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20 Years Of Feminism

Its Impact On American Jewish Life!

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NEW YORK — Twenty years of feminism have contributed to the "multifaceted flowering" of American Jewish women and to a radical transformation of American Jewish life — in the home, the synagogue and the community. At the same time, conflicts between personal agendas, family agendas and communal agendas in the lives of contemporary American Jews pose an extraordinary challenge to the organized Jewish community to successfully accommodate these changing life-styles.

The relationship between American Jews and modern American feminism is examined in an article titled "The Impact of Feminism on American Jewish Life," written by Sylvia Barack Fishman, research associate at Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies. The article is featured in the "1989 American Jewish Year Book," just published by the American Jewish Committee.

Dr. Fishman points out that although feminism has been a major contributor to changes in certain Jewish societal norms and values, "neither general nor Jewish feminism was created in a vacuum and neither exerts its influence in a vacuum; factors other than feminism have also been at work in effecting transformations... It is a part of a larger constellation of cultural patterns."

Despite ongoing criticism of the feminist agenda in some quarters, Dr. Fishman stresses that "the influence of feminism on the educational and occupational lives of American Jewish women seems to be growing, rather than weakening."

Presenting data from nearly two dozen Jewish population studies to illustrate changing life-cycle patterns, Dr. Fishman states that the most striking change is in the marital status of American Jews, with the proportion of Jewish singles, which 20 years ago was far below the general U.S. population, now equaling or exceeding that of the general population in many cities. For those women who do marry, educational and occupational goals are postponing the time of marriage or child bearing.

"In addition to its effect on population size, the postponement of marriage and family may have a deleterious effect on synagogue and Jewish organization affiliation," says Dr. Fishman. "As part of a long standing pattern of American Jewish life, the great majority of Jews do not join synagogues and organizations until they have married and had children."

Another area of American Jewish life that has been clearly

influenced by feminism is the freedom of educational and occupational opportunity that American Jewish women now enjoy. Jewish women are edging away from professional fields that are weak in terms of financial and status rewards and into those offering higher salaries. They are enrolling in large numbers in professional programs in medicine, law, engineering and science, though Jewish men are still far more likely to enter into these professions.

Dramatic changes have taken place as well in the labor-force participation of Jewish women, in a radical departure from patterns of the recent past.

"The great majority of middle-aged and older Jewish women have worked only part-time or not at all for many years," notes Dr. Fishman. "Their daughters, on the other hand, have matured with an ethos that is more likely to make the homemaker feel defensive... Even women with young children often complain that they are made to feel inadequate if they are not pursuing careers at the same time that they are raising their families."

In 1957, only 12 percent of Jewish women with children under six worked outside the home. While no nationwide figure is available for the 1980s, in ten recent community studies examined by Dr. Fishman, she found that in Boston, Baltimore, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C., 60 percent of Jewish mothers of preschool children were employed part or full time, and in nearly all the cities studied, at least half the mothers of young children were employed outside the home.

As is the case among the general American population, Dr. Fishman continues, perceived economic need is probably the single most significant factor affecting the proportion of Jewish women who work outside the home. However, in addition to economic need, she cites increasing employment opportunities, job preparation and social pressures as equally important factors.

Asserting that "probably no single aspect of feminism has aroused as much anxiety and debate as its possible impact on the Jewish family," she notes that while the normative Jewish family may indeed be a threatened institution, it is not threatened exclusively by feminism but also by a culture that stresses individualism over familial or communal values, higher materialistic expectations, an economic market that requires dual incomes to maintain a middle-class life-style, the sexual revolution and patterns of family fragmentation and dispersal.

While some cities of change maintain that the pressures created by today's new life-styles are an individual, not a communal

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Artists Rally For First Amendment



Photo by TOM CHAMBERS.

by Aimee Grunberger

Rhode Island artists have added their voices to the nationwide protests against censorship in the arts. Last week, 100 writers, painters, photographers, and other professionals gathered at the State House to hear speakers including Anne Bogart, the new director of Trinity Repertory; Frank Robinson, director of the RISD Museum; R.I. State Senator Victoria Lederberg; rights activist Mary Ann Sorrentino, and 12 other artists and arts advocates.

At issue here are several widely publicized censorship incidents and a resulting bill introduced by Senator Jesse Helms (R-N. Carolina). The latter proposes broad restrictions on National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) funding entailing a screening process for those projects deemed morally offensive or politically objectionable. As rally organizer and photographer Barnaby Evans noted, of 85,000 grants awarded by the NEA in the past 25 years, only 1/4 of 1/10 of 1% (or a total of 20) have proven controversial. This could

now change drastically.

Despite a steady rain, the crowd remained for the finale, a performance piece conceived by Bert Crenca and other artists from AS220. Five speakers, before five microphones, called out the names of artists who have been banned or suppressed — among them: James Joyce, Maurice Sendak, and Aristophanes. As the recitation reached a crescendo, a sixth performer systematically unplugged each microphone. One by one, the voices were silenced.

From Maalot To Metulla: Life On The Border

by Ava Carmel

(WZPS) — "We took a direct hit in July of 1981, at the community center," says Marsha Brown of Kiryat Shmona. "The peace negotiations with Lebanon, the United States and Israel then took place in that same building, and a year and a half later, the peace treaty was signed in the very room that had been shelled."

Stubborn Settlers

Brown is activities coordinator of the Kiryat Shmona Community Center. With a heavy set of keys jangling from a belt at her waist, she shows me around the center. "I came in 1970 as a volunteer on the Sherut Le'Am program," she says. "Nobody wanted to stay here because of the security situation, but being from New York, I felt it was safer here!"

Conflict and tranquility. The settlers along Israel's northern border have known both. Adaptable yet optimistic, they pray for miracles. Ella Gafeen, a member of Kibbutz Kfar Giladi enjoys re-

telling her story: "We came to Israel from Montreal with five children, so the kibbutz wanted to give us the biggest house possible. It was a second story apartment with a narrow stairwell and there was no way to get our piano up. Having shipped it all the way from Canada, I refused to give up. I thought to myself, Israel is the land of miracles."

We were in a temporary house while the apartment was being renovated. Then, in 1979, during one of many katyusha attacks, a katyusha fell on our new home and blew open a huge hole in the wall. The next day we lifted the piano in through the hole and then had the wall repaired.

Ella Gafeen is typical of the stubborn settlers along Israel's northern border with Lebanon. These are people who have learned to live with the tension of being under constant bombardment and have now readjusted to a long interval of relative calm. It has been seven years since the IDF's invasion of Lebanon. "Operation Peace for

Galilee," but the people of the border settlements live with the constant fear that the situation could deteriorate at any time.

Under Fire

Clari Leshansky of Metulla explains. "Security problems influence our lives very much. Before the war we used to spend long periods in the shelters. Once we were there for twelve consecutive days. Large quantities of katyushas fell and there was a lot of shelling. It wasn't easy. It caused problems with the children and there are 12-year-olds there who still wet their beds at night. We have to bring in a psychologist whenever things get tense. This has been a relatively quiet year, but now there has been a new wave of shelling and katyushas; not in the same quantities as before, but an occasional reminder. In the past year alone there have been about 77 infiltration attempts by terrorists along the border here." Although there have been no civilian casualties, 49 soldiers have been killed in

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World and National News

The Israel-Colombia Connection

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The activities of Israeli mercenaries in Colombia currently under police investigation have triggered a debate over the morality of such undertakings and concern for Israel's international image.

So far there is no proof that Israel Defense Force reserve Lt. Col. Yair Klein and his associates in the Hod Hahanit security consulting firm were providing military training or equipment to "hit squads" of the Colombian drug cartel.

Klein emphatically denies that he or his associates had any dealings with the drug syndicate that is now waging a terrorist war against the Colombian government.

But some news media reports recently claimed the Israeli authorities were aware of Klein's activities and warned him to discontinue them, on the grounds that he was violating Colombian law.

Klein is only one of an estimated 800 Israeli individuals and firms engaged in the murky area of security counseling and training in Latin America.

Those who justify their activities say that Israel, like most other developed countries, officially provides arms and training to foreign regimes, some of them of dubious character.

Therefore, when Israeli entrepreneurs, mostly retired IDF officers, engage in this sort of business privately, they do it with the knowledge and consent of the defense establishment.

The Defense Ministry denies this, pointing to its highly selective licensing requirements for the export of weapons and military know-how.

Some Israelis think the practice should be abandoned.

They question whether former IDF officers should be allowed to utilize the skills they acquired doing national service to make money abroad by means that are at best unwise and may well besmirch Israel's name.

The Hebrew daily *Ma'ariv* quoted Haim Aharon, the Israeli ambassador to Colombia from 1981 to 1984, as saying that "the entire matter of the export of know-how and military training in Colombia is not exclusive to Israelis."

"It should be kept in mind that numerous Americans and South Africans are involved in it," the former envoy said. "If there was any Israeli involvement, it was undoubtedly very marginal."

"We are used to the fact that the moment Israelis are involved in any matter, Israel is placed in the spotlight," he said. "Even if a connection exists between Israelis and military training in Colombia, this is a far cry from drugs."

The debate is likely to continue long after the Hod Hahanit case is over.

Klein, the principal owner of the company, and reserve Lt. Col. Amatzia Shouali, his director of military and security training, were questioned separately for seven hours at the police criminal investigation division

headquarters in Petach Tikva.

Both men surrendered their passports and were released on their own recognizance.

Police escorted Klein to his home in the Jordan Valley and reportedly confiscated additional documents for examination.

Other alleged mercenaries and middlemen are being called for questioning.

Two of those summoned for questioning are both IDF reserve lieutenant colonels. Avraham Zadka was a military instructor in Colombia, and Yitzhak Shoshani is described as a go-between for Hod Hahanit and its Colombian clients.

The Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz* reported that Shoshani told the police that Israel Aircraft Industries, a defense establishment firm, is the biggest supplier of planes, gunboats and military equipment to Colombia.

While the police interrogations are closed to the public, Klein and his associates have been most eager to give their version of events to the news media.

The story originated when NBC News broadcast a videotape on Aug. 22 showing uniformed men identified as a drug cartel "hit squad" being trained by a Hebrew-speaking officer.

Israel Television promptly identified the officer as Klein, who readily admitted that his company had a contract to provide security training in Colombia, which he said, ended

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More Soviet Christians Use Israeli Visas

by Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Thousands of Evangelical Christians are streaming out of the Soviet Union on Israeli visas, a practice started by the Kremlin but which Israel says it would end if it could.

Evangelicals, like the vast majority of Jews, later "drop out" in Vienna to immigrate elsewhere, mainly to the United States. This means that a very small percentage of the people to whom Israel issues visas ever make it to the Jewish state, much to the chagrin of Israeli officials.

The Evangelicals have been using Israeli visas since 1988, when the Soviets relaxed enforcement of a requirement that those applying to emigrate with Israeli documents secure "letters of invitation" from immediate relatives.

The Soviets knew they could count on Israeli cooperation, because Israel has been anxious to improve relations with Moscow and get as many Jews out of the country as possible, said Glenn Richter, national coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Having the Evangelicals leave on Israeli visas provides a pretext for the Soviets to permit limited emigration of Soviet ethnic nationals not customarily allowed to leave the country.

The Soviet Union traditionally bars emigration except for family reunification, as in the case of Soviet nationals, or for repatriation, in the case of Jews going to Israel.

The Soviets control the emigration flow by issuing exit visas only to those who have obtained letters of invitation from Israeli citizens. Such letters are a mere formality and often contain forged names, U.S. and Israeli

officials say.

