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## Finkelman Family Seder At Temple Beth-El

Story and photos by Dorothea Snyder



A mother and her son follow the Hagaddah at the Finkelman Family Seder at Temple Beth-El.

All systems were ready to go at the stations for charoses makers, Seder plate assemblers, and Brotherhood's matzoh brei chefs.

Happy chatter and activity filled the social hall at Temple Beth-El where the Religious School's youngsters and their families were busy preparing for the Finkelman Family Seder last Sunday morning.

Between stints at the mike to announce the order of the first half-hour segment, the School's education director, Lisa Goldstein, outlined the morning.

"As each family registered," she said, "they were given a color-coded paper, assigning them to one of three tasks ... making charoses, setting the table or arranging seder plates so that each family would be actively involved in the preparation as well as the participation. Hopefully, everything will be done by 10 a.m. so we can start the Seder."

Lisa's timing was perfect, and every step of the way moved like clockwork for the 200 who attended.

Each grade was assigned parts for the Seder, having been given the option of choosing a creative presentation or following the Hagaddah, Lisa explained.

The youngest classes gave the kiddush and the candle blessing, the first grade Hebrew class asked the Four Questions, and the oldest class, Grades 7 and 8, told the story of Passover.

Rob Goldberg, executive director of Temple Beth-El, remarked that "one of the beauties of this particular seder is that we were able to put it together through the generosity of Gerry Finkelman and his family in the memory of his wife Dorothy, who passed away this year.

"They had contacted us wanting to make a gift, and we gave them several suggestions. They felt that sponsoring an annual Passover program in the Religious School would be wonderful because Passover was a holiday very near and dear to Dorothy. It was my sense that as her grandchildren got older and were in the Religious School, it would be a nice way for them to remember their grandmother.

"Since Passover is an acknowledgement of rebirth and life, we bless the memory of Dorothy Finkelman by having this beautiful Program in her memory. I think the essence of it being sponsored by the Finkelman Fund was something very special."

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## The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum Welcomes A New Curator

by Sandra Silva

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum has welcomed a new addition to its staff. Three weeks ago, Beth Cohen became the new Curator. Beth comes to the Museum with an extensive and varied background in museum work. She holds a masters degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Educational Psychology. Beth has done free-lance work for the Peabody Museum. She has worked at the Boston Children's Museum and she helped to develop a children's museum in Israel.

Beth, who is committed to further establishing the museum's public school outreach program, is hoping to develop, over the summer, a curriculum program to be used by the teachers who plan on bringing their classes to visit the museum. She would also like to develop some curriculum to be used in the public school system to teach about the Holocaust.

Her goal is to reach every eighth grader in the public school system. There are already six school tours planned for this spring. Each group generally consists of 150 to 200 students. Upon arrival, the groups are separated. Each group listens to a speech by a Holocaust survivor and is shown an educational video about the Holocaust. Following this part of the program, there is a question and answer period with the speaker and a tour of the museum. It is Beth's opinion that the children need some sensitive preparation prior to their exposure to the museum.

"Kids today," she explains, "are very sophisticated in terms of their tolerance level for violence and horror. It's hard to help them get through that and relate to this honestly and not see it as another horror show but as something that really happened. One way that we try to attempt this is by offering time for a question and answer period with the survivor who spoke to the class."

This helps the children enhance their understanding of the materials they have been exposed to by giving them a human connection to the Holocaust story.

Children touring the museum this spring will be amongst the first to view the new exhibit about the Lodz Ghetto which is scheduled to be unveiled this Monday, May 1.

There are about ten survivors of the Lodz Ghetto living in Rhode Island. The idea for this exhibit came from Ray Eichenbaum, one of the ten. Ray grew up in Lodz and lived there until the ghetto was liquidated. This exhibit was something that he very much wanted to do and it has become one of Beth's first responsibilities.

The exhibit will feature photographs that were taken by Mendell Grossman while in the Lodz Ghetto. Although it was against the law to own a camera, he hid one in his coat and took many photographs. After his deportation from the ghetto, he died in Auschwitz. Beth has had some of his very moving photographs enlarged to 11 by 14 inches and mounted. These photographs will

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## Jewish Theological Seminary Alters Rabbinical Qualifications

Dr. Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, announced that an overwhelming majority of the faculty has voted in favor of revising the Rabbinical School curriculum. The question has been under discussion for the past two years. The Seminary, which trains Conservative rabbis, will implement the revised curriculum for those students beginning their rabbinical studies in September of 1989.

The major changes will be: 1) more rigorous academic and religious requirements for admission to the Rabbinical School; 2) fixing the course of study at five years; 3) limiting the number of courses taken each year to five; 4) the addition of a required Rabbinical School Seminar to be taken during each of the five years; 5) an academic field of concentration for the last two years of study; and 6) a field work requirement for the last two years, which will be phased in for current students until it is mandatory for all students.

Rabbi Gordon Tucker, Dean of the Rabbinical School said, "The new Rabbinical School curriculum stands in the long Seminary tradition of academic rigor and devotion to Jewish scholarship as a religious value. It differs from previous curricula in that it will overtly address the goal of transforming the bright and committed men and women who come to us into rabbis. We believe this transformation process requires great scholarly achievement but also serious attention to inner religious growth, and the development of the ability to teach, inspire and transform the lives of others."

"The Faculty, Dean Tucker and I are exceedingly proud of the new curriculum," said Dr. Schorsch. "We strongly believe that it will produce graduates firmly grounded in the textual tradition of our people, well educated in the wide range of courses in Judaica and more comprehensively prepared to undertake the personal, professional, and spiritual challenges facing the contemporary rabbi."

In deliberating the changes in the curriculum, the faculty considered the mission of the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Rabbi William Lebeau, Vice Chancellor of the Seminary and Chairman of the Department of Professional Skills, articulates this mission as including the following: the strengthening of students' resolve to live authentic Jewish lives committed to God and the *mitzvot* (commandments) of Torah. He further stated, that in order to achieve this goal, "the Seminary's program must make students knowledgeable about and conversant with Jewish texts, commentaries, and the ever emerging corpus of *halakha* (Jewish law); provide them with the fullest opportunity, while at the Seminary, for experiencing Jewish life within an authentic Jewish community; prepare our future rabbis to be skillful communicators of the sacred tradition for which they accept responsibility; help assure that their years of training at the Seminary will provide a well-spring of knowledge and inspiration to help sustain them in a lifetime of service to the Jewish people which will be fulfilling to them and to their families."

"The rabbinical student must be able to integrate textual knowledge personally into a Jewish way of viewing and experiencing the world and then translate it for others into an inspirational presentation of Jewish tradition as interpreted from a Conservative perspective...It is essential that we understand that we are addressing the requirements for a rabbinical school education, rather than a graduate school education."

### The Requirements for Admission

Although many admissions standards, as examined by the Committee on Admissions, will remain the same as they have always been, some new, more objective, standards will be imposed to ensure that students entering rabbinical studies will be able to begin a serious five-year graduate level program. The basic structure of the proposed curriculum depends on these new standards which will include academic prerequisites in Bible, Mishnah, Talmud, Halakha Liturgy, History, Philosophy and Hebrew Language. There will also be a prerequisite in the area of experience in living as a Jew, so that students will no longer enter rabbinical studies with little connection to Jewish communal life.

### Length of Curriculum

For many sound reasons, but primarily the concern that students be able to do solid, in-depth academic work without undue tedium, it was decided that the Rabbinical School curriculum should be a five-year course of study. It

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# Local News

## Paul Zim At Temple Emanu-El



Temple Emanu-El, Sunday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m., invites the members and the community to an evening of Jewish music. The magnificent tenor voice of Paul Zim takes his audience through the ages of the various civilizations and cultures of our people. Zim's inspirational repertoire and truly charismatic personality, not only sings but lives the music of the Jewish people with a mixture of Liturgical, Klezmer, the European

Shtetl, Mama's favorites and contemporary American songs. Through him you may hear the vibrant, confident, sound of the Sabras of Modern Israel as they express the love for their land, freedom, and hope for the future. Nat Hentoff, well-known journalist and music critic for the *Village Voice* and *The New Yorker Magazine* writes, "He (Paul Zim) is the kind of dramatically ecumenical singer I remember

from my childhood. He has the bravura and the soul to be equally persuasive in the best of the Liturgical masters, Yiddish theater songs, folk songs, and new variations on the music themes that have coursed through Jewish music for centuries."

In 1986, Paul Zim added a new dimension when he made his film debut in, *War and Love*, based on the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Paul Zim's talent is virtually world renowned. He has the unique ability to blend the sophisticated demands of the stage with the distinctive fervor of the synagogue sanctuary. His rich tenor voice has enthralled and enchanted audiences from Johannesburg to Jerusalem, and from New York to London.

Paul Zim is a composer and an established recording artist. Until recently he was heard on his own weekly radio program in New York on WEVD-FM. He now records on the CBS (Columbia) label.

To hear him once is to remember him always... a privilege we must all grasp.

This program is an annual event at Temple Emanu-El presented by Dr. Joseph G. and Beatrice Fishbein Family Endowment for Cultural Programming.

Admission is free to the entire community.

## Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, April 28 — 23 days in Nisan — Candlelighting at 7:22 p.m.; Minchah services 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29 — 24 days in Nisan — Reading in the Torah, P'Achare-Mos; also the blessing of the new month Iyar. (Rosh Chodesh will be two (2) days, Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6. There is a special Maftir for Sabbath Rosh Chodesh.) This Saturday we begin the Ethics of the Fathers. Morning services are at 8:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush. Minchah is at 7:15 p.m., followed by the Third Meal. Sabbath is over at 8:23 p.m. Havdalah will be at 8:35 p.m.

Sunday, April 30 — Morning services are at 7:45 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments as usual. Minchah for the entire week will be at 7:30 p.m.

