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The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Videotaped Oral Histories Will Preserve Holocaust Eyewitness Accounts In United States Holocaust Museum

by Dara Goldberg

WASHINGTON, D.C. — One day Holocaust survivors, liberators and rescuers will no longer be alive to describe their experiences during the horror-filled years in Nazi Europe. On videotape, however, their eyewitness accounts and courageous stories will be preserved for posterity.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's newly established Oral History department produces and collects video testimonies of Holocaust survivors, rescuers, witnesses and liberators. Portions of these testimonies will be incorporated into Museum exhibitions and educational programs; the unedited videotapes will be housed in the Museum's archives, serving as a resource for scholarly research.

Dr. Linda Gordon Kuzmack, the recently appointed director of the Museum's Oral History department, noted that every Museum visitor will "meet" Holocaust survivors, liberators and rescuers through videotaped testimonies. "Video testimonies," she said, "have the power to reach people on a far more personal level than any textbook. These oral histories should make a significant contribution to the way we know and understand the Holocaust."

In addition to producing its own video testimonies, the department is collecting duplicates of oral histories from institutions with existing collections. Among the oral history projects that have donated their videotapes to the Museum to date are the Holocaust Eyewitness Project of

Washington, D.C.; the U.C.L.A./1939 Documentation Project of the University of California at Los Angeles; the Fred Roberts Crawford Witness to the Holocaust Project at Emory University in Atlanta; the Christian Rescuers Oral History Project, produced by Malka Drucker and Gay Bloch of Calif.; and the American Jewish Archives.

"To create our own video collection is a massive undertaking," Kuzmack said. "Currently, we are searching for survivors, rescuers, liberators and witnesses to come forward and tell their stories."

"We are not only interested in recording Holocaust experiences; we would also like to ask survivors how they rebuilt their lives in the United States after the Holocaust."

Kuzmack expressed her gratitude to the 65,000 members of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and to community groups across the nation that have agreed to cooperate in locating Holocaust survivors. "Without their help we could not hope to reach the extensive network of survivors across the United States and abroad."

Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and chairman of the Museum's Content Committee, has played an instrumental role in creating the Oral History department.

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Nikolay Belinsky: "The Bard of Perestroika"

by Karen J. Burstein

Belinsky is more than a talented singer of opera or bards. He is a man with a mission, a vision, a destiny. The outcome of his life [in] the West is not merely a matter of a personal pursuit for excellence in his career in order to obtain fame and fortune. Rather, he is possessed of an awareness that the outcome of his life [in] the West is being observed and will result in encouragement or discouragement to his countrymen in Russia who at this writing continue the struggle for freedom from the evil power of oppression.

Thus concludes William Silbert's summarized background of Nikolay Belinsky: singer, bard and political refugee. Called the "Bard of Perestroika" by the Russian magazine *Glasnost*, Belinsky's unyielding political principles kept him in the Soviet Union for eight long years of persecution, and finally got him out.

Belinsky's rich baritone filled the hall of Highland Court on Monday night. He performed with intensity, singing arias, folk music and Gershwin in French, Italian, Russian, Ukrainian and English. It was not only his first concert in the western world but also his first since 1981, when his eight years of persecution began.

In response to Belinsky's outspokenness concerning the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the KGB and other Soviet authorities initiated a smear campaign against the singer. They succeeded in placing obstacles between Belinsky and his budding career in film and opera.

After graduating from the Odessa Conservatory of Music in 1981, Belinsky was unable to continue his work in the opera due to this persecution. He began performing



Nikolay Belinsky

with guitar, singing old Russian love songs. But this too was quickly halted through the Soviet authorities' efforts to thwart his career.

Through his contagious smile and piercing blue eyes, Belinsky's physical scars bear witness to this blatant governmental oppression. He was perpetually psychologically and physically attacked; he was institutionalized and imprisoned. He underwent long hunger strikes protesting governmental oppression of its own people. During his first hunger strike Belinsky returned his passport to the Kremlin, a very passionate and dangerous gesture repudiating the authorities. In the Soviet Union, a passport is one's license to travel and to obtain work and housing.

"My mother told me I would never emigrate, that I must give up my dream," says Belinsky. "But I was sure in a short time I would go to America. I knew through God."

He was right. Three months ago the singer came to the East Side of Providence after years of seeking permission to emigrate. Initially brought over by the Tolstoy Foundation of Woonsocket, Belinsky met many people from the private sector who have aided him in settling.

"Mr. Silbert is the first person who researched my case and perfectly understood my situation," explained Belinsky in his thick Russian accent. Pianist Diana Smirnov was instrumental in helping him launch the rebirth of his career in this country. She introduced him to Silbert, and together they arranged the concert at Highland Court. Smirnov accompanied Belinsky during rehearsals and at the concert.

Members of the Jewish communities in both the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. have provided indispensable aid to Belinsky, he explains. "I

have many Jewish friends from Odessa and Moscow. They have helped me very much."

Belinsky's "destiny," as he and others refer to it, has encompassed several Soviet Jews, two of whom saved his life. A Jewish doctor treated his nephritis which he contracted at the age of 14, and then nursed him back to health as though he were her son. Later, the famous Russian doctor, Professor Sergei Geshelin removed three suspicious tumors from his right leg at no charge.

In 1984 Belinsky received the help of a Jewish psychologist, Victor Lanovoi to make him aware of the emotional and psychological methods used by the KGB and Police.

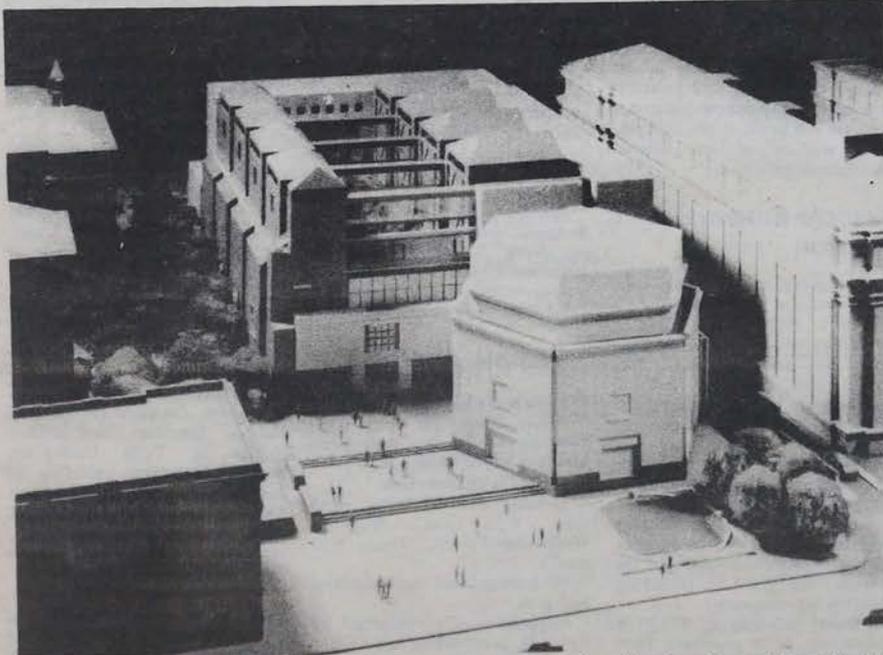
In April of 1988 a Jewish friend, Efim Lavishuc, brought papers from the Israeli Embassy in Holland requesting that the Soviet Government release Belinsky, which the Soviet Authorities ignored. Lavishuc now lives in this country, but Belinsky is waiting to contact him. He wants to be financially secure enough to help his friend in return.

"This is my duty," states Belinsky. "If I were thinking only about myself I would perish." Here, he intends to set an example for other artists and political dissidents who are undergoing persecution in the Soviet Union.

He continues, "In Russia today it is most difficult to choose the right way. The government creates obstacles. There is much lying." Belinsky wrote a letter to Soviet President Gorbachev to that effect in 1987.

Belinsky himself developed his political principles largely through Russian Poets such as Lermontov, Esenin, Stus, and Jewish poet

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The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, a new national landmark, will be only 400 yards from the Washington Monument. At the heart of the National Mall, it will stand as a reminder and warning of civilization's dark side.

Local News

Congregation Ohave Sholam

Services this Friday evening will begin at 7:55 p.m. Saturday morning services, followed by Kiddush will be at 9 a.m. The Rabbi will give Mishnah class at 7 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Mincha will be at 7:45 p.m., followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Maariv will be at 8:45 p.m. Havdalah will be at 8:55 p.m.

The schedule of services this week will be as follows: Morning, Sunday 7:45 a.m., Monday and Thursday 6:40 a.m., Wednesday 6:30 a.m. (Rosh Hodesh marking the beginning of the nine days) and Friday 6:50 a.m. Evenings, 7:50 p.m. daily.

On Wednesday evening August 2, Rabbi Jacobs will continue his class in beginning Talmud at 8:30 p.m.

Summer is a time of planning for the following year for adult and youth programs. Any member or prospective member interested in making our synagogue a vibrant one can call 724 3552. All Jews (no matter what affiliation) are welcome.

Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, July 28 - 25 days in the month of Tammuz. Candlelighting, 7:49 p.m. The Minchah service, 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, July 29 - 26 days in Tammuz. The Torah readings for this Shabbath are P'Martot and P'Masee. Ethics of the Fathers #6. Morning services are at 8:30 a.m. Kiddush follows the morning service. Minchah is at 7:50 p.m. The Third Meal is, as usual, right after Minchah with (songs), Z'miroth. Maariv will be at 8:40 p.m. The Sabbath is over today at 8:51 p.m. Havdalah service is at 9 p.m. Minchah for the entire week is at 7:50 p.m. Monday and Thursday morning services at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning services at 6:45 a.m.

Tuesday, August 2, is Rosh Chodosh Av - one day only. Morning services are at 6:15 a.m., promptly.

Thursday, August 10, is the Fast of Av - which concludes the three weeks of mourning.

The Meaning Of The Cycle Of Life

All living things - human beings, beasts, insects, flowers - must one day die. To be alive means to bear within oneself the seeds of death. To avoid death means not to have lived at all.