The Soviet exit visa is automatically exchanged for an Israeli entry visa when presented to the Dutch Embassy in Moscow. It issues the visas on behalf of Israel's 13-month-old consular delegation in Moscow, which the Soviets have not empowered to do so itself.

After the rapid growth in Evangelical emigration during the past year, Israel "pointed out" to the Soviet government that Evangelicals were using its visas, an Israeli Embassy official said.

The number of Evangelicals leaving on Israeli entry visas each month has grown from 201 last August to 570 in January to 1,157 in July. In the first 24 days of August, an all-time high of 1,400 for one month was achieved.

The National Association of Evangelicals estimates that 30,000 Evangelicals would like to leave the Soviet Union. By contrast, an estimated 200,000 Jews are seeking to emigrate. In July, 4,537 Jews received Israeli entry visas, 648 of whom made aliyah.

But a small number of Evangelicals are also getting out of the Soviet Union each month on U.S. entry visas. Between February and June, a total of 17 Evangelicals emigrated with U.S. visas. The number jumped to 22 in July alone.

Based on this trend, Israel would now like to cut off the Evangelical pipeline, the Israeli Embassy official said. Previously, Israel did not want to cut it off, since there was no other way for Evangelicals to emigrate.

The Israeli officials said the

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The officers and trustees of The Miriam Corporation record with sorrow the passing of their esteemed friend, colleague, past chairman and life trustee, Isadore Paisner

"A life well-lived on earth continues
to leave its mark long after death."

— Albert Schweitzer

Fraternity Bans Hazing

by Ruth Baum Bigus

Kansas City Jewish Chronicle OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (JTA) — It's goodbye to fraternity hazing, hello to immediate initiation for the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

The Jewish-founded national college fraternity, founded in 1898, has officially abolished pledging as part of its recruitment policies and replaced it with a policy of initiating its new members within 72 hours of "rush," or recruitment.

Previously, new members were known as "pledges" prior to initiation and often were subject to humiliating or dangerous activities designed by older members.

The change goes into effect immediately in the fraternity's 100 chapters and groups in the United States and Canada.

According to Dr. Ronald Taylor, ZBT's national vice president, "This means that (a) freshman will go through rush, just as he would with any other fraternity, and at the end of the rush period he would be given a bid (invitation to join).

"If he accepts that bid, he will be immediately initiated — at the outside — within 72 hours from that time into the fraternity as a brother with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities," Taylor told the *Chronicle*.

The changes are the result of a meeting held a year ago by the fraternity's governing body, the supreme council.

At that meeting, Taylor said, ZBT representatives discussed a number of things to improve the fraternity and decided that the only way to eliminate hazing was to eliminate the tradition of pledging.

As to why the change was made, Taylor said, "We wanted to remove the window of opportunity (for hazing). The pledging period served a negative influence — not that there aren't

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The Holocaust: September 1939

Editor's Note: Fifty years ago this month, on September 1, 1939, the German Army invaded Poland, thus launching World War II. Simultaneously, another Nazi war of aggression, the war against the Jews and other racial victims, was intensified. The struggle continued until May 1945 when the Allied victories brought an end to Nazi Germany.

Each month for the next several years, in order that the tragedy of the Holocaust not be forgotten, this newspaper will publish a summary of major Holocaust events that occurred 50 years ago. This listing was prepared by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

September 1 — As German forces invade Poland, bringing on World War II, Hitler issues an order authorizing the administration of "mercy killing of the institutionalized incurably ill." This marks the beginning of the "euthanasia program" in which thousands of the handicapped were gassed to death. Thus, a precedent is created for the gas chambers of Auschwitz and Treblinka.

On the day war begins, curfew restrictions are issued confining all Jews in Germany to be in their homes from 9 p.m. through the night.

September 6 — The major Polish city of Cracow falls as German forces advance swiftly.

September 17 — The Soviet Union occupies Eastern Poland under a pact with the Nazis.

September 20 — An order is issued in Nazi Germany prohibiting German Jews, stateless Jews, Aryans living in "Jewish houses" and mischlinge, children of mixed marriages, from owning radios. The German government issues an order to confiscate all radios in the hands of German Jews.

September 21 — Security Police Chief Reinhard Heydrich issues an order for the creation of ghettos in conquered Poland.

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Peres Seeks Help From Washington

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — President Bush and Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres are to meet at the White House in mid-September, against a backdrop of fading hopes for diplomatic progress in the Israeli-Arab conflict and a Palestinian uprising that is claiming lives and limbs in a relentless daily rhythm.

News of the impending meeting was released here recently, though in Washington, a White House spokesperson could not confirm any such plans.

Peres' aides said the vice premier and finance minister would spend most of his trip conferring with Jewish business leaders and philanthropists, in the hope of launching a \$1 billion effort to absorb the tens of thousands of emigrants from the Soviet Union and South America expected to reach Israel during the next few years.

The aides said that the U.S. president, when informed of Peres' visit, invited him for a political conversation.

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Report On Increase In Anti-Semitism

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — There were 35 incidents of anti-Semitic violence in Europe and South America in the past year, compared with six incidents three years ago.

That was one of the disturbing statistics contained in a special report presented to the Cabinet at its regular weekly meeting recently.

The report was compiled from Israeli and Jewish organizational sources which keep track of anti-Semitic manifestations in North and South America, Western Europe and the Soviet Bloc states.

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Rosen Elected Commander Of JWV

HARTFORD, Conn. — Murray L. Rosen of North Hollywood, Calif., has been elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV). Rosen was selected during the 94th Annual National Convention of JWV, held in Hartford, Conn.

Rosen, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., served in the Army during World War II. He has been a member of JWV since 1949. A leader at every level of the organization, Commander Rosen served as our National Convention Committee Chairman.

National Commander Rosen is a former JWV Department Commander from California and served as Chairman of the Vietnam Servicemen's Package Committee in New York, which warranted a personal call from President Lyndon B. Johnson inviting him to the White House.

Among his many JWV honors, Commander Rosen was selected

as the Outstanding Department Commander for 1974-75, Outstanding County Council Commander for the County of Los Angeles in 1983, and Man of the Year, from both the Department of California and the Los Angeles County Council.

Upon his installation, the new National Commander criticized reductions in veterans' services. "30% of the voting population is made up of veterans," Rosen said. "This country owes these men and women the basic services they have earned. In June 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the GI Bill promising veterans that they should never be in want. We have a responsibility to uphold that promise."

Murray, a retired businessman in the retail trade, is married to Lila and they have two married sons and four grandchildren.

The Jewish War Veterans is the nation's oldest active veterans organization, and is known as the "Patriotic Voice of American Jewry."



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Morning Freiheit Editor Dead At 97

by Elena Neuman

NEW YORK (JTA) — Paul Novick, described as the last of the great immigrant Marxist intellectuals, a leader among Jewish secularists and a representative voice of the Jewish Left, died last week of a massive heart attack. He was 97.

For over 66 years, Novick, as co-founder and editor-in-chief, had been the spirit behind the *Morning Freiheit* (Freedom), one of the few remaining Yiddish newspapers in America until it folded last September.

For many years, the leftist Yiddish newspaper was under the control of the American Communist Party.

In the *Freiheit*'s farewell editorial last year, Novick called it "more than just a newspaper; it was an institution for Yiddish culture, an organ with a progressive standpoint in Jewish life on a universal scale, and for democratic socialism."

Novick was a witness to the century's tumultuous political history. "He should have written down his memoirs," said Shirley Novick, his wife, of 32 years, "because he himself was part of history."

Throughout his long life, his widow said, socialism always remained Novick's greatest goal, however much his loyalty to the cause may have been tested.

Born in Brest-Litovsk in 1891, Novick began his journalistic career in 1915 in New York, but returned to Russia in 1917 as a Bundist eager to witness the

political revolution.

In 1920, after working on Minsk, Vilna and Warsaw Yiddish papers, he returned to New York to join the staff of the *Forward*. The affiliation did not last more than a year, however, when after a political falling out, he and Moissaye Olgin quit to co-found the *Freiheit* on April 2, 1922.

Novick became the paper's editor-in-chief in 1939, maintaining the paper's strong Communist Party affiliation throughout the Nazi-Soviet pact and until 1956, the year Nikita Khrushchev revealed Stalinist atrocities. This came as a tremendous shock to the avid communist and led to his complete break with the Party.

"He felt personally violated," remembers Morris Schappes, editor of Jewish Currents and longtime friend, "and he did everything he could to undo the damage."

This included sharp criticism of Soviet actions in Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan, strong support for Israel during the 1967 war, and continuous criticism of Soviet policies toward its Jews.

"He would have wanted to live longer in order to see the full achievement of Gorbachev's changes for Soviet Jewry," said Schappes. "He felt an increasing vindication in Gorbachev's glasnost."

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Local News

Metcalf Media Award

PROVIDENCE — The entry deadline for the first Annual Michael P. Metcalf Media award, sponsored by the Providence Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ), is September 9, 1989. Members of the Rhode Island mass communications field are encouraged to submit entries.

The Michael P. Metcalf Media Award has been created to honor professionals in the mass communications field who, through their work, foster awareness and an understanding of human relations among people in Rhode Island, and dispel bigotry and racism.

The winner of the award will be honored by his/her peers in the mass communications field as well as by members of the NCCJ at a special awards luncheon on Wednesday, November 8, 1989 at the Providence Marriott. The recipient of the award

will also have a \$1,000 donation made in his or her name to an organization/charity which relates to the winning topic.

To obtain tickets or for more information about the Michael P. Metcalf Media Award contact the NCCJ office at (401) 351-5120. Tickets to the luncheon are \$25 per person.

Jewish War Veterans

Jewish War Veterans Post 23 will hold a dinner meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 1989, at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk, Mass., at 7 p.m.

Note all reservations for dinner meeting on September 20, 1989, should be phoned in to Commander Charles Abrams at 941-6841 no later than Friday, September 15, 1989, with your choice of breast of chicken, fish or pot roast.

P.S. I wish all comrades, their wives and families a healthy and happy New Year.

Torat Yisrael Religious School

Registration is currently in progress for Sunday School and midweek classes at Torat Yisrael in Cranston. A conservative supplementary school affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, Torat Yisrael offers a six-hour a week formal program in addition to a wide variety of extra curricular activities including family education, preschool programs, listening and learning center programs and junior congregation. Torat Yisrael's senior students attend the Harry Elkin Community High School.

Its younger students (K-7) are exposed to a fully articulated curriculum, and a broad spectrum of individualized programs. A Special Education program under the auspices of the Bureau of Jewish Education is a regular part of Torat Yisrael's program.

Torat Yisrael is also a partner in the Extension School that holds midweek classes in Warwick.

For further information, please call the school office at 785-1890.

Temple Habonim

Temple Habonim of Barrington has had a Grand Face Lift. Joyce Zern, the congregation's new librarian has done wonders with the library, making it bigger, more accessible and more beautiful!

To celebrate, Habonim will hold a Book Fair on Sunday, September 17 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

For more information call 245-6536.

Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, September 8 - Eight days in the month of Elul. Candlelighting will be at 6:49 p.m. The Minchah service is at 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 9 - Nine days in Elul. The Torah reading for today is P'ki Tezetzey, with a regular Maftir. Ethics of the Fathers one and two. Morning services are at 8:30 a.m. Kiddish today is sponsored by the officers. The Minchah service will begin at 6:40 p.m. Following Minchah will be the Third Meal and Zimrirot as usual. Maariv begins today at 7:50 p.m. The Sabbath is over at 7:55 p.m. Havdalah service will be at 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 9 - Morning services are at 7:45 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments at approximately 8:30 a.m. Minchah for the entire week is at 6:48 p.m. Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30 a.m. For Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday morning services are at 6:45 a.m.