Monday and Thursday morning services are at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning services are at 6:45 a.m.

Since we have recently completed the joyous Passover Holiday, a few thoughts that are extremely interesting and worth noting are:

### The Days Of Festivals Set By Passover

The day of the week upon which any of the festivals falls is set by the days of the Passover Festival. There is a letter-scheme in Hebrew to illustrate this. English translation is:

- The First Day of Passover is the same weekday as the Fast of Ab.
- The Second Day of Passover is always the same day as the first day of Pentecost.
- The Third Day of Passover determines the first day of the New Year.
- The Fourth Day of Passover determines the day of the Reading of the Law.
- The Fifth Day of Passover determines the Day of Atonement.
- The Sixth Day of Passover determines the day of the Preceding Purim.
- On the same weekday that Purim falls ?? will occur. (Next week's remarks will fill in the blank in this statement — Do you know the answer?)

## Cranston Senior Guild

The next meeting of the Cranston Senior Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 1989, at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston. Our guest speaker will be Mark Trainee, M.D. who will speak on "Grab All The Health You Can Get," a subject of vast interest to us all.

Summer, fall and winter activities will be discussed at this meeting. Chairmen will be available for your reservations.

To be eligible for any of these activities, your dues must be paid as our New Year starts June 1, 1989. Checks should be made out to the Cranston Senior Guild and mailed to Rose Portney, 64 Beachmont Avenue, Cranston, R.I. 02905.

For now, our first event will be Wednesday, May 24 at the Coachlight Dinner Theatre, East Windsor, CT, with a delightful buffet luncheon followed by the very entertaining musical show, *My One and Only*. Ida and Phil Woled (861-2784) are the chairmen.

On Wednesday, June 7 our Paid-Up Membership and Installation Luncheon will be held at the Venus De Milo, Swansea, Mass. This very popular not to be missed event will feature a selected

customized menu. Free valuable door prizes. Enjoyable entertainment. Call Helen Forman at 521-0455 with your reservations and seating requests.

Last chance to join your friends at our "Kick-Off to Summer" vacation at the Nevele Country Club, June 18-23. Deadline is May 18. Contact Len or Louise Lyons at 438-2634 for reservations and your table seating requests. The luggage tags for this trip will be distributed at the installation luncheon, June 7.

See you all at the meeting on Wednesday, May 3.

## ORT Yard Sale

The Elm Grove Chapter of Women's American ORT will be holding a yard sale at 483 Elm Grove Ave., Providence on May 7 from 9-3. Anyone in the community that would like to donate items should call Robin Engle (521-1182) or Corky Bienenfeld (943-8895). The proceeds from this sale will benefit ORT's schools in the United States.

Editorial and Advertising Deadline is Tuesday Noon for Thursday's Paper.

## Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Observance

The fourteenth annual Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Observance of Temple Shalom will take place in the Main Sanctuary on Tuesday evening, May 2, at 7 p.m. The theme of this year's service is "Christians and Jews: Together, Remembering — Fifty Years After the Eve of Destruction."

In speaking of this yearly observance, originator and planner, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer stated: "The twenty-seventh day of the Hebrew month of Nisan is the day on which Jews throughout the world formally recall the six million Jews of Europe who were tortured and murdered during the Second World War because they were Jews. We also remember all those compassionate men and women of other faiths and nationalities, who at the peril of their lives, saved some of their Jewish brothers and sisters. We all join together in remembering and in reminding others that this atrocity did happen and, too, in saying in strength and unity, "Never Again."

Participating with Rabbi Jagolinzer in the service will be Joseph and Helen Schwartz, Holocaust survivors; The Reverend David Ripley of St. Paul's United Methodist Church; The Reverend D. Lorne Coyle of Trinity Episcopal Church; The Reverend Dr. L. Edgar Stone, Jr. of the United Baptist Church,

Barbara Jagolinzer and Manfred Ziegler of Temple Shalom; and the children of Temple Shalom who will light the way with a candle lit procession. Music for the service will be provided by Emily Anthony.

The service is open to the entire community, who are all cordially invited to attend.

The annual Hadassah Sabbath, sponsored by the Newport Chapter of Hadassah will take place on Friday evening, April 28 at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary of Temple Shalom of Middletown. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will officiate at the service, assisted by the following members who will participate: Eva Siegel, Fran Mendell, Charlotte Greenberg, Natalie Mallett, Lena Woythaler, Rhonda Sabo, Sylvia Greenbaum, Emily Kusnitz, Bertha Faintych, Barbara Jagolinzer, and Renee Kaminitz. President Bella Werner will bring greetings.

The Oneg Shabbat following the worship will be sponsored by the Newport Chapter of Hadassah. During the past year, a number of study sessions have been sponsored by the organization. Presentors of these programs will participate in an Oneg Shabbat presentation. They are: Sylvia Baker, Carol Kadet, Shirley Waterman, Ruth Meierowitz and Rosalie Goldman.

The service and program are open to the public.

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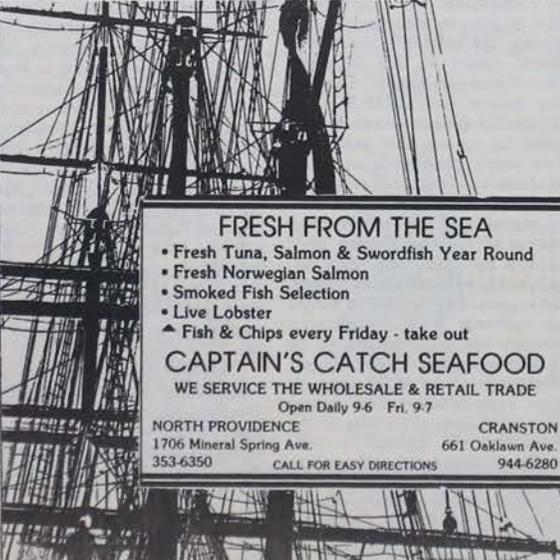
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Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom and his family — wife, Barbara, and children, Charles 11, Jonathan 6, and Saral 9 — reviewing the Seder plate in preparation for Temple Seder which attracted about 100 persons.

## Kraar To Succeed Schwartz As CJF Executive Vice President



Martin Kraar, Executive Vice President, Council of Jewish Federations.

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations has unanimously approved the appointment of Martin Kraar as CJF Executive Vice President. The decision was made at the April 11 Board of Directors meeting held during the CJF Spring Quarterly in Washington, D.C.

Kraar, currently Executive Vice President of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, will succeed Carmi Schwartz, who has served as CJF Executive Vice President for the past decade.

A Search Committee, chaired by CJF Treasurer Henry J. Goodman of Cleveland, spent the past six months screening and interviewing candidates. Philip Bernstein, CJF Executive Vice President Emeritus, served as the consultant to the Committee.

Following the Board's decision,

CJF President Mandell L. Berman expressed his deepest gratitude and appreciation to Schwartz for his leadership, hard work, dedication and commitment to CJF and the Federation movement. "We are extremely fortunate to have reaped the benefits of his 10 years of service to CJF and we will always hold a special place for him at CJF and in our hearts. We welcome Marty and look forward to a long and successful relationship with him."

Martin Kraar has been actively involved in Jewish communal service for many years. Prior to assuming the post of Executive Vice President of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit in 1986, he served for two years as Director of the CJF Israel Office. He spent six years in St. Louis, first serving as Executive Vice President of the Jewish Community Centers and then as

Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

Additionally, Kraar was Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service of Greater Nashville and Executive Director of Karitas Community, Inc., a 92-bed residential center for emotionally disturbed adolescents in Jackson, MI/Memphis, TN. From 1969-72, he was Assistant Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center of Memphis, after serving as a city-wide Youth Consultant and Director of Camping for the Jewish Community Center and Jewish Federation of Houston.

In addition to his numerous professional involvements and affiliations, Kraar has taught management, personnel administration and supervision courses and has served as a lecturer, instructor and trainer for various Jewish Federations, national agencies and other organizations on such topics as leadership development, facilitation training, board-staff relationships and non-profit management.

He attended the University of Chattanooga, received a Certificate in Social Work from Hebrew University, and graduated from Memphis State University with a B.S. in Psychology. He also obtained his M.S. in Social Work from the Jane Addams Graduate School of Social Work — the University of Illinois Graduate School of Social Work.

Born in Atlanta, GA, Kraar and his wife, Sherry, have two daughters, Anita, 19, and Shanna, 16.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the continental association of 200 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 6.1 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.

## Bishop Hunt Honored By Israel Bonds

The Rt. Reverend George N. Hunt III, recipient-elect of the "Gates of Jerusalem Medal" will be honored by the Rhode Island Committee, State of Israel Bonds, at a Tribute Dinner on Monday, May 8, at the Jewish Community Center, Providence, R.I.

Bishop Hunt is being honored for his leadership in Rhode Island and in the councils of the Episcopal Church, nationally and internationally, on behalf of the State of Israel. He has founded and fostered the "Abrahamic Accord," a long-term effort aimed at developing better relationships between Christians and Jews. Because of his love for Israel and her people, he has visited the country four times and is planning

another trip in June of this year. He will be taking third-year Deacon School students, for their own first-hand exposure to the land, the people, and the challenges of life in the Jewish state.

Bishop Hunt has been an important voice for morality in our State, speaking out on a variety of public issues. He continually works to increase opportunities for dialogue between the citizens of the U.S.S.R. and the United States. For his many accomplishments, he has received honorary doctorate degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary and Yale University.

Serving as Tribute Chairman for the dinner is Daniel S. Kaplan. For information, please call the Israel Bond office at 751-6767.

Anyone interested in reserving space at the dinner may call the Israel Bond office at 751-6767 by Monday, May 1, 1989.