The Jewish religion teaches us to face this final event in the cycle of life with strength and fortitude. Our sages have pondered the meaning of death and have taught us the lesson of continuing to live and to serve G-d and humanity despite the loss of our loved ones.

Judaism teaches us first to honor and respect our parents when they are alive - it is so written in the Ten Commandments. Only after we have attended to this Mitzvah can we honestly revere the memory of

dear beloved ones when they pass away.

Reverence for the dead was displayed by our forefather Abraham when he bought a burial place for his wife, Sarah. The cave of Machpelah became the burial area for Abraham and Sarah, Issac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah.

This attitude of reverence and respect has been handed down from generation to generation. We observe our Yahrzeits and hold Yiskor services in the synagogue, visit graves of loved ones during Elul.

When a person dies, the first words said by those who hear the news are BARUKH DAYAN EMET - "Blessed be the true judge." For while death is tragic, we accept it as the decree of an all-wise and all-understanding G-d who rules His world in mercy and wisdom. The funeral procession is simple and dignified. No flowers are permitted. The Jewish cemetery is also known as the BET HAYYIM, the House of Eternal Life.

After the coffin has been covered with earth, spaded in by family and friends, the famous prayer KEL-MALE-RAHAMIN ("O G-d full of mercy") is recited and then the Kaddish by the sons of the deceased. The Kaddish speaks of the greatness of G-d, of everlasting peace when the Messiah will come. Males say Kaddish for the full year.

When the mourners return home, they are given a hard-boiled egg, symbol of life in the midst of death. The bereaved sit on low stools for the seven days of mourning - Shivah. Services are conducted in the home during this week. For the first year, mourners refrain from pleasures and amusements.

About one year after the death, a tombstone is unveiled and once again friends and relatives gather to pay honor. Every year thereafter, the anniversary is observed at home and in the synagogue. A memorial candle, usually set in glass, is lit at sunset; it will not go out until the next sunset. This day is Yahrzeit, and is one of the most widely observed Jewish customs in the world, crossing the barriers of Orthodoxy, Reform, and Conservatism.

These customs while they vary from land to land, from community to community, and even from family to family, all serve a three-fold purpose: to fill our lives with the dignity and self-respect of honorable human beings; to show our attachment to our faith and to our people; and to express our belief in the goodness and wisdom of an Eternal, All-Knowing G-d.

Temple Emanuel-Newton

On Sunday, August 13, at 7 p.m. there will be a workshop, Left Brain + Right Brain: Keys to Creativity and Effectiveness. This will be an intensive, fun, experiential program, full of immediately useful insights and tools for your work and personal life.

This is a program sponsored by the Suburban Jewish Singles of Temple Emanuel, Newton.

7 p.m. Summer Nosh, 7:45 p.m. program followed by refreshments. To be held in the vestry of the Temple, 385 Ward St. (Enter by Ashford Rd. entrance).

Further information 332-5770. Admission, \$5.00 members; \$6.00 nonmembers. Age, 30-50.

Jewish Television in Rhode Island

Jewish Programming On Interconnect Channels

Channel 49 in every city except those served by Heritage Cable (Lincoln, Woonsocket).

Heritage Cable station 57.

Air Times

Thursday evenings 7 p.m., Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.

NEW YORK, NY - Adventure travel in Israel is the focus of the August edition of "Jewish Television Magazine," the monthly magazine-format program produced by the Council of Jewish Federations. In this segment, a group of visitors 'uncover their roots' on an archeological dig at the Citadel of David in the Old City of Jerusalem and experience the thrill of holding pieces of pottery from which people ate during the time of the prophet Isaiah.

The second segment of the program features an interview with actress Liv Ullmann, who recounts the moving story of how her grandfather was imprisoned by the Nazis at Dachau for trying to help the Jews in Norway during the World War II, and tells how his life and values have influenced her own.

Another segment reveals how Israel's elderly population are leading productive and fulfilled lives - by putting their hands to good use.

The monthly programs which make up the "Jewish Television Magazine" series, now in its fourth

year, are made available to Jewish Federations affiliated with the Council of Jewish Federations, which then obtain air time on their local television stations.

The host of "Jewish Television Magazine" is film and television actor Stephen Macht, best known to viewers for his portrayal of David Keeler on the CBS-TV show, "Cagney and Lacey."

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.

Senior Journal Programs

PROVIDENCE - Naomi Craig of Providence, chairperson of The Senior Journal production group, has announced the broadcast schedule for August and September programming.

August 1 to 11: "Elderly Abuse," hosted by Craig and featuring Joyce Hall of the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA).

August 14 to 25: "Answering Our Legal Problems," hosted by Gus Anthony of Providence and featuring Attorney John Smollins of the DEA.

August 28 to September 8: "Killing Myself with Medication," hosted by Anthony and featuring Dr. Marcia Fretwell of the geriatric medicine department at Roger Williams General Hospital.

September 11 to 22: "Hospice Care of Rhode Island," hosted by Lee Chalek of Coventry and featuring Dr. Harold McDuff, Charles Anderson, and Judith Gordon of Hospice Care.

September 25 to October 6: "Tai Chi Chuan," hosted by Shirley Kervick of Warren and featuring Bob Mathieu, tai chi chuan instructor.

The Senior Journal is broadcast over the statewide microwave interconnect system (channel 49 or 50), Monday through Thursday at 11:30 a.m. and Friday at 9:30 p.m. The Senior Journal is produced by volunteers age 60 and older.

The Senior Journal is written produced, and directed by senior volunteers. Programs are sponsored by the R.I. Department of Elderly Affairs and Dimension Cable Television in Providence.

Temple Am David

Schedule of Services

Friday, July 28, 6:15 p.m.; Saturday, July 29, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, July 30, 8:15 p.m.

Daily Services

Monday and Thursday, 6:45 a.m., 6:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:00 a.m., 6:15 p.m.

All Sundays and legal holidays, 8:15 p.m.

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

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will go Wednesday, August 9, to Starlight Dinner Theatre, Georgetown, Mass. Musical revue by Carousel Theatre Co.

On August 16 a picnic will be held at Masonic Park, Buttonwoods. Transportation will be on your own.

On September 7 members will go to Wright's Farm, Harrisville, R.I. Lunch will be served at noon. Bingo and prizes to be given.

Hornstein Program At Brandeis To Hold Distinguished Leaders Institute

"Great Conflicts in Jewish History," will be the theme of the ninth annual Distinguished Leaders Institute at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., July 30-August 1. The program brings together over 50 Jewish communal leaders from around the world to meet with one another and to study with members of the Brandeis faculty and distinguished visiting scholars. The institute is sponsored by the Benjamin S. Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service and made possible through the generosity of Norton Sherman and the George and Beatrice Sherman Family Charitable Trust.

This year's seminar will feature presentations by Reuven Kimelman, associate professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis; Samuel T. Lachs, chairman of the department of History and Religion at Bryn Mawr College; David Ariel, president of the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies; Jehuda Reinharz, professor of Modern Jewish History and director of the Tauber Institute at Brandeis; Joel Rosenberg, associate professor of Hebrew literature and Judaic studies at Tufts University; Bernard Reisman, professor of Jewish Communal Studies and director, Hornstein Program at Brandeis; and Gerald Showstack, associate professor of Jewish Communal Studies at Brandeis.

The Hornstein Program at Brandeis is the only graduate program at a secular university which prepares men and women for professional careers in Jewish communal service and Jewish education.

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Touro Synagogue To Mark 225th Anniversary



NEWPORT — This year marks the 225th anniversary of the dedication of Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I. To commemorate this extraordinary anniversary, a full weekend of activities and parties will take place beginning at sundown, August 18, and continuing through Sunday afternoon, August 20.

Highlighting the weekend event will be a Black Tie Ball Saturday night, August 19, at 9 p.m. at the Viking Hotel, 1 Bellevue Avenue. Music for the ball will be provided by the Ralph Stuart orchestra.

Several hundred guests are slated to attend from Boston, Newport and as far away as Ohio. A large contingent of members is coming from New York, headed by the President of the Friends of Touro Synagogue, Mr. Burton Fischler.

Richard Carbotti of Perfect Surroundings, a Newport-based special events design firm, will use curly willow branches, gold and silver decorations, flowers and

"thousands of white lights to transform the Viking's ballroom into a twinkling forest."

As an added attraction, guests of the ball will also attend a gallery opening. Mr. Carbotti will create a gallery setting within the ballroom in which genuine historic artifacts relating to the history of Touro Synagogue will be on display. Included will be such items as: the famous letter from George Washington presented to the congregation in 1790, an original Gilbert Stuart portrait, and an ancient matzoh board. Historic prints of the Synagogue will also be shown.

The Friends of Touro Synagogue, in conjunction with Congregation Jeshuat Israel and the Touro National Heritage Trust are hosting the 225th anniversary weekend.

Chairman for the weekend is Mr. Aaron J. Slom, assisted by Co-chairs Mrs. Jack M. Werner, Rabbi Chaim Shapiro (Worship Chairman), Mrs. Elie Cohen and

Mrs. Herbert Epstein, all Newporters.

At 6 p.m. on Friday, August 18, a traditional sabbath service will be held in the main sanctuary of the synagogue, followed by a late service to be led jointly by Cantor Bernard Beer and Touro's own Rabbi Chaim Shapiro.

Saturday activities include a 9 a.m. service, a 3 p.m. talk by Rabbi Shapiro on the history of Touro and, at 4 p.m., a walking tour of historic points of interest in the area.

Sunday at 11 a.m. is the Society of Friends' brunch. At 2 p.m., Mr.

Fred W. Friendly, internationally renowned journalist and television news pioneer, is scheduled to address the group prior to the annual reading of the historic George Washington letter.

Tickets for the weekend are currently on sale from the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro Street, Newport at 401-847-4794. Benefactor's tickets cost \$500 per couple or \$250 per single; patron's tickets cost \$225 per couple or \$112.50 per single. Tickets provide entry into all events for the weekend.



Touro Synagogue Interior

Teen Suicide Occurring Around The Clock

In the next sixty minutes fifty-seven adolescents will attempt a suicide. By the end of the day, eighteen will have succeeded in taking their own lives.