The Shofar

In our synagogue, as in all houses of worship, the Shofar is blown every day of the week except on the Sabbath. It provides the most impressive moment of the morning service of Rosh Hashanah. Listening to the Shofar is a Mitzvah, and one should make every effort to come to shul and listen during the month of Elul.

The Mood of Rosh Hashanah

The whole spirit of Rosh Hashanah and of the entire Ten Days of Repentance is one of seriousness and solemnity. The sounding of the Shofar is to stir those who have drowned in their duties and who have forgotten that man is but a very tiny being in the eyes of G-d, Who keeps a constant watch over His world.

It is a Jewish belief that has been handed down from generation to generation that there is a Book of Life in heaven in which every act, word and thought of each human being is written down during the twelve months of the year!!

On Rosh Hashanah, this Book of Life is opened and the good and evil deeds of each of us is carefully examined. This record

is the basis upon which the fate of every person is decided. Into the Book of Life is written everyone's fate for the coming year.

Interesting about Rosh Hashanah is the fact that the Zodiac sign for Tishri is scales.

The ancients, watching the skies, noticed different formations of stars each month. Their imagination gave these twelve groupings, or constellations, various shapes, and they called them by names: ram, bull, twins, crab, and so on. Later these groups of stars became known as the "signs of Zodiac," which comes from the Greek word for "animal." At one time or another, many peoples used the Zodiac to tell men's fortunes. (Today, of course, we no longer believe that the future can be predicted by studying the stars, but we still say "mazal tov," which originally meant "may you have a lucky constellation of stars.")

The Zodiac sign for the month in which Rosh Hashanah occurs is a "pair of scales." This is a symbol reminding us that one's deeds are weighed and judged in the Heavenly Book of Life on the New Year.

As they do about all festivals and folk ways, legends have clustered about Rosh Hashanah. Many important moments in the history of our people come to be associated with the New Year. It was said that this was the day on which Adam was created out of clay; it was also the birthday of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. It was the day on which Joseph was released from the prison in Egypt. And it was the day Moses appeared before Pharaoh, demanding that the king let the Jewish people go out of Egypt.

As our synagogue enters its 94th year, it is very likely that most people have relatives and friends who have had some affiliation with the shul. This is a very appropriate month to reacquaint yourselves with the synagogue. Some of our founders and most dedicated members attend services on a regular basis. Please join us!!

The first Selichot is Saturday night, September 23; and, morning services are at 6:40 a.m. We look forward to your attendance.



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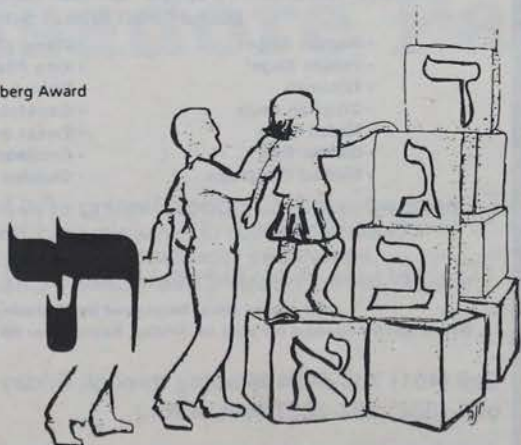
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This Shabbat is only three weeks away from the High Holy Days and now is the time to buy tickets and become a member of this vibrant congregation. Membership, including tickets, is only \$250 per family. Tickets for nonmembers are only \$50 per person. Rabbi Jacobs and Cantor Berger from Boston will conduct services. For more information call 726-6633 and ask for Linda or 724-2632 and ask for Carl.

There is a tentative Junior N.C.S.Y. meeting set for 1 p.m., Sunday, September 17. To find out more information about this youth group (ages 10-13) call 724-3552.

There is a regular schedule of services this week. Morning: Sunday 7:45 a.m.; Monday and Thursday 6:40 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 6:50 a.m. Evening: Ten-fifteen minutes before sundown daily.

Conversion Class

The Conservative Rabbis of Rhode Island have announced the opening of the fifth year of the Gerim Institute for Prospective Converts to Judaism. The course will begin on Thursday evening, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. The class will meet weekly at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston. The instructors for the class this year will include Rabbis Wayne Franklin and Daniel Liben of Temple Emanu-El; Rabbi David Rosen of Temple Torat Yisrael; Rabbi Alan Flam, Director of the Brown University Hillel; and Paul Segal, Executive Director of the Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island.

The Gerim Institute is designed to introduce students to a wide range of subjects, including Jewish belief, worship, history, customs and ceremonies, holiday and Sabbath observance, the meaning of Israel to modern Jews, and the importance of social responsibility in fulfilling the Jewish commandments. Also included are opportunities for discussion about the issues people confront when making such an important transition in life.

Anyone interested in participating in the course is invited to contact any of the sponsoring Rabbis named above.

Emanu-El Welcomes New Cantor

Temple Emanu-El proudly announces the arrival of Cantor Brian Mayer, who has assumed the position of Hazzan of the Temple as of August 1. Cantor Mayer comes to Providence with his wife, Suzanne Herzberg, from Fair Lawn, N.J., where he served as Hazzan of Congregation B'nai Israel this past year.

Cantor Mayer grew up in Fairfield, Conn., where he served as an apprentice to Cantor Charles Feld of Congregation Beth-El. During his apprenticeship, Cantor Mayer chanted the Shabbat services on High Holidays. With Cantor Feld's encouragement, Cantor Mayer pursued his musical training in the Voice Department at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, in 1983.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York was Cantor Mayer's next stop in his career development. He spent his first year at the Seminary's Jerusalem campus, Neve Schechter. While studying in the cantorial training program, he also participated in the Choir of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue, and sang tenor parts with the Choir on its tour of Australia. He graduated from the Seminary with a Diploma of Hazzan and a Master of Sacred Music Degree in 1988.

Cantor Mayer has done scholarly research on the music of the distinguished Jewish community of Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, whose traditions represent the epitome of richly developed Jewish music in Western Europe. Cantor Mayer draws upon those classical traditions to enhance his renditions of the

liturgy. His Master's thesis, which traces the development of the Frankfurt traditions from the 10th Century until the eve of Kristallnacht, will be published in the upcoming edition of the Journal of Synagogue Music.

In addition to his full range of responsibilities at Temple Emanu-El, including training B'nai Mitzvah, directing the Temple choirs, adult classes and pastoral duties, Cantor Mayer will serve one day a week as a faculty member of the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is a specialist in cantillation (the trope notes for chanting biblical texts) and nusach (the distinctive liturgical chant modes for each service), and teaches these fundamentals of Jewish music to future cantors.

Touro Fraternal

Dedication Of Touro Hall

CRANSTON — Touro Fraternal Association has come home!! Touro, the largest independent Jewish fraternal order in New England, will dedicate its new home at 45 Rolfe Square here Sunday, September 10, at 1 p.m. Dedication ceremonies will be held in front of the building and will be followed by an open house until 4 p.m. The public is invited.

Included in the brief speaking program will be Cranston Mayor Michael A. Traficante; Rabbi George Astrachan, chairman of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis; Sally Dowling, policy director for Gov. DiPrete; Rabbi H. Scott White, spiritual leader at Temple Am David, Warwick; Joseph Shapiro of West Warwick, president of Touro, and Arthur Poulten of Cranston, chairman of the Touro Board of Directors.

Bus Trip To Lower East Side

Come see how our ancestors lived!

B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith Women invite you on a bus trip to the Lower East Side of New York on Sunday, September 24, 1989, at 7 a.m.

The cost is \$20 per person. We will depart from Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence, R.I. (Please leave your car in lot across the street.)

Reservations must be paid by September 10, 1989, to Carole and Harvey Millman, 18 Burlington Street, Providence, R.I. 02906.

For further information contact Ann Gaffin at 751-2663 or Paul Gilman at 274-5026.

Since its inception Touro's membership has been representative of the Rhode Island Jewish community. Included in its roster have been leading members of the bar, bench and medicine; officials in city and state government and leaders in industry, commerce, finance, the military and religion.

The Association's reputation has been built on service to the community as well as to its members through social, cultural and public service programs.

In recent years there has been a resurgence in membership in Touro, according to its president. "Just as other similar organizations have, Touro saw a decline in its membership at the beginning of the decade," Shapiro said. "But in the last few years that trend seems to have been reversed and we are attracting a new group of young, energetic members."

Temple Emanu-El

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Selichot

Saturday, September 23, 1989, 10:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah-First Day

Friday, September 29, 1989, 6:15 p.m.; Saturday, September 30, 1989; Preliminary Service (Pesukei d'Zimra), 8:30 a.m.; Shacharit, 9:15 a.m.; Junior Congregation, 11 a.m.; Children's Programs, 11 a.m.; Minnah and Ma'ariv, 6:15 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah-Second Day

Sunday, October 1, 1989; Preliminary Service (Pesukei d'Zimra), 8:30 a.m.; Traditional Shacharit, 9:15 a.m.; Tashlich Service at Seekonk River, 4 p.m.; leave Temple at 3:30 p.m.; Family Service, 10 a.m.; Children's Programs, 11 a.m.; Minnah, 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre, Sunday, October 8, 1989, 6 p.m.; Yom Kippur, Monday, October 9, 1989; Preliminary Services (Pesukei d'Zimra), 9 a.m.; Shacharit, 9:45 a.m.; Junior Congregation, 11 a.m.; Children's Programs, 11 a.m.; Ask the Rabbi, 2:30 p.m.; Minnah, 4:45 p.m.; Neilah, 6 p.m.; Story telling for Children with Rabbi Liben, 5:45 p.m.

Sukkot Services

1st night of Sukkot, Friday, October 13, 5:45 p.m.; 1st day of Sukkot, Saturday, October 14, 9:30 a.m.; 2nd day Sukkot, Sunday, October 15, 9:30 a.m.; Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor, Saturday, October 21, 9:30 a.m.; Simhat Torah, Saturday, October 21, 6:45 p.m.; Simhat Torah, Sunday, October 22, 9:30 a.m.

Open House - Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El, a Conservative Synagogue on the East Side of Providence, invites new and prospective members and their families to an Open House on Sunday, September 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Open House will include breakfast, High Holiday activities for all ages, a treasure hunt, and tours of the facilities. Representatives of the various organizations within the Temple community will be on hand to discuss the year-round calendar of programs. Marking its 65th year, Temple Emanu-El is a center for Jewish studies, worship, social action, and celebration. The Temple is located at 99 Taft Avenue, corner of Sessions Street and Morris Avenue. For further information, please call the Temple office at 331-1616.

Temple Shalom Dedicates New School

The formal dedication of the new Samuel Zilman Bazarzky Religious School of Middletown will take place on Sunday afternoon, September 10 at 2 p.m. Through the generosity of Beatrice B. Bazarzky, a beautiful, fully equipped school building has been erected adjacent to Temple Shalom on Valley Road. Mrs. Bazarzky has dedicated this beautiful facility to the loving memory of her late husband, Samuel Zilman Bazarzky, and has given the children of Newport County a wonderful new school to receive a quality, well-rounded Jewish education. Both the late Mr. Bazarzky and his wife have had an abiding love for Judaism, Jewish education and youth. This building, which was built as a labor of love, with care, concern and thought is being given as a gift to the Jewish community to perpetuate the Bazarzky's ideals.