### Temple Emanuel-Newton

On Sunday evening, April 30, the Adult Singles Group of Temple Emanuel, Newton, will hold A Spring Dance, beginning at 7:45 p.m. The dance will be held in the Community Hall of the Temple, 385 Ward St., Newton.

The Tony Bruno, Jr. Orchestra will be featured for dance music. There will be door prizes, cash bar, and coffee and pastry.

All singles 38 and over are invited to attend. For further information on the dance call Chester Rubin, Director of Youth & Adult Activities at Temple Emanuel, 332-5770. Admission is \$7.00 per person.

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All proceeds from this event will go towards providing the religious school and Temple with state of the art multi-media equipment.

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### Inter-Congregational Holocaust Memorial Program

Congregations Beth Shalom, Ohawe Shalom, Mishkan Tefillah and the Providence Hebrew Day School are co-sponsoring a Holocaust Memorial program for the whole Jewish community. The event will be held Tuesday evening, May 2, at 8 p.m. at Congregation Ohawe Shalom, East Ave., in Pawtucket. Mr. Edward O. Adler will be guest speaker. There will be a candlelighting ceremony and a number of prayers chanted.

### Congregation Ohawe Shalom

The shul, also known as the Young Israel of Pawtucket, will hold Friday evening services at 6:45 p.m. Shabbat morning services will be at 9 a.m. to be followed by a Kiddush. Rabbi Jacobs will give a Mishnah class on Ethics of the Fathers at 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening. Both men and women are invited. Minchah will be at 7:20 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma-ariv will be at 8:20 p.m. Havdalah is at 8:30 p.m.

There will be a regular schedule of services this coming week. Morning: Sunday 7:45 a.m.; Monday and Thursday 6:40 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:50 a.m. Evenings: 7:30 p.m. when possible.

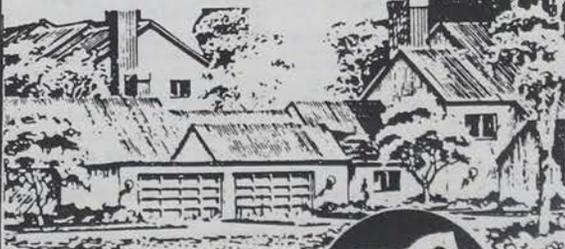
### Reunion Oneg Shabbat At Temple Emanu-El

On April 28, 1989, Manfred and Jeanne Weil and Milton and Bella Dubinsky are sponsoring a "Reunion Oneg Shabbat." They plan this as a homecoming to all the Temple Emanu-El winter travelers who have returned to Providence and our Temple community now that Spring is here!

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This year's Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El Annual Donor Event, "An Evening in Paris," will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 1989, at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue, Providence, R.I., at 7:30 p.m. Desserts Magnifique!

The program will be presented by Salon de Fatima and Peter Blieden. Sisterhood members will participate in complete "MAKE OVERS" of hair and makeup that will enhance their individual lifestyles. The latest spring fashions will be introduced by these women with highlights from casual to evening attire.

Debbie Waldman will provide

# Opinion

## Peace With The Palestinians

by Dr. Jay N. Fishbein

A durable peace cannot be accomplished under duress. Attempts by the Arab dominated General Assembly of the United Nations, by self-appointed American Ambassadors meeting with Yasir Arafat or other Diaspora Jews with limited knowledge of the problems Israel faces in trying to come to grips with this exceedingly complex problem are doing a disservice to Israel.

When Arafat entered Jordan, he instigated forays into Israel, and when the Israel Defense Forces pursued the Palestinian terrorists into Jordan, the Arab Legion was forced to engage the IDF in combat to protect them. Should Arafat and the PLO gain control of the West Bank and Gaza they will almost certainly become a base for forays into Israel. It should explain Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's reluctance to deal with Arafat who has repeatedly stated that his aim is the destruction of Israel. His recent utterances that he recognizes Israel's right to exist and will abstain from terrorism are not supported by fact.

Recently, the Lebanese border has become active as terrorist bands who desire to thwart Arafat's peace plans, are trying to infiltrate into the northern settlements to murder civilians or capture hostages. Although Arafat and his Fatah organization occupy the limelight there are many other terrorist bands that Israel must contend with.

One is Nayef Hawtneh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Another is Tal'at Ya'acub's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Three splinter factions exist with bases near Sidon and Tyre in Lebanon that are part of the PLO but also have ties with Syria. The Syrian supported factions, as Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General

Command, Sa'ika, Sai'd Mussa's Fatah group and Libyan supported Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council. The Shi'ite Amal group also opposed Arafat and are fighting the Iranian supported Hizbullah or Party of God, for control of southern Lebanon. By understanding these numerous terrorist organizations that are attempting to infiltrate Israel by land and sea, one can better comprehend Israel's problem and that there is no simple solution.

The Soviet Union is making every effort to insinuate itself into the peace process, and with their past history of close ties to Arab countries will only add to existing problems. Jerusalem insists that the Soviets must first renew diplomatic relations, but many Israeli diplomats fear it will introduce a horde of Soviet agents into the country and that the small security force would be overwhelmed.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in an obvious bid for Arab favor casts doubt on Israel's desire for peace by claiming that Israel is undermining its own right to self-determination by denying it to the Palestinians, threatening Israel with sanctions for "massively violating the right of the occupied civilian population." As a result of his overtures to the PLO the U.S. has adopted a tougher attitude.

The Zarit village of southern Lebanon has been the target recently by Hawatneh's DFLP and Habash's PFLP. Of the latter group four terrorists were recently killed and one wounded. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin stated that these infiltration attacks would justify an American reassessment of the decision to talk to the PLO. He also stated that since January 1988 there were 25 terrorist infiltrations that had been intercepted, with 47 terrorists killed.

Applying pressure on the prime minister to be more flexible is harmful to the peace process as the Arabs on the West Bank and Gaza are becoming impatient with Arafat's manoeuvring and are exerting pressure for him to show more flexibility. Many are beginning to realize that they have been used as pawns, and that he is more concerned in maintaining leadership than in their welfare. Time is not on his side. Arafat is interested in the establishment of a secular state, while the Palestinians prefer an Islamic state, so that Arab conflict is inevitable.

In Umm el-Fahm, Israel's second largest Arab city, 90% of the voters cast their ballots for an Islamic council, which is considered to be dangerous and an indication of polarization among the Arab electorate. The defeated mayor predicted that the town will become a "little Iran."

The intifada has posed a serious problem for Israel. Some soldiers protested that their training was for combat and not as policemen. The public dislikes the severe punishment meted out to teenagers. Time and experience

brings its own solution. Men that are to serve in the occupied territories are being trained for police work, and Arab casualties will diminish. Attack dogs are also being trained for use against the rioters. In light of the Jews' historic experience as their victims, the use of dogs was questioned, but they are not trained to kill, but as a deterrent, and their use is considered appropriate.

There has been a marked increase of vandalism on settler's farms on the Gaza strip, by infiltrators using petrol bombs, as well as destroying crops. Crude oil containers used to keep the produce warm in greenhouses have been opened with the oil seeping in, ruining plants and contaminating the soil.

Palestinians on the West Bank, fearful that the intifadeh was beginning to lose world interest are now resorting to "real terror" and murder. Soldiers are enticed into ambush, chasing rock throwing youths into alleys where Arabs waiting on rooftops drop cement blocks down on the soldiers, killing and injuring.

The idea of using Israeli Arabs as a "bridge to peace" has been abandoned as impractical. There is an emotional identity of Israeli Arabs with their kinsmen across the Green Line. During recent months there has been over 150 terrorist and hostile acts committed in Israel by them, as petrol-bomb attacks and stone throwing, even on the major highways. The government is anxious to curb the intifada before its emotional effect spills over and influences Israeli Arabs. Older Arabs realize that they have too much to lose, and try to restrain their teenagers. They appreciate their economic advantages, level of education and expectations for the future and fear jeopardizing them.

## Letters To The Editor

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald is to be commended on its recent issues. It contains a creditable mix of community news from various Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, profiles of interesting people and timely articles submitted by local individuals.

In other words, it is a newspaper by and for Rhode Islanders, Jewish and non-Jewish.

Sandra Silva, David DeBlois and their staff deserve a great deal of credit for their hard work in editing and producing the Herald each week. We are the fortunate recipients of their effort.

Eleanor F. Horvitz  
Providence, R.I.

## Holocaust Miracles Requested

The brutality and horror of the Holocaust has been thoroughly recorded so it will never be forgotten. Yet, there was more to the Holocaust than bitter tragedy. I am here and alive today because of unbelievable acts of human kindness, unexplainable and miraculous turns of events, and examples of courage and cunning which helped me survive.

Certainly, many of your readers have had similar experiences, and I want to make sure that these don't die with the people who lived them. I am preparing a book on "Miracles" of the Holocaust and would like to hear from readers who are willing to share their wonderful and extraordinary stories with their children, grandchildren and future generations.

I will send them particulars and instructions.

Arnold Geier, 6901 S.W. 147 Ave., 3-B, Miami, Fla. 33193.

## The Holocaust In The Light Of History

by Morris Gastfreund

It is of no surprise that with the passing of time, the Holocaust takes a more significant place in world history. When one looks at a huge building from close by, it is impossible to see clearly the dimensions of the structure; one must distance himself from the structure in order to evaluate it. The same applies to the Holocaust. At the time of the tragedy and during the years which immediately followed, the civilized world was not much disturbed with the greatest crime in human history, which moved the 20th century back far behind the dark ages. But as time passes and new generations are born, people begin to comprehend the greatest crime of the 20th century, perhaps the greatest crime which ever took place.

Among the perpetrators of the genocidal evil were philosophers and poets, historians and scientists, men and women of extraordinary achievement, who used their impressive talent to serve the process of destruction. I believe that scholars and historians in centuries to come will try to find answers to the behavior of humanity in that period of history. Historical analyses indicate that six million would have never perished solely because of the evils of the Nazis. Rather, the Nazis were able to carry through their crimes because of the indifference and in many cases, the collaboration of the rest of the world.