Teenagers who are depressed, withdrawn or using drugs or alcohol may be at risk of hurting themselves every hour of every day. To find out if a teenager you know is in trouble, call KID NET 1-800-KID-NET-1.

A trained counselor will help you assess the situation and recommend the right resources in your area where you can get the assistance and support you need. All calls are free and confidential.

Help is only a phone call away at 1-800-KID-NET-1.

Arthritis Foundation Rhode Island Chapter Support Group Self Help Course

The Arthritis Foundation, Rhode Island Chapter will hold a Support Group meeting on Thursday, July 27, 1989, at 7 pm in the Foundation office, 850 Waterman Avenue, East Providence. Anyone with arthritis, family members, and/or guests are welcome. The meeting is open to the public and is wheelchair accessible.

The next Self Help Course sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, Rhode Island Chapter will run on Wednesday, August 2, 1989 to Wednesday, September 6, 1989. Each class will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Foundation office. The Self Help Course will address a variety of issues relevant to persons with arthritis. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. Call the Foundation office, 434-5792, by July 26, 1989.

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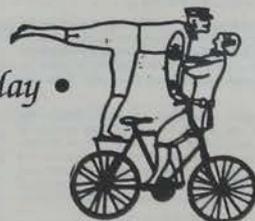
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Opinion

A Student Speaks For Choice

by Tj Feldman

July 3, 1989, the day the Supreme Court turned back the clocks on women's reproductive rights. That is precisely what happened and as an avid supporter of the pro-choice movement, I am disgusted and appalled by the Supreme Court's decision. However, I am terrified of what this means for the future of the America's women. At the same time the Supreme Court's decision was unclear in many ways and I think it is important to understand exactly what the decision states, in order to be able to give it some clear definition. It is only with a clear understanding of this decision that we can act upon it in order to protect our reproductive rights, and as women we have an obligation to protect our rights, now that the Supreme Court no longer will.

The Supreme Court did not directly overrule *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision which guaranteed and made legal a woman's right to an abortion. However, in the sixteen years since the decision the pro-life forces in the United States have gained strength and they have used state legislatures in order to get measures passed restricting such things as the use of state funds and state funded facilities for abortions. These kinds of measures are what finally came to the legal forefront as the Supreme Court heard evidence in April in the case of *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services*, a Missouri clinic which performs abortions. Reproductive Health Services challenged a 1986 Missouri law restricting access to abortion. The Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Missouri law giving states the ability to restrict a woman's right to abortion.

Fay Wattleton, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America had the best words for summing up the Supreme Court's

decision. She said, "Now, a woman's access to abortion will become hostage to geography as states enact a patchwork of laws aimed at blocking abortions." This is precisely what will happen, because in the wake of this decision legislators and those running for elected offices will be forced to confront the abortion decision and to either protect women's rights or to risk women's wrath by trying to restrict our rights. It is certain that other states will quickly take steps to pass a law resembling that of Missouri's. The precise restrictions in the Missouri law which the Supreme Court upheld were the following, a public hospital ban: "public hospitals or other taxpayer supported facilities may not be used for performing abortions not necessary to save life, even if no public funds are expended." The Missouri law also includes measures for a public employees ban: "Public employees, including doctors, nurses, and other health care providers may not perform or assist an abortion not necessary to save a woman's life." The law also includes a measure for viability testing which states, "Medical tests must be performed on any fetus at least twenty weeks old to determine its viability."

Justice Harry A. Blackmun who dissented on the decision stated, "I fear for the future. I fear for the liberty and equality of the millions of women who have lived and come of age in the sixteen years since *Roe* was decided. I fear for the integrity of, and public esteem for this Court." Justice Blackmun's words echo those of many pro-choice who realize that bitter days lay ahead.

The Supreme Court has now made it impossible to avoid a state to state battle. Both pro-life and pro-choice have said that they are prepared to fight. This desire to fight will be crucial since the Supreme Court's agenda for the next term includes three additional abortion related cases. The actual fallout of this decision will be felt in the months to come, and the years ahead will be ones of struggle as women fight their way back from this blow to their decision making abilities.

As a woman who will be a college student at American University in Washington, D.C., next year, I know that I will put a great deal of energy into protecting women's rights to an abortion, I hope that others, too, will see the crucial need to mobilize for this cause.

Author's note: All facts and quotes taken from July 4, 1989, edition of the New York Times.

How Probable Is A 1989 War In The Middle East?

by Emanuel A. Winston

Very!! There is a growing concern among Western intelligence agencies that Syria, Iraq and Iran are preparing a surprise attack this summer against Israel. So many events predict that this will happen, one must look hard for reasons that speak otherwise.

Syria: President Hafez Assad - failing in health due to a heart condition, desperately wants to reclaim the Golan Heights before he dies. Assad views the diplomatic success of P.L.O. President Yasser Arafat, whom he detests, as a calamity for Syria. He understands that if Israel, under pressure from the U.S., gives the Palestinians a mini-state in the West Bank, Jordan will fall soon thereafter. Jordan, in control of the radical P.L.O., becomes a strong hostile state on Assad's southern border. Assad would defeat this eventuality if he could re-capture the Golan. He would also expand his power in the region, leading to his goal of a "Greater Syria."

How then is this possible?

Assad of Syria has 10 military divisions (armor and missiles) in battle-ready condition on the Golan Heights against one division of manned Israeli armor. Syria now has CW (Chemical Warfare) capability mounted on Soviet missiles. Such gas or chemical missiles would delay mobilization of Israel's civilian army as well as causing high casualties and panic in the cities. During that delay, Syria would pour armor and troops through the Golan along with the armies in Lebanon's Bek'a Valley.

Iraq would definitely be part of the attack. Those who do not understand the vagaries of the Middle East, might assume that the enmity between Syria and Iraq would keep them from a concerted effort against Israel. Wrong! Iraq could launch their attack through bordering Jordan. Remember that Iraq has been supplying Jordan with tanks and other equipment captured from Iran. Jordan could not stop the large battle-hardened army of Iraq from flowing through Jordan.

Saddam Hussein, called "the Butcher of Baghdad" has demonstrated no restraint in the use of chemical and gas warfare against both Iraq's civilian Kurdish population and in his 8 year war against Iran. West Germany is charged with helping Iraq develop its SAAD-16 missile.¹

Lebanon is now being converted into a large repository of weapons and soldiers of several nations, Syrians, Iranians, Iraqis and thousands of Lebanese and Palestinian fighters. Syria is reinforcing itself in Lebanon with troops and armor presumably to be used against Christians and Iraqis. Iraq is landing tanks via ships in Lebanon, supposedly to assist the Christians against the Syrians. Radio-Free Lebanon states that a regular Iranian battalion (to be joined by two more battalions) has been deployed in Lebanon² to support the Syrians.³ P.L.O. Chairman Yasser Arafat has established a 3500 man Palestine Army in South Lebanon as the core of a regular army for a future independent Palestine.³

A blind man can see that a deal has been cut. Lebanon will be a staging area and a jumping off spot

Letters To The Editor

Witnesses Sought To Nazi Crimes In Lithuania

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Australian government has requested assistance from the World Jewish Congress in the investigation of suspects involved in Nazi war crimes in Lithuania during World War II.

To aid in the investigation, Australian authorities are seeking survivors of the following towns and cities of Lithuania who have personal knowledge of the killing and persecution of Jews in those areas:

Alsizdizai (Alsizad), Balberiskis (Balbirishok), Joniskis (Yanishok), Krakinava (Krakinova), Kuzai (Kuzi), Linkuve, Pakruojis (Poukroy), Pasvalys (Posvol), Radviliskis (Radvilishouk), Rietavas (Riteve), Semelishkes (Semilshouk), Utena (Utyan), Vilkija (Vilki), Zagare (Zager), Kupiskis (Kupishok), Alytus (Alite), Deguciai, Kaissiodorys (Kashedar), Kretinga (Kretingen), Lazdijai (Lazdey), Malitai (Maliat), Panevezys

(Pounivez), Rakistais, Raseiniai (Rasseyin), Rokiskis (Rakishok), Ukmerge (Vilkomir), Vievis (Veviya), Zasliai (Zasle), Ziezmariai (Zezmer).

(Where Yiddish names are available, they are given in parentheses after the Lithuanian spelling.)

In addition, specific information is needed about the Nazi-allied Lithuanian group known as Ypatinga Burys (also known as the Vilnius Sonderkommando) involved in killings at Ponary (Panerai) near Vilna.

Individuals who can be of assistance in this matter are asked to contact:

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The Australian government has assured that all information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence.

To The Editor:

Like many visitors to Israel this summer, I was travelling through the Judean Hills outside of Jerusalem just after the most recent bus attack by an Arab from Gaza. As I watched the heroic rescue attempts by the Israelis present at the scene I began to wonder who was really responsible for this most recent violence? Was it a crazed Arab, who not unlike many of his brethren, base their hatred of the Jews on religious as well as on nationalistic reasons, or perhaps the responsibility for this attack rests on the government of Israel, a government that cannot and will not protect its people from daily episodes of terrorism.

It is a government that has created an exile for its own people inside its own territory. Any government that cannot or will not protect its populace must be

replaced by one that can. The starting point for this new government must be the expulsion of all of those Arabs who refuse to acknowledge the legitimacy and sovereignty of the Israeli government over all of the land including the West Bank and Gaza. The Jewish people's claim to all of the land is not based on historical longevity but rather is solely based on the divine promise given to Abraham as fully set forth in the Bible, the world's oldest legal document that applies as well in our own time as it did at the dawn of history. Anyone wishing to challenge the veracity of G-d's promise to the chosen people may someday soon have the misfortune of absorbing a hostile population that Israel is forced to expel.

Karen Dub
Providence, R.I.

To The Editor:

It was heartening to read about the possibility of eradicating hunger. I was also pleased to see Alan Feinstein receiving the recognition he deserves for his support of the Brown University World Hunger Program.