Taking part in the dedication will be Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, Spiritual Leader of Temple Shalom and Principal of the new school; Peter Barry, Chairman, the Samuel Zilman Religious School Board of Directors; Rick Kadet, President of Temple Shalom; Ronald Salavon, President, Bureau of Jewish Education; Beatrice B. Bazarzky, David G. Bazarzky, Judith Lavine and Seyna Green.

Following the program, there will be a reception and tours of the new facility.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

For further information, please contact Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, Principal at 846-

9002. The Samuel Zilman Bazarzky Religious School is open to all affiliated and non-

affiliated students of Newport County and surrounding communities.



Boy Scout News

Troop 104 just finished an exciting year of fun and adventure with its annual week long camping experience at Yawgoog Scout Reservation in Hope Valley. The troop, which meets on Tuesdays at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) will resume regular weekly meetings starting on September 12. Meetings begin at 7:30 and are held in the Scout Den which is located on the lower level. This year's planning has already started, and camping trips have been scheduled for October and December; in November, the troop will be going bowling and will also participate in Scouting's national good turn "Scouting for Food." Anyone who is interested in Scouting can call Peter Shore (Scoutmaster) at 521-3400 during the day or Richard Applebaum (Assistant Scoutmaster) 946-0631 at night for information. Guests are always welcome to attend meetings.

Girl Scout News

Troop 140 is sponsored by the Jewish Community Center (JCC) and is going into its 7th year of dynamic and energetic programming under the able and experienced leadership of Phyllis Giarrusso. Plans are under way for fall and spring camping trips. Troop members will be actively involved in planning weekly activities to earn badges as the year progresses. Skits, games and other interests of troop members are an integral part of the Troop's weekly meetings.

Meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Scout Den on the lower level of the JCC. Guests are always welcome, so come see what Girl Scouting is all about!

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Opinion

Israel's Peace Initiative: Far More Than Elections

by Kenneth Jacobson
Director of ADL's
International Affairs Division

Israel's peace initiative in April consisted of four parts. Unfortunately, American diplomacy and media coverage have focused mainly on one part, that of Israel's elections proposal. This tendency may fit into certain preconceptions, particularly the notions that the heart of the conflict lies in the struggle between Israelis and Palestinians and that practical problems can be remedied only through a political solution.

Both ideas, however, are false and it is a big mistake both of the diplomats and the media to ignore or deemphasize other aspects of Israel's initiative. Interestingly, when the Likud Central Committee introduced its own clarifications concerning the proposal, a great deal of criticism surfaced that Israel was rescinding its original commitment.

Whether or not this critique was accurate, the assumption that underlay it was that the original proposal was sound and deserved adherence. If so, let's remember that there were four parts.

Aside from elections, Prime Minister Shamir's proposal called on the Arab states to recognize Israel and cease their boycott and propaganda activities; urged the international community to devise a program to move the refugees out of camps into new housing; and called on the U.S. to help strengthen relations between Egypt and Israel, since those relations and the Camp David accords were the foundations for other progress.

There was wisdom in these proposals. First, they recognized there was a vital interplay on many levels between the attitude of the states of the region and the possibility of bringing about change. From every perspective, the Arab states have been key players in the conflict. Palestinians often are as critical of their fellow Arabs as they are of Israel.

While in fact the Palestinians ultimately must be responsible for their own actions — they have missed opportunity after opportunity to get something, whether at the time of partition in 1947-48, or at the time of the Camp David accords or in their adherence to the PLO National Covenant — the Arab states have always been there to push them into negativism.

It is about time that the states of the region be called on to set a positive mode for the Palestinians to follow. The willingness of the Palestinians to accept an elections proposal that points toward peace with Israel is related to their perception about the Arab states' willingness to back them in future conflict with Israel. If they see the states accepting Israel, their options for struggle will be limited, their tendency toward compromise enhanced.

Similarly, Israel's willingness to think about translating the elections proposal into significant compromise on the ground is affected by what the Arab states are doing. In a region where Israel has fought five wars with those states, at a time of news about chemical warfare and ballistic missiles, Israelis will feel reassured about concessions only when their longtime enemies have stepped forward.

Thus the chances that the elections proposal itself will succeed is not unconnected to what the Arab states do.

As to Israel's proposal for steps concerning the refugees, a positive effort on this front would generate a far better environment for successful negotiations down the road. One of the worst aspects of the international community's approach to the conflict for several decades has been its acceptance of the idea that steps regarding the refugee camps should not be taken prior to a political solution. Not only has this been anti-humanitarian, leaving the refugees in their sorry condition, but it has made a solution to the problem more difficult. The refugees have been increasingly viewed as an indigestible element and have made all the parties reluctant to consider solutions that would bring them into their midst. Moving the refugees out of their camps would not only be the right thing to do, but by easing regional fears in the region about them it would make a solution that much easier. Above all, it would be a sign that the Middle East is entering the new world, one where ideologies are declining, where finding practical answers to human problems supersedes longstanding political struggles.

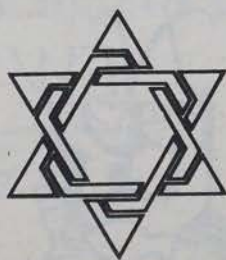
Finally, placing emphasis on improving relations between Israel and Egypt will serve to generate better conditions for negotiations. For Israelis, skeptical about the wisdom of having made bold concessions for a "cold peace," it will signal that everything was worth it and future negotiations can also pay

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CORRECTION

From the August 24 edition of the *Herald* "Miriam Women's Association Installs Officers." Mrs. Roberta Loebenberg was elected and installed as Recording Secretary for The Miriam Hospital Women's Association at their recent Installation of Officers held at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings. Mrs. Loebenberg will be serving her second term.

On page four of last week's *Herald* the headline "Torat Yisrael Sisterhood" should have read *Torot Yisrael Religious School*.



Candlelighting

September 1, 1989

7:00 p.m.

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From An Editor

by John Chadwick

In an opinion column in last Sunday's *Providence Journal*, British writer Nigel Hawkes forwards an unusual view of the 50th anniversary of World War II and of how far we've come since then.

Amazed at the amount of media attention focused on Hitler's invasion of Poland in 1939, he calls this season of historical remembrance a "prolonged wallow in nostalgia." Asserting that "Every morning you can read the same 50-year-old event in any newspaper you choose," Hawkes decides that there is something "very odd about a world in which the taste for old news is so much stronger than the desire for novelty."

Nostalgia, according to the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, is the "wistful or excessively sentimental and sometimes abnormal yearning to return to some past period." It's also been the favorite word for music critics this summer who are put off by the number of newly resurrected pop stars from the 1960s who are making big money — again.

Quoting an American "thinker," Hawkes suggests that our obsession with the past stems from our own boredom — the battle is won — there's nothing left to do but sit around with the old photographs while the world spins into an era of technical perfection, humming with the soothing sounds of software and compact disc players.

Citing the ideas of Dr. Francis Fukuyama, a State Department policy planner, Hawkes says, "The great struggle of the 20th century — including the war against fascism and the Cold War — are over. Liberal democracy has triumphed, history is at an end, and all we have left to do is look back."

What a wonderful idea!

Rather than thinking or discussing or doing something with our lives, we can now sit back

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Christians

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Soviets could easily allow Evangelicals to leave on other countries' entry visas by permitting incomplete or forged letters of invitation, as is the case with their applications for Israeli ones.

Kent Hill, executive director of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, a Christian foreign policy research center, said his group does not want Israel to cut off the entry visa flow until it receives assurances that Evangelicals can receive them from other countries.

But Hill said he expects the Soviets to end the arrangement with Israel eventually any way, before allowing the Israeli consular officials to issue entry visas without Dutch assistance.

He said Soviet officials have privately shown flexibility on the issue. His group expects the anticipated sweeping Soviet emigration reforms to "allow Jews and Christians to emigrate to the country where they intend to reside."

A growing number of Soviet Jews are also emigrating on U.S. entry visas. A total of 265 Jews had received them this year through July, including 55 in that month alone, said Karl Zukerman, executive vice president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

A State Department official said roughly 10,000 Jews are among the 34,000 Soviets currently seeking U.S. entry visas through the American Embassy in Moscow.

Israel hopes eventually that it will be able to issue visas only to Soviet Jews who are serious about making aliyah. Jews and other Soviets who intend to immigrate to other countries would apply for visas from those nations.

As a step in that direction, Israel this month began requiring Soviet applicants for Israeli visas to sign a statement authorizing it to confer citizenship upon them when they leave the USSR.

The Israeli official said the statement "does not affect anybody's freedom of movement," but it may make Jews reconsider if they are leaning against not going to Israel.

Martin Wenick, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said his organization is taking a "wait-and-see attitude" to see how the process works before assessing the new Israeli policy.

He said that NCSJ's only concern so far is that "we did not receive advance notice" from the Israeli government about the change.

U.S. officials, when processing Soviet emigrants seeking entry to the United States, are expected to ignore that stipulation, on the grounds that it was accepted under duress.

Meanwhile, there is growing pressure in the Bush administration and Congress for the Soviets to increase the power of the Israeli consular delegation in Moscow.

David Harris, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee, said that at U.S.-Soviet talks on the Middle East held here in June, U.S. officials asked the Soviets to empower Israel with the ability to award its own entry visas.

On Capitol Hill, 39 House members wrote Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on Aug. 18 urging him to "permit Israeli consular officials to issue visas for Israel themselves, rather than rely on third countries" to do so.

Anti-Semitism

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The report said that anti-Semitism was frequently disguised as anti-Zionism and denial of the Holocaust.

An especially dangerous aspect, according to intelligence experts, is that the extreme right-wing and extreme left in several countries make common cause in attacking Jews.

The Cabinet issued a communique on the subject which stressed that "awareness" is the best counter-measure to anti-Semitism and pledged that the government will act to heighten that awareness among Israeli citizens.

According to the communique, "The incidence of anti-Semitism is increasing significantly in many countries; some Jewish communities are being targeted by extreme anti-Semitic, racist and terrorist organizations."

"Attempts are being made to deny the Holocaust took place as well as to delegitimize Zionism, and these attempts disguise anti-Semitic trends."

The communique stressed "Israel's destiny and central role in the encouragement of aliyah and the struggle against anti-Semitism. The government of Israel together with the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency will support organizations and Jewish communities in any responsible action that may promote this goal."

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Fraternity

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some good things that happen during that period — so we decided that ZBT, as of the fall of 1989, would no longer have pledging."

Taylor said that so far, the changes have not had any negative effect on recruitment.

In recent years, hazing took on negative connotations when a number of college students died or were seriously injured during the process.

ZBT appears to be setting a trend. Tau Kappa Epsilon will change its pledge policy by 1990, and Alpha Epsilon Pi, also founded by Jews, is contemplating a similar change.

"We are studying alternatives," said Sidney Dunn, executive vice president of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity.

ZBT, with headquarters in New York, was founded at Columbia University in 1898 by Jewish young men who found that, because of their religion, they were not welcome to join any other national fraternities.

The first formal chapter was at City College of New York.

In 1954, ZBT voted to become non-sectarian. However, Taylor said, "by far and away the bulk of our members are Jewish."

The fraternity has 5,000 members in nearly 100 college chapters and interest groups in the United States and Canada and more than 100,000 alumni.