Many victims of the Nazis perished because the British and Americans deliberately withheld any rescue attempt. The gates to America were tightly closed, even though the U.S. immigration quota which existed at the time was not filled. The American government was also indifferent to Britain's decision to keep the Jews from entering Palestine. The British kept the gates of Palestine tightly closed to any escapees of Nazi territory. In order to illustrate the cruelties of the world which aided in the destruction of Jews, we describe one episode of many: the tragedy of the Struma, a 180 ton Rumanian vessel with a 100 passenger capacity.

On December 16, 1941, the Struma picked up 769 passengers from the Rumanian port of Constantza, all of whom were escapees of Nazi hell with the destination of Palestine. None of the passengers possessed British permits required to enter Palestine, but nevertheless began their slow voyage to Haifa. Critically overloaded and endangered by a leaking hull and defective engines, it broke down in Istanbul. Turkish authorities would not permit the passengers to land unless they obtained British certificates to Palestine; the British refused. The Struma remained at anchor for ten weeks. Finally on February 24, 1942, despite protests by the captain that the ship was not seaworthy, the Turks towed the Struma to sea. The refugees on the vessel displayed a banner with the words "save us". Six miles from shore, the Struma sank with its 70 children, 269 women and 428 men. Only two passengers swam to safety.

The world was shocked, but the British government remained unmoved. Harold McMillen, the Undersecretary for the Colonies declared in the House of Commons, "No matter how great the tragedy, we cannot compromise the present policy of immigration to Palestine." For the British government, a mass rescue of European Jews threatened its Palestine policy; Barring Jewish immigration. The vision of Jews streaming into Palestine seemed to upset the British more than the vision of Jews walking to their deaths in the gas chambers.

As the Nazi death factories were working day and night, the International Red Cross was alerted to intervene to stop the slaughter of

hundreds of thousands in the concentration camps, to no avail. After many pleas, the president of that organization replied: "The mission of the Red Cross is to help war victims without intruding into the domestic policy of any state." In other words, the murders in concentration camps were viewed by the Red Cross as a German domestic policy. The Nazis had a free hand in annihilating the Jewish people.

After six million perished during the Holocaust, we hoped that the world would finally let us live peacefully in our land of Israel. The United Nations vote on November 29, 1947 to establish a Jewish state in Palestine was the culmination of our dreams. Our dreams were shattered soon after when all the Arab nations undertook a holy war of destroying the new Jewish state and pushing the Jews into the sea.

Many wars were fought in Israel's short forty years of existence in order to prevent another Holocaust. Israel has always stretched out a hand of peace, but the Arab rulers are bent on the destruction of Israel. Arafat's trickery and double talk persuaded the United States to begin negotiations with an Arab terrorist who has many lives on his conscience. The European states, some of whom have their hands stained with Jewish blood, have orchestrated a campaign to pressure Israel to give in to Arafat's demands for a Palestinian state, a move described by Arafat's lieutenant as the first stage in Israel's destruction. England is arming Israel's enemies with the most lethal weapons, while German scientists and technicians have built the world's largest chemical factory in Lybia for the production of weapons for use against Israel. Iraq, with Saudi Arabian capital, is building an atomic bomb destined for Israel.

If history is a guide, these developments point to another possible Holocaust. The greatest tragedy which faces the Jewish people now is Jewish disunity, which is the largest threat to the existence of the state of Israel. Many prominent American Jews are intimidated by the press' criticism of Israel over the last 16 months, and feel compelled to join the critics. Many have eagerly assured Mike Wallace and Ted Koppel that they have no connection with those 18 years old Israeli boys in the West Bank who use tear gas or bullets to protect themselves from petro bombs, iron bars and stones; they do not condone and should not be blamed for the scandalous behavior of the Israelis, they declare.

The American Jewish community faces moral bankruptcy. The failure of the Jewish organizations to mount a campaign against the decision of the United States to deal with the P.L.O. is a disaster. If signals a defeat to the long-held belief that Israel must be the overriding concern of all Jews. Rather than viewing the recent events of the intifada as the latest tactic in the forty-year struggle against Israel, many American Jews have succumbed to the lies of the P.L.O. propaganda. Without the Jewish disunity, Arafat might have never achieved his political triumph. Some Jews have openly associated themselves with the P.L.O. ambitions of a Palestinian state; the journey of Rita Hauser and friends to Stockholm to negotiate with Arafat underscores this trend. In whose name were they negotiating, and who designated them as our representatives? It is a cruel irony that among the midwives of the American government's betrayal of Israel are Jewish leaders. An alliance of Arabist within the state department and Jewish critics of Israel was able to convince George Schultz to begin negotiations with the P.L.O.

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# When Your Job Conflicts With Your Judaism

(Part 1)

By Fran R. Robins-Liben, Esq.

A few months ago, we looked at our constitutional right to be free from state imposed Christmas trees and creches. That right stems from the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The First Amendment protects us in another way — it provides each of us with the right to practice freely our religion. This right is contained in the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment. Together, they constitute the bedrock of religious liberty for Jews in America.

The Supreme Court has long recognized that the freedom to believe is absolute, but the freedom to act is not. Thus, the First Amendment ("Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion [the Establishment clause], or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" [the Free Exercise Clause]) acts as an absolute bar to laws that limit an individual's ability to believe in his religion. However, there is no absolute bar to limits on someone's actions, even if undertaken in the name of religion.

These theoretical distinctions have real practical repercussions. For our first example, let's assume that an observant Jew carefully investigates a job before beginning employment. He assures himself that the job does not require that he eat non-Kosher food, or that he work on Shabbat. He discloses these requirements to his prospective employer. In our example, all goes well for ten years, and then, solely as a consequence of changing economics, the employer mandates that each employee work one Saturday shift each month.

Such a change in employment conditions clearly and unequivocally requires our employee to make a decision: either he adheres to his religious beliefs, and risks losing his livelihood, or he is compelled to violate his religious beliefs.

When confronted with such a situation, the Supreme Court has held that, when employers alter

employment conditions so that employees must either reject the new conditions or violate religious principles, the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment requires that the State pay the employee unemployment compensation!

Thus, in the case of *Sherbert v. Verner*, the Court held that the State's denial of unemployment benefits to a Saturday Sabbath observer whose employer changed his work week to include Saturdays was unconstitutional. Similarly, in the case of *Thomas vs. Review Board of the Indiana Employment Security Division*, the Supreme Court required the State to pay unemployment to an employee after he was transferred from steel production to a weapon production division in violation of his religious rights.

In our second example, let's assume that the employer has made no change in employment conditions, but that, instead, the employee himself changes and becomes observant or converts. Now, the formerly acceptable conditions are prohibited by newly adopted religious beliefs. In such a situation, must the State pay unemployment compensation should our recently observant employee lose his job?

In *Hobbie v. Unemployment Appeals Commission*, the Supreme Court considered this issue. Following a conversion to the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Paula Hobbie informed her employer that she could no longer work on Saturdays for religious reasons. As a result, she was fired. When she applied for unemployment compensation, the State denied her benefits.

The Supreme Court reversed the State in concluding that the State had improperly burdened Hobbie's religious freedom when it compelled her to choose between her beliefs and the forfeiture of benefits or abandonment of her beliefs and continued employment. The Court held that the fact of the timing of one's conversion was immaterial — the Free Exercise Clause entitles religious converts

to the same protection afforded employees whose religious convictions precede their employment. Thus, the observant Jew need not forfeit unemployment compensation to exercise religious beliefs, regardless of when he becomes observant.

In these examples, we focused on the availability of State unemployment compensation in the event of irreconcilable conflicts between the job and the practice of Judaism. Next month we will look at the extent of the obligations which employers have to accommodate their employee's religious practices and observances.

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## Holocaust

(continued from previous page) proved unable to cope with this crisis. While the energies of the world Jewry have been focused on criticizing Israel, the P.L.O. has progress in destroying the Jewish state in stages.

The great Jewish crisis is now taking place in America, not in Israel. "The history of our times will one day make bitter reading, when it records that some Jews were so morally uncertain that they denied they were obligated to risk their own safety in order to save other Jews who were being done to death abroad." Ben Halpern wrote that stinging verdict on American Jews during the Holocaust. Let's hope the American Jewry is not in the process of making itself twice guilty.

### Correspondents Wanted

If you would like to correspond for the *Herald* by writing about what is happening in your community, contact the editor at 724-0200.

## Wailing About Whaling

David DeBlois  
Associate Editor

At a time when most politicians are seemingly most concerned with padding their own pockets, Rhode Island State Senator Paul P. Pederzani, III (D-Dist. 23) of North Kingstown has offered an encouraging respite. He has sponsored a resolution, recently passed by the Senate, encouraging citizens of the Ocean State to boycott the fish products of nations engaged in illegal whaling practices.

In 1986, the International Whaling Commission voted to adopt a moratorium on all commercial whaling. However, commercial whaling nations were able to successfully push through a provision which allowed whales to be taken "for scientific purposes."

This notion is, of course, absurd to begin with. We can learn absolutely nothing new from a dead whale. Still, Norway, Iceland, and Japan regularly issue "scientific permits" in order to continue slaughtering whales just as they have in the past. In 1985, Iceland announced a plan to kill 200 whales per year for four years for "research purposes." This "research" will earn Iceland at least \$20 million by exporting whale meat to Japan. The Japanese government,

in turn, has given permission for 300 whales to be killed this year under the same provision.

While the federal government of the United States has the power to ban all fish imports from the offending countries in protest, they have failed to do so. "I'm tired of all the professional tap dancing that both the Commerce and State Departments have done on this issue," says Pederzani. "It's quite clear that, once again, the states must show the federal government what to do."

