their names can be added to the reunion directory.

JCCRI

Lecture On Jewish Unity

The proposed amendment to the Law of Return is an issue that's been the subject of considerable debate and controversy. Yet what are the facts behind the amendment? Why is it so important to the safety and sanctity of Israel? Who is affected by this amendment?

All these questions and more will be answered in a special and important community meeting on "Jewish Unity and the Law of Return: Why it's Important." It will be held 8 p.m. this Sunday, December 18 at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

Rabbi David Hollander will be leading a discussion of this vital topic. Rabbi Hollander is a noted author, scholar and lecturer. He is currently a Professor of Sociology at Long Island University and a member of the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America. Rabbi Hollander recently returned from Israel, where he consulted with Israeli leaders on the proposed amendment to the Law of Return.

This important meeting is free and open to the entire Jewish community. It is especially appropriate for those who have or are thinking about conversion, as well as the reform, conservative and orthodox community leaders at large. This community wide meeting is being presented by the Rhode Island Federation of Orthodox Jewish Organizations.

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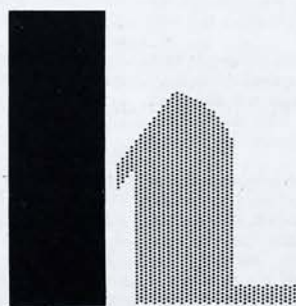
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Sherut La'am—a fitting name for a program that serves both the people of Israel and the program participants from abroad who come to work there. Those who join Sherut La'am begin to understand that Israel is a country of contrasts: Three thousand years of history co-existing in a modern state just 37 years old; tremendous industrial and agricultural capability forging ahead during a time of difficult economic circumstances; modern and bustling cities surrounded by less privileged development towns. The Sherut La'am participant is immersed in all of these contrasts while living, working and socializing with Israelis from all walks of life. This is not a program for those who only want to touch the surface. The appeal of Sherut La'am is to gain an insider's knowledge of Israel while acquiring valuable work experience. Since 1965 hundreds of people have

contributed to the development of Israel and to their own personal fulfillment by participating in Sherut La'am.

The Sherut La'am program offers participants two options: One Year Program — Includes three months of Hebrew study (the ulpan) plus nine months of work. Six Month Program — This option is available for those who already know Hebrew and want to begin working soon after they arrive in Israel.

Eligibility Requirements

The Sherut La'am one year program is open to people between the ages of 20-35 who hold a degree from a four-year college or university. Those who have graduated from a two-year technical/vocational institute may also be eligible depending on job skills.

Married couples without children are eligible.

The six-month version of the Sherut La'am program is only open to those people who have a good conversational knowledge of Hebrew. An ulpan is not provided on the six-month format. It is also important for six-month candidates to have prior Israel experience since they will begin working within a month of their arrival in Israel. The six-month program is open to people who have completed at least one year of college or vocational training or to college graduates up to age 35.

All applicants to either the one year or the six-month Sherut La'am program are required to complete an established screening procedure. We have found that the following personality characteristics seem to facilitate social and vocational integration and adjustment: independence, creativity, initiative, flexibility, and a good sense of humor.

*For more information contact Ruth Page, Israel Desk, BJE, 331-0956.

OSARE Car Wash

EAST PROVIDENCE — Non-Stop Car Wash has teamed up with Ocean State Adoption Resource Exchange (OSARE) to help "build families through adoption." From now until December 29 proceeds from each car wash will be donated to OSARE.

"We've always worked to raise funds for children and their needs," said Helene Schaefer, owner of Non-Stop Car Wash located at Six Corners, 325 Taunton Avenue in East Providence. She and other members of the New England Car Wash Association are also donating to the WBZ Children's Hospital Fund.

OSARE is a private non-profit organization established in 1981. Their goal is to promote the building of families through the adoption of children with physical, emotional, and intellectual disabilities. Their work and the work of other exchanges is to increase public awareness for more than 150,000 special needs children across the country waiting to be adopted.

Ms. Schaefer will be appearing between 8 and 10 p.m. on the OSARE telethon, December 29, on WPRI TV-12, to present the check representing the amount to be donated to OSARE.

"Non-Stop helping with our telethon not only raises money, it also spreads information on adoption to large numbers of people," said Lisa Funaro, executive director of OSARE.

"We hope to double last year's donation but we need your help," Schaefer said. The cost of an average exterior car wash is just \$4.00, part of which will go directly to OSARE.

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Rabbi Andrea Gouze, currently the Rabbi at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro, Mass., will be our guest speaker on December 18. She is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in an MSW from the Wurzwiler School of Social Work in New York City in accordance with the Reconstructionist Philosophy that Rabbis should be versed in both of the civilizations in which they live. Before moving to Attleboro, she resided in Israel for four years and holds Israeli citizenship. She and her husband, Gershon Levine, reside in Attleboro, Mass.

Corps Of Service Seeks Volunteers

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Corps of Service to the Jewish People, a program launched earlier this year by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the congregational branch of Reform Judaism, needs volunteers in Jewish communities around the world.

The position, which requires 15 to 25 hours of work per week, should be filled by someone over the age of 22, who speaks French and has an ability to teach Hebrew, Jewish history, rituals and values.

For more information, contact UAHF, c/o Rabbi Daniel Syme, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021, or call (212) 249-0100.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY MEETING

Jewish Unity & The Law of Return: Why It's Important

A Discussion Led by Rabbi David Hollander
Professor of Sociology, Long Island University
Noted author, scholar and lecturer

Date: This Sunday, December 18

Time: 8:00 pm

Place: Jewish Community Center
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Opinion

Why "Who Is A Jew" Matters

by Jacob Neusner

Jacob Neusner is the Ungerleider Distinguished Scholar of Judaic Studies at Brown University.

When the public press debates theological issues for political purposes, we have to ask why. Where once we had to learn the difference between Sunni and Shi'ite Islam to make sense of the morning paper, we now must study about Talmudic law to understand why the State of Israel cannot form a government. It's Khomeini all over again.

The theological debate surrounding the political crisis in Israel is about as arcane as you can get. Why should a government stand or fall on the issue of "who is a Jew?" But that is exactly what is happening.

The State of Israel is working out a theological confrontation that has marked Judaism over the last 200 years: whether or not there can be any Judaism other than an Orthodox one — or any Judaism other than my Orthodox one. Initially all Orthodoxies condemned Reform Judaism. Today there are so many Judaisms that the only thing all Orthodox Judaisms agree about is that any other-than-Orthodox Judaism is illegitimate. It is all so confusing.

Still, that confrontation is a mark of the deep religiosity, if not profound spirituality, of Jews. People who think Jews are secular because Jews are not religious in the same way Protestants or Catholics are religious now have to rethink the matter, because in this political crisis we see religion in its most religious formulation: Who is holy, and who is not. "Who is a Jew?" defines "who is Israel" — not the state but the people of Israel. When Jews debate the profound issues of Jewish existence and Judaic theology, that is the category of which they speak:

"Israel." In Christianity, these questions of authenticity and legitimacy form issues of orthodoxy or heresy.

It was David Ben Gurion's profound understanding of these questions that led him, in 1948, to name the new state *Israel*. That is why the relationship between Zionism and Judaism forms the centerpiece of contemporary Judaic theology and thought. With the Israeli legislature passing laws on "who is a Jew," and with the definition of peoplehood, state, land and exile forming the center of public discourse, Jews carry forward in a perfectly straight line the exquisitely theological discussions that have characterized their shared existence from remote beginnings.

Every branch of Judaism defines its theory of who and what is "Israel" — that is, the social entity which embodies that Judaism and forms the holy people envisioned within the given Judaic system. Accordingly, in calling the state simply "Israel," people deliver a profound personal statement upon who is Israel, what is Israel (a state not merely a community; a political entity, not merely a religious fellowship) and similar dilemmas that have vexed religious thinkers in Judaism, past and present, as well as secular Jewish thinkers today.

That brings us back to the present. Among the many definitions of who is Israel and who is a Jew, the definition of the Talmudic rabbis — that is, persons born of a Jewish mother or legitimately converted to Judaism — remains authentic to the liturgy of Judaism and its sacred scripture. Ben Gurion's daring utilization of "Israel" in an exclusive and land-centered framework challenges that liturgy and scripture. For at prayer and study, "Israel" stands for and refers to the

entire Jewish people, wherever they live: "God who keeps Israel does not slumber or sleep" is everywhere and so watches over Israel everywhere, including Israel in the Land of Israel.

Do these issues have anything to do with American Jews? Yes, and no. If the Israelis declare that a Jew is someone born of a Jewish mother or converted to Judaism by an Orthodox Judaic authority, then they declare that anyone born of a Jewish father but not a Jewish mother or anyone converted by a Reconstructionist, Reform or Conservative rabbi is an outsider. That removes legitimacy, within Israeli state law, from all Judaisms other than the ones that predominate in the State of Israel. So American Jews have a high stake. But do we care how another country defines its citizenship? Not really.

That ambiguity explains why "who is a Jew" is not just a narrow political issue within the Israeli context but is central to Judaism in America. The political-religious parties of Israeli Orthodoxies (and they are many and diverse) concur in wishing to offend and insult non-Orthodox Judaisms overseas. That will not persuade diaspora Jews that they are not true and authentic; the "who is a Jew" debate will continue in our country no matter what the Knesset does. The move to delegitimize non-Orthodox Jews may give satisfaction to the frustrations of Orthodox parties in the State of Israel, but they are able to speak only to their own circle and only in their own land. That fact explains why a fair part of mainstream Orthodoxy in this country rejects the initiative to delegitimize all non-Orthodox Judaisms by act of the State of Israel.

So much for the separation of synagogue and state in contemporary Judaism.

Odds And Ends

by Eric Rozenman

Pro-Israel activism concentrates, as it must, on elections, legislation, and policy — the political scene. That is where the action is each day. But American politics takes place inside popular culture. And cultural changes — which define the political boundaries — make themselves known through other indicators not only through politics:

Before the elections, George Carlin delivered a monologue on the distortions of language for political ends as part of an ABC Television variety show. As an example, he asserted that "Israel murderers are called commandos, while Arab commandos are called terrorists." The studio audience barely snickered, but will Carlin the former comedian now be seen as a propagandist?