(Laraine Herman of the Greater Phoenix Jewish News contributed to this report.)

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The Gate Of The Schoolboy's Soul

by Michael Fink

BTS: the start of classes strikes terror in the heart. Always did, always will. At Summit Avenue "Numbers" scared the knickers off me. At Bishop the Rope and Horse loomed like devices for the Inquisition. At Hope I hoped against hope I could juggle Trig, Chemistry and Latin. Curriculum, fixed forever in the pattern of an obstacle course, kept you in a state of anxiety and dread.

Faith, next door and a grade ahead of me, forewarned and filled me in. She claimed the words "Cellar Door" made up the most beautiful phrase in the English language. My own cellar served as a cave and retreat from the realm of desks. But it turned in time into another after-school school.

I used to think I would be a scientist. My dad built me a little lab under the cellar stairs. I kept my collection of images of the evolutionary process, a secret hobby forbidden in public schools.

A group of battered upright pianos set at odd angles, with rather dismal violins on top. My folks were by no means culture vultures. Everybody hovered like buzzards over their kids with lessons and educational gimmicks. Neighbors like Faith took voice and elocution, in case talent scouts lurked at local drug stores. We were boys with neckties. To add a gentleman's art, dad bought three little bloodcolored pairs of boxing gloves. They molded among the coal dust in the corner. After the weekend museum art classes, I made plaster models in rubber molds of Dickens' characters,

gilded them, and set them on basement shelves against the damp, plaster-snowy walls. I proved a dud at these games of self-improvement. In back of those lyrical "Cellar Doors" a mausoleum of disappointments lurked in a moist swamp.

Away at college I quietly took for granted that I should go on stretching my personal curriculum. I took history, philosophy, sociology, biology... even physics. Sociology sapped the unique magic out of human life. History was drenched in more blood than the bloodiest 50's Roman movie pic. I blanked out on physics and flunked altogether. "Symbolic logic" in philosophy picked me up, but Heidegger proved a rough road. I sunk from a Providence "A" status to a gentleman's "C." Still, I had dabbled in everything. But what was I good at?

During that freshman year, several Providence aunts and uncles got married. At the Narragansett Hotel, where I had worked as a kitchen boy on vacations. In both garbs, soiled apron and smart tux, I felt like a fraud. The grand stairway and sparkling chandelier took on a dramatic, faraway aspect, something from a dream or a play. What would I find at the top of the stairway of Life?

Curriculum stands uneasily, ever ready to topple. Educators question all programs. They are too "Western" for the new world. I crashed the Charlestown Pow-Wow in August. I'll visit a Zen garden in September. In my quest I'll try anything. BTS still guards the gates of the schoolboy soul.

Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

What a surprise! I opened my *Jewish Herald*, dated Thursday, August 24, 1989, and lo and behold there I was.

The picture of the Hebrew School class of 1939 is one that is very familiar to me. In September of 1985 my husband and I moved to Florida. Before leaving R.I. I went through all my pictures and found this particular one. I donated it to the R.I. Jewish Historical Society and it was published last year in the *R.I. Jewish Federation* newspaper.

I am the face circled in red. I was 10 years old and loved that school. The three teachers behind me, from left to right, are Mr. Schneider, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Rosen. My name is Florence Lead Berman Delerson.

I enjoy receiving the *Herald* each week as R.I. was my home for 56 years of my life. My parents, Samuel and Tillie Berman, were very active in the Jewish community when they were alive and I loved living in the Jewish community. My father was President of the old Tiferes Israel Synagogue which later combined with others in 1954 to form the new Shaare Zedek congregation on Broad St. in Providence. The R.I. Historical Society also has a picture of the board from that synagogue which I sent them years ago.

Please consider publishing other pictures from the past as they bring back wonderful memories. I look forward every week to receiving the *Herald* and scan it thoroughly.

Florence L. Delerson, nee Berman

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New Children's Books

Reviewed by Sue Barancik

Ben-Gurion. John J. Vail; illustrated with photos. *World Leaders Past and Present Series.* Chelsea House, 95 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 1987. 12 pages. \$16.95. Ages 12 to 16.

One of a well-respected series of books about leaders of the world from ancient times to the present, *Ben-Gurion* presents a clear and concise picture of the Zionist leader and first prime minister of Israel. The young adult leader will find the material written in a logical, objective format and will find the information sufficient for school reports.

David Ben-Gurion is not idealized; although his many achievements in behalf of Israel are certainly emphasized, his human failings as a husband and parent are not glossed over. The index provides easy access to the text, and black-and-white photographs liberally sprinkled throughout bring the material to life. Additional help to the student is offered through a chronology of

told before. Leave it to the very talented and prolific author, Barbara Cohen, to find this little-known Bible story (Numbers, Chapter 23 and 24) and turn it into a humorous, colloquial retelling for contemporary youth while retaining the ancient prayers and blessings. Mrs. Cohen has especially succeeded in blending the "old" of the Bible story with the "New" in her fresh approach, and she has taught us in her effortless fashion that Bible stories need not be without humor.

Sue Barancik is a children's librarian with the public library system of Evansville, Indiana, Temple librarian at Temple Adath B'nai Israel, Evansville, and a professional storyteller. She is President of the School, Synagogue, and Center Division of the Association of Jewish Libraries.

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Peres Seeks Help

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The aides do not expect any dramatic developments to come out of the talks. But they said Peres, who heads the Labor Party faction in the national unity government, would urge Bush to intensify American involvement in the quest for peace in the Middle East.

Peres and his party find themselves in a bind at this time, according to Labor insiders.

On the one hand, they vowed to leave the government if its peace plan ran aground. And run aground it plainly has. The United States has been unable to persuade the Palestine Liberation Organization to accept the Israeli peace plan, and contacts

between leading local Palestinians and Israeli leaders have produced no tangible progress either.

On the other hand, Labor is reluctant to exile itself into national opposition, especially with the Histadrut trade union federation elections coming up in November. Labor faces a stiff challenge from Likud, whose stance on the peace process is popular with large sections of the electorate.

This is particularly the case in the wake of the hard-line statements issued by Al Fatah, the largest faction of the PLO, at the conclusion of its convention in Tunis earlier last month.

Although Fatah elected a relatively moderate slate of leaders, its rhetoric was rigidly uncompromising and replete with threats of violent action. It specifically rejected the Israeli peace plan, arguing it would lead to the perpetuation of Israeli "occupation" of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Israeli plan, formulated this spring by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Likud and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Labor, calls for Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to form an interim autonomy regime; talks over a final settlement would begin three years thereafter.

The Fatah convention disappointed not only the dovish side of Israeli political spectrum, but also the Bush administration in Washington. American officials are said to be castigating the Palestinians in private for once again seeming to let a historic opportunity slip by.

Where the peace process can be reinvigorated at this point presumably will be high on the agenda of the Bush-Peres talks.

The Holocaust: September 1939

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September 27 - Warsaw falls to the German invaders and Polish resistance is effectively crushed. Thus, at least 2 million Jews fall under Nazi control.

September 29 - 3,692 Jewish hospital patients in two occupied Polish towns are killed by German troops.

September 15 - 15,000 Jewish and anti-Nazi refugees are interned in French internment camps. Thousands of Jewish and anti-Nazi refugees in Great Britain are also interned.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

What does a Brown graduate who majored in Marxist Economics have in common with a Clark University graduate who majored in Psychology and minored in Management?

I-Catchers! That's the name two young entrepreneurs tabbed their wearable art emporium in Newport. Even more in common, the duo are brothers.

Rob and Andy Kagan launched I-Catchers Sportswear at 11 Christies Landing last April after a year's planning. "I've always been interested in theatre and ceramics, and I've done some form of art all my life, but I never went into art as a field," says Rob, who graduated from Brown last May. "I took art in independent studies and always kept art as an outlet."

Andy took art classes and dabbled in the arts, but not as extensively as his brother, he says. "I started out as a Biology major and finished in 1986 as a Psych major, minoring in Management. From then until the store, I went into wholesale screen printing with a network of students, who sold screen printed wear such as t-shirts, sweat shirts and boxer shorts around New England campuses. At one time, I had 26 students working for me."

That idea sprang during a student council fund-raising stint when he made shirts for a spree day at his college. It did well. He formed a partnership with friends to make shirts for Clark and other schools. Along the way, he met other students who wanted to work for him, but turnover in help made it difficult.

Andy and Rob came up with an idea to create abstract designs with the help of RISD graphic design friends. "They put the idea on paper and we work back and forth until we've got the finished product. We start out with an abstract black and white design with a lot of black and white space and silk screen the black onto a white garment, whether it be a sweatshirt, a drop tail shirt or a t-shirt. The silk screening is made into black and white by a Boston printer."

Besides Andy and Rob, I-Catchers has five other artists whose styles range from conservative to wild and funky. Artistic freedom reigns. "They sit down and paint whatever they want and feel. If they're in a dark mood, they use the darker colors; if they're in a happy mood, they use brighter colors. Whatever moves them. What's expressed here are expressions of mood and ideas."

Strolling up and down Christies Landing, one tends to stop and stare through the wide-open window of I-Catchers Sportswear where the artists can be seen dipping their brushes into large paint bottles and then onto a canvas of clothing. "That draws people in," the entrepreneurial combo say. "When you walk by and see the artists painting in the store, you can be sure the shirts aren't labelled 'Handpainted in China.' Every single shirt sold in our store is painted in our store."

As part of their marketing concepts, a set of washing instructions is attached to every shirt they sell as well as the store's name, address and phone number in case there are questions later by customers.



"People have gone home, wanting to order more. We've gotten calls from Kansas City, New Mexico, and from friends of customers who want one too. Our shirts have been seen in New York City and at the Volvo Tournament in Stratton, Vermont. Customers, who came in on boats throughout the summer, returned and ordered more. Just the other day, someone came back and ordered five more shirts. We ship out about 20 a week right now."

No two shirts at I-Catchers are alike. There are 10 set designs, each with its own moniker. . . . Newport has yellow fish painted in each letter. There are Face, Sails, Sail, Arrows, Chaos, Dancers, World View, and Shark Frenzy.

Rob modestly says he and Andy are novices compared to the other five artists, who are Elexis, Rebecca, Becky I, Becky II, and Patty. "They're more outrageous than us. Andy's work is the most conservative." And Andy adds that Rob does some real interesting stuff.

The group of painters have fun conjuring up pet names for their designs. They'll ask among themselves if "Raindrops" sold or "Blister Face," which are faces done in circular patterns by one of the Beckys. Rob calls his pink and yellow fluorescent sailboat "Bubble Gum" because "it looks just like that." Andy will ask if the "Blues" sold. That's a combination of blues for his sail scene.

When the season winds up, it will be with a new set of designs in mind. In fact, their idea is to change designs every four months so that repeat customers can find new and different motifs. In mind are animal and ski themes so far. Designs are limited to 10 at a time to alleviate their customers' confusion in decision making at purchase time.

Looking back to last April 15 when they opened, Rob says, "It was a rainy Sunday and we made one sale. We'd never been in retail. To sell anything was exciting. What was great was the next day when it cleared and the April school vacation began. Everyone came to Newport and our business picked up from there."

Their business sense, they feel, came from having investment portfolios in their teens. "Investing in the market," Rob says, "we've learned about business that way. Our father has been behind us in saying 'You need this to be successful. Okay, you've been a water ski instructor for five years now. It's time to do something.' We've done internships during college so we learned the ropes."