Pederzani's resolution calls on Rhode Island school districts, colleges, and governmental departments to boycott all fish products from Norway, Iceland, and Japan. Over 80 school districts in the U.S. have already done so, including many in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

In addition, Pederzani encourages companies in the private sector and independent consumers to join in the boycott.

One of the companies that has ignored the pleas of conservationists is Burger King, which continues to purchase fish products from whaling nations for their "Whaler" fish filet sandwich. After a recent protest at the Burger King in

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## Reflections

by Michael Fink

Providence Jews lived in tenements, the ones I knew. I thought the girls were absolutely the loveliest possible anywhere in the world at any time. I dated some of them. They went on to marry young men with great futures, who built businesses and carved out careers upon the postwar planet, while I sat brooding by the hearth. Sometimes their marriages ended in divorce.

Three sisters lived with their parents who ran a novelty store; a place that specialized in Christmas decorations, but had tricks, jokes, dolls and games, crammed on shelves with narrow aisles. The girl I took out had green eyes, dark hair, a Gypsy look but not a Carmen manner. She went to Brandeis and talked calmly about her sociology courses. She let me go. She married someone else. Guess who. Abbie Hoffman.

In his autobiography he devotes a few paragraphs to his first wife. He acknowledges her strange allure, her jade eyes. They didn't get along. He wrote that they had little in common. The marriage was a date that got out of hand. But so was his life.

A few years ago, she called me. She was closing out the store, and wanted to know if I might like to browse among the dada things to see if they had taken on some kind of artistic, antique value. We had lunch on Wickenden Street and discussed our destinies, brothers and sisters, parents and children. I did not ask her what it was like being married to Abbie. I didn't

want to reduce the status of a lovely and competent woman to the mate of a celeb. Maybe I was still jealous. Why was he more appealing than I had been? Was he a novelty who fit into the world of a novelty store?

I don't worship the famous, except for the icons of the 1930's. They weren't crass "superstars," just plain stars twinkling in the MGM firmament to console us through the stormy gray skies of hurricane, depression, and war. The girls who lived in Providence flats with their moms and dads and siblings shone brightly enough for my horizons. But I didn't sparkle enough for theirs.

In my rear view, Abbie was a bit brash. His disrespect for his elders: feh! Still, he was a hot ticket. He was the boy with the dash to get the girl. A fellow of my time and place with a little more nerve, a tad too much of it. Many of the Jewish meteors of our culture are my cohorts. I might have known them. As a kid I never imagined reaching Olympic heights. Growing up, travel, meeting authors or actors seemed unattainable aims. Now I see these comets just as phenomena of shared history.

The zest for protest that seized the imagination of our youth, I wish it had been as inflamed by Jewish causes as it was by other issues. Some souls and some bodies could have been saved — including Abbie's. I bet those girls of then and there are still lookin' good. Their walk-up apartments have probably been gentrified to condos. As for me, I'm doin' fine. I went my own way. I still sit and brood.

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# Social Events

## Fassberg-Lawrence



The marriage of Stacy Jo Fassberg and Joel Lawrence Rosenfield took place on March 18 at the Sheraton International Crossroads Hotel in Mahwah, New Jersey.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fassberg of Spring Valley, N.Y., and the bridegroom is the son of Sue Rosenfield of Pawtucket and the late Thomas H. Rosenfield. He is also a grandson of Anna Kupersmid of Pawtucket and the late Irving Kupersmid and the late Betty and Samuel Rosenfield of Providence.

Lisa Fassberg was maid of honor for her sister, and Jay Rosenfield was best man for his brother. Bridesmaids were Amy Fassberg, sister of the bride, Lisa Rosenfield, sister of the bridegroom, and Amy Goldberg. Ushers were Joseph Toth, Todd Gustafson, and Kevin Cassidy.

The bride and bridegroom are graduates of Union College. She is employed as an account executive with Chapman Direct Advertising in New York. He is a corporate salesman with Sears Business Systems.

They now reside in Secaucus, N.J., following a honeymoon in the Caribbean Islands.

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## Touro Synagogue

Burton Fischler, President and Jack Temkin, Vice-President of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, have announced preliminary plans for a weekend of special events to celebrate the 225th Anniversary of Touro Synagogue.

Events will occur on Friday, Aug. 18, Saturday, Aug. 19 and Sunday, Aug. 20.

Religious services, under the auspices of Congregation Jeshuat Israel and Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, will take place on Friday evening and Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Leading the services will be Rabbi Shapiro. Assisting him will be Cantor Bernard Beer of Queens, New York. Cantor Beer is the Director of the Yeshiva University Cantorial Bureau.

The Anniversary Ball will be Saturday evening, Aug. 19 at 9 p.m. at the Hotel Viking. Ralph Stuart and his orchestra will play.

A series of events will take place Sunday, Aug. 20, including the Annual Meeting of the Society of Friends of the Touro Synagogue and a luncheon.

In addition, the Reading of the George Washington letter to the Synagogue, offering government protection for all religious denominations in the U.S. will occur. 1989 is the 199th anniversary of the date the letter was originally sent.

The designated reader will be Harold Sebag-Montefiore, a direct descendant of Sir Moses Montefiore, who worked in conjunction with Judah Touro, one of the original founders of the synagogue.

Featured speaker during the afternoon ceremonies will be Fred Friendly, former head of CBS News.

Chairman of the weekend is Aaron Slom. Co-chairpersons are Mrs. Jack Werner, Mrs. Marcia Cohen, and Mrs. Barbara Epstein.

For further information, please contact Aaron Slom at 847-0131 or Rabbi Chaim Shapiro at 847-4794.

## Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club Shabbat And Dinner

The Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club is happy to invite the congregation to a Shabbat Dinner on Friday night, May 12, immediately preceding this year's Men's Club Shabbat Service.

At the dinner, Harry Portney will be honored as this year's "Man of the Year," and will be presented with a new plaque dedicated to the memory of Dr. Max Fershtman, Al Weisman and Ira Galkin.

Reservations for the dinner, which will begin at 6 p.m. sharp, can be made by sending a check to Charles Abrams, 110 Julia Street, Cranston, R.I. 02910. Checks should be made to Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club. The cost for the complete meal is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12; 13 and over is \$7.

Reservations must be received by May 5, 1989.

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## Betsy Marcia Cohen To Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Jason H. Cohen of Providence, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Betsy Marcia to David Arthur Siskind, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Siskind of Marblehead, Mass.

Ms. Cohen attended Tufts University and completed her graduate studies in Rehabilitation Counseling at Rhode Island College. Founder and now Vice-President/ Treasurer of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation — New England Chapter, she is a certified

rehabilitation counselor. Ms. Cohen is employed at Children's Hospital in Boston as Program Director of the Supported Employment Program for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury.

Mr. Siskind earned his B.A. at Bowdoin College, his Master's of International Affairs at Columbia University, and his J.D. at Rutgers' University. He is Vice-President Legal for the Home Health Care Division of The Kendall Company in Boston.

A September wedding is planned.

## R.I. Jewish Historical Association

### Annual Meeting

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association will hold its 35th annual meeting on May 7, 1989 at 2:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

The 19th annual David Charak Adelman lecture will be delivered by Vicki Caron, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Judaic Studies, Brown University. The topic of her address is: "Between France and National Identity in Alsace-Lorraine, 1871-1918."

Dr. Caron, a graduate of the University of Illinois as a James Scholar, also received M.A., M. Phil., and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. She has received many honors and awards including the President's Fellowship and Whiting Fellowship from Columbia University. She was a Fulbright Scholar in 1978-79.

Dr. Caron has held several teaching positions at Columbia University, Hebrew Union College and University of Washington, Seattle. *Between France and Germany: the Jews of Alsace-Lorraine, 1871-1918*, a book authored by Dr. Caron, was recently published by Stanford University Press. She has also had many articles published in scholarly journals on such subjects as France and the Jewish refugees, and the impact of enlightenment and emancipation on Zionism.

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association in conjunction with its Annual Meeting features an exhibit using materials from its archives. This year the theme is: "It happened in 1954," a year noted for the publication of Volume 1, No. 1 of the *Rhode Island Jewish Historical NOTES*.

The following slate of officers will be presented by the Nominating committee for election: President, Robert A. Kotlen; 1st Vice President, Stanley Abrams; 2nd Vice

President, Bernard Kusinitz; Secretary, Caroline Gereboff; Associate Secretary, Charlotte Penn; Treasurer, Dorothy Horowitz. The members-at-large of the Executive Committee will also be presented at this time. Nominating committee chairman is Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky assisted by Bonnie Goldowsky, Eleanor F. Horvitz and Geraldine S. Foster, ex-officio.

A social hour will follow the meeting to which the public is invited.

## Big Brothers Golf Tournament

Big Brothers of Rhode Island, an organization that provides companionship and guidance to fatherless boys, is sponsoring their fourth annual fundraising Golf Tournament on June 5 at the Quidnesset Country Club in North Kingstown.

The event is designed to provide additional funds for the organization so that it may continue and expand upon the services it provides for more than 500 fatherless boys.

Big Brothers will raise funds mainly through sponsorships and also from the entries.

The entry fee is \$100 per golfer and includes golf, green fees, cart, use of the club, lunch, steak dinner and prizes.

Sponsorships are a minimum of \$100, \$250, or \$1,000 and sponsors will be recognized with special signs at the tournament and in the agency's newsletter.

Anyone wishing to enter the Golf Tournament or any business or individual interested in a sponsorship should call Big Brothers of Rhode Island, at 722-6300, or send a check, with a name and telephone number to Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Durant Building, 100 Lafayette St., Pawtucket, R.I. Anyone seeking information about the tournament should call Val Sinesi at the Big Brothers office.

Don't drink and drive.