Probably not in a popular culture which in the past two years has come to treat the keffiyah, the Arab headdress synonymous with PLO leader Yasser Arafat, as a stylish accessory. On city streets and college campuses the keffiyah now does double duty as scarf and fashion statement, the *Washington Post* reported some time back. How did it happen that Iron Crosses and swastikas worn by Hells' Angels are declassé, but the keffiyah is a fashion statement?

Partly through the cumulative effect of decades of propaganda which portrays Israel as the aggressor, the Arabs, particularly the Palestinian Arabs, as victim. A recent example was the response of spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif to the U.S. refusal to grant Yasser Arafat a visa because of the PLO chief's terrorist ties.

In the issue of *Mideast Mirror*, Abu Sharif asserted that the PLO's Palestine National Council "felt compelled to add that, while renouncing all forms of violence and terrorism, the Palestinian people reserve the right, as granted by U.N. resolutions, to 'resist foreign occupation' and 'defend its territory and independence.'"

"If resistance of foreign occupation and defense of territory

and independence are now defined as terrorism in the U.S. and Israel, the American and Jewish dictionaries must have been revised since World War II..."

The equation could not be neater: U.S.-backed Israel as the Nazi-like foreign occupier, the PLO — "sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people" — a guerrilla army of freedom-fighting partisans. That Arafat is not the Palestinian George Washington gets progressively harder to explain as propaganda creates false images for the present by rewriting the past.

Some Techiya Party leaders in Israel who describe themselves as cowboys and the Palestinian Arabs as Indians inadvertently support Abu Sharif's campaign. Closer to home, Patricia Nelson Limerick, a historian of the U.S. West at the University of Colorado, sees Israeli history through the same lens and implies that Israel as well as the United States is a product of "invasion, conquest and displacement of the natives."

In fact, Israel may be the one modern state based on a reclamation of ancestral land by earlier "Indians" — the Jews — from later-arriving "cowboys" — the Arabs.

A historian not friendly to the Zionist cause, Christopher Sykes, undermined the cowboys-and-Indians analogy in his 1965 book, *Cross Roads to Israel*: "There is no evidence of a long-standing and agreed Jewish policy to evict the settled population; on the contrary in the first half of 1948 there is considerable evidence that the Jews tried to prevent the flight.... When the war was over, Arab journalists and broadcasters asserted on several occasions that the exodus was a planned Arab maneuver, the main object being to clear the land and thus give freedom of action to the invading armies."

Retrieving Arab-Israeli history and infiltrating it into our video pop culture is necessary, because without it the present reality cannot be seen.

Witnesses To Nazi Atrocities Sought

Canadian and American authorities have asked for the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in locating witnesses and survivors of the crimes of the Nazis.

The U.S. Justice Department is seeking witnesses to atrocities at the Auschwitz concentration camp and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is undertaking investigations into events in Slovakia (Czechoslovakia) between 1938-1944.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are soliciting witnesses, in regards to the following:

- Enactment, implementation and enforcement of anti-Jewish legislation in Slovakia.

- Arrest / confinement, deportation / transportation, and execution of Jews from the cities or districts of Bratislava, Bardejov, Banska Bystrica, Krupina and Krennicka.

The Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations ("OSI") is seeking to identify and interview persons imprisoned at the Auschwitz I concentration camp in Silesia between November 1942 and November 1944. Auschwitz I was the main camp within the Auschwitz concentration camp complex. OSI's interest in locating survivors of Auschwitz I has been occasioned by its investigation of an alleged member of an SS guard company assigned to that camp. Please note that OSI is seeking both English and non-English speaking survivors of Auschwitz.

Individuals with any information are asked to contact: Ms. Bessy Pupko, World Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022, (212) 755-5770.

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"Who Is A Jew" And Conditional

by Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein
President,
Jewish National Fund

The Jewish community is currently anguished by the proposed "Who Is A Jew" amendment to Israel's Law of Return. If adopted, Israel's basic immigration law would disqualify persons converted to Judaism by Conservative and Reform rabbis from automatic Jewish citizenship. Although such a change would affect relatively few immigrants now, Conservative and Reform Jews, who comprise the majority of Jews in the United States, view the step as disenfranchisement.

As an all-inclusive Zionist agency, we constitutionally represent organizations in our framework — organizations covering the spectrum from right to left. All of them join and support the work of JNF as an historic institution, and do so enthusiastically and wholeheartedly.

As if the issue has not provoked enough turmoil, certain members of the community are threatening to stop contributing to Israel if the proposed legislation passes. Whatever one's personal feelings may be toward this particular issue, all should agree that it's simply wrong to penalize the citizens of Israel for the actions of various governmental coalitions.

It's no secret that the majority of American Jews are against the amendment, and it would not hurt the Jewish National Fund should we align ourselves with the popular view. We, however, choose not to

take a stance. For 87 years, JNF has been a non-political organization, solely dedicated to the afforestation and reclamation of Israel's land. Our work, which has provided for the needs of the people of Israel in terms of housing, agriculture, industry and recreation, has always transcended the controversial political issues of the day.

One of the most painful results in the current controversy is that it threatens the fundamental consensus that the Jewish people have a sacred mission to redeem their Homeland. Those who propose cutting off contributions are stating that their support of the development of Israel's land is conditioned on their agreement with governmental policy.

Brave pioneers are struggling to establish new communities in the northern Galilee and the Negev desert. Will we American Jews, who comprise the most affluent Jewish community in the world, stand by them? Or will we make them pay the price for an unpopular policy? Will the American community go beyond its democratic right to express dissent — will it really abandon the ongoing struggle to develop their ancestral homeland?

JNF is determined to carry on those projects which will develop the land and provide a better quality of life for Israel's citizens. We hope that American Jews feel a strong enough commitment toward Israel and their brethren to continue generously supporting our vital work.

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Thought For The Week

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer

The message of Chanukah is one of continuous growth and achievement. In that spirit, we want to encourage you to take the lesson of Chanukah and apply it throughout the year.

... Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the victory — more than 2100 years ago — of a militarily weak but spiritually strong Jewish people over the mighty forces of a ruthless enemy that had overrun the Holy Land and threatened to engulf the land and its people in darkness.

The miraculous victory — culminating with the rededication of the Sanctuary in Jerusalem and the rekindling of the Menorah which had been desecrated and extinguished by the enemy — has been celebrated annually ever since during these eight days of Chanukah, especially by lighting the Chanukah Menorah, also as a symbol and message of the triumph of freedom over oppression, of spirit over matter, of light over darkness.

It is a timely and reassuring message, for the forces of darkness are ever present. Moreover, the danger does not come exclusively from outside; it often lurks close to home, in the form of insidious erosion of time-honored values and principles that are the foundation of any decent human society. Needless to say, darkness is not chased away by brooms and sticks, but by illumination. Our Sages said, "A little light expels a lot of darkness."

The Chanukah Lights remind us in a most obvious way that illumination begins at home, within oneself and one's family, by increasing and intensifying the light of the Torah and Mitzvos in the everyday experience, even as

the Chanukah Lights are kindled in growing numbers from day to day. But though it begins at home, it does not stop there. Such is the nature of light that when one kindles a light for one's own benefit, it benefits also all who are in the vicinity. Indeed, the Chanukah Lights are expressly meant to illuminate the "outside," symbolically alluding to the duty to bring light also to those who, for one reason or another, still walk in darkness.

What is true of the individual is true of a nation, especially this great United States, united under G-d, and generously blessed by G-d with material as well as spiritual riches. It is surely the duty and privilege of this Nation to promote all the forces of light both at home and abroad, and in a steadily growing measure. . .

From a letter by the Lubavitcher Rebbe Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, Shlita

Agency Logo Protested

by Marlene Goldman

NEW YORK (JTA) — The prospect of a green cross with a heart inset on its right side representing New York's Health and Hospital Corporation has roused concern among Jewish groups, as much for political reasons as religious ones.

For the past 40 years, the International Red Cross has refused to include under its auspices Israel's Magen David Adom (Red Star of David) while it has accepted the Moslem Red Crescent.

Jewish leaders, including Rabbi Paul Hait, vice president of the New York Board of Rabbis, and Michael Miller, director of the

Jewish Community Relations Council, argue that since the Red Cross does not accept the Jewish star, the city should not use any symbol of a cross.

The JCRC has requested that HHC reject the logo.

"Unspoken is the issue of the cross as a whole," Miller noted, referring to the use of red crosses on boxes of Band-Aids and as signs of blood donation locations, as well as a Blue Cross for health insurance.

"But it is the current climate which concerns us," Miller continued. "Not to protest something about the cross being acceptable would indirectly damage Israel's case for the Star of David."

The chairman of the HHC, Paul Henry, has defended the cross, saying that it carries no religious connotations.

Currently the HHC is discussing the potential pros and cons of the symbol, according to Fred Winters, a spokesman for HHC. They have had to place plans for new stationery, brochures, business cards and IDs on hold.

If HHC decides to refuse the cross logo, Winters said they will probably opt for one of the others produced by the logo's designers. A decision is still pending.

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Letters To The Editor

Jeffery L. Cohen

Who is affected by the proposed amendment of the Law of Return?

The amendment of the law will affect only converts whose conversions were not performed according to Halach (Jewish law). It will have absolutely no effect on, and does not delegitimize, any Conservative or Reform Jew regardless of the degree of observance or non-observance. Nor in fact, does the law even address the validity of any movement. The amendment addresses only the need for the State of Israel to maintain a single standard of conversion and Jewish identity to preserve the unity of the people of Israel.

Why is the Israeli Knesset, a political body, being asked to resolve the "religious issue" of Who is a Jew?