Says Andy, "A mentor friend in retailing told us before we started, 'Go do it. The worse thing you can do is lose everything you put in.' We're still young and we can bounce back and do anything. It's the people who come into the market with ideas and innovations who do well. If you're just like anybody else, you don't stand apart. Our clothing is set apart."

"We use top quality garments and paints, which are tested. We're always searching for top quality. There's nothing we've skimped on. The only returns we had all summer was when a shirt packed in tissue paper got wet from the rain and ruined the shirt."

Besides t-shirts, the brothers will be introducing dresses, turtle-necks, Canton fleece (a new kind of comfortable top between a sweater and a sweatshirt). "We're trying to get more into the retail line and be more innovative, but we'll always sell t-shirts," Andy says.

They've been keeping a log as to who is their best customer and find that it's 50-50 down the line for men and women. They paint a t-shirt line for children too.

Plans for I-Catchers growth, Rob and Andy Kagan predict, are to open

another two or three stores next summer and repeat that the summer of 1991. Sites in the talking stage are Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown, West Hampton and Faneuil Hall so far.

"Then we'd like to franchise out. We've had a dozen people interested in franchising and wholesaling our sportswear, but we're not ready. A friend of our, who works for a major retailer, would like to come aboard, source materials from Europe, and start our own line of clothing. They probably wouldn't be all handpainted at that time, but still be funky art-wise."

"But whatever happens, we'll always have a hand in everything. For now, we plan to remain in Newport until October 15 or into November, if the traffic allows."

I-Catchers has a year's lease, and when the store closes for the winter, they will leave behind their designs in their "I-Catching" window with a phone number, where last minute shoppers can call them.

The appealing name for their store was their mother's idea, they said. "Mom's behind us all the way. She's the greatest inspiration."



With the sea behind them near Christie's Landing at Newport Harbor, Andy Kagan, at left, sports the Shark Frenzy design, while his brother Rob dons Dancers.



By the strong light of I-Catchers' front window, artist Elexis Van Leen concentrates on painting a sweatshirt.



Rob and Andy Kagan model the World View and Chaos designs.

Photos by Dorothea Snyder

Three New Works By Lubavitcher Rebbe Published

NEW YORK (LNS) — Three books by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, leader of the world-wide Chabad-Lubavitch movement, have just been published, it was announced here by Kehot Publication Society.

Likkutei Sichot Volume 26

Volume 26 of the Rebbe's voluminous *Likkutei Sichot*, "Gleanings from Talks," contains a collection of talks excerpted from the Rebbe's public addresses. This 450 page volume includes a supplemental section with letters and responses on a wide variety of subjects.

Likkutei Sichot Volume 26, like the previous volumes, reveals the depth and breadth of the Rebbe's thought, his unique approach to the study and comprehension of Torah, his characteristic synthesis of the esoteric and the exoteric, and the emphasis on revealing the practical application inherent in even the most sublime concept.

In one incisive segment the Rebbe discusses Maimonides' ruling which states that it is incumbent upon the Jewish people to influence the Nations of the world to observe the Seven Noahide Laws — the universal code the morality and ethics given to Moses at Sinai.

The Rebbe explores the reason why this obligation was not fulfilled in the past, and how it can, and should be, the role of the Jew in our time.

Some of the other subjects discussed in this volume include: the commandment of belief in G-d; insights into Maimonides' *Guide For The Perplexed*; the difference between the first and second sets of Tablets given to Moses; the Babylonian Talmud versus the Jerusalem Talmud on the laws of property acquisition; the *Cherubim* according to Maimonides' and Nachmanides' schools of thought.

Of special interest to scholars, are the thousands of references, sources and copious footnotes that accompany the text.

The talks in this volume are arranged according to the eleven *sidrot* of *Shemot* (Exodus). The text is in Yiddish, except for the footnotes, references and the supplemental section which are in Hebrew.

Many of the selections in this new volume, as in prior ones, are analyses of the classical Biblical commentary *Rashi*. The Rebbe has introduced a brilliant, revolutionary approach to the understanding of *Rashi*, which scrutinizes every word, letter and nuance in both what *Rashi* explains, and why, in many instances, he refrains from comment.

Volume 7 Of Correspondence & Responsa

The 7th volume of *Igrot Kodesh*, "Holy Epistles," by the Rebbe, contains some 400 letters from the year 5713 (1953), written for the most part in Hebrew. This brings the total of the Rebbe's letters printed thus far in this series to 2,245.

The Rebbe's correspondants include statesmen and homemakers, Chief Rabbis and Bar/Bat Mitzvah youngsters, scientists and laborers, communal leaders and laymen.

These letters shed some light on the success of Lubavitch in recent decades, and its effect on shaping post WWII Judaism.

The breathtaking sweep of topics covered in these letters encompass every sphere of interest, and every field of human endeavor. They range from Mysticism, Halacha and Chassidic philosophy, to science and world events, from guidance in personal matters to advice in education and social and communal affairs.

The *Igrot Kodesh* series, containing the prolific correspondence of the leaders of Chabad-Lubavitch, presently contains 26 volumes, beginning with the correspondence of Rabbi Schneur Zalman, founder of Chabad-Lubavitch, through the 12 volumes containing the letters of the previous Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak, to the current Volume 7 of the Rebbe's correspondence.

From Day To Day . . .

In the winter of 1942, the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, appointed his son-in-law, the present Rebbe, to compile an anthology of chassidic aphorisms and customs arranged according to the days of the year. The calendar was entitled *Hayom Yom . . . "From Day To Day . . ."*

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Included in this volume are outlines of the main events in the biographies of the leaders of Chabad-Lubavitch and their families, a detailed index, introductory notes on Chassidism and many explanatory footnotes.

The above volumes are available at local Hebrew book stores, or directly from Kehot Publication Society, 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11213. Review copies are available upon request.

Arts and Entertainment

Tale Of A Holocaust Survivor

NEW YORK — *Baumgartner's Bombay*, a novel by Anita Desai, has been named winner of the 1989 Harold U. Ribalow Prize.

The prize, administered by *Hadassah Magazine*, is awarded annually to a work of fiction on a Jewish theme and was established by the family of the late Harold U. Ribalow, the noted editor and writer.

The novel, published by Alfred A. Knopf, tells the story of a survivor of the Holocaust whose comfortable, if somewhat seedy, life in Bombay is shattered by his encounter with a young German drug addict.

Ms. Desai, who has taught writing at Smith College and Mount Holyoke, was born in Mussoorie, India, of a German mother and Indian father. She is the author of several short stories, children's books and eight novels.

Judges for the award were authors Elie Wiesel, a Nobel laureate, Chaim Potok and Anne Roiphe, who won the 1988 Ribalow Prize for her novel, *Loving Kindness*.

Other nominees for this year's prize were *Master of the Return* by Tova Reich, published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, and *Learning About God* by Norman Kotker, from Henry Holt and Company.



Anita Desai, author of "Baumgartner's Bombay," winner of 1989 Ribalow Prize. (Photo: Jerry Bauer)

Ultimate Event

Frank Sinatra, Liza Minnelli and Sammy Davis, Jr. will come together for an evening of song and dance on October 3, at the Boston Garden. "In Concert Together," the theme for the Ultimate Event Concert, will generate proceeds to further the work

of the Anti-Defamation League, New England Region; Catholic Charities, Boston Regional Office; and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston. This event brings these major community organizations together for the first time in a joint fund-raising event.

Leonard Zakim, Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League, New England Region comments: "This particular collaboration is very exciting to the ADL because of its long-time involvement with and commitment to interfaith activities. The ADL's relationship with the Catholic community is particularly strong in Boston and we're pleased that the important dialogues that go on between Catholics and Jews as well as other collaborative projects will be further enhanced by jointly raising funds that support that ongoing relationship."

The Ultimate Event Concert at the Boston Garden, Tuesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. Information about VIP benefit tickets, which are \$350, \$200 and \$100 can be obtained by calling (617) 330-9682. Popular price tickets are \$50 and \$35.50.

Get the facts!
Read the Herald!

Works Of Jack Levine Go On Display At UJA-Federation

Some 30 oil paintings and etchings by the artist Jack Levine will go on display at UJA-Federation headquarters, 130 East 59th Street, on September 26. It will be the first showing of Mr. Levine's work in New York in ten years.

The display, including both social satires and works on biblical themes, will be open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2 to 5 p.m., through early November. For more information, call (212) 836-1874.

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- Senior Jewish Sunday Programs will begin. Each Sunday the regular kosher meal at noon is augmented by films, nostalgia projects, Gallery 401 art show openings and special Jewish study sessions. Contact Sandy Bass for more information.

- The Youth Gameroom will be opening for grades 6-12 to meet friends and play pool, ping pong or air hockey, watch cable TV, listen to the latest music or just hang out. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m. (Mondays, girls only; Wednesdays, boys only; Tuesdays and

Thursdays, all welcome). Movie Day is Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.; all are invited. For more information contact Michele Bram. *See coupon in fall brochure for ONE FREE NON-MEMBER GUEST FOR YOUTH GAMEROOM.

- There will be an opening reception of The Art of New Americans featuring Victor Goldenberg in Gallery 401 from 2-4 p.m. This is an opportunity to view the artistic skills of Mr. Goldenberg, a recent immigrant from the Soviet Union, and other works of Russian artists. Gallery 401 hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 (or 5) p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on Saturdays. Contact Susan Popper for

more information. *See coupon in fall brochure for \$10 TOWARDS A GALLERY 401 ART PURCHASE.

- JCCRI Singles are having a brunch at 11 a.m. in the Senior Adult Lounge. The speaker will be Glenn Laxton, Trouble Shooter for Channel 12. All singles are welcome to attend. The fee is \$4 for members and \$6.50 for non-members. Call Susan Popper by September 5 for reservations. *See coupon in fall brochure for \$1 OFF SINGLES BRUNCH.

For further information please call the Center at 861-8800.

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Gerstenblatts Celebrate Golden Anniversary



Bill and Etta Gerstenblatt, of Cranston, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a cruise to Bermuda, aboard the Nordic Prince. Their guests for the week-long trip were their children Gerald and Sheila Shaulson of Cranston, Lester and Rayna Katz of Potomac, Maryland and their grandchildren David Shaulson of New York City, Joseph Shaulson of Philadelphia, Samuel Shaulson of Boston and Jill Katz of Delaware.

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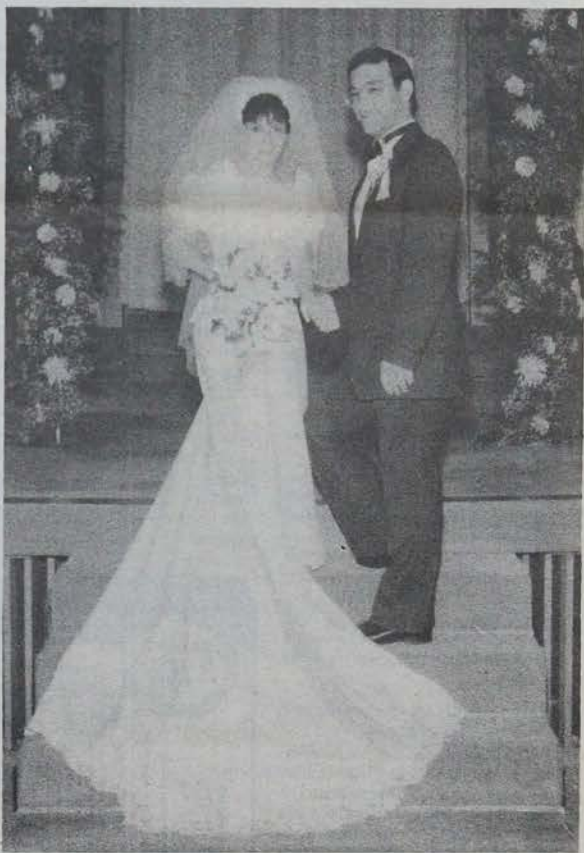


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Lake - Rosenblatt



Beth Lisa Lake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lake of Sharon, Mass., became the bride of Philip James Rosenblatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenblatt of Marblehead, Mass. on June 11, 1989. The wedding took place at Congregation Mishkan Tefilah, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The bride was attended by her sister, Rhonda Lake, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Debra Sheldon and Sheryl Miller, sisters of the bride, Paige Studer, sister of the groom, Renee Seidman, cousin of the bride, Jacqui Rick and Cheryl Aronson. Amy Sheldon was flower girl.