I was privileged to be able to attend the World Hunger Award ceremony some weeks ago. James Grant, executive director of UNICEF, and the recipient of this year's award, spoke movingly about the deaths of 40,000 children every day to malnutrition and disease — deaths that are easily preventable. It was inspiring to hear him describe some of the simple low-cost methods that could save the lives of the majority of those children. He mentioned a simple 15¢ packet of chemicals called Oral Rehydration Therapy that prevents dehydration from diarrhea, the world's leading killer of children.

The work done by the World Hunger Program at Brown, and by similar institutions worldwide, has revealed to anyone willing to listen that hunger could be ended within a generation if the political will to do it could be found.

A group here in Rhode Island is working to create the political will to end hunger and to have the recommendations of experts such as those at Brown implemented as

part of our nation's foreign assistance program. The group, appropriately called RESULTS, is an international grass roots lobby on hunger issues. RESULTS has an active group in Rhode Island that meets regularly in Newport and Providence.

The main legislative initiative of RESULTS is the Global Poverty Reduction Act, a bill which requires the President to formulate a plan whereby U.S. development assistance would contribute measurably to eradicating the worst aspects of global poverty by the year 2000. RESULTS is also supporting funding for low-income housing in the form of tenant cooperatives and for nutritional supplementation programs for pregnant women and young children. People interested in learning more about the organization can call me at 849-8369.

Education about hunger is a crucial first step. Alan Shawn Feinstein has generously provided funding to make that possible in Rhode Island. However, information alone has little value if it does not lead to action. For those who hear the call for the political will to end hunger, I invite you to join our work.

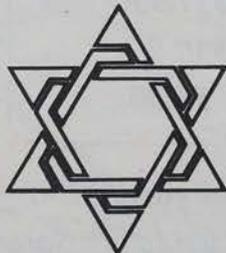
Michael Rubinstein

To The Editor:

I am a food writer and author of *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen* and am currently working on a new book about the social history of Jewish food in the United States. I am particularly interested in learning of anecdotes from your readers about Jewish cooks in your

community as well as any information about old Jewish cookbooks. Readers may write to me at 4221 Lenore Lane, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.

Joan Nathan



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Congregation B'nai Israel



Installed as president of Congregation B'nai Israel recently was Dr. Harris D. Harnick, center, receiving the gavel from outgoing president Edythe M. Wittes. At right is Cantor Philip Macktaz. The ceremony also included Rabbi Joel D. Chernikoff, left, and Joseph Shorr, second from left, chairman of the installation committee.

Reprinted from Woonsocket Call Article and photo submitted by Joseph Shorr.

Appreciation, Dignity Mark Changing of Jewish Leadership by Michael D. Holtzman

In an atmosphere of appreciation, dignity and purpose, the gavel was passed recently from the first woman president of Congregation B'nai Israel to its incoming president.

Edythe M. Wittes, who became the first female president in the 94-year history of the congregation in 1987, spoke of the "pleasure and an inward glow" she gained from watching her members during her term.

Dr. Harris D. Harnick of 24 Briarwood Road, Lincoln, vice president since 1982 and a member of the synagogue's board of directors, was installed as president during a ceremony in which his immediate family participated.

His wife, Phyllis, oldest son, Norman, 7, and father, Max Harnick of Florida, all helped share the ceremonious occasion with Harnick, who is a dentist in Woonsocket.

Harnick graduated from the University of Buffalo's School of Dentistry and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps. He is a past president of the Woonsocket District Dental Society. He has a second child, Andrew, 10 months.

Harnick praised his congregation, saying, "Our house is in good order," reflecting "the dedicated and hard working house committee and their pride in maintaining the beauty of this building."

"There is something here for

everyone; a way to contribute and participate," he continued. "However, we need everyone's help. All of you have interests, talents and expertise ... which could make a particular program or project a success."

He called Mrs. Wittes "the driving force" behind the synagogue's accomplishments, a person "who has created a standard for leadership based on graciousness, dedication and determination."

Joseph Shorr, chairman of the installation committee and installing officer, swore in Harnick and the other new officers.

They are David C. Cohen, Richard Salzberg, Dr. Oscar Z. Dashev and George Woled, vice presidents; Mrs. Nathan C. Goldfine, financial secretary; Mrs. Jack Kirsh, treasurer; and Alexander H. Hanna, recording secretary.

Shorr called Harnick "an asset to the community who brings a sense of sincerity and purpose which is admirable."

Recalling how he installed Harnick as president of B'nai B'rith in 1981, he commended his executive ability and noted his seven years of service as chairman of the cemetery committee.

Shorr said being named president is "one of the greatest honors Woonsocket Jewry can bestow on one of its members." He said Harnick earned that honor.

Of Mrs. Wittes, Shorr said, "Her leadership was characterized by great dignity, complete dedication and devotion, all with a degree of enthusiasm which inspired cooperation from all who worked with her."

"You add luster to the office of the president," Shorr told Mrs.

Wittes.

Samuel J. Medoff, who like Shorr is accorded the rare distinction of being named a lifetime honorary president, said of Mrs. Wittes that she "has the love and affection of the entire congregation for her graciousness." He called it an "honor and special privilege" to present her with the synagogue's gift of a watch.

Medoff recalled that in 1958, when the congregation prepared to build a new synagogue, he said they were blessed by its members' talent, dedication and devotion. Thirty years later, said Medoff, that has remained true.

Mrs. Wittes was one of the last to speak. "The presidency has given me a warm sense of closeness to the members of this congregation, both adults and children. We greet each other by name and our conversations are meaningful ... But most of all there is a sense of entering into the synagogue with reverence."

"It is almost like watching an artist painting a picture. The women in their lovely attire, the men putting on their talis, their yamalkas, the opening of the prayer books and then the shining expectant faces looking up towards the bima and waiting for the chanting of the ages to begin."

"I shall miss all of that so very much," she said.

The service was concluded by remarks from Rabbi Joel D. Chernikoff, followed by several prayers, an organ recessional performed by Joan Carey and a reception held in Medoff Auditorium.

1989 War

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to open a front on Israel's northern border. At the same time Syria will move its 10 divisions against the Golan Heights at Israel's northeastern border. Iraq will concurrently move its armor transport, mobile missiles and troops down through Jordan to create an eastern front all along the Jordan Valley, crossing the five Samaritan mountain passes to cut Israel in two.

The biggest unknown is whether Egypt is already part of this advance planning, or if not, will they join anyway? If Egypt moves troops to the Suez Canal, as "merely" a precaution, Israel will have two choices: To pull divisions from Central Command on the Jordanian front to face the potential threat on its southern border ... or view any advance of Egypt as an act of war and hit them pre-emptively.

Saudi Arabia, while not having a large military force, has 190 of the best combat aircraft, American F-15s and F-16s, plus British Tornados, 5-10 minutes flying

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Sweet Land Of Liberty Of The Icing

It's the type of thing you read about in *The Reader's Digest*. An elementary school teacher reveals cute substitutions her pupils make for words in the "Pledge of Allegiance," or "The Star Spangled Banner," etc. When we read these malapropisms we laugh. They're actually quite funny and they remind us of similar blunders we made in our youth.

The older we get, though, the less humorous are our goofs. If a person finds out he's been mispronouncing or misusing a certain word, he is undoubtedly embarrassed.

A Hebrew School teacher once wrote about similar malapropisms that his students came up with. The most memorable was for the Shema Prayer, the first part of which came out, "Shema is for real!" Hopefully, the teacher took the time to carefully correct the student, teaching the correct words in addition to their meaning. It is unfortunate, however, that most children don't get much further than "Shema is for real." Sometimes it's because they don't care. Sometimes it's because their teachers don't care. So, they never learn the correct words much less the meaning of the Shema or any other prayer. Of course, the problem extends far

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America, I Love You

Traveling through this country wide,
With my soul mate at my side.
Were I an artist, I would etch
The Beauties that before me stretch.

Mountains reaching to the sky,
Birds of prey with nests on high.
Majestic fauna all around,
In emerald forests that abound.

In this land that God created,
With splendor that is unabated.
Here and there, rivers flow...
Some are mighty, as they show.

Whitecaps rushing, water stream-
ing,
Pristine landscapes, sunlight
gleaming.
Waters calming to form a lake,
I swear that I will never shake

The ground I walk on from my
shoes.
I pray to God we never lose
Our freedom, costly fought and
won
For Mother, Daughter, Father,
Son.

Canyons deep, with walls all rust,
Desert floors of sand and dust.
Gusty winds that rise and blow
The tumbleweed to and fro.

To man made cities of glass and
stone
Scraping skies where sun once
shown.

To some it's beauty. To each his
stroke,
I'd rather hear a bullfrog croak

From some small pond in shaded
wood,
Where everything is understood,
That nature can be cold or warm,
Like the calm before a storm.

Tornadoes striking, force unfurl-
ing,
Funnels harsh, winds aswirling.
Twisters lifting, Roofs are flying,
Mothers fearful babies crying.

Then it ends, out comes the sun,
As we survey the damage done.
Mother nature at her worst,
Makes us feel that we are cursed.

Time goes by, the wounds all heal.
Once again we start to feel
That one thing stands before the
rest,
That God, in all his wisdom, blest

Us with a lesson sorely learned,
One not easily discerned:
That we must suffer before we rise
To meet our maker in the skies.

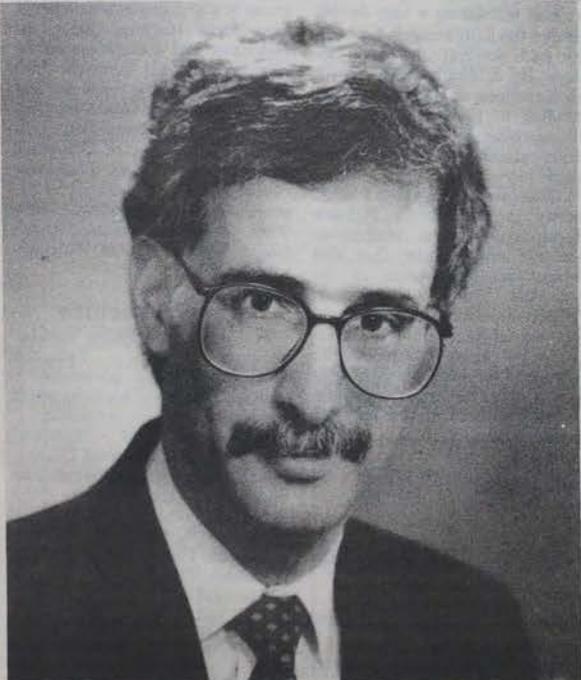
Our forefathers learned their les-
son well,
Forged the nation in which we
dwell.
A Constitution, Bill of Rights,
Takes us to proverbial heights.