In 1970 the Knesset decided to define the meaning of the term Jew used in the Law of Return which gives a Jew the automatic right of citizenship upon arrival in Israel. At that time it was forcefully opposed by the religious Knesset members who argued that the Knesset, a political body, had no right to define the term Jew, which is a religious term, particularly since the Knesset included seven Arabs and it was absurd to have them vote on this issue. The Knesset nevertheless passed the law (with the help of the Arabs) which defined a Jew as one who was born of a Jewish mother or who was converted. The intentional omission of the word K'Halacha (according to Jewish law) was intended to confer the name Jew on one who, according to Halacha, was not a Jew. This intervention of the Knesset in a religious matter occurred in 1970 and since then continues as an unjustified intrusion by the Knesset into religion. (Would the Knesset dare to define who is a Muslim?) To be sure, the Israeli Knesset has every right to define

and confer Israeli citizenship which is a political matter of State but not Jewishness which is the inheritance of all Jews. The present effort to amend the law would effectively take the Knesset out of religion by having the Knesset concede that it cannot define the term Jew and therefore when the term Jew is used in Israeli law it will be defined by that standard which is universally acceptable to all Jews — Halacha. Bear in mind that the Conservative and Reform also accept Halachic conversions as valid hence. Halacha is the only common denominator for all Jews.

Orthodoxy And Women

This letter is in response to an article entitled "Jewish Women Defy Orthodoxy," which appeared in the *Providence Journal*, December 2, 1988. In this article, there is a description of Jewish women reading from the Torah Scroll at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

The act in itself is one that has been at the core of intellectual discussion for many centuries. The Talmud (B Meg. 23a.) reports a statement from Mishnaic sources that states, "all may be included in the quorum of 7" (called to read from the Torah at Shabbat worship) even a "minor and a woman." But the sages ruled that a woman should not read from the Torah because of the dignity of the congregation. There has been room for argument on this point even within traditional Judaism.

This article goes on to state that "Orthodoxy treats them (women) as little more than child bearers." In other words, orthodox women are relegated to little more than breeding machines. As an orthodox woman coming from a long line of well-educated orthodox women, in religious and secular matters, I take strong objection to this whole argument as totally misconceived

and untrue.

If you look at our long and varied history, you will find many shining examples of female leaders dating from biblical to modern times. For example: Deborah, Judith, Mrs. Sassoon, Henrietta Szold and Golda Meir.

Up to very recent times the traditional Jewish woman's role, as her non-Jewish counterpart, was clearly defined as that of guardian of the sanctity of the Jewish home, and education of her children. Here are a couple of examples of orthodox women's roles, in Jewish life. In Jewish law, since Mishnaic times, a woman's property remains her own, even when she is married. In Anglo-American law, even up until the late 19th century, a woman's property became her husband's. Thus there are a number of examples of successful Jewish business women in passed centuries. There are a preponderance of Jewish female teachers in Orthodox Day Schools who are very respected in their fields. Needless to say, there are orthodox women professionals represented in all fields of endeavor in the 1980s.

This term "Orthodox" is a political one, and I prefer the term "Traditional." There are many factions, political and feminist, who for their own ends are taking a swing at the "Orthodox" these days. Unfortunately, our leaders and Rabbis in good standing who span the religious spectrum from Reconstructionist to Ultra Orthodox are swinging the political club against each other. In so doing, they are disuniting the Jewish people and are destroying the Jews as a nation.

We are a diverse group of people with much to offer each other, and must overcome our differences through discussion and good will, and leave our clubs at home.

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Members and friends are invited to enjoy an evening of fun games, singalong, refreshments in honor of the Festival of Chanukah. Come join us for a pleasant evening!

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Majestic Senior Guild

The next regular meeting of The Majestic Senior Guild will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 1988, at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. At this meeting luggage tags and plane tickets will be distributed for our Florida winter vacation. Also, full travel information will be given. Please note that all unpaid balances must be paid before this meeting.

This is the last meeting until March of 1989 so please try to attend. You can meet with all your friends and wish them a Happy and Healthy New Year and a Happy and Healthy winter season.

Don't forget the new date for our Pines, Catskills summer vacation, August 20, 1989 through August 27, 1989, Sunday through Sunday. Try to plan now for what has proven to be a wonderful vacation.

Many interesting trips for the spring are being planned for your enjoyment. You will be advised of these at a later date.

Mary Campagnola To Wed Jeffrey Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Campagnola of Beverly, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Elizabeth, to Jeffrey Charles Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Brown of Fern Park, Florida, formerly of Pawtucket.

The bride-elect graduated from Bentley College and is currently employed by M/A-COM, Inc., in Burlington, Mass., as a corporate internal auditor. Her fiancé, a certified public accountant is a graduate of Northeastern University. He is Supervisor of Financial Reporting at Millipore Corporation in Bedford, Mass.

Mary is the granddaughter of Mrs. Helen Norton of Beverly. Jeffrey's grandparents are Mrs. Marion Brown of Providence and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Castleman of Woonsocket.

The couple will be married on November 4, 1989.

Jacob Neusner Appointed

PRINCETON — Professor Jacob Neusner, Brown University, has been elected Member of the Institute of Advanced Study for the academic year, 1989-1990. He will take up residence at the Institute in Princeton to work on the subject, "the philosophy of Judaism: the first principles."

Neusner is the first scholar of Judaism to be appointed Member of the Institute.

He also has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Research Fellowship for the same year. This will be his first year of full-time research away from Brown since he joined the Brown faculty in 1968.

He recently completed *The Economics of Judaism: The Initial System* (Chicago, 1989: University of Chicago Press) and *The Politics of Judaism: The Initial Structure and System* (in press). The work on politics, philosophy, and economics deals with the social description of the first stage in the formation of Judaism; in the coming year he will complete that work and proceed to the second stage.

Siskind Retrospective At RISD

In honor of world-renowned photographer Aaron Siskind, who turns 85 this December, Rhode Island School of Design's Museum of Art is holding a three-part retrospective of the artist's work through January 12 at the Museum's Siskind Center.

"Pleasures and Terrors of Levitation," a photographic series of twisting and stretching figures suspended in air, took Siskind from 1953 to 1961 to complete; excerpts from this remarkable work are on view from December 16 through 29.

A sampling of Siskind's well-known work in abstract imagery, on view from December 30 through January 12, concludes the retrospective.

Located at 224 Benefit St., Providence, the RISD Museum of Art is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday; and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$1 for adults 19 and over; \$.50 for senior citizens; and \$.25 for children five to 18. Admission is waived on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays. Group rates are available and voluntary donations welcome.

Abrams — Yetra



On October 15, 1988 at Temple Beth-El in Providence Lynn Abrams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Abrams of Warwick, was married to Harris Alan Yetra, son of Mrs. Betsy Yetra and the late Bennett Yetra of Cranston. Rabbi Leslie Gutterman officiated at the ceremony.

Joyce Abrams Ball and Lori Abrams Kaye, sisters of the bride, were honor attendants. Lynn Yetra Donovan, sister of the groom and Helene Hanna were bridesmaids. Ilanna Ball, the bride's niece was flower girl. Richard Yetra was best man for his brother. Ushers were Steven Abrams, the bride's brother, Mario Aceto and Robert Natal.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and California and now live in Narragansett.

Cohn — Pitegoff



Mr. and Mrs. Newton B. Cohn announce the marriage of their daughter, Anne Martha Cohn of Arlington, Mass., to Dr. John G. Pitegoff, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald I. Pitegoff, of So. Windsor, Conn. Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman officiated at the ceremony on November 5 at Temple Beth-El. Dr. Ellen S. Cohn, the bride's sister, was matron of honor. The best man was the groom's brother, Robert Pitegoff. Erica Jill Sugarman, the bride's niece, was the flower girl.

The bride, a graduate of Clark University, is associated with Coach Leatherware. The groom graduated from the University of Hartford and Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine. He is a Pediatrician in private practice in Hartford, Conn. They will live in Conn.

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Rice — Rosenthal



Temple Emanuel in Providence was the setting for the November 12 wedding of Amy Beth Rice and Craig Lee Rosengarten. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Rice of Cranston. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Rosengarten of Owings Mills, Md. The bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Sklut of Cranston and Mrs. Theodore Rice of East Providence. The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rosengarten and Mrs. Jeanette Baylin of Baltimore, Md.

Miss Pamela Rice, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ann Brett, Vicki Friedman, Rhonda Pais, cousin of the bride, and Jodi Rosengarten, sister of the groom. Charles Davis was the best man. Ushers were Edward Bloom, Andrew Rosenthal, Eric Rosenthal and Mathew Savage.

Amy is a graduate of the University of Rochester and is employed by Boise Cascade Company in Customer Relations.

Craig is a graduate of the University of Georgia and received his M.B.A. at the University of Rochester. He is currently working as a retail management specialist at M.A.I. Basic Four.

Amy and Craig are living in Columbia, Md.

Alperin Reelected To CJF Board

NEW YORK — Melvin G. Alperin of Providence has been reelected as a Vice President of the Council of Jewish Federations. Officers of the Council serve as advisors to the President and assist in policy-making efforts. The election took place at the CJF General Assembly in New Orleans last month.

The current Chairman of the CJF Task Force on Recruitment, Mr. Alperin has been a member of the CJF Board since 1982. This will be his third term as a Vice President.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the national association of 200 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 5.7 million in the United States and Canada.

Established in 1932, CJF helps strengthen the work and the impact of Jewish Federations by developing programs to meet changing needs, providing an exchange of successful community experiences, establishing guidelines for fund raising and operations, and engaging in joint planning and action on common purposes dealing with local, regional and international needs.

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Classic Wedgewood To Be Sold

NEWPORT, R.I. — A classic Wedgewood collection from the 18th to the 20th century is now on display at Chateau-sur-Mer. Nearly 800 pieces were donated to the Preservation Society of Newport County in a bequest from former member Frank J. Connell of Binghamton, New York — a native of Newport.

Exhibits include tea pots based on ancient Greek and Roman originals, plates and an amusing game pie dish topped by a rabbit. The pieces are on permanent display as part of the regular tour of the mansion. Early Wedgewood is in the first floor reception room and later pieces are in the second floor hall. The 18th century Wedgewood features jasper and black basalt urns, whimsical game pie dishes and tea pots. It was standard practice for the firm to employ the finest artists for its designs. Sir Joshua Reynolds, George Stubbs, William Blake and Walter Crane were all modelers, engravers or advisers.

But grand works by these artists were not the only objects produced at the famed Etruria works in Staffordshire, England. Wedgewood also catered to the popular taste with small, humorous articles such as the caneware pie dish with a rabbit on top. Legend and fact agree that caneware was invented to simulate pie crust when flour was scarce during the Napoleonic wars.