## Winoker, McKillop To Receive 1989 NCJW Brotherhood Awards

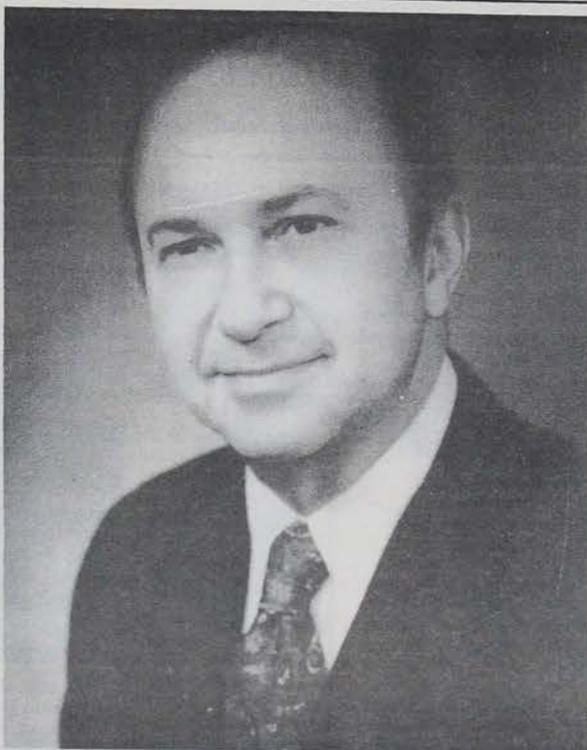
The 1989 Brotherhood Award will be presented to two outstanding citizens of Rhode Island, James R. Winoker, President of B.B. Greenberg Co. and Sister Lucille McKillop, RSM, President of Salve Regina College. The announcement was made by George Graboys, CEO of Citizens Financial Group, who is serving as

statewide chairman of the 37th Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner sponsored by the Rhode Island and Southeastern New England Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews which is slated for Thursday, May 4, 1989, at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea.



Sister Lucille McKillop has been an outstanding leader in the field of higher education during her 15 years as President of Salve Regina College in Newport and was cited by Sen. Claiborne Pell as a true "success story." With a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin, and no prior college administrative experience, she has "returned the (school) to financial solvency and academic distinction." Many new changes have been instituted under her leadership which have moved Salve into the top rank of institutions of its kind. Sister Lucille has made an impact in Rhode Island since her arrival in 1973 from St. Xavier College in Chicago. She serves on the board of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and is on the Executive Committee of the R.I. Independent Higher Education Association. The Governor of Rhode Island invited her to serve on the Postsecondary Education Commission, as well as to join the Rhode Island Commodores. Other boards on which she sits include the Newport Music Festival, Old Colony Cooperative Bank, and R.I. Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She is a charter member of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce Local Development Corporation and is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees. Sister Lucille was named "Woman of the Year" in 1981 by the Women's Division of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) since 1983.

The Brotherhood Dinner, which is NCCJ's major fund-raising event, will be held on Thursday, May 4, at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea. Among the Area Chairmen assisting State Chairman Grayboys, is Aquidneck Island Area Chairman John H. Ellis, Executive Vice President of Bank of Newport. Nicholas F. Vrabel, Executive Vice President of Eastland Bank, will be Northern Area Chairman in charge of three local divisions headed by William R. Bisson, President of Blackstone



James R. Winoker, President of B.B. Greenberg Co., has a distinguished record of voluntary community service in civic and charitable activities in addition to leadership positions in the areas of the arts, business, banking, trade associations and service organizations. He serves on the boards of such varied organizations as the R.I. Philharmonic, R.I. State Commodores, R.I. Partnership for Science and Technology, and the President's Council of Providence College. He is a trustee of the Jewish Federation of R.I. and of Brown University and is a director on the boards of the R.I. Public Expenditure Council, R.I. Hospital Trust Bank, and the R.I. Chamber of Commerce Federation. He is a past president of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and is a Founding Chairman of the Providence Industrial Develop-

ment Corp. and Founding President of the Jewelry Institute. A resident of Providence and Narragansett, Winoker graduated from Brown University and received an M.B.A. from Harvard Graduate School of Business. He was cited in 1986 by the *Ocean State Magazine* as the Rhode Island Businessman of the Year, and recently was appointed to the National Campaign Board of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum being constructed in Washington, D.C. He serves as a National Trustee on the National NCCJ Board, is active on the Executive Committee of the regional NCCJ Board of Trustees, and is a supporting member of the NCCJ National Society of Founders, a nationwide effort to ensure the long-term financial foundation for the continuation of NCCJ's services and programs. He served as chairman of the NCCJ Brotherhood Award Dinner in 1985.

## Elliot Norton Award

The newly formed Friends of Boston Theatre will present the Seventh Annual Elliot Norton Award at the Emerson Majestic Theatre on Monday, May 8 at 6 p.m., with a reception following.

Tony Award winner Maryann Plunkett will highlight the ceremony with excerpts from "Jane Eyre," the new musical adapted from Charlotte Bronte's novel. The new musical play has book and lyrics by Ted Davis and music by David Clark.

The Elliot Norton Award, established in 1982, is presented to that person who, during the preceding year, has made an outstanding contribution to theatre in the Greater Boston area.

The May 8th Gala will include the prestigious \$1000 Elliot Norton Award, with the coveted ribboned silver Medallion presented to the recipient. Theatre Award citations will also be given to Dr. Allen Koenig, president of Emerson College, and Robert Merowitz for the Wilbur Theatre.

American's dean of theatre critics, Elliot Norton, was recently elected to the Theater Hall of Fame at New York's Gershwin Theatre. Mr. Norton's long and distinguished career in the American theatre includes 48 years as drama critic for the Boston Post, Boston Record, and Boston Herald American. The only critic ever to win a Tony Award (1971), his other awards include the Boston College Citation of Merit, Rodgers & Hammerstein Award, George Jean Nathan Award in Dramatic Criticism, George F. Peabody Award for "Elliot Norton Reviews" on WGBH, appointment to the Pulitzer Prize Play Jury, and 10 honorary degrees from New England colleges and universities.

Immediately following the Award Ceremony, a reception will be held, sponsored by the Quality Inn. Associate Membership in Friends of Boston Theatre, including the May 8 presentation and gala reception, is \$25. Reservations can be made by calling 1-617-338-6643, or writing The Friends of Boston Theatre, 216 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116.

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# Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

# Finkelman Family Seder



Breaking the matzoh. Shown are Jeffrey and Charli Lurie.



The Finkelman Family Seder was the family's first Annual Passover Program at Temple Beth-El. Shown are Jonathan Thibault, Jodi, Alan, Jamie and Paula Finkelman, from left.



Julie Blain and her sixth-grade class present their part of the program.



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# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

## JFS Kosher Mealsite Entertained By Rabbi Rosenberg

Senior citizens in Cranston and Warwick who participate in the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite in Cranston enjoyed a recent day trip to the Inn at the Crossings in Warwick for a luncheon. Rabbi James B. Rosenberg entertained with his guitar and a medley of songs.

Nearly 100 seniors attended and were joined by Paul L. Segal, Jewish Family Service Executive Director and Bob Berkelhammer, President of Jewish Family Service. Gladys Kaplan, JFS Kosher Mealsite Coordinator arranged the trip with help from Toby Galli and Deborah Prinz of the JFS staff. The program was sponsored by an anonymous donor.

The JFS Mealsite in Cranston offers residents of Cranston and Warwick a hot kosher meal and an opportunity to socialize five days a week, Monday through Friday. On Fridays, a special Shabbat meal is served. Periodic day trips and special programs are offered. Transportation is available in Cranston and parts of Warwick. For information or to reserve a place, call Gladys Kaplan at 781-1771.



Harold Fishman pours coffee for his table.

## "Touro Fraternal Has New Headquarters Of Its Own"

A grand, grand opening for the members of Touro was a breakfast held on April 16 and every table was filled. The Touro staff taking on the kitchen duties were hard pressed to make sure that all were well taken care of and with all the bagels, etc. they were well satisfied. Only one word was heard all morning about the new building that is Touro's new home - "it is fantastic," "it will be the showplace of Rolfe Square," - a home not only will we be proud of, but the community also.

Do not forget that election of officers will be held at our new Touro Fraternal Hall located at 45 Rolfe Square from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on May 10. It was also such a good piece of news that the current board of directors has passed a raise in the benefit package so we do not have to wait for a new slate of officers to have to work on it as it was a long time in coming. An almost double amount just on the welfare package alone was announced as having passed.

What a job the current board has done. Student loan programs, the Touro Endowment Fund, the revision of and modernization of the constitution and bylaws and yes, brothers, our own new showplace headquarters. Our new chairman, Arthur Poulten, along

## Family Life Education Offers Help With Stepparenting Starting May 2

It isn't easy to become an instant family. Family Life Education of Jewish Family Service is offering a series of four workshops to help make stepparenting easier. "Stepping Into Stepparenting" will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays, May 2, May 9, May 16 and May 23 at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street in Providence.

The group will discuss aspects of forming a relationship when children are involved, handling the transition, meeting the needs of each individual and ideas for working together.

The fee is \$30 per individual or \$40 per couple. Pre-registration is required; call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244 to register or for more information. Registration for Family Life Education at JFS is open to all who wish to attend.



Pearl Scherer has a good laugh when she sees the photographer.

## Thirtysomething Workshops At Family Life Education Begin May 4

Tapes of the award-winning and controversial television drama, *thirtysomething* will be the stimulus for discussions during a three-part workshop sponsored by Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service. "Thirtysomething: Coming of Age within the Family" sessions will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on consecutive Thursdays, May 4, May 11 and May 18 at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street in Providence.

The focus will be issues of growing up, including coping with the death of a parent, marriage and divorce, and the single life.