Heights of freedom, gauntlets
hurled:
"Test us not" to all the world.
Against injustice, take a stand.
Let freedom ring throughout this
land.

Let us stand and all be counted,
Let our flag fly as it's mounted
High above, in all its splendor...
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The American Trial Lawyers Association is holding their annual convention in Boston at the Copley Marriott the week of July 18, 1989, and a number of seminars will be given. Over 10,000 of the nations top trial lawyers belong to this prestigious group.

Thomas W. Pearlman, Esq., a graduate of Harvard Law School and senior partner of the law firm Pearlman, Vogel & Violet, Blackstone Boulevard Terrace, 750 East Avenue, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860, will chair the crashworthiness of YUGO Automobile Seminar at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 1989, at the Coley Marriott in Boston, Mass.

Members of the panel will consist of Jeffrey Barton Cahn, Esq., a New Jersey crashworthiness trial attorney; John W. Juechter, Jr., an expert on crashworthiness and John McVicker, a retired claims adjuster.

There will be slides, videotapes, exchange of ideas and questions on the effects of lack of crashworthiness of automobiles and serious injuries which develop as a result of defective design and protection of automobiles.

The public is welcome to attend.

Guy Awarded Degree



Jodi A. Guy, daughter of Isabelle and James Guy of East Greenbush, N.Y., graduated from the University of Albany at Plattsburgh, N.Y. in December, 1988, with a degree in Elementary Education.

She is continuing her Master's at Russell Sage College in Troy, N.Y.

Jodi is the granddaughter of Ann and Leonard Guy of Cranston, R.I. and also the granddaughter of Stella and Murray Leif of Royal Palm Beach, Florida.

Cardozo-Smith

Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Lopez Cardozo of New York announce the marriage of their daughter, Deborah Lopez, to Earl Smith, son of Miriam Smith, formerly of Providence, and the late Archie Smith on July 9, 1989, at the Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York City. Annie Bell is the paternal great-grandmother.

Deborah Smith is director at the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York, a UJA Federation Agency. Earl Smith is director of the Computer Vision Robotics Laboratory, Computer Science Department at Columbia University.

The couple will reside in Teaneck, N. J.

Brown-Moche

The wedding of Heidi F. Brown and Richard C. Moche took place on July 16, 1989 at Temple Emanu-El in Providence, R.I.

The bride, from Brookline, Mass., is the daughter of Sylvia and Herbert L. Brown of Providence.

She is Director of Advertising for the Lariat and Royal Bookstores Chain, and is a graduate of Tufts University.

The groom is the son of Morris and Judy Moche of New York City. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University and has a J.D. degree from the University of Chicago and is with the firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glousky and Popea, Attorneys of Boston, Mass.

Ms. Brown was attended by her sisters, Andrea Brown and Ellen Effren.

William Mellins and Peter Dreyfus served as best men for the groom. Ushers were Jerry Effren, Richard Zelinka, Jeffrey Moshe and Allen Moshe, brothers of the groom.

Marks-Shapiro



Mrs. Craig Shapiro (Lisa Ann Marks)

The wedding of Lisa Ann Marks and Craig Martin Shapiro took place on July 2, 1989, at The Astors' Beechwood in Newport, R.I.

The bride from Burbank, Calif., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Marks of Newport, R.I. She attended the University of Missouri and graduated from the University of Rhode Island and Emerson College where she received a Master's degree. She is the producer of the Financial News Network.

The groom from Burbank, Calif., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shapiro of St. Louis, Mo. He is a graduate of the University

of Texas and the London International Film School. He is an independent movie producer.

Dina Marks served as maid of honor for her sister. Other attendants were Nadine Kijner, Amy Rubin, Marianne Marks, and Elizabeth Shapiro.

Steven Shapiro served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Barry Schwartz, Scott Goldfetter, Randy Shapiro, Jeff Mishkin, Phillip Cohn, Darrah Whitaker and T. Sanford Monayhan. Daniel Marks was the ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Burbank, Calif.

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U.S. Teachers In Israel

Forty-five Jewish and non-Jewish high school teachers from all sections of the country are taking part in an intensive three-week course in Israel on teaching the Holocaust and Jewish resistance to the Nazis, attending classes with prominent scholars and studying materials about the Holocaust and its meaning for the Jewish people and for all of human society.

The group will return to the United States on July 30.

The program is sponsored by the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, the American Federation of Teachers, Ghetto Fighters House in Israel, Yad Vashem, Haifa University and the Educator Chapter of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Scholarships for the program are provided by the American gathering. Vladka Meed, who is the author of "Both Sides of the Wall," an account of her experiences in the Warsaw Ghetto, serves as program coordinator.

The curriculum covers the background, events, methods and aftermath of the systematic destruction of European Jewry as well as Jewish resistance to the Nazis in all its forms. The moral, political and historical implications of the Holocaust are explored in depth.

The program participants will use the knowledge they gain and the material they gather in Israel for the course they teach in history, social studies, English and other subjects.

"This year's participants, like those of previous years," said Mrs. Meed, "are experiencing history in and out of the classroom." She added:

"While learning of despair, resistance, hope and redemption, they are also witnessing a new Jewish life and the daily struggle for security and survival and hope for peace. By developing curricula to teach and pass on their new understanding to their students, they will contribute to the prevention of future catastrophes — against any people anywhere."

Classes are held five days a week, mostly at the Ghetto Fighters House, a prestigious documentation and study center that also houses Israel's Museum of the Holocaust and Resistance. Founded by former partisans and survivors of Nazi ghettos and concentration camps, it is located on Kibbutz Lochamei Ha-Ghetta'or near Haifa. The curriculum draws on the resources of the museum

and on the personal experiences of Holocaust survivors, ghetto fighters and partisans who have made their home in Israel. Classes are also conducted at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, which is Israel's Holocaust memorial and documentation center, and at Haifa University. Graduates of the program will receive four credits from Haifa University on completion of a term paper.

On returning home, the teachers will be invited to join an alumni group in which graduates exchange experiences teaching about the Holocaust and share ideas on future instructional methods. This year's participants teach at secondary schools in Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

Bais Habachira

For three consecutive Tuesday evenings, Rabbi Yehoshua Morozow will be presenting a detailed discussion on concepts of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

August 1, 1989 - "Spiritual dimensions and Physical Objects. Insights into the Menorah, the Shulchan and the Chambers of the Bais HaMikdash."

August 8, 1989 - "Elevating Ourselves: The Role of Sacrifices in Jewish Thought." All lectures will be held at 7 p.m. and are open to men and women. Refreshments will be served. Chabad House, 360 Hope St., Providence.

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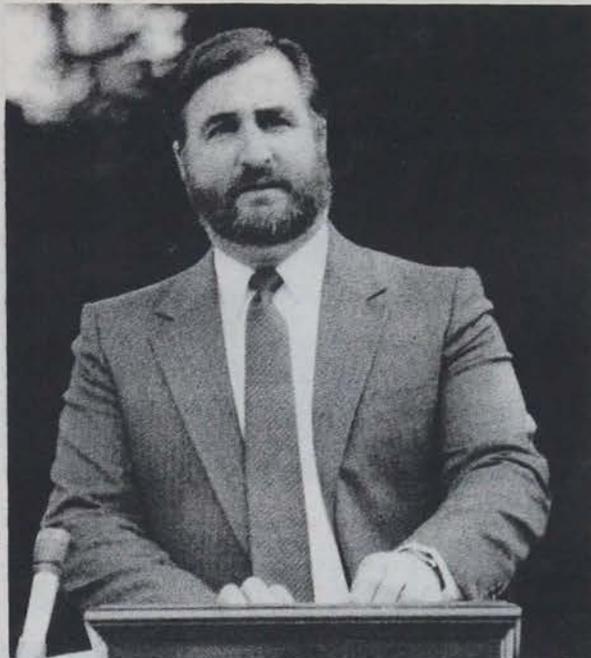


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Peace Garden



Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom, Middletown, assisted at the memorial garden at The Samaritans Suicide Prevention Center, 2 Magee St., Providence, recently. The Peace Garden, donated by the family of Jeffery Kinder, who died in December 1988, will serve as a safe haven for people grieving the suicide death of a relative or friend. The Samaritans offer a support group, Safe Place, which meets on a regular basis in Providence and Middletown, for those who have lost someone to suicide. Rabbi Jagolinzer offered scriptural words of comfort and a poem entitled *For Peter*, written by a mother whose son drowned

himself in Narragansett Bay. Rabbi Jagolinzer encouraged those present to "hold on to the loving memories of those no longer with us, cherishing that which was good and noble in (their) loved ones."

Other clergy participating in the ceremony included Bishop Louis E. Gelineau, Bishop George N. Hunt, Reverend Richard C. Brown and Reverend Thomas E. Ahlburn. Roger Osborne, President of the Samaritans Board of Directors, opened the service following an a capella rendition of *Amazing Grace* sung by Renee Hero.

For more information about Safe Place or other Samaritans programs, call 272-4044 or 1-800-365-4044 (in Rhode Island).

Belinsky

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Mandelstam who was killed under Stalin's regime in the late 1930s. Indeed, many of Belinsky's mentors were, like himself, political dissidents. Unlike Belinsky, however, many of these poets died early, often directly resulting from their political sentiments.

Continuing in this tradition, Belinsky says, "I use my poetry to warn people 'you cannot obtain freedom through bloodshed; you may obtain freedom through nature, through the beauty.'"

In this country Professor Gerald Shapiro, Chairman of the Music Department at Brown University, has allowed Belinsky the use of rehearsal space; he has also introduced Belinsky to music contacts in New York and Boston. Belinsky hopes to soon continue his career in one of those cities.