The later Wedgewood has several interesting pieces including black basalt and rosso antico tea pots in the form of ancient Roman oil lamps. The rage for the picturesque is highlighted on creamware jugs and plates with views of natural scenery and historic sites. The Japanese Revival of the 1880's and 90's appears on tea sets adorned with fans and birds. There are also plates and tea services with majolica glazes introduced at the turn of the century.

Specially fascinating are early 20th century Fairyland lustre bowls which represented a radical departure from Wedgewood's traditional designs. This unique ware was developed in the 1920's by Daisy Makeig-Jones. She based her designs on children picture book illustrations and Art Nouveau works. The bowls portray gypsies, dragons, elves and serpents who live in forests with sparkling streams and tangled vines. With its sense of innocence and exotic themes, this lustreware is typical of the avant garde artwork of the early 20th century.

Chateau-sur-Mer is open on weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the winter months. A free color folder on the Preservation Society's mansions is available from the Society, 118 Mill Street, Newport, R.I. 02840. Telephone (401) 847-1000.

Winkler — Garvin



Linda Winkler of San Francisco, Calif., daughter of Merrill and Ruth Winkler of Cranston, was joined in marriage to Anthony Garvin of Alameda, Calif., son of Sybil Garvin of Oakland, Calif., and the late James Garvin.

An afternoon wedding was held on September 25, 1988, officiated by Rabbi Allan Levinson in Alameda, Calif.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a Victorian lace gown embroidered with seed pearls and banded with satin. She carried ivory roses and baby orchids.

Marsha Williams, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. Larry Mattarzi was best man. Chuppah bearers were Dr. Mark Winkler, brother of the bride, Dr. Michael Mandell, cousin of the bride, Charles Abrams and Hy Mandell, uncles of the bride. Guests attended from Arizona, California, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, and Rhode Island.

The bride is a graduate of Lowell University where she received a double Masters, receiving Master of Science, and Adult Nurse Practitioner. She is presently a Medical Consultant and Educator. The groom received his Juris Doctorate from Cornell University. He is currently a partner with the law firm of Landels, Ripley and Diamond in San Francisco, Calif.

After a trip to Lake Tahoe, the couple are residing in Alameda, Calif.

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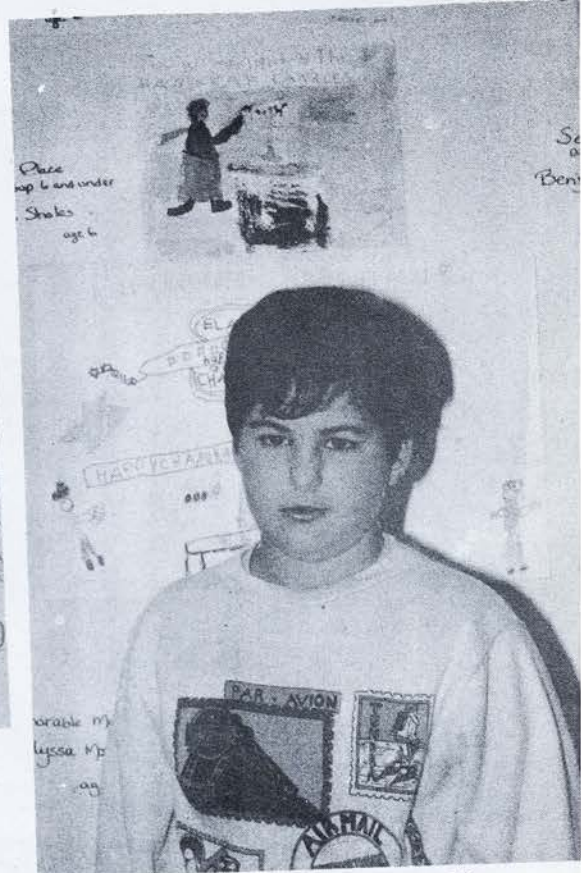
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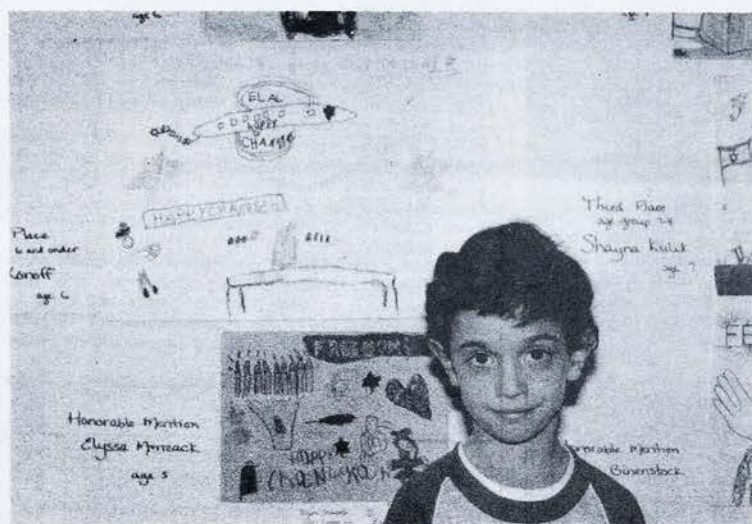
Chanukah Drawing Contest Winners



Ilanna Ball, age 6, First Place Winner.



Noah Sholes, age 6, Second Place Winner.



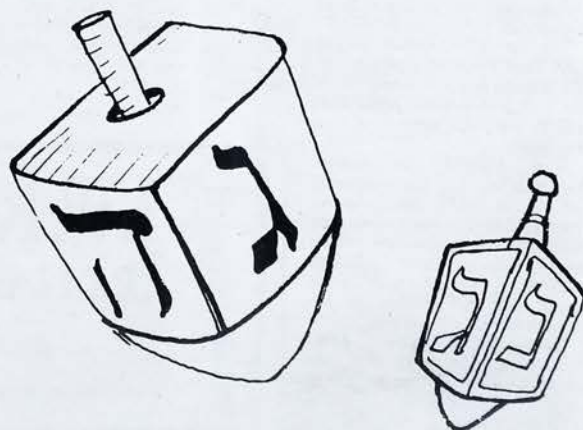
Josh Konoff, age 6, Third Place Winner.



Faige Gorkin, Honorable Mention for age group 10-13.

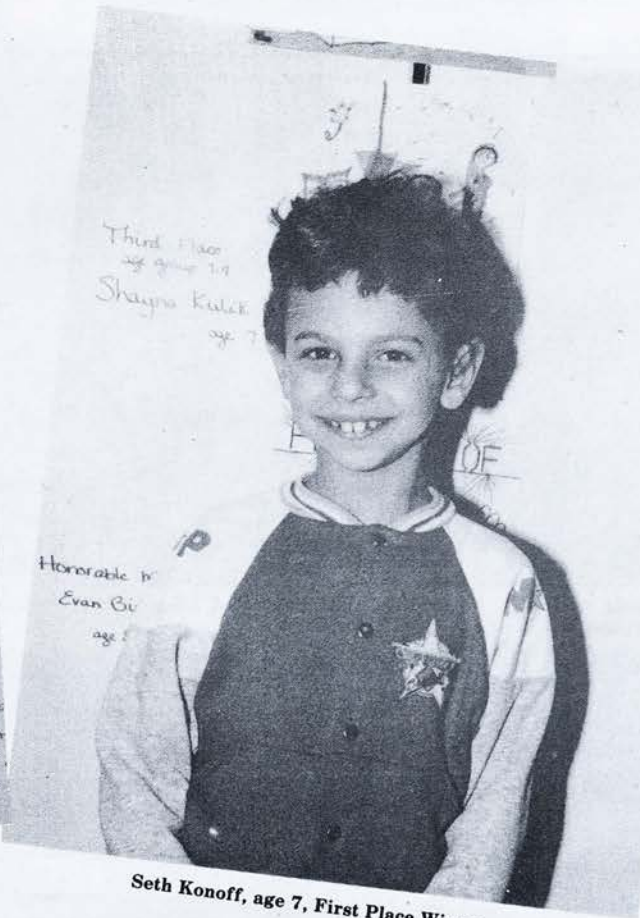


Elyssa Monzack, age 5, Honorable Mention.

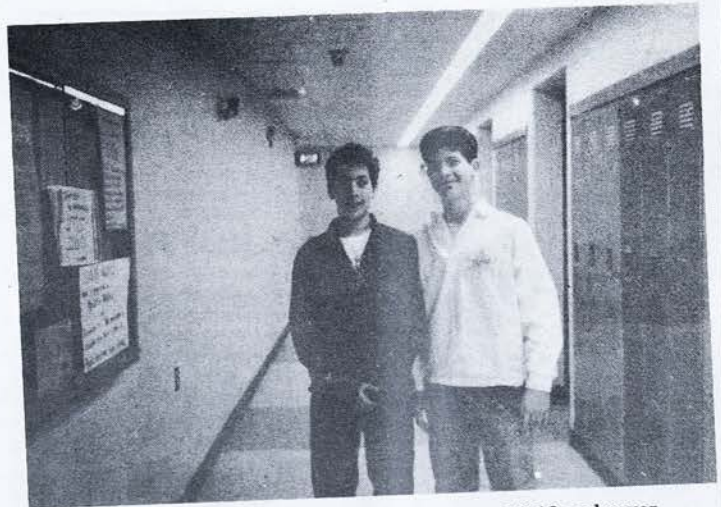


Not pictured are Uri Japolsky, second place age group 10-13, and Shye Tzadok, third place age group 10-13, whose photo did not develop properly. The Herald apologizes for this technical failure.

Chanukah Drawing Contest Winners



Seth Konoff, age 7, First Place Winner.



Yossi Subar, left, first place for age group 10-13 and cover design, with Evan Binestock, right, Honorable Mention age group 7-9.



Benjamin Blackman, age 9, Second Place.



Kayla Monzack with her entry, which was mistakenly attributed to her sister, Elyssa, in the Chanukah Edition of the Herald.



Shayna Kulik, age 7, Third Place.



Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

Giving Tzedekah and *gemilut hasidim* (doing good deeds) was how the Harry Elkin Midrasha students rededicated themselves at Chanukah, the Festival of Lights.

The teens decided to shine some light on the residents at the Jewish Home.

They made and presented gifts of brightly colored sachets and picture frames.

They performed skits, songs and dance in vaudevillian style with posters announcing each act.

The best gift of all, the kids said, was giving of themselves.



Michael Robinson presents a gift to Jack London.



I Don't Want to Grow Up sing Sari Ryvicker and Carolyn Shatz.



Steven Blank says *Happy Chanukah* to Ida Sipper with a gift from Midrasha.

Photos by Dorothea Snyder

Shining Their Light



A present for Sarah. Shown are Sandi Prosnitz, Michele Levy, Sarah Goldstein, and Stacy Corin.



A Brady Bunch production number with Stacy Corin, Michele Levy, Sandi Prosnitz, Shira Fink, Deann Forman, Jerry Schneider, Daniel Stein, Lee Sohn, all from left.



Leslie Rosen, Rachel Brier and Lynn Singband in a skit called *The Living Tree* — all from left.

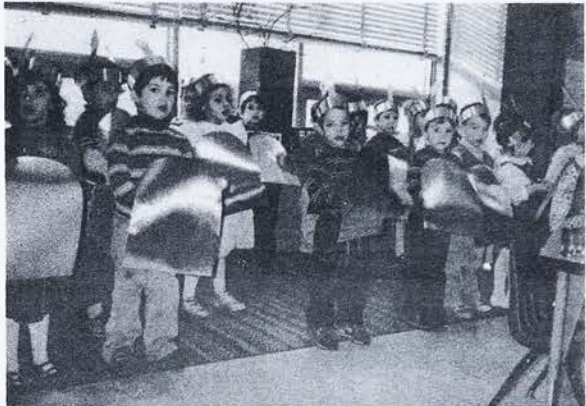


Don't Worry, Be Happy is this song and dance number performed by Shira Fink and Staci Fleisher.

"I Wanna Be A Maccabee"



Prekindergarten students at Providence Hebrew Day School rehearse for their Chanukah concert. The concert, attended by family and friends, was held last Thursday afternoon.



Students shown are (not in order): Ari Shafner, Gavriel Berman, David Dombroff, Yishai Dub, Rina Fried, Tzipora Jakubowicz, Ben Halper, Tsiona Lewis, Yehudah Pinsky, Esther Donowitz, Menachem Gibber, Michal Cohen, Yisroel Meir Raskin, Shmuel Gold, Michael Rosenstein, Jonathan Mandel, Abigail Mintz, Dena Pearlman, Moshe Prescott, Daphna Heisler, Yisroel Weiner, and Talia Robins-Liben.

Fashion Update

by Michelle Apisson

Something different is happening this year. The "Fashion World" is changing and maturing in taste and style, but at the same time returning to its roots. So what really is happening? And, more importantly, what's in style?

To answer these questions all one really has to do is browse through the latest issue of *Vogue*, or observe the crowd. The fact is, the clothes that really "stand out" don't really "stand out." Today's style, not trend, is less exaggerated, far from extreme, and a revival of the classics.

A new attitude towards dressing prevails; subtle but effective, simple but sophisticated. Comfort

and practicality pulled together with striking accessories and unexcessive makeup and hair that maintain a consistency in style. Simple designs, cut in close to the body styles, combined with the use of solid colors create an overall "sleek" look and enhance the detail and craftsmanship of a garment.

The clothes that look better are usually better. Listen to mother when she says to look for good quality in clothing. She's right. Fine materials and practical designs are the answer. It is no longer a question of hemline or color. Whatever suits you "personally" best is the way to dress.

Athletic Scholarships Available

Over 100,000 Collegiate Athletic Scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be All State to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes.

For details on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a large self addressed, stamped envelope to The National Sports Foundation, Box 408, Matawan, N.J. 07747.

Sewing Classes At YMCA

Registration is now going on for sewing classes at the YMCA, 324 Broad Street, Central Falls.

Youth sewing offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm and on Saturday from 9 to 11 am and 11 am to 1 pm. The Tuesday class, entitled "Teddy Bear Ballerina," which requires youths to have participated in at least one youth sewing class is offered from 3 to 5 pm. All youth sewing classes are on a sliding fee scale.

Adult classes are offered Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 am to 12 noon and 7 to 10 pm.

All sewing classes will begin the week of January 9, 1989.

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PROVY: 4 Years I'll Never Forget

by Tj Feldman

It seems like just yesterday that I was a freshman going to my first PROVY (Providence Temple Youth) event. All I know was that this was the organization my brother thrived on in high school. As I stood there looking at the six foot sub and listening to the conversation of the people around me, I wondered, "So, what's the big deal about a bunch of Jews sitting around eating cold cuts?"

It wasn't long before I found out what the "big deal" was. Shortly after the "kick-off" event with the six foot sub, I went to a dance in Framingham, Mass. where I met kids just like me from around New England. I quickly began to form friendships that are still strong. That dance, traditionally called "Levi Leap," put me in touch with a region-wide Jewish youth network. I knew after that weekend that PROVY was to be an essential part of my life. I kept going to PROVY and regional events and meeting more and more people. My phone bill was proof of my new found friends.

The first weekend in November of that year I went to my first Conclavette (a theme based weekend of programming) in Connecticut and had a fabulous time. I returned home filled with ideas and lofty goals. By the time the end of my freshman year rolled around I had become attached to PROVY.

Sophomore year I became a board member and I had the opportunity to attend the UAHC Northeast Council Biennial and meet some of the adults that make magic in the region. As the year rolled on I decided I wanted to travel to Israel with NEFTY (the acronym for NorthEast Federation of Temple Youth) with which PROVY is affiliated.

The summer of '87 was magical and my Jewish exposure helped me

appreciate the Holy Land more than a novice would. Bonds created on that trip will last for eternity. I began looking for myself that summer and I'm still looking.

During Jr. year the good feeling rolled on. I learned the ins and outs of the region because my position on the board allowed me to attend regional board meetings.

Last summer I went to Kutz, and this past November PROVY held a Conclavette of its own. It was a success, but it could've been more of a success if there had been more PROVYites.

My nearly four years in PROVY have been fabulous. If you're a 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade Jewish boy or girl you too can join the fun. It's easy, just call Julie Levitt 722-9492, Tj Feldman 272-0372 or Lizzie Guterman 274-8028.

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CORRECTION

In last week's story, 'Judge Selya Honored,' Dawn Selya was incorrectly identified as her sister, Loriann. Brian Sherman is the fiancé of Dawn Selya.

World and National News

Refusenik Problem Can Be Removed From World Agenda

by Andrew Silow Carroll
UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told the United Nations General Assembly last Wednesday that a restructuring of the Soviet Union's "state secrecy" laws "removes from the agenda the problem of the so-called refuseniks."

In a speech largely devoted to his policy of "perestroika" or

restructuring the Soviet system, Gorbachev said that the Supreme Soviet intends to draft new laws that rule out any form of state persecution on political or religious grounds.

"The problem of exit from and entry to our country, including the question of leaving for family reunification, is being dealt with in a humane spirit," he said.

He stated that no persons remain imprisoned for political or religious beliefs.

Gorbachev did not propose any new ideas for the Middle East peace process, and reserved his references to the region to a short statement of regret over the U.S. decision to bar Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat from entering the country for a speech before the General Assembly.

Gorbachev's motorcade arrived at the United Nations shortly before 10 a.m., skirting clumps of flag-waving protesters spread out along one side of Manhattan's First Avenue.

They included some 2,000 demonstrators from the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews, whose appeals acknowledged the fruits of "perestroika" but demanded even more on behalf of free emigration. Another group of Jewish protesters had themselves arrested.

Gorbachev's remarks on emigration and state secrets came during a section of his hour-long speech dedicated to U.N. Human Rights Day, to be marked Dec. 10.

The Soviet leader confirmed the announcement that the state secrecy rule, which denied emigration to Soviet citizens deemed privy to supposedly classified information, would henceforth be applied with "strictly warranted time limitations."

"Every person seeking employment at certain agencies or enterprises will be informed of this rule," he said. "In case of disputes, there is a right of appeal under the law. This removes from the agenda the problem of the so-called refuseniks."

The Soviet leader also voiced "deep regret" over the U.S. State Department's refusal to grant Arafat permission to enter the United States.

In New York, Shoshana Cardin, chairwoman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said she welcomed Gorbachev's words on emigration and state secrets, adding, "We look to the Soviet Union to make good on the general secretary's words."

The National Conference called for immediate granting of exit visas to all Soviet Jews who wish to leave, an unequivocal lifting of the state secrets law and free access to Jewish culture.

The rally sponsored by the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews took place opposite the United Nations at the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, in an area also referred to on street signs as Anatoly Shcharansky Plaza and Raoul Wallenberg Walk.

The demonstrators were drawn mainly from Jewish day schools in the New York area. As expected, speakers expressed satisfaction with gains made in recent months in emigration and Soviet Jewish life, but demanded more progress from the Soviets.

"We applaud the initial steps of the Soviet Union to ease the plight of Soviet Jews, but they are very initial steps," said Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, vice chairman of the coalition and religious leader of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in Manhattan.

Before the coalition rally, 58 members of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry were arrested for disorderly conduct when they sat down on First Avenue. The students were taken to New York's 17th Police Precinct and released several hours later, pending a Feb. 3 court appearance.

The sit-in was one of a number of events planned by the Student Struggle. The group is staging nightly vigils at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations on East 67th Street, where Gorbachev is staying.

Gorbachev proceeded after his speech to Governors Island for a luncheon with President Reagan and President-elect George Bush. According to Secretary of State George Shultz, who reported on the meeting at a news conference last Wednesday afternoon, Reagan welcomed human rights developments in the Soviet Union.

The leaders also discussed the Middle East, Shultz said, including a "cooperative effort" for peace in the region. No further details were immediately available.

Earlier in the day, Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met for talks at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

American Jewish Leaders React to Arafat Meeting

Reaction to Yasir Arafat's much-celebrated conference in Stockholm has started to draw reactions from American Jewish leaders.

Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, issued the following statement on the meeting in Sweden December 6 between five American Jews and Yasir Arafat:

"The meeting between five American Jews and Yasir Arafat in Sweden does not reflect a softening in American Jewish attitudes toward the Palestine Liberation Organization since the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers. The delegation does not represent the mainstream of Jewish opinion in the United States. There have always been isolated individuals in the American Jewish community who have argued that the PLO is a legitimate partner for peace. These individuals, the five delegates meeting with Arafat among them, did not need the Algiers meeting to confirm this view.

"The vast majority of American Jews have always rejected this approach and have not been swayed by PLO theatrics in Algiers. They and most Americans continue to see the PLO for what it is: still unwilling to explicitly recognize Israel, still unwilling to renounce terrorism, still not a legitimate peace partner, still the same PLO.

"Those who would see the Stockholm meeting as a sign of change by the PLO and in the American Jewish community do a disservice to truth. They also discourage movement toward peace in the Middle East by creating the illusion of change when no change has taken place."

Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, gave this reaction to Arafat's meeting with American Jews in Stockholm:

"In dealing with the head of a gang branded by the Department of State as a terrorist organization, the five American Jews who met in Stockholm with Yasir Arafat have served neither our country, nor Israel, nor the cause of peace. And they do not represent American Jewry, which abhors terrorism and those who carry it out, and which understands it is not the role of individual foreigners either to negotiate in behalf of Israel or carry the message of Israel's enemies to the world.

"These American Jews naively

permitted themselves to be used by the PLO chairman in his latest propaganda exercise, a continuation of his policy of making pronouncements not publicly, nor to the government of Israel, but rather to willing dupes prepared to broadcast his latest deceptions.

"The organized Jewish community supports the principled decision of the U.S. Government to deny a visa to Yasir Arafat as the leader of a terrorist gang. That decision was made for many reasons, including the fact that the PLO is guilty of the terrorist murder of U.S. Ambassador Cleo Noel in the Sudan, Gail Rubin on a beach in Israel and Leon Klinghoffer on the *Achille Lauro* — all Americans.

"No self-respecting American should stoop to associate with Yasir Arafat until the PLO (1) renounces its 1964 covenant, which pledges the destruction of Israel; (2) repudiates the Khartoum declaration of 1967, which calls for no recognition, no negotiation and no peace with Israel; (3) accepts UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 unconditionally; and (4) forswears terrorism in and outside Israel."

Conservative Leaders Urged To Get Involved With AIDS Crisis

NEW YORK (JTA) — The United Synagogue of America, the congregational arm of Conservative Judaism, is launching a campaign to educate its members on the AIDS crisis.

The group has distributed to all Conservative lay and rabbinic leaders in the United States and Canada a manual titled *AIDS: A Jewish Response for the Synagogue of the Conservative Movement*.

Presidents and rabbis of Conservative congregations across the country have been urged to take immediate action in educating their members about the syndrome.

According to Rabbi Jerome Epstein, chief executive officer of the United Synagogue, "The rabbinic community has a religious obligation to insure a proper religious response to the AIDS crisis. The saving of lives (pikuach nefesh) is a primary moral, ethical and legal imperative of Judaism."

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Arafat In Stockholm

Arafat Statement Draws Mixed Reaction

JTA Staff Report

NEW YORK (JTA) — Reaction to a statement issued in Stockholm last Wednesday by Yasir Arafat and a group of American Jews ranged from scathing criticism to qualified encouragement, with many U.S. Jewish groups taking a position of wary skepticism.

The statement, drafted jointly by Arafat and five American Jews who met with him last Tuesday, was an explanation of the positions adopted last month in Algiers by the Palestine National Council, the PLO's quasi-legislative body.

It said among other things that the PNC had "established the independent state of Palestine and accepted the existence of Israel as a state in the region."

The PNC also "declared its rejection and condemnation of terrorism in all its forms, including state terrorism," according to the statement.

The statement said that "the American personalities" who met with Arafat "felt there was no further impediment to a direct dialogue between the United States government and the PLO."

The document was released at a news conference in Stockholm during which Arafat was asked if the PLO had explicitly recognized Israel's right to exist.

Arafat reportedly responded: "The PNC accepted two states, a Palestinian state and a Jewish state, Israel. Is that clear enough?"

Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson praised Arafat's statement as "a breakthrough in the peace process."

But in Jerusalem, Israeli leaders took a much more skeptical view of the Arafat statement.

Speaking on Israel Television, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said it was possible the PLO was hoping to recognize Israel "temporarily, in limited borders."

But he said he doubted the

terrorist organization would ever depart from its aim of liquidating Israel. Otherwise the PLO "would cease to exist."

His press spokesman, Avi Pazner, called the Stockholm meeting a publicity stunt and said the five American Jews fell into a trap.

Shamir's political rival, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, said that Arafat's "terrorist" actions speak louder than his words.

"This does nothing to upgrade the ambiguity and double-talk the PLO has used in Algiers," said a statement issued by Israel's Foreign Ministry. "We see it as a PLO-Swedish attempt to grant more credibility to the Algiers decision."

In Washington, reaction was muted. President Reagan said the United States wanted to study the PLO leader's remarks before drawing any conclusions from them.

"We haven't had time to review what it is he said specifically," Reagan told reporters as he boarded a helicopter on his way to greet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in New York.

In Kuwait, a U.S. State Department official was quoted last Wednesday as saying that the United States hopes Arafat will state clearly that he recognizes Israel when he addresses the U.N. General Assembly meeting in Geneva this week.

"We hope to see something clearer in Geneva," said Richard Murphy, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs.

Mainstream American Jewish opinion was generally negative. But Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said Arafat's statement in Stockholm "appears to be a step in the right direction and deserves

close study and consideration."

However, Schindler added, "I regret that it was offered as an interpretation of the PNC statement adopted in Algiers, which was filled with so many ambiguities."

The Reform rabbinical leader said that "ultimately if Yasir Arafat wants peace, he will have to make that peace not with the prime minister of Sweden, nor with the U.S. government, nor with American Jews — however well intentioned — but with Israel itself."

"In sum, while I take encouragement from the Arafat statement, I believe there is still a long road ahead before there is a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian issue," Schindler said.

But Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said, "I remain highly suspicious of Arafat's true intent. His statement in Stockholm offers no grounds of confidence in his willingness or ability to make peace."

Abram also assailed "the role of the five American Jews who gave aid and comfort to Arafat." He said that by backing the PNC's Algiers statement, the five "branded themselves willing dupes of the PLO and permitted themselves to be exploited for purposes of PLO propaganda."

Thomas Neumann, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith International, asserted in a statement issued in Washington, "We wish we could be comfortable in the knowledge that the PLO recognizes Israel and renounces all acts of terrorism around the world, in Israel and in the territories."

"I hope that we shall have the opportunity to hear Mr. Arafat say those unambiguous words that we have been waiting to hear. To date, we have not," said Neumann. "In

the meantime, we must not confuse illusion with reality, or hope with actuality."

Milton Shapiro, president of the Zionist Organization of America, denounced the Jews who met with Arafat. He said they "denigrated themselves and the organizations in which they have assumed their active leadership roles."

According to Shapiro, "it was presumptuous for these five renegades... to believe that they had persuasive powers which would influence Arafat to renounce terrorism and end its long record of violence and belligerency against Israel."

He urged the Jewish community to ponder "its continued relationship with the apologists for terrorists."

Sidney Kwestel, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, stressed that the five American Jews "do not represent us as Americans, and they certainly do not represent our constituency of more than 1,000 Orthodox synagogues in the United States and Canada."

He said the Stockholm meeting "can only send the wrong signal to Arafat and other world terrorists, and can only undermine the powerful message that Secretary of State George Shultz recently sent all terrorists."

He was referring to Shultz's refusal to grant Arafat an entry visa to the United States on grounds that he knew of and condoned terrorist acts against Americans and others.

The five American Jews who met with Arafat are Rita Hauser, Drora Kass, Menachem Rosensaft, Stanley Sheinbaum and Abraham Udovitch.

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Claims Conference Seeks Applicants For Reparations From Daimler-Benz

NEW YORK (JTA) — Organizations providing shelter or home care to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution are invited to apply for grants from a fund set up by the Daimler-Benz Company of West Germany, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany has announced.

Daimler-Benz, which manufactures the Mercedes car, recently established a \$5.76 million fund.

Its purpose is to make reparations to those concentration camp or ghetto survivors who were compelled to do forced labor for the auto company or other German firms.

In principal, the Claims Conference will only consider applications from organizations that have been established for the purpose of providing shelter or home care to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, or from such organizations where substantial numbers of their residents or clients are Nazi victims.

Organizations have until Jan. 31 to file applications with the Claims Conference. They should be addressed, in five copies, to Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, 15 E. 26th St., Room 1355, New York, N.Y. 10010.

Super-Sol Hosts U.S. Food Festival

JERUSALEM (JTA) — If you love the idea of traveling to Israel but hate to miss your favorite American foods, then now's the time to travel.

The Israeli supermarket chain Super-Sol is currently having a month-long American food festival.

Apart from Skippy peanut butter (crunchy and creamy), Miller's cheeses, Hellman's mayonnaise, Duncan Hines cake and muffin mixes, this year's festival also brings the Israeli public kosher shrimp and Bacos.

The festival is a repeat of one that took place two years ago, when the chain gave the Israeli public two weeks of American food.

This year's festival will be held in conjunction with the American supermarket chain Shop-Rite.

Synagogue Held First Public Bible Reading In 14 Centuries

NEW YORK (JTA) — Not since the days of Ezra the Scribe in the fifth century BCE have all the Bible's sacred scrolls been read aloud before the general public at one sitting.

On December 5, at the Central Synagogue in Manhattan, celebrities in the arts and media took part in a 13-and-a-half-hour reading of a contemporary, English version of the Torah, as part of the synagogue's 150th anniversary celebration.

Beginning at 8 a.m. with Beverly Sills, renowned soprano and artistic director of the New York City Opera, celebrities in the arts and media read in 15- to 20-minute portions. Live musical interludes took place at the conclusion of each book.