Best man was Steven Pincus. Ushers were Allen Sheldon and Dr. Michael Miller, brothers-in-law of the bride, Captain John Studer, brother-in-law of the

groom, Daniel Berg, Michael Rose, cousin of the groom, and Robert German.

The bride, granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Seidman and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lake all of Providence, is a graduate of the Prozdor of Hebrew College in Brookline, Mass. and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Boston University School of Management. She is currently employed as a Medical Software Applications Consultant for Medical Information Technology, Inc. of Westwood, Mass.

The groom received his Bachelor of Science degree from Salem State College and practices as a Certified Public Accountant in Boston.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple is residing in West Roxbury, Mass.

O Elects Officers



B'nai Brith Youth Organization of the New England Region, elected their New Executive Board. Elected officers from Left to Right are: past AZA President, John Poock, Natick, Mass.; newly elected officers, Andy Kats, Framingham, Mass.; Nick Grace, Worcester, Mass.; Kenneth Bloom, Attleboro, Mass.; David Miller, Warwick, Mass.; new AZA President, Greg Gorman, Warwick, R.I.; new B'nai Brith President, Amy Naparstek, Attleboro, Mass.; Leslie

Rosen, Providence, R.I.; Leslie Sawyer, Holliston, Mass.; Becca Kramer, Acton, Mass.; Eden Abramson, Acton, Mass.; and outgoing BBG President, Mindy Sanderson, Framingham, Mass. Fall activities include, Officers Leadership Overnight, Volleyball League, Boston Harbor Cruise and Basketball League. B'nai Brith Youth Organization is open for membership for youth in grades 9-12. In Rhode Island call 467-BBYO for more information.

JCCRI Yard Sale

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island Yard Sale will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. This fundraiser will feature such items as children's clothing, toys and games, household items, small appliances, children's books, sports equipment and more. Items can be donated Monday through Thursday, September 11 to 14. For further information or to make donations please contact Susan Popper at 861-8800.

B'nai Israel Sisterhood

Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Israel will sponsor a "Paid to Eat" breakfast meeting on Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m. Join us for the first meeting of the year. New and prospective members welcome. Mini fashion show - *Something Special* by [unclear].

Jewish Home For The Aged

Trunk Show & Boutique Features One-Of-A-Kind Children's Sweaters And Afghans

A Trunk Show and Boutique, featuring handmade afghans and children's sweaters, will be held at the Martin M. Chase auditorium of the Salmanson building at the Jewish Home at 99 Hillside Avenue, Providence. The date of this special event is September 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Afterwards the remaining knits will be available for purchase in the Women's Association Gift Shop at the Home.

The sweaters are sized for all ages from infant, toddlers and school-age children and are available in many patterns and colors. Most are one-of-a-kind and original designs. Included are some adult sizes. These sweaters and afghans were handmade by a talented knitting group of members of the Women's Association and will be available for purchase. All proceeds will be used to enhance programs for the residents of the Jewish Home.

Free gift wrapping and mailing service with fee for postage and insurance will be available upon request.



In charge of this exciting event, pictured here, are, L to R, Dorothy Popman, Fredia Rosenberg, Leah Abrams, Helen Rosen, and Sylvia [unclear].

Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah will hold a Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Herbert Katz, 49 Larchwood Drive, Rumford. A social hour will follow and we will bid farewell to Ruth Shaffer.

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting Wednesday, September 13, at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David.

Film about history of Rhode Island will be shown.

Dues are payable at this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Touro Fraternal

To all association members and the Jewish community at large: Please note the dedication of Touro Hall, Touro Fraternal Association's new home will be held on Sunday, September 10. Formal dedication will be at 1 p.m. and an open house will be held from 1-4 p.m. A tour of Touro's new home, and refreshments will be served.

If you would like to become a member of Touro, which is New England's largest independent Jewish Men's fraternal association, you may call 785-0066 or contact any member. If you want to meet us in person why not drop by on Sunday, the 10th. We will have a membership table with applications and someone to

answer any questions you may have. Touro Hall is located in Cranston at 45 Rolfe Sq.

Touro is proud to be growing by leaps and bounds. We encourage young Jewish men in the area to contact Touro for membership or other information. Please come see our new building. See why one thousand members of our community take part as members of Touro Fraternal Association. Be a part of the Jewish community with Touro, grow with us.



Camp Jori's 52nd Season



Deena Weinberg improves her swing.

The 52nd season of Camp JORI, the only Jewish overnight camp in Rhode Island, has wound down, yet campers and counselors alike are still reminiscing about the summer's inside jokes and the friendships made and the stories that would still bring on a smile during the winter ahead. Tucked away with the promises to write to buddies new and old are the special thoughts of JORI and the anticipation of a fun-filled summer next year.



Jacob Brier and Jeffrey Rakitt cool off in the pool.

Social Events (continued on page 15)

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Fetal Monitor Developed

HAIFA — An innovative new fetal monitor that could drastically reduce unnecessary Caesarean sections has been developed by a team of physicians from the Bnai Zion Hospital - Haifa Medical Center in cooperation with researchers at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology.

Post-birth statistics show that in more than 50% of the cases, doctors make the decision to operate too early. In these cases, the Caesarean birth could have been avoided, and natural birth achieved, had the physicians waited. The reason for the premature decisions to operate: currently available monitors do not

provide sufficient information to doctors. Conventional delivery room monitors can often give "false alarm" signals based on pressure/heart rate signs which indicate problems of insufficient blood supply to the brain or other signs of fetal stress. Invasive tests (fetal blood tests) which provide more concrete information are highly unpleasant and in some cases themselves endanger the fetus.

The Bnai Zion physicians, headed by Dr. R. Lewinsky, turned to Technion's Laboratory for Physiological Signal Processing in the Department of Electrical Engineering to help solve the problem. Prof. Gideon Inbar and

Dr. Meir Steinkoler developed a monitor which provides a much wider range of information, eliminating the guesswork and the need for invasive tests. The new monitor has been used by the hospital in cases of high risk pregnancies. Thus far hundreds of Caesarean sections have been avoided through its use. All children were born naturally, with no complications.

A subsidiary of the Technion Research & Development Foundation Ltd. FranzTech, is currently completing a series of prototypes of the instrument, prior to the commencement of marketing efforts.

Help For Paraplegics

HAIFA — The effects of applying electrical stimulation to useless leg muscles of paraplegics are being studied by researchers in the Technion's Department of Biomedical Engineering. Since the project began in 1982, sixteen people have been or are being helped to exercise, which improves blood circulation, muscle growth and muscle tone. The patients' muscles are strengthened at the beginning of the training program. At the end of the program, supported standing and walking are achieved. "This new means of mobility is not expected at this stage to replace the wheelchair," said project head Technion Professor Joseph Mizrahi, "but rather to allow easier mobility in cases where distances are short and the space limited" — as in indoor situations. The entire training period is less than six months. Despite the progress, Prof. Mizrahi warns against over-optimism: "There is still a long way to go and many problems still to be solved," he said.

According to the latest edition of *Technion Magazine*, the researchers are replacing the impulses of the healthy nervous system by applying electric current intermittently through electrodes attached to the surface of the thigh and calf muscles. This electrical stimulation strengthens and flexes the muscles which may enable paraplegics to support weight in a standing position while holding on to parallel bars or a walker apparatus. With practice, the patient can then move one foot in front of the

other.

The laboratory on electrical stimulation is located in Israel's largest rehabilitation center at Lowenstein Rehabilitation Hospital in Ra'anana. The project is supported by the Ministry of Defense.

Research in mobilization of paraplegics by functional electrical stimulation is being conducted by several laboratories throughout the world. The specialization of Technion's Biomechanics Lab at Lowenstein is in evaluating the biomechanical and physiological levels needed to optimize the electrical stimulation of muscles. What is unique about this work is that aspect dealing with gauging the parameters of muscle fatigue.

"Evaluating how much stimulation the muscles can bear before they become fatigued is very important," said Mizrahi. "Israel's team is at the frontier of knowledge in this area."

Being able to stand and walk is only one of the advantages for the paraplegic. "But the real benefit is the improvement in the general well-being of the patient due to the exercise involved in being in an upright position and moving," Mizrahi noted. "Previously, patients could walk a little using long heavy leg braces which were very uncomfortable. The alternative of electrical stimulation is much easier and more successful."

Exercise improved blood circulation, muscle growth and muscle tone. It lubricates the joints, helps the bladder system,

reduces the bone brittleness and muscle spasticity and generally gives the patient a feeling of physical and psychological well-being.

According to Mizrahi, patients are able to exercise their muscles by themselves at home using a portable voltage-output stimulator devised by his team. "This is only done in a sitting position because of safety factor," he said, "but the daily exercise keeps up muscle tone until their weekly visits to the lab for walking practice."

Professor Mizrahi's team is currently working with a group of researchers led by Professor Gideon Inbar of the Technion's Faculty of Electrical Engineering to produce the next generation of stimulation machines. These machines will be computer controlled and highly versatile.

Woman's Health

Going Home For

The Holidays

by Robert C. Park, M.D.,
President, The American
College of Obstetricians
and Gynecologists

The holidays are a great time to travel to see family and special friends. If you are pregnant, holiday visits may be even more special. Traveling while you are pregnant should present no problems as long as you have discussed your plans with your doctor and you don't have any medical condition that might make traveling risky.

The best time to travel really depends on how well you feel. Your second trimester, the fourth through sixth months, might be the most comfortable for traveling since your body will have adjusted to pregnancy by now. You will probably have more energy then during your first three months and any signs of "morning sickness" should be gone.

Later on in your pregnancy your bulky weight could make

Healthy Heart Guide

To Dining Out

With an increasing number of Americans eating away from home, the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate is offering help to Rhode Islanders searching for delicious and nutritious food.

Eating Out in the Ocean State - A Guide to Healthful Dining is now available from the Heart Association. The guide is designed for everyone who eats away from home — whether following a special diet or not. It will help the consumer decide what and where to eat — from questions to ask when ordering, to help in reading menus.

The guide contains a survey of over 100 R.I. restaurants willing to satisfy heart healthy concerns such as offering egg substitutes, serving food without added fat or MSG, serving gravies and salad dressings on the side and having margarine and low-fat milk available. Responses are also included by restaurants having a non-smoking section and who will try to accommodate special requests in advance.

"People do not have to give up the foods they love in order to cut their risks of heart and blood vessel diseases," said Mary Lynn Hixson, R.D., Chairman of the AHA's Restaurant Sub Committee. "Many of the foods we normally eat are fine if they are eaten in moderation, slightly modified or prepared by low-fat, low-cholesterol cooking methods," she emphasized.