In the meantime, however, he's here in Providence, rehearsing, getting by, and hoping that his wife, pianist Helena Udras, will one day be able to join him in the U.S.A.

He seems to like it well enough. His closing words to his audience on Monday were, "I love American government; I love American people; I love you."

The Herald welcomes Nikolay Belinsky to this country, and wishes him luck in his destiny.

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by Dorothea Snyder

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Ina Bochner, 19, Warwick, Child Psychology major, University of Connecticut

"I came as a camper for seven years, then took a year off to go to Israel since I was too young to be a counsellor. This is my fourth year in succession. I started off as a rotating counsellor, then moved up to a junior counsellor and I am now a senior counsellor. What has kept me at Jori is the kids. I love them. I think Camp Jori can really give a kid growth both mentally and emotionally. They learn manners and how to communicate with others. It's really beneficial for those who don't have a family-type environment at home. It gives them an opportunity to grow without the confinement of their own homes. It's a home away from home for me. I'm always pulled back to Jori."



David Halpert, 19, Sophomore, Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, Vermont

"I've been here since I was 2 years old. My mother is the camp nurse. I hung around her when I was a baby and at 7 I was put into a cabin with the subby boys, the youngest kids at camp. I went to camp through my 13th year. After that, I helped with maintenance, worked in the kitchen and became a counsellor at 16. I love the kids. That's what I came back for. The kids. Not anybody in particular, but all the kids. It's really fun to have a good time with them, sit down and talk with them about what they've been doing lately and talk over their problems. When they get off the bus the first day of camp, it's always fun to see all of the old and new faces, and to see them come back and have a good time. That's good enough for me. That's why I'm here."



Sarah Jagolinzer, 9, Grade 5, New School, Middletown

"This is my first year at Jori. It was really fun. The sports were fun. The counsellors help you when you need help. When you have rest period, during the second half they always let you go to somebody else's bed. They let you whisper a little bit. You have a nice feeling. You don't really think about home. You don't get homesick. The first day I was a little homesick, but after awhile, you forget about it because you're doing so many good and fun things. I like arts and crafts and soccer. I made sand candles. We painted tile plaques out of clay to hang up. We tie-dyed our Camp-Jori shirts yesterday. We really liked that."

A Home Away From Home



Cindi Ditman, 14, Orange, Connecticut.

"I've been at Camp Jori for seven years. My dad and my uncles were campers and counsellors here. My grandmother lives in Warwick so we knew about Camp Jori. I liked it the first year, and I kept coming back. It's a lot of fun. I've made a lot of close friends from Rhode Island and other states. I like sports and all the other activities. We get a lot of everything. I'm the oldest camper. I'll skip next year and come back when I'm 16 as kitchen help or as a counsellor."



Michael Oresman, 10, Solomon Schechter Day School, Grade 5

"It's my fourth year at Camp Jori. The things I like about it and why I came is that I don't like to go to camps where I don't know anybody. I have friends here from school. Sometimes we get a newspaper at school that tells all about camps, *The Schechter Inspector*. There was an article about Camp Jori. I decided I wanted to go, and I asked my mother if I could. I like the food at camp. It's really good. It's fun having new counsellors. I like the balance. After sports, you can have a different activity like arts and crafts so you can rest. I like how long the rest period is. I like getting mail and candy call. It's not really candy call. It's social time after rest hour. I also like evening activities . . . dances, high court, revival, counsellor talent night."



Andi Gerstenblatt, 22, Union College graduate, French major.

"I've been here since I was very little, both as camper and counsellor. I know a million people might have said this, but it's a second family and you can't imagine not coming back. Last year I thought it was my last year. Every year you think it's your last year. Come winter time when you think about what you're going to do in the summer, you just come back. I know campers, who have gone to other camps, say that even though Camp Jori doesn't have horseback riding and water skiing, what makes it most important for them to come here is the happiness they have in their relationships with the counsellors, and the sense of family they get when they come here." (Andi is the daughter of Camp Jori's director, Marshall Gerstenblatt.)



Jeremy Sarao, 13, Grade 8, Joseph Gaudet Junior High School, Middletown

"This is my third year. One of my friends from Hebrew School has been coming to Jori and he told me about it. I like the kids, the counsellors and activities. I've made a lot of friends here and get together with them during the year. Sometimes I go with my Hebrew School to special events at the Jewish Community Center where I see a lot of my camp friends. Some I write and keep in touch with through letters and phone calls. Football and basketball are my two favorite sports. Evening activities are fun like Capture The Flag. Today, we're having a carnival."

Photos by Dorothea Snyder

Parent's Plights And Rights

by Dr. Steve C. Imber
Dear Dr. Imber:

Our three and one-half year old son has been difficult to manage since he began to walk at one year of age. However, over the past few months his behavior has deteriorated significantly. Whenever he doesn't get his way or is told "no," he begins to scream loudly and wildly, throws a temper tantrum, and is uncontrollable. I have dealt with this by forcibly carrying him to his room and making him stay in there until he quiets down. He is then allowed to come out of his room and join the rest of the family. As is often the case, as soon as he is allowed to "escape," he once again starts screaming, I once again carry him upstairs . . .

He is not only upsetting both my husband and me but unfortunately upsets and disrupts his brother and sister as well. These tantrums occur outside of the home (park, bowling alley, grocery store) as well.

Is West Point the answer?
Ready for the IMH

Dear Ready:

Perhaps West Point is the answer! However, he is currently too young to apply. It looks like a more immediate plan of intervention will need to be developed in order to maintain some semblance of family harmony and tranquility. Besides, there may be no available bed space at the IMH.

Based upon your description of the current situation, it appears that a monumental power struggle is in progress. Your son has a very clear idea of what he is willing and not willing to do or what it is that he wants. When he is thwarted, his response is to let you know that he is less than satisfied in a rather demonstrative manner. In short, he is outraged that you would have the audacity to oppose him and is determined to punish you for your obstinence.

You may find it constructive to structure a given situation with him so that he understands what your expectations are before encountering a particular situation. This preventative approach is designed to help him to adjust his thinking before rather than after he had decided what he expects. For example, when going to the grocery store, it would be appropriate to explain to him that he can help you pick out some food but you do not intend to buy any candy. You need to explain to him that his help will be appreciated. However, it is essential that he understand that if he starts to scream, he will be removed from the store immediately and will not be able to help you buy any groceries. His active participation should be encouraged and he should be praised for his appropriate behavior. It is essential that you are consistent in your follow through. If he should discern that as infrequently as one out of ten times his screaming gets him what he wants, then his negative behavior will be reinforced and he will continue his temper tantrums with all the more vigor.

If you find that your son's tantrums despite your directions, despite your taking him to a store at a time when he is well rested and well fed, and despite your invitation for him to help you, then you may need to implement the above suggestions with the assistance of your husband. That is, both of you may need to go shopping with him together so that one of you can continue to shop should your son choose to have a tantrum.

Your son may be well aware that when he screams and hollers he draws the attention of his brother

and sister, cousins and aunts, and your friends. Whether the attention is positive or negative (i.e., comforting or disapproving), your son may be reinforced to tantrum all the more. It is suggested that when such tantrum occurs he be removed immediately but calmly. He may need to be held by his father or mother until he is calm, although such physical contact may inadvertently reinforce his tantrum. If the above suggestions are not successful in modifying his behavior, you may need to utilize a more structured behavioral intervention program. That is, you may need to find a more tangible way of reinforcing his ability to control his temper when you have used that naughty word "no." He may earn additional play time with you or a special treat at some point later in the day by controlling his negative reaction.

Should your son continue to tantrum despite the consistent implementation of the above recommendations, it may be appropriate for you to consult with a behavioral specialist. While your son is not yet four years of age, he may be capable of learning through video simulations and analysis coupled with verbal discussion. Any intervention plan which is developed needs to involve any and all individuals (grandparents, nursery school teachers) so that he can generalize his understanding of the relationship between his behavior and its consequences.

In addressing these problems, it might be appropriate for you and your husband to take a weekend at Cape Cod or nearby New Hampshire while a well-trained babysitter utilizes structure and warmth to continue an intervention program.

Dear Dr. Imber:
We have a twelve-year-old

son who has been struggling throughout the sixth grade. While we knew that he was not doing very well, it was not until very recently that we learned that his teachers thought he should be kept back in the sixth grade again. While he is immature, he does not usually have behavior problems in school. We are uncomfortable about having him repeat sixth grade but we do not want to create more problems by promoting him to the seventh grade if he is not ready. We have not discussed this problem with our son but we believe that he will be devastated if he is forced to repeat the sixth grade. Help!

Caught Between A Rock
And A Hard Place

Dear Caught:

You are faced with a dilemma that parents experience with their children from nursery school throughout their high school years. Retention at one's grade level has often been perceived as a social stigma. Yet, the benefits of retention depend upon many factors.

The first logical step is to meet with your son's teachers and to review the entire situation with them. It is important to learn as much specific information as you can. For example, you should try to assess the degree to which your son has accurately completed his homework in various subjects, how he has performed on quizzes and tests, what projects and reports he has accomplished, and the quality of his participation in class. It would also be appropriate to consider his interpersonal relationships with the teachers and students. You might ask to see samples of his work if you have not already had the opportunity to review such information in depth.

I would then suggest that you

meet with the school guidance counselor or principal to review his achievement test scores. If your son has performed within the average range (approximately 50th percentile), and any group intelligence tests are suggestive of average intellectual functioning or greater, then your son's motivation to complete academic work may be a significant factor. If, however, your son evidences low achievement test scores in one or more areas in which he is experiencing academic distress, then it may be appropriate for you to have an evaluation conducted by the school system or a private agency.

Your local school system may conduct more than just one achievement test so it is important for you to review any and all available information before you elect to have your son evaluated on an individual basis. If every student who is experiencing some academic difficulty was evaluated, school systems would be unable to process these evaluations within those timelines outlined in regulations for handicapped children. In your son's case, his teachers or principal may agree that there is some kind of learning problem. If this proves to be the case, you can refer your son for such an evaluation by making a written request to the school principal and/or special education director or one of those individuals can make the referral. Even if the multidisciplinary team which reviews the referral and all available information agrees that your son should have an evaluation for a learning disability, the evaluation may not be completed before this academic year is concluded. Regulations permit such an evaluation to take 20 school days so it is possible that your son might not be evaluated until next year.