Among the more than 40 celebrities who took part were writers Jimmy Breslin, Helen Gurley Brown, Nora Ephron, Murray Kempton and Norman Mailer; actors Tovah Feldshuh, Kitty Carlisle Hart, Kathleen Turner and B.D. Wong; broadcasters Hugh Downs, Morley Safer and Barbara Walters; and former New York Giants football coach Alie Sherman.

The Torah Read-In, held in the Moorish-Revival sanctuary building, included a candle-lighting ceremony celebrating the third night of Chanukah on Monday night.

B'nai B'rith Presents Relief Check To Soviets

WASHINGTON, DC — At a historic ceremony involving a Jewish organization and the Soviet government, B'nai B'rith, responding quickly to the urgency of the situation in Soviet Armenia, donated \$1500 in emergency relief funds to aid victims of that region's devastating earthquake. In an official reception room at the Soviet embassy, Horace A. Stern, Senior Vice President of B'nai B'rith International, presented the check to Counselor Oleg Derkofsky of the Soviet Embassy.

Mr. Stern noted that he was representing "the world's oldest and largest Jewish organization in one of B'nai B'rith's traditional roles: supporting humanitarian causes all over the world, and providing needed help in the wake of natural disasters."

Mr. Derkofsky thanked B'nai B'rith for the organization's "humanitarian gesture of goodwill, and desire to come to the aid of people in distress thousands of miles away."

"This noble gesture," said Mr. Derkofsky, "shows once again that facing disaster, the qualities of human kindness, of human compassion, transcend political differences. We are, indeed, on this planet in one small boat."

Quebec Rabbis And Prenuptial Agreements

by Michael Solomon
MONTREAL (JTA) — Jewish couples planning to wed here must promise to obtain a religious divorce in the event that their marriage ends in divorce, the Quebec Region of the Rabbinical Council of Canada ruled this week.

The Orthodox group has instructed its member rabbis to require couples to sign a prenuptial agreement to obtain a Jewish bill of divorce, known as a get, if they should ever seek a civil divorce.

According to Rabbi Reuben Poupko of Congregation Beth Israel Beth Aaron in Montreal, the procedure will reduce the chances that divorce will leave women in the awkward situation now affecting hundreds of Montreal Jews.

The problem occurs when a spouse refuses to grant a religious divorce. It is usually the woman who suffers because religious law stipulates that the husband issues the get.

The prenuptial agreement now required will not be applied retroactively to married or divorced couples, Rabbi Poupko said.

He said that in extreme cases, the partner seeking a religious divorce from a recalcitrant spouse could apply to the civil courts to enforce the religious agreements.

The Quebec Region of the Rabbinical Council has a membership of more than 20 Orthodox rabbis, who represent 80 percent of all rabbis in Montreal.

Jewish Women Twice As Prone To Ovarian Cancer

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish women are at nearly twice the normal risk of non-Jewish women to developing ovarian cancer, according to an article published recently in *Contemporary Issues in Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

Black women, however, have one-third fewer incidences of ovarian cancer than white women, according to the article.

Titled *Incidence, Familial Patterns and Environmental*

Influences in Gynecologic Cancers, the article was written by Dr. Carolyn Runowicz, director of the Division of Gynecological Oncology at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

These racial and ethnic differences may only reflect sociological, economic and childbirth variables. Specifically, women with diets high in saturated fats, with homes or jobs in a city, and with few or no children are at higher risk.

"The prototype that has emerged is a well-educated, affluent white woman living in an urban area, who has no children or only a single child," Runowicz said.

Single women are 14 times more susceptible than married women, but married women who have never been pregnant are at even greater risk, suggesting infertility or subfertility may be a factor.

If a malignant tumor is detected in the early stages, the rate of cure runs between 80 and 90 percent.

Runowicz suggests that all women have pelvic exams twice a year, especially women with high risk factors.

For women over 40, Runowicz recommends checkups as frequently as every three months, along with a sonogram twice a year.

Skyjacks Convinced They Were In Israel

JERUSALEM — The dramatic Soviet skyjacking which concluded this weekend with the abortive attempt ending at Ben Gurion International Airport and the return in handcuffs of the air pirates to Moscow hinged for one fateful moment on the presence of a Magen David Adom ambulance unit on the runway turned armed fortress.

The saga began when a gang of five men seized a school bus of 30 children in the Soviet Caucasus, trading their young hostages for an

Aeroflot TU-154 jetliner and two million Rubles in cash. They demanded to be flown to one of a number of countries, amongst them, Israel, where they indeed landed at 10 p.m.

As the Soviet plane circled the airport, all lights were turned off except for the one strip designated for use by the seized airliner. As soon as it landed, it was towed to a remote parking area, escorted by a heavily armed convoy.

At this point the gang grew very tense, suspecting that the Soviet pilots had tricked them and landed not in Israel but in the Soviet client state Syria. The lead skyjacker appeared in the aircraft's open door brandishing a weapon and demanded immediate proof that they had indeed arrived in Israel and not an Arab country.

Israeli negotiators asked what sort of proof was required, and they were told, "Bring me something in Yiddish (sic) with a Star of David on it."

Within moments a nearby Magen David Adom ambulance, on standby alert, raced within eyeshot of the door, allaying the criminal's fears. Less than ten minutes later, the gang had surrendered their arms and themselves to Israeli police. By the weekend's conclusion, they were on their way back to face punishment in the USSR, even while Soviet-Israeli diplomatic relations enjoyed an instant boost.

The ambulance returned to its base, totally satisfied at the non-medical purpose to which it had been put to use during the drama.

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WILLIAM ABESHAUS CRANSTON

William Abeshaus, 73, of 40 Russet Way, a pharmacist and co-owner of Thall's Pharmacy from 1942 until retiring in 1987, died December 2, 1988, at home. He was the husband of Eunice (Rubin) Abeshaus.

Born in New Bedford, a son of the late Samuel and Fannie (Windsberg) Abeshaus, he lived in Cranston since 1938.

Mr. Abeshaus was a 1942 graduate of the former Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and was discharged with the rating of chief pharmacist's mate. During service, he was attached to a Marine Corps unit.

He was a charter member of Temple Torat Y'Israel. He was a member of Doric Lodge 38, AF and AM, Harmony Royal Arch

Chapter 15, and American Legion Post 20.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Debra B. Abeshaus of Cranston; a son, Marc D. Abeshaus of Scituate; a brother, James Abeshaus of Cranston, and a sister, Dorothy Segool of Amherst, Mass.

A funeral service was held at Temple Torat Y'Israel, Park Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

ROSE BLUME

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Rose (Macy) Blume, 78, of 800 Pleasant St. died December 8, 1988, after a brief illness. She was the widow of Harry Blume and daughter of the late Hyman and Hazel Macy.

She died at St. Luke's Hospital. She was born in Lithuania and lived in this area for 60 years. She previously resided in Fall River. She was a member of Ahavath Achim Synagogue.

Mrs. Blume was a member of Hadassah.

Survivors include a daughter, Hope Blume of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and two brothers, Morton and Isadore Macy, both of New York City.

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

IDA BROWN-JAGOLINZER

EAST PROVIDENCE — Mrs. Ida "Irma" Brown-Jagolinzer, 83, of 29 Arthur Ave., died December 7, 1988, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of the late Robert Brown and the late Joseph Jagolinzer.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Easher and Annie (Levy) Samuels.

She was a resident of Providence until moving to East Providence five years ago.

She was a 50-year member of Temple Beth-El of Providence. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a son, Stephen M. Brown of Warwick; two daughters, R. Eleanor Brown of Hallandale, Fla., and Kayla Flamer of Pawtucket; two sisters, Hilda Brookner of Providence and Beatrice Shein of East Providence; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

DOROTHY COHN

PROVIDENCE — Dorothy Cohn, 86, a resident of Charlesgate Nursing Home, 100 Randall St., who was cited by two presidents and other governmental leaders during her more than 50 years of volunteer service, died December 6, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Morris "Moe" Cohn.

Born in West Warwick, she was a daughter of the late Max and Freida Glantz. A Cranston resident many years, she had lived in Providence for three years.

Mrs. Cohn was a Red Cross Gray Lady at the Rhode Island Medical Center for 50 years, assisting nurses at the state General Hospital and the Institute of Mental Health. In 1982 she was named Volunteer of the Year by the Rhode Island Legislative Committee on Volunteerism and Citizen Participation at a State House ceremony.

During her years of service at the Medical Center, she also received certificates of appreciation from President Reagan, President Nixon, Sen. John H. Chafee, former governor Garrahy and other governmental figures.

Mrs. Cohn volunteered her time, solicited gifts and money from others, and at times arranged burials for people she helped at the Medical Center. When her husband died in 1972, the Morris Cohn Memorial Fund was established to help provide personal supplies not provided by

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the state to Medical Center residents. Mrs. Cohn also was instrumental in the establishment of the chapter at the center.

Mrs. Cohn was a former board member of the Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island and was an honorary member of the Catholic Guild. She also did volunteer work at Ladd School and the Adult Correctional Institutions.

She leaves a son, Charles Cohn of Providence, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ANN DAVIS

PROVIDENCE — Ann Davis, 81, of 124 Blackstone Blvd., died December 5, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Dr. Harry T. Davis.

Born in New York City, she was a daughter of the late Nathan and Jean (Davis) Gordon. She had lived in Providence most of her life.

Mrs. Davis was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Leisure Club, the Roger Williams Chapter of the B'nai B'rith Women and the Senior Adults of the Jewish Community Center. She was a volunteer at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a son, Peter Davis of Los Angeles; a daughter, Vida Barron of West Hartford, Conn.; a brother, Dr. Philip Gordon of Providence; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ETHEL GUY

PROVIDENCE — Ethel Guy, 86, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a saleswoman in the children's shoe department of the Outlet Co., Providence, for 50 years before retiring in 1978, died December 5, 1988, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late Nathan and Hinda (Silver) Guy, she lived in Providence since 1919.

She was a member of the Majestic Guild.

She leaves four brothers, Leonard Guy of Cranston, Bernard Guy of Providence, Irving Guy of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Edward Guy of Margate, Fla.