The key, when dining out, is to know how the food is prepared. Read the menu. Such words as "in its own juice, steamed or broiled" describe the preferred method of preparation. These words indicate that the foods are probably lower in fats and cholesterol. Creamed and buttered foods, on the other hand, are probably higher in fats and cholesterol.

Eating Out in the Ocean State - A Guide to Healthful Dining was made possible through support of the Jaffe Foundation & Arboretum Restaurant, East Providence. The guide makes its debut to coordinate with the celebration of September as the First National Cholesterol Education Month. The American Heart Association also celebrates the 5th Annual American Heart Food Festival from September 10-16 at R.I. supermarkets, res-

travel uncomfortable. It may be more difficult to move about and to sit comfortably for long periods of time. There is also a small possibility that you could go into labor unexpectedly late in pregnancy. That is why most airlines and cruise lines require specific approval from your doctor to travel after your eighth month.

If you are traveling by car, a few tips could make your trip easier: always use your seatbelt — the shoulder belt should fit snugly (but comfortably) between your breasts, and the lap belt should go under (never on or over) your abdomen; if you are the passenger, do foot and ankle exercises to keep your circulation going; and limit your trip to about five hours each day. Stop often to go for short walks. That will help your circulation and will help if your legs swell.

If you are taking the train or plane, ask for an aisle seat so that you can get up easily to use the lavatory and to walk a bit. You should always eat lightly before a trip and bring along some bland crackers to help if you get motion sickness. Remember to take it easy, too. You may be more susceptible to jet lag and changes in



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cabin pressure during your pregnancy.

Loose, layered clothing that doesn't bind your legs or abdomen is best when traveling for two. You can remove or add layers as the temperature changes. If your legs tend to swell, support stockings will help, and of course, comfortable shoes are always a good idea!

It is always smart to talk your travel plans over with your doctor. If he or she gives you the green light and you follow good common sense, you will arrive home for the holidays rested and ready to make someone's spirit bright.

Single, free copies of "Travel During Pregnancy" (p-055) are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business size envelope along with the name of the booklet to: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Resource Center, 409 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2188.

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Parents Plights And Rights

by Dr. Steve C. Imber

Dear Dr. Imber:

I'm writing to you with this concern because I have seen you comment on educational matters in the paper before. I would like your opinion on this one.

The elementary school that my son attends has a practice of giving academic awards to children at the end of year during an assembly. Two or three youngsters from each homeroom are chosen for the honor.

My feelings are children in grades one and two are still in a developmental stage and some children who read and do math entering grade one will not necessarily maintain that lead by grade three or four. I feel we should not discourage the motivation of those who still need to "catch up." Even Little League recognizes that at this stage of development they do not allow "Best Player" awards. Trophies, if given, must be given to all.

Searching

Dear Searching:

You raise some interesting questions which I would like to bat around. Your initial concern is whether or not children who are advanced academically will continue to score well. It is often true that students who show capable achievement during the early grades may sustain such achievement during their junior and senior high school years. Some students seem to have a real facility for acquiring language and mathematical concepts. Early readers often enjoy reading more challenging and interesting books. Children who are able to evidence a high degree of computational skills at an early age seem able to perform well in later years. However, it is also the case that children who appear to get off to a "good start" do not seem to maintain their level of achievement during their later school years. In some instances, children with average to somewhat above average intelligence who have had the benefit of early environmental support during at home years and in pre-school may not maintain the rate of acquisition evidenced during their earlier years. In some instances, the issue is not so much one of intelligence but one of motivation.

Your second concern raises a completely different issue: viz., should children be rewarded for academic achievement during their early grades (concomitantly, if children see a few of their peers achieve such awards, will this situation interfere with achievement motivation?). I am not convinced that children need to earn academic awards during the first three or four grades of school. Indeed, it is not clear to me that such awards are an essential part of child development. However, children, and especially parents, enjoy a good ceremony. I have attended ceremonies of young children where every child in a particular classroom earned an award. While I'm not sure that earning the "Best Dressed" award is any more appropriate than earning an academic achievement award, the awards were presented in a positive spirit. A feeling of congeniality reigned within the audience. Soon enough, children will learn that the world is often a highly competitive and sometimes unfair place to live. I would tend to agree with you that placing a great deal of emphasis on high academic achievement at the early grades is inappropriate. However, honoring students for their uniqueness seems to be a fine idea!

by Dr. Steve C. Imber

Dear Dr. Imber:

My child has some rather severe handicapping conditions. For the past couple of years I have fought long and

hard to try to ensure that the services provided to my child were appropriate. During the past several months, I have attended a number of meetings with a particular administrator where a number of services were agreed upon. However, in subsequent written and verbal communication, the information about the services offered were not consistent with our discussion and agreement. I recognize that at a meeting that people can walk away with different impressions. However, other people have attended these meetings and have had the same concerns. I know it sounds awful, but I have actually begun to tape record these meetings. It amazes me that although the administrator knows that I am taping (the tape recorder is placed in the middle of the table and I change tapes as needed), that the problem still exists. I am becoming very frustrated because I have been told in writing on more than one occasion "if you do not accept these services immediately, no services will be offered." I am really exasperated. I would appreciate your advice.

Feeling Betrayed

Dear Feeling:

You have shared a most unusual problem with me. Certainly, I have worked with many parents who have felt dissatisfied with the amount or the intensity of services provided to their children. I have also worked with school administrators who felt that they have been rather clear about what services they would or would not provide when parents had a completely different impression. These communication problems are extremely unfortunate because they strike discord, disharmony, and distrust when they occur.

As you have presented the problem, where other people have attended the same meetings that you have attended and have believed the communication to be quite unclear or even dishonest, I fear the problem is an especially complex one. It would seem most appropriate and direct to confront the individual involved and to state what your concerns are. It is possible that under the duress of an intense meeting, that the administrator in question is not even aware of their own communication discrepancies. If by addressing the problem directly you can resolve it, so much the better! If, however, the administrator denies that there has been any miscommunication, then you either will have to accept what they say or you will need to call a meeting to try to resolve the differences in communication. Naturally, if you have tape recorded the meeting and there is indeed a discrepancy between what the administrator initially said and what was communicated verbally or in writing at a later time, this is a very serious matter.

As a parent, you have an opportunity to seek the assistance of the building principal or superintendent in order to clarify this situation. You also have the right to have an advocate attend any future meetings which you may have. Unfortunately, a series of meetings may take at least a few weeks, and in some cases may take several months. During that period of time, while confusion reigns, your child may not be getting the services which he most sorely needs. You have indicated that this problem has occurred on more than one occasion. My suggestion would be that if you are not able to resolve the matter amicably and decisively within a relatively short period of time (one month) that you do one of two things: (1) you request mediation from the Commissioner of Education at the State Department of Education;

(2) you write a certified letter to the superintendent of schools and request a special education hearing.

Mediation is a process which normally occurs within a fifteen school day period. Normally, such meetings would not be held during the summer months because personnel would not be available for such a meeting. While mediation is not binding, it is often an effective way to resolve differences of opinion and service needs. Should you choose to file for a hearing, the matter would be heard by an independent hearing officer. By independent, I mean that the individual would not be someone who worked for or was related to anyone within the school department. Needless to say, the hearing officer would not be related or in any way connected with either parent. The hearing procedure takes forty-five days. Normally, these matters are not continued once a hearing date is set. The results of the hearing are binding, although they can be appealed by either party.

In this day and age with financial pressures so great and with federal and state regulations requiring that services be provided to meet individual needs, it is understandable that conflicts will occur. It is hoped that in your particular case, communication difficulties can be resolved rapidly, but just in case, keep your batteries charged!

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 St., Providence, R.I. 02906 (401) 276-5775. All communication will be held in strict confidence.

Jewish Recipes

Reinterpreting Jewish Recipes: What Your Mother Never Taught You

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The meeting will take place Tuesday, September 19, 7 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston. Plenty of samples will be available for all who attend.

Correspondents Wanted

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

Jewish Time Line Encyclopedia

The recently released Jewish Time Line Encyclopedia is an invaluable reference tool for those who seek answers to specific historical questions or enlightenment on certain periods, people or events. This single volume comprehensive year-by-year history of the Jewish people from creation to the present is the first of its kind. The author, Mattis Kantor, is a noted historian, educator and lecturer.

Beginning with the creation of the universe in the Jewish year one and ending with the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon in 1985, this volume covers almost 6,000 years of Jewish history employing chronologies and time lines to convey Jewish history's greater events. Dr. Bernard Lander, President of Touro College, remarked, "I am deeply impressed by the grandeur of this book and its usefulness for scholars and students of Jewish history... It enables the reader to

correlate Jewish history and world history and to understand the significance of Jewish movements in their historical context." Prior to its release, the encyclopedia was named the leading May 1989 selection of the Jewish Book Club.

Australian born, Rabbi Kantor studied yeshivot in Cleveland, Israel and New York where he received rabbinical ordination from the yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim in 1966. He also holds a Masters degree in Educational Administration from Fordham University. Rabbi Kantor has held a number of educational positions in the United States and Australia, including the inaugural Hillel directorship in Sydney.

The Jewish Time Line Encyclopedia was published by Jason Aronson, Incorporated, Northvale, New Jersey. For more information, call Nancy Scholem toll free at 1-800-441-9909.

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Obituaries

ALFRED M. COHEN

PROVIDENCE — Alfred M. Cohen, 95, of the Golden Crest Nursing Home, Smithfield Avenue, a messenger at Western Union for 55 years before retiring 25 years ago, died Saturday, September 2 at the home.

Born in Little Rock, Ark., a son of the late Simon J. and Fannie (Goldowsky) Cohen, he lived in Providence most of his life.

He leaves two cousins.

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

GUSSIE KAPLAN

EAST PROVIDENCE — Gussie Kaplan, 92, of 1194 South Broadway, a co-founder of Warwick Shoppers World, died Wednesday, August 30 at Water-view Villa. She was the widow of

Morris Kaplan.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Pincus and Rebecca Zwetchkenbaum, she lived in East Providence for eight years, previously living in Providence for 25 years. She had lived in Taunton, Mass., before that.

In 1920, she co-founded the former Rhode Island New York Lace Store.

She was a member of Congregation Agudath Achim of Taunton. She was also a member of the women's associations of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Miriam Hospital and of Hadassah.

She leaves a daughter, Josephine Levy of East Providence, with whom she lived; a son, Sheldon Kaplan of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Betty Makowski of Falmouth, Mass.; and eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A private service was held Thursday, August 31 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Interment was in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Taunton.

ROBERT KAPLAN

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Robert Kaplan, 63, of 2800 South Ocean Blvd., a partner for 20 years of the former New York Lace Store and executive vice president and general merchandise manager of the former Warwick Shoppers World, Warwick, until 1971, died Tuesday, July 25 at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas. He was the husband of Lorraine (Levine) Kaplan.

Mr. Kaplan was a partner in the former New York Lace outlets in Pawtucket, Warwick and Taunton, Mass., for 20 years, and was executive vice president and general merchandise manager for the former Warwick Shoppers World until 1971.

Born in Taunton, a son of the late Morris and Gussie (Zwetchkenbaum) Kaplan, he lived in Providence most of his life before he moved to Boca Raton, in 1976.

Mr. Kaplan was also a real estate broker in Boca Raton since he moved there.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a former member of Temple