You may wish to pursue an independent evaluation to examine your son's learning abilities and possible disabilities; however, you must weigh the cost of completing such an evaluation against the necessity to conduct one. If an evaluation were to be conducted during the summer months, the decision to promote or retain could be delayed, although such a decision will complicate matters.

What is very important to consider is your son's feelings about the situation. Your son may be somewhat disappointed if he needs to be retained but such a determination should be based upon his overall needs and his comfort level. If his motivation has been an issue, there may be other more appropriate ways to address the situation than to retain him. If, however, he is "young" for his grade, socially and physically immature, and is not deeply attached to his peer group, then retention may be helpful. Should your son have specific learning disabilities, retention in and of itself will probably not meet his needs. Some special services may be necessary.

After communicating with school officials, you may find it helpful to seek a second independent opinion before making your final decision.

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

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Obituaries

RALPH H. FISHBEIN

PROVIDENCE — Ralph H. Fishbein, 83, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Saturday, July 22, 1989, at the home. He was the husband of the late Marion (Lieberman) Fishbein.

Born in Malden, Mass., a son of the late Louis and Sarah (Miller) Fishbein, he had been a resident of Pawtucket before moving to Providence three years ago.

He was the owner of the former United Woodworking Co. of Pawtucket for 40 years, before retiring in 1985.

He was a member of Temple Beth Shalom.

Mr. Fishbein was the past president of the Henry Friedman Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

He was a patron of the Hope Link, Order of the Golden Chain.

He was a member of the Redwood Lodge of Masons and a member of the Trowel Club.

He leaves two sons, Rabbi Irwin Fishbein of Westfield, N.J., and Norman Fishbein of Hillsdale, N.J.; a daughter, Toby Reifman of Englewood, N.J.; six brothers, Dr. Jay Fishbein, Mathew Fishbein and Sidney Fishbein, all of Pawtucket, Nat Fishbein of Providence, Dr. Joseph Fishbein of East Providence, Dr. Arthur Fishbein of Florida; nine grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

His funeral service was held Sunday, July 23, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

LUCILLE GOLDBLATT

PROVIDENCE — Lucille Goldblatt, 87, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died on Wednesday, July 19, 1989, at the home. She was the widow of Abraham Goldblatt.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Bessie (Mednick) Turcott. She lived in Providence 85 years.

Mrs. Goldblatt was a member of the Women's Associations of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Miriam Hospital. She was a member of Hadassah, and was a former member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She leaves two daughters, Anita Daniels of Lincoln and Ruth Kaplan of Providence; a son, Berton Goldblatt of Narragansett; a sister, Matilda Shapiro of Baltimore, Md.; three grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

A graveside funeral service was held Thursday, July 20, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

BESSIE KAHN

PROVIDENCE — Bessie Kahn, 102, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., for the past 25 years, died on July 22, 1989, at the home. She was the wife of the late Nathan Kahn.

Born in Lithuania, a daughter of the late George and Minnie Rosenberg, she had been a resident of Providence over 98 years.

She was a member of the Women's Association of the

ETTA L. ISENMAN
WABAN, Mass. — Funeral services were held at Temple Israel, Boston, Mass., on Sunday, July 9, 1989, for Etta L. (Landau) Isenman, who died Friday, July 7, 1989. She was the wife of the late George Isenman.

Born in Somerville, Mass., daughter of the late Bentsien and Eva (Melamed) Landau. Mrs. Isenman went on to become one of the first women to graduate from the Northeastern University School of Law and was a member of the Mass. Bar for over 50 years. She also received her M.A. in Education from Leslie College, Cambridge, Mass. She was known for her activities in the League of Women Voters.

She was the mother of Dr. Lois D. Isenman of Boston and Paul J. Isenman of Chevy Chase, Md. She was the sister of Reuben Landau of Cambridge, Mass., and Raphael I. Landau and Cecil Landau, both of Brookline, Mass., and Zelda Kouffman of Cranston, R.I.

She is also survived by her three grandchildren Michael, Lisa and Geoffrey Isenman.

Remembrances in her memory may be made to the Gaebler School, 258 Trapello Rd., Waltham, Mass., or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 214 N. Main St., Natick, Mass. Arrangements were made by the Levine Chapel, Brookline, Mass.

S. LOUIS KESSLER

PROVIDENCE — S. Louis Kessler, 87, of 139 Byfield St., owner of the former Sherri's Jewelry Mfg. Co. for 30 years before retiring 20 years ago, died Wednesday, July 19, 1989, at Cranston General Hospital. He was the husband of the late Sara (Rosenfeld) Kessler.

Born in Austria, he was a son of the late Simon and Sabina (Kessler) Kessler. He lived in Providence 87 years.

He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association and a former

member of Temple Beth-El, where he was confirmed and bar mitzvahed when the Temple was located on Broad Street.

He leaves two sons, Dr. Berton J.H. Kessler of Coventry and Roy M. Kessler of Providence; a brother, Rudolph Kessler of Los Angeles; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Friday, July 21, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

STEPHEN R. PREBLUD

ATLANTA, Ga. — Stephen R. Preblud, M.D., 40, of Atlanta, died Sunday, July 16, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Kelley Preblud.

Dr. Preblud was a graduate of Classical High School, Providence, R.I., did his undergraduate studies at Brown University and received his M.D. from The Boston University Medical School.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, July 19, at The Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church Chapel.

Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Annette Preblud and brother, Mr. Barry Preblud, both of Providence, R.I.

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Reform Judaism: The Wisdom To Change

by Alexander M. Schindler

Reform Judaism has been the well-spring of leadership of Jewish experience on every front for over a century. Scions of Reform Jews such as Louis Marshall were in the forefront of establishing the world's most prosperous, secure and politically influential Jewish community in America. The institutionalization of Reform Judaism by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise set the pattern for rabbinic training, congregational cooperation and rabbinical networking for all Jewish movements. The transformation of Zionism from an historical footnote into a stirring chronicle of statehood was presided over by Rabbis Stephen S. Wise and Abba Hillel Silver.

The great strength of Reform Judaism, which now numbers well more than a million members in nearly 850 congregations, has been its ability to respond to the ever-evolving needs of each generation in creating a cadre of new leaders. In the last decade alone, Reform membership has swelled by 25 percent. And, according to Jewish sociologists, its growth rate will accelerate even more in the future, for their studies show that the fifth generation of American Jews inclines to identify almost exclusively with Reform.

Conservative Judaism, on the other hand, is steadily contracting. Orthodoxy has made some headway in urban centers, but it has topped from its former status as America's most populous synagogue body to where only about 10 to 12 percent of America's Jews affiliated with synagogues now identify themselves with Orthodox Judaism. Only Reform Judaism is burgeoning. It has emerged as the predominant synagogue movement in North America.

Why Reform Judaism Has Flourished

Reform has flourished because it has understood Judaism as a dynamic rather than a static faith. We mustered the wisdom to change when changing circumstances required alterations, prepared to move forward whenever necessary — or even backward for a step when an honest self-searching summoned us to do so. And despite the changes it has introduced, Reform has remained part of the mainstream of Judaism because it has insisted that Jewish life be adjusted to the needs of modernity only within the framework of Judaism's historic tradition. We always gave that tradition its voice, though no absolute authority. Yet we never suffered changes that would sever us fatally from the mainstream of Judaism. At the same time we goaded Reform Jews to regain and retain their sense of Jewish peoplehood.

A second source of Reform's continuing strength is its insistence on the full participation of women in religious life. By

empowering women within Judaism, Reform has brought new creative energy to the Jewish people and redoubled its future leadership sources.

Social activism — loyalty to the prophetic spirit of Judaism — is still another pillar of Reform's communal strength. It has assured us of relevance and wholeness in our changing and fractured world.

"Outreach" represents probably the most important source of Reform Judaism's current burgeoning. Rather than cloaking itself in an exclusive chosenness, Reform has warmly embraced those who would choose it. In this realm, Reform's accomplishments have been illuminating. It has transformed American Jewry's mindspace. The subject of intermarriage is no longer taboo, and the concept of outreach, even conversionary outreach, is no longer a heresy within the American Jewish community. Reform has taken the discussion of intermarriage out of the house of mourning and into the house of study — indeed, into the sanctuary itself. Without condoning intermarriage, we have recognized its reality and have begun to grapple with it.

A World of Change

We live in a world of incessant change that quickly supplants the deeds of yesterday with the needs of tomorrow. Thus, while Reform's statistical growth can well excite our hopes and ambitions, we know that too many of our congregants do not perceive Judaism as a serious religious enterprise — as an approach to the world that makes demands on its adherents. So we must find newer ways to add meaning to labels and substance to form.

If our dynamic social action agenda has kept the movement relevant and dynamic, we must refuse that dynamism so that we will be able to respond to those many great moral issues that will continue to press upon us. And we must extend that dynamism to Israel and help catalyze the process of peace.

If our outreach effort successfully enfolded the intermarried, let us muster the strength and wisdom to extend our embrace to the many others who are ignored by our community, excluded possibly by our own prejudices. Let us once and for all declare ourselves rabbis for all Jews at every moment of life, not only heterosexual Jews but gay Jews — and not only at their funerals when they die of AIDS.

On Patrilineality: 'No Retreat'

Above all, if we proudly proclaim that our Judaism is an ever-evolving faith, that the concept of change embodies our self-definition, let us not be frightened by those who counsel us to retreat from some of our recent innovations (lest we break our

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Middle East

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time to Israel. In addition, they have 4 AWACS radar aircraft which can act as a Central Control Command Intelligence system for Syria, Iraq, and possibly Egypt. Don't forget that Saudi Arabia now has Chinese CSS-2 East Wind intermediate missiles capable of carrying either conventional or nuclear/ biological/ chemical (NBC) weapons up to 180 miles. If Saudi Arabia stays out of the war, Israel will likely not hit them out of deference to the U.S.