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

RUTH P. KATZ

EAST PROVIDENCE — Ruth P. Katz, 78, of 300 East Shore Circle, Apt. 307, a teacher in the Providence Public School System at Hope High School for 21 years before retiring in 1978, died December 2, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Joseph Katz.

Born in Paterson, N.J., a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Pansy, she lived in Providence for 40 years before moving to East Providence in 1980.

She was a 1930 graduate of New York University.

For several years, Mrs. Katz served as head of the mathematics department at Hope High School.

She was a volunteer at the Jewish Home for the Aged, a member of Hadassah and the women's associations of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Miriam Hospital. Mrs. Katz was also a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Joyce E. Nelson of Lexington, Mass.; a son, Howard S. Katz of Plymouth, Mass.; two brothers, Harold Pansy of Cranston and Jerome Pansy of Fairlawn, N.J.; and three granddaughters.

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

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Israeli Consul (Continued from page 1)

cannot feel betrayal if this does not reflect a wide general sentiment.

"People are very angry that the government might agree to such a change, but they are very well aware of the fact that we in Israel know very little about Reform and Conservative Judaism. In Israel, there are six-thousand Orthodox Synagogues and less than sixty non-Orthodox synagogues.

"This spells, for the Jewish community here, a need for much deeper involvement in the everyday life of Israel. They must have more synagogues and more educational instruction in Israel if they wish to get their message across.

"I can tell you that the overall outcry coming from America has been mainly reflected by the Federations, both local and the C.J.F. Federations have succeeded in mobilizing and conveying their message to Israel. This message is be-

ing read in Israel loud and clear. The local Federation in Providence, along with the C.J.F., sent a delegation to Israel three weeks ago. There was a meeting three days ago with the Israeli ambassador in Washington, and on Monday, a Federation representative will be going over to Israel accompanied by hundreds of petitions directed to the Prime Minister and the Knesset. The extent of American anger is very well understood in Israel, and is taken quite seriously."

Mr. Oren can only suggest that people should not interpret this as the genuine sentiment of the State of Israel, but rather for what it really is—the influence of a few in a governmental system which allows small parties to sometimes exert pressure inordinate with their numbers.

Black — Jewish (continued from page 1)

went on to note the common experience shared by blacks and Jews — evil, cruelty, dehumanization, loss of innocent life. Despite different pasts, again the message was brought home of history that wove blacks and Jews together.

This article is reprinted from the November 1988 issue of the ADL Bulletin, national publication of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Moving? Let us know.

LOUIS M. KORNSTEIN
PROVIDENCE — Louis M. Kornstein, 77, of 128 Lauriston St., a postal clerk in the Providence Post Office for 32 years, retiring in 1971, died November 29, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Beatrice (Teverow) Kornstein.

Born in Woonsocket, a son of the late Abraham and Bertha (Seidman) Kornstein, he had lived in Providence over 60 years.

He was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island School of Pharmacy.

Mr. Kornstein was a past president and member of the board of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association, a member of Temple Emanu-El, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Building Service Employees International Union and the Majestic Senior Guild.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Alan E. Kornstein, of Providence; and two sisters, Anna Lepore of Providence and Ida Bernstein of Arizona.

A private funeral and burial was held. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

GERTRUDE LAZARUS
BAL HARBOUR, Florida — Gertrude Lazarus, 92, formerly of Providence, died November 30, 1988. She was the wife of the late Samuel P. Lazarus.

She is survived by her sons, Morris Lazarus and Malcolm Lazarus; her grandchildren, Philip, Cheryl, Karen, Steven, David, and Andrew; great grandchildren, Daren, Adam, Bryan, and Jeffrey; brother-in-law, Frank Lazarus of Providence and sister-in-law,

Sadie Seigel, of New Bedford, Mass.

She was a founder of Temple Beth Israel, the first Conservative Temple in Rhode Island in 1921.

Services were held at Riverside Memorial Chapel in North Miami Beach, Florida.

ANNA LEPORE
PROVIDENCE — Anna Lepore, 88, of Westminster Place, died December 8, 1988, at St. Elizabeth's Home.

Born in Woonsocket, a daughter of the late Abraham and Bertha (Seidman) Kornstein, she had lived in Providence most of her life.

She leaves a daughter, Pauline Bailey of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Funeral arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street.

ALFRED F. MITTLER
CRANSTON — Alfred F. Mittler, 75, of Cranston, founder and president of Mittler Machine Corp., died December 1, 1988, at the Morgan Health Center in Johnston. He was the husband of Eve (Schneider) Mittler.

Born in Vienna, Austria, a son of the late Morris and Herma Mittler, he had lived in Cranston for the past 30 years and was a winter resident of Miami, Fla., for the past 10 years.

He was a graduate of the University of Vienna and a scoutmaster, helping found a scout troop in Shanghai, China while living there from 1938-48.

He was the founder and president of Mittler Machine Corp. of Providence. He was also

vice president of Graebener Press Systems of Providence and for 10 years a vice president of manufacturing for Frank Morrow Co. of Providence.

He was a registered national and state professional engineer, a certified manufacturing engineer, a senior member of the American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers and a member of the American Institute of Plant Engineers. He was also a member of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Peter G. Mittler of Johnston; a daughter, Evelyn M. Russ of Miami, Fla.; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

DOROTHY PRIESEL
NEW CITY, N.Y. — Dorothy Priesel, 80, died December 5, 1988, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, New York City. She was the wife of Irving Priesel.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham and Rebecca Silverman, she lived in the New York City area for 53 years. Besides her husband she leaves a son, Allan Priesel of New City; a brother, Max Silverman of Providence, and two grandsons. Burial was in the Jewish Cemetery, Monsey.

JEANNETTE SCHWARTZ
PROVIDENCE — Jeannette "Topsy" Schwartz, 85, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died December 5, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of David Schwartz.

Born in Providence, she was a

daughter of the late Max and Freda Glantz.

Mrs. Schwartz was a graduate of the former Bryant and Stratton Business College, now Bryant College. She was a former officer of the Providence Hebrew Sheltering, a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob, a former member of its Sisterhood, and a member of the Golden Aged Club of the Jewish Community Center. She was a pianist and also wrote poetry which had been published during the past 10 years.

She leaves a daughter, Maxine Lerman of Providence; a son, Roy Schwartz of Montclair, N.J.; a sister, Dorothy Cohn of Providence; four granddaughters and a great-granddaughter.

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

IDA ZIMAN
PROVIDENCE — Ida Ziman, 93, of the Charlesgate Apartments, North Main Street, died December 4, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Harry Ziman.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Abraham and Rose Kaplan, she lived in Providence for more than 70 years.

Mrs. Ziman was a member of the Golden Aged Club of the Jewish Community Center.

She leaves two daughters, Evelyn Friedman of Johnston and Beatrice Yanku of Cranston; a son, Fred Ziman of Minneapolis, Minn.; two sisters, Charlotte White and Mary Fishman, both of

Providence; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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

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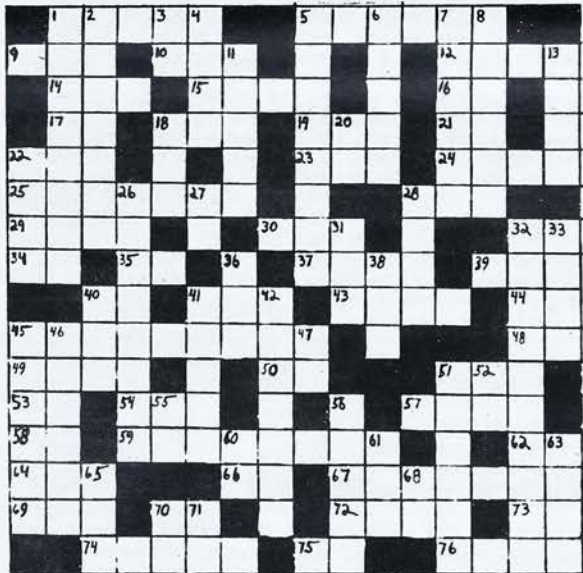
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"To Be Home At Last" Telethon

The annual telethon of the Ocean State Adoption Resource Exchange (OSARE) — "To Be Home At Last," Tuesday's Child Special — will be held on Thursday, December 29, from 8 to 10 p.m., on WPRI, Channel 12. Mosi Tatupu, running back for the New England Patriots, and his wife, Linnea, are honorary co-chairpersons of this year's telethon.

The two-hour telethon is designed to help raise funds for OSARE and to provide viewers with information about adoption generally and OSARE's special mission specifically.

OSARE is a private non-profit agency that helps match families and "special needs" children who are in foster or institutional care, awaiting adoption.

Many of these children are older, six to 16, or are handicapped. There are some 150 "special needs" children in care today who are awaiting permanent adoptive families.

OSARE successfully places between 35 and 50 children annually, a few directly as a result of contacts initiated during OSARE's first two telethons, in 1986 and 1987.

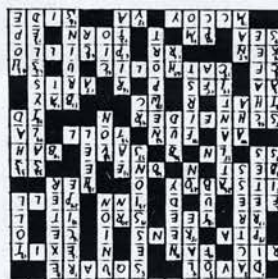
During the telethon viewers will meet some of the children who are awaiting adoption, and will hear families talk about their success stories.

The Tatupus, who are also an integral part of the telethon, were selected as honorary chairpersons for the event because of their deep commitment to family, and their own history of reaching out to family members in need.

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 26 Nearest ocean
 27 Rhodes — the Pawtuxet
 28 Shoe part
 31 What people do at Cappricio's
 32 What WPRO's Brine might go sliding on (2 words)
 33 Common fish
 36 Distributed by McLaughlin & Moran (slang)
 38 Claus — Bulow
 40 Expression of discovery
 41 — Night
 42 Where 38 Down lived
 45 Smoke —; prominent on Providence skyline
 46 Republican Senator from R.I.
 47 Popular cola
 51 Brown team name
 52 — & T; phone service
 55 Do Re Mi — So La Ti Do
 56 Bus service organization
 60 Hitter's objective in McCoy Stadium (abbr.)
 61 AFL—
 63 State motto
 65 Viet — Veterans
 68 Ch. 10's Ray (init.)
 70 Providence College (abbr.)
 71 modus operandi (abbr.)

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