The fee for the series is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple, which includes a videotape of three episodes of *thirtysomething*. Preregistration is required; call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244 to register or for more information. Registration for Family Life Education at JFS is open to all who would like to attend.



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## Touro Fraternal News

with vice chairman, Nathan Lury, make a great team and will work hard to lead Touro Fraternal Association to even greater history after 67 years as the largest independent Jewish Men's Fraternal Association in New England. Our membership drive has been off to a great start and Jewish men are asked to call our new phone number 785-0066 to ask about membership or write to Touro Fraternal Association, P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, RI 02910 to learn more about Touro.

At a Touro meeting you might find a mixture of business and

professional people. You will also find Touro represented by three or four generations of families. Yes, even after 67 years Touro remains as strong and even stronger than ever with a progressive association leadership. Be a part of Rhode Island Jewish tradition, become a member of Touro Fraternal Association. We can just say one thing about the current board of directors "keep up the good work." What a team of hard workers - how lucky Touro is! Join us, help us keep on growing, we want you as a member. You owe it to yourself to belong.

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Parents whose children have grown and left home will explore their options for exciting new beginnings at "The Best is Yet to Come," a three-part workshop conducted by Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street in Providence. The sessions will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on consecutive Wednesdays, May 3, May 10 and May 17 at Jewish

Family Service.

The group will focus on improving the quality of one's life, finding new activities and the issues involved in returning to the work force. Participants will examine the marriage relationship and relationships with extended family.

The fee is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple; and pre-registration is required; call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244 to register or for more information. Registration for Family Life Education at JFS is open to all who would like to attend.



## Seniors May Breakfast May 1

On Monday, May 1 at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, seniors are invited to a May Breakfast.

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**SAMUEL H. BOLUSKY**  
FALL RIVER, Mass. — Samuel H. Bolusky, 88, of 1197 Robeson Street, former owner of the Bolusky Furniture Co., died April 14 at the Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Ida (Schwartz) Bolusky. They had recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

A lifelong resident of the city, he was a son of the late Morris and Bessie (Dondis) Bolusky.

He was a member of Temple Beth El and the Watuppa Masonic Lodge.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Mervin Bolusky of Pawtucket; two daughters, Hilda Willner of Brooklyn and Marcia Pappert of Houston, Texas; two brothers, Harry Bolusky of Portsmouth, R.I. and Max Bolusky of Fall River; a sister, Edith Cohen of Fall River; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on

Sunday, April 16, at Fisher Memorial Chapel, Fall River, Mass. Burial was in the Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River.

**EVA FINKLESTEIN**  
EAST PROVIDENCE — Eva Finklestein, a resident of the Hattie Ide Chaffee Home, 200 Wampanoag Trail, died at the home April 21, 1989. She was the wife of the late Harry A. Finklestein.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham D. and Rachel (Rubin) Brier, she had lived in Providence most of her life and moved to East Providence in 1981.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its sisterhood, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for Aged, the Providence Chapter of Hadassah, and the Women's Association of Miriam Hospital.

She leaves a daughter Sandra Abrams of Providence; a brother, Herman Brier of Stoneham, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

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

**BARBARA S. WEISMAN**  
CRANSTON — Barbara S. Weisman, 54, of 112 Park Forest Rd., died April 20, 1989, at Newport Hospital after a two-week illness. She was the widow of Alfred Weisman.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of Ben and Rose (Klein) Kreger of North Miami, Fla. She had lived in Cranston for 17 years. She previously lived in Oceanside, N.Y.

She was a graduate of Adelphi University, Long Island, N.Y. She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston.

Besides her parents, she leaves two sons, Steven Weisman of Cranston and David Weisman of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; a sister, Diane Mass of Hyannis, Mass.

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

**UNVEILING**  
An unveiling will be held in memory of the late Manfred Hohenemser at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick on Sunday, May 7, 1989, at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

### Seminary

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was further felt that in each of those five years, students should not be required to take more than five different courses at any one time, for substantially the same reasons. Up to now, the Rabbinical School curriculum could be completed in anywhere from four to seven years, the rabbinical students were taking seven and eight courses a year.

### The Rabbinical School Seminar

One of the courses taken each year will be a seminar which integrates academic work with the development of religious depth and professional competence. Each seminar will be led by a faculty member who will assume special responsibility for the overall academic and religious growth of the students.

### The Field of Concentration

Students will also be required to concentrate in a particular field, chosen from Bible, Rabbinics, History, Literature, Philosophy or Education, or in an interdisciplinary concentration approved by the faculty. It was the consensus that this would lend greater depth to rabbinical students' academic training. The field of concentration will be pursued primarily in the last two years of the curriculum, after students have returned from the required (third) year in Israel. Academic departments will be formulating course and distribution requirements for concentrators in their fields.

### The Field Work Requirements

The final feature of the revised curriculum is the field work requirement of the last two years, which is intended to augment the requirement now in place and make it more rigorous. Year four will involve a general introduction to rabbinic work in the field through brief, rotating "observerships" and year five will see students committed for significant blocks of time to internships under rabbinic mentors in congregations and other institutions.

The program of supervised internships is being developed with the support of the Wexner Foundation. The internships themselves will be supported in part by The Jack and Pearl Resnick Rabbinic Fellows Fund.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of the late Hyman Blazer wishes to express their deep appreciation for the support and compassion expressed by all during their recent bereavement. A special thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Philip Baron for offering their home for shivah.

The Blazer Family

### Museum

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be hung on the walls of the museum.

Some other features of the exhibit will be ghetto money, a ghetto identification card, and the story, with photographs, of Chaim Rumkowski, a Jewish man, who was appointed by the Nazis as the official leader of Jews in the ghetto. There will also be a map of the ghetto with a list of the Rhode Island survivors and their Lodz addresses.

It is planned that this exhibit will remain open until September when it will be replaced by an exhibit on Auschwitz (September marks the fiftieth anniversary of Auschwitz).

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum and its garden is free and open to the public. It is located in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Groups wishing to tour the Museum or anyone who is interested in donating materials or time may call Beth Cohen at 861-8800.

### Whaling

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downtown Providence, the corporation's headquarters in Florida responded by stating they had no plans to change their policy on the matter because the countries in question were "not in violation of any international fishing laws."

It is exactly this sort of corporate ignorance which allows the perpetuation of illegal whaling. Perhaps Burger King would begin to reconsider if consumers not only boycotted the aptly-named "Whaler," but also the entire restaurant chain as well. Their policy is indefensible.

"I urge all consumers," said Perderzani, "to exercise their economic power to stop the senseless killing of these innocent creatures..."

Senator Perderzani is exactly right, and should be commended for his efforts. Action which will result in the cessation of illegal whaling on the part of Norway, Iceland, and Japan. With apparently no help coming from the George "I'm-a-conservationist" Bush administration, the responsibility for action has been placed totally and squarely upon the shoulders of states and individuals. This responsibility must be met, even if it means giving Burger King a Whopper of a headache in the process.



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Performances are Friday, May 12, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 13 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 14 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$21.50 to \$27.50. Call 421-ARTS, Ticketron outlets and Teletron at 1-800-382-8080.

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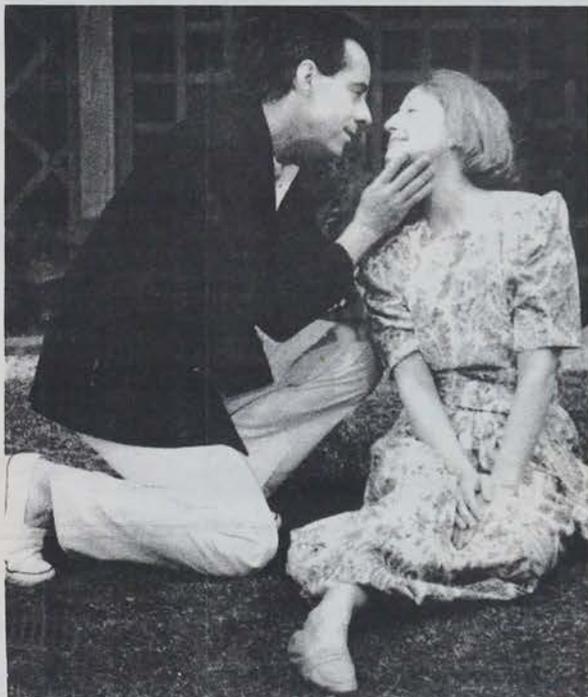
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## Trinity Rep's A Woman In Mind Reviewed



by V.B. Halpert

Although it is possible that even with first rate ingredients — fresh butter, eggs, sugar, good stirring and blending — a cake, once in the oven, can fail to rise or will fall flat, the likelihood is that the product will be a specimen of an ideal cake. The analogy can be extended. Given a soundly written and profoundly witty vehicle, expert direction, good sets, and splendid acting, a play, like a cake, can rise to ideality. To mix the metaphor, it will not only get off the proverbial ground, but will even soar into the clouds of theatrical history. Such indeed is the case with *Woman in Mind* by the British playwright, Alan Ayckbourn. Under the flawless direction of William Partlan and the excellent acting of the members of the cast, *Woman in Mind* is a shining little jewel set in the crown of Trinity successes.

The entire action of the play occurs in a garden. Robert D. Soule designed a set that is appealing and provocative. He was assisted with the landscaping by Richard Cascella of Cascella Landscaping.

When the play begins we find Susan, the protagonist, stretched out on the ground as Bill, a local physician, hovers anxiously over her. Bill is played by Brian McEleney who sympathetically doctors, fusses, klutzes and counter-klutzes over garden rakes and anything else available. His good acting balance and physical imbalance make him likeable.

Cynthia Strickland plays Susan, and, beyond all doubt, the piece is entirely hers. She brings Susan so vividly to life that the audience is completely caught up in the work from the first moment.