Libya has received 12-15 Sukhoi Su-24D deep interdiction fighters from the Soviets which gives Moammar Qaddafi a delivery system for his chemical weapons. His plants designed by West German experts to produce the chemical payloads and the ballistic missile launchers are no longer secret. The Su-24s swing-wing Fencer can carry 24,250 pounds of nuclear-tipped air-to-surface missiles and with extended-range fuel tanks can fly a 1,300 Km. combat radius to Israel, Chad or Italy.

*How will the Ayotollah Khomeini's death and ensuing power struggle in Iran affect the balance of power? Will Iranian Hezbollah radicals join the fight "to liberate Jerusalem"?

Other vexsome questions: *If Israel is attacked by a concerted force of Arab nations, likely using poison gas, already stockpiled by Syria and Iraq, what will America do?

*Will the U.S. move to assist Israel with re-supply?

*Will the U.S. move to distance itself and thereby avoid Arab/oil power anger?

*Will the U.S., at the direction of President Bush, move to assist the Arabs by having the Sixth Fleet destroy Israel's nuclear capability... and knowingly also destroy Israel through the ensuing fallout?

These questions have been asked before and no one has answers... yet.

Will the West destroy Israel for what will later be called a "difficult decision" to save the oil resources and the business potential of the region? In essence, is this a wargame already played out by Rand Corporation or a real United States Pentagon War Room "contingency scenario"? What were the think tanks' conclusions?

When will the foreseeable well-funded propaganda assault begin, claiming that Syria, Iraq and Iran are using the outlawed chemical warfare atrocities "merely" for the sake of their "downtrodden" Palestinian brothers? Goebbels taught us during World War II that the "Big Lie" will be accepted if repeated frequently and loudly.

The fact is that the Arabs have kept the Palestinians in miserable camps to showcase their misery for 40 years. The Arab nations have never liked or even respected the Palestinians and they do not want them as a twenty-second Arab nation now.

For these... and other reasons, there is now a high probability of war against Israel in the summer of 1989.

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TILLIE ROSE

WEST ROXBURY, Mass. — Tillie (Press) Rose, 93, of the Star of David Convalescent Home, died Sunday, July 23, 1989, at the home. She was the wife of the late Harry R. Rose. Born in Austria, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Rachel (Hirsch) Press.

Mrs. Rose had lived in Milton, Mass., for 12 years before moving to West Roxbury.

She is survived by two daughters, Sylvia Pitnof, and Miriam Wotiz, both of Milton, Mass.; two sisters, Pearl Ross and Anna Penna, both of Providence; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

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beyond prayers. It encompasses the basics of Judaism. The preconceived notions and misconceptions that Jews have toward Judaism are not cute, childish malapropisms. A mixed-up word in the Pledge or a mispronounced word in a conversation almost always gets corrected. But can we say the same for the "goofs" or misconceptions in ours and our children's Jewish education?

What can we do to remedy the situation? We can attend a Jewish weekend once in awhile, spend some time each week at an interesting Torah class, send our children to a good Jewish camp (day-school during the school year). And, we won't need to worry about finding our faux pas in print.

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer

Judaism

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Jewish unity. This alarm was sounded at every stage of our evolution as a movement within Judaism, and always proved false.

Let us not be snared by the elusion that a retreat on such issues as patrilineality will gain us acceptance by the more traditionally inclined in Israel or anywhere else. Only total surrender will have such an effect.

Let us not become sycophants, truckling for favor by becoming what we are not. It will not avail us. We will only demean ourselves and lose our distinctive character. Our forbears did not forge Reform Judaism to have us trade it in for a tinsel imitation of Orthodoxy. We owe halacha a vote but not a veto. And we owe ourselves the self-respect and integrity that holds fast to our finest values and our most cherished beliefs.

Let us stop romanticizing Orthodoxy. Yes, Orthodoxy is rich and beautiful and meaningful in many ways. But it has its excuses too. Where Orthodoxy alone prevails, stale repression, fossilized tradition and ethical corruption often hold sway. That is the danger in Israel today.

But where Reform is free to challenge, to compel thought, to affirm the power of Jewish ethics, to throw change against the rusted fortresses of pilpulism and rigid convention, there do we find new energy, new drive, healthy competition and a renewed vitality.

Jewish Leader Optimistic After Talks With Soviet Officials

Margery Kohrman, a national vice president of Women's American ORT returned from a recent visit to the Soviet Union heartened by the greater freedoms available to Russian Jews and "soberly" optimistic about the future.

Mrs. Kohrman was part of a delegation of six officers of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (N.C.S.J.) which visited the Soviet Union for talks with high ranking officials on issues of Jewish emigration and religious and cultural rights.

"The increased number of Russian Jews being allowed to emigrate speaks for itself," said Mrs. Kohrman who added, "we were also encouraged by the range of Jewish religious and cultural amenities now available in the Soviet Union." Recalling her previous trip to the Soviet Union in 1981, Mrs. Kohrman continued, "The progress we have seen is certainly gratifying but Russian citizens are still far from enjoying the freedom to practice religion that we take for granted in the United States."

In addition to conferring with government officials, the delegation met with a number of Refuseniks who urged the U.S. Jewish community not to relax but to continue apace their efforts in the Soviet Jewry advocacy movement.

A Mitzvah In Moscow

In Moscow last week, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation and senior rabbi of Park East Synagogue, affixed a mezuzah to the door post of the Israeli consular section, which recently returned to the Israel embassy in the Soviet capital after an absence of 22 years. The embassy had been closed since the USSR broke diplomatic relations with Israel following the Six Day War.

Rabbi Schneier also was the first religious leader from the West to meet the new chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs of the Soviet Council of Ministers — a post equivalent to that of Minister of Religion — since he assumed office June 30.

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"It is essential that survivors record their stories for posterity," Meed said. "In the relatively near future no one who survived this terrible period of history will be alive to tell people what happened. It is our responsibility to teach future generations so that the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten."

The video testimonies will provide a permanent record of the Holocaust. "No one, after seeing these tapes, can dispute the uniqueness of the Holocaust with credibility," Kuzmack explained. "The courageous stories of the people who lived and died during those terrible years will live forever on tape."

The interviews are conducted at an average of two per week in a studio near the Museum office. Among the 13 survivors who have told their stories so far are Ernest Heppner of Indianapolis, Ind., who fled to the ghetto in Shanghai, China, the only place of refuge that did not require a visa, and an Israeli woman who was inside a gas chamber in Stutthof concentration camp — moments from death — when the power failed. The department's first interview was with Chiel Mayer Rajchman of Montevideo, Uruguay. Rajchman, who is one of a handful of Treblinka uprising survivors alive today, also identified John Demjanjuk as Ivan the Terrible at the U.S. legal proceedings and at the Demjanjuk trial in Israel.

Kuzmack, formerly executive director of the Foundation for Jewish Studies in Rockville, Md., earned her doctorate in Jewish History from George Washington University and her master's degree in Jewish Studies from Baltimore Hebrew College. She has taught at several universities and community organizations, co-edited a

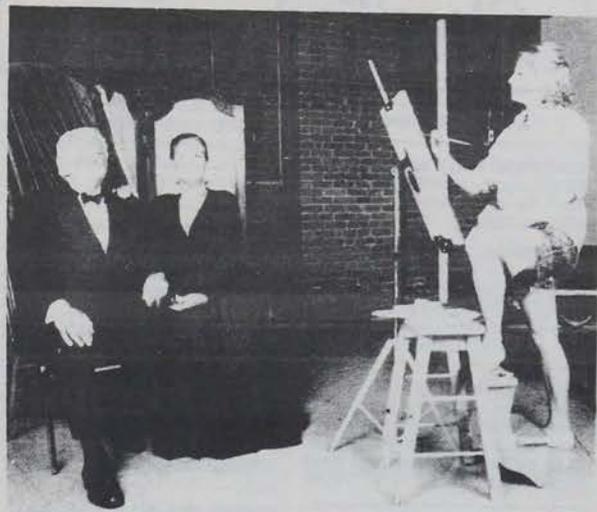
book of oral histories and is completing a book for publication next year entitled *Bonds of Sisterhood: The First Jewish Women's Movement in England and the United States, 1837-1933*. *First Jewish Women's Movement in England and the United States, 1837-1933*.

Kuzmack and her assistant, Margery Grossman, will oversee a production team, interviewers, student interns and volunteers who will be working on the video testimony project.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council was established by Congress in 1980 to plan and build the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and to encourage and sponsor observances of an annual, national, civic commemoration of the Holocaust known as the Days of Remembrance. The Council also engages in Holocaust education and research programs. It consists of 55 members of all faiths and backgrounds appointed by the President, plus five U.S. Senators and five members of the House of Representatives.

The legislation establishing the Council and mandating the Museum provides an unusual public/private partnership — the Museum building site is federal land transferred to the Council and all funds to construct the Museum are to be raised from the private sector. A nationwide fund-raising campaign, A Campaign to Remember, is currently underway with a goal of \$147 million to build the Museum, mount its exhibitions, prepare its many and varied educational elements and establish an endowment.

Dara Goldberg is a writer with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.



James Carruthers, Barbara Orson, and Becca Tish in rehearsal for Trinity Repertory Company's production, *Painting Churches* by Tina Howe, the second production of Trinity Rep's 1989 Summer Season in the Downstairs Theatre July 21 through August 20.

Performances are scheduled: Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday evenings at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$28.

Berman Re-elected As AMIT President



NEW YORK, N.Y. — Daisy Berman was unanimously re-elected National President of AMIT Women at the organization's national convention at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, in May, month.

Mrs. Berman, a life-long Zionist activist, has been a major force in the guidance of AMIT Women's Network of educational and social welfare programs in Israel.

An actuary, she holds a B.B.A. degree from City College. She is married to Herbert Berman, a prominent lawyer, and is the mother of three.

AMIT Women is this country's largest women's religious Zionist organization and the State of Israel's official network for religious secondary technological education pioneering in innovative children's homes, youth villages, and technological high schools.

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