The narrative has to do with Su-

san's two lives: her externally real life and her interiorized fantasy life. Both lives are played out in the garden. It may be going beyond what Ayckbourn intended, but the temptation to see his garden as a metaphor for the first garden is irresistible. Susan creates for herself an ideal family: a daughter, played by Becca Lish, a younger brother, played by Andrew Mutnick, and an adoring husband, played by William Damkoehler. In contrast to her real family, who are hardly Edenic material, they seem ideal. In the other family David Kennet plays Gerald, the husband, a ramrod-stiff vicar who measures his every word; Geraldine Librandi plays Muriel, the spacey, interfering sister-in-law; and Michael Cobb plays Rick, the alienated son.

When the play opens, Dr. Bill is nervously trying to revive Susan who had knocked herself out by tripping on the garden rake. We are led into the fantasy by her conception that the garden is a vast and formal place. Dr. Bill keeps telling her that it is a quite small place, really. Enter the fantasy family. Skillful acting, particularly by Damkoehler, leads the audience to understand that there is something wrong here, for no husband is quite that uxoriously gentle and living. Daughter and brother as well, are a little too idyllically shining bright. They are only Edenic-seeming. Susan moves back and forth between her two families, interacting sweetly with her created family and tartly with her real family.

The serpent, when it lifts its head to strike does not, as one would expect, creep from the bosom of the real family, but from that of the created family. Brother Tony takes to hunting and carries

about a blood-stained sack. One suspects that he has shot a neighborhood dog. Daughter Lucy begins to try her mother's patience, and husband Andy begins to show a sadistic side.

In order to escape the aridity of her real life, Susan lives increasingly in her fantasy world. Ayckbourn seems to be saying that although fantasy is an intrinsic part of living, when we substitute it for reality, the mind's glue begins to give way. Susan's mental stability begins to teeter-totter, and progressive madness begins to take over. In the perfection of her garden she had been in control of the behaviour of her characters. The serpent is her loss of control over them. They start to torment her, driving her to the murky reaches of madness.

From a green thought in a green shade, her world plunges to black pitch. As the fantasized family becomes increasingly demonic, the earthly-real family becomes increasingly impotent, and at play's end the wail of an ambulance siren tells us that Susan, having been conquered by her demons, is being taken to a hospital. Eden blasted.

There is a marvelous interweaving of the real and the imagined throughout the play. The dog of the vicar's neighbor, for example, keeps running away. It is only too apparent that the object in Brother Tony's sack is probably the lost dog. Again, Susan's dream daughter is to be married, a situation conjoined with the information that Rick, Susan's real son, has been married for three months. (Lucy's wedding, by the way, disintegrates into a crazed horse-race event.) In the real world, Gerald has been writing a history of his parish, a history that goes back to 1329. Susan and her dream family make jokes about the year 1329. In Susan's real life she spends time watching television soaps because she is too sunk to do anything else. In her dream world Lucy praises her for being widely recognized as a novelist.

As demonstration of her debility Susan's first and last speeches in the play are a kind of gibberish. Listened to carefully, the gibberish becomes intelligible, for it consists of a kind of black punning achieved by the transposition of letters.

As she has been throughout the play, Strickland is magnificent in that last speech, and the combination of pathos and despair over the loss of her mind is heart-wrenching. The finely-tuned acting of the rest of the cast serves to make Susan's predicament stand out sharply. Kudos should go to Director William Partlan for still one more thing. Many times in the play the action could descend into noise and bombast — as in the horse-racing event. Partlan never yields to that temptation and never lets such degeneration happen. Whatever turmoil there is comes to us out of Susan's head.

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Ms. Karen Stein for purchasing 100 large-print Haggadahs for our residents to use in celebration of Seder.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wasserman for their donation of the flowers from their daughter, Lindsa Wasserman's Bat Mitzvah. There were enough

arrangements to grace all the dining tables at Seder.

Carmel Passover Brandy donated anonymously for the Synagogue.

Dr. Charles Levy for donating two much needed pieces of equipment for the Dental Clinic.

Paul Fraden for donating wine, as he does each year, for Passover.

## Dr. Aronson Outlines Impact Of Organic Dementia On Rhode Island



Renee Rose Shield, Ph.D.

Why is Alzheimer's disease a relatively rare phenomenon in developing nations like Nicaragua or India, while affluent Western nations are seeing the incidence of organic dementias grow alarmingly? In his presentation at the monthly Nursing Home Teaching Conference held at the Jewish Home on January 23, Stanley M. Aronson, M.D., MPH, said that the discrepancy is a demographic one: poor nations have high proportions of children

and few elderly whereas rich countries have large numbers of elderly and fewer children. Since Rhode Island has the 2nd highest proportion of elderly in the United States, the numbers of people suffering from this disease is soaring, and far outpaces the no-less tragic AIDS.

The former Dean of the Brown University Program in Medicine outlined how Alzheimer's disease "democratically" strikes all groups equally according to age, and additionally exerts an uncountable burden on each victim's family. Urging his audience of 100 nurses, social workers, physicians, and other professionals from long term care settings, to improve their care emphasized that research to prevent the disease is equally crucial. He reminded his audience that a \$4,000 iron lung machine for each polio victim is far less preferable than a 6¢ dose of vaccine that prevents the disease in the first place.

## Volunteer Wish List For 1989

Volunteers for the Tuesday wood-workers group in the comprehensive adult day care center. Pick up supplies, assist residents to and from the work shop and help participants on a one-to-one basis with their projects.

"Green Thumb" — a plant tender around the Home.

Library aides to take traveling cart up to the floors.

Two Thursday "donation volunteers" for the development office.

"Sing-along" piano and guitar players. Goal: Music every day on every floor... can we do it? This would require 35 volunteers but even one more volunteer coming once a week playing on one floor is a start.

Typist for dietary on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Additional volunteers for assisting recreational therapy staff with activities on the floors.

Shabbat services co-ordinator. Time requirement - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each Friday to time-share with current coordinator.

Student interns. The Home offers a variety of program and project possibilities and will work with you and your advisor. Volunteers in various capacities are always needed. We also welcome YOUR ideas for new programs to fit our ever changing and growing needs. For more information call Bonnie Ryvicker, Director of Volunteers, at 351-4750, ext. 60.

## "Murder At Rutherford House"

*Murder At Rutherford House*, the wildly successful English drawing-room murder mystery thriller, has moved uptown to the Omni Parker House at the corner of Tremont and School Streets in Boston for a limited engagement.

*Murder At Rutherford House* is a unique theatrical production which will have you guessing whether the person sitting at the table next to you is simply another patron, a victim or the murderer! The zany cast of characters, many of whom are new to the production, perform among the guests while diners may actively participate or simply observe.

The stage is now set for murder, mystery and mayhem. A thrilling night of dinner theatre with a difference begins as the audience slowly becomes intertwined in the suspenseful plot.

Performances are Thursday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. including dinner. Matinees: Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. including brunch. (As of May 13, Saturday's performances will be at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. with no matinee.) Performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings: \$39.50. Saturday and Sunday matinee: \$29.95. For reservations, call the Omni Parker House at 1-617-720-0108. Tickets available at Ticketron, 1-617-720-3434. For group sales, call 1-617-426-6444.

## "I Didn't Think I'd Ever Get Out Of That Wheelchair"

As they walk a bit together down the hall, Joanne Stenovitch, R. N., remembers Ida Levy when she first came to the fourth floor in 1987. The Doctors had offered little hope of Mrs. Levy ever walking again. "I didn't think I'd ever get out of that wheelchair," says Mrs. Levy, "now I have a new goal... my own apartment over at Shalom."

It was with great determination and hard work that Mrs. Levy was able to walk a few laps around the floor each day with the guidance of two of the Home's physical therapists. "She gradually progressed to a walker and then a cane, and now takes care of herself on the first floor annex" reports Linda Silva, the physical therapist who's been working with Mrs. Levy. Mrs. Levy continues to receive physical therapy three times a week doing stair training, exercises and bicycle riding.

"We nurses are used to seeing residents go the other way — from walking to wheelchair, but Ida was able to get herself out of a wheelchair to walking with a cane" Joanne joyfully notes. "It's a true morale lifter for each of us when a resident persists and makes such wonderful progress."



## "She Had A Good Day Today"



Irma McNally was a resident in the annex until she fractured her hip this past fall. Due to complications Mrs. McNally has been unable to ambulate independently. She is receiving physical therapy daily and is now ambulating with her walker and with close supervision. "We are happy to report that she is starting to walk on her floor with supervision," reports Judy Fernald, Rehabilitation Therapy Director.

Aide Simiola (Simi) T. Ogundare, remembers Mrs. McNally from when she was in the annex, before she fell, when she was "independent and very much in control of her own life." "After she returned from the hospital she had a lot of bad days, it was very hard on her. Today she walked with the walker in Physical Therapy and now we are helping her to walk right here on the second floor. She had a good day today — it's good to see her happy and strong the way she used to be."

## Calendar Of Events

All events are held at the Jewish Home in the Chase Memorial Auditorium unless otherwise noted.

Women's Association Board Meeting. Wednesday, May 3, at 12:30.

Nursing Home Teaching Conference. A monthly conference open to all nursing home care providers; RN's, aides, LPN's, physicians, social workers and volunteers, as well as clergy, pharmacists, and attorneys who have elderly clients. Monday, May 22, 1989, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lunch served to those who R.S.V.P. by 3 p.m. the Friday prior to conference. Call Sandra at 351-4750, ext. 15. Topic: Nosocomial Pneumonia in the Nursing Home. Speaker: John Boyce, M.D.

Family Night. Open to all relatives of Jewish Home residents, Tuesday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments. Please R.S.V.P. Sandra, 351-4750, ext. 15.

Jewish Home's 57th Annual Meeting. Tuesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Sandra at 351-4750, ext. 15.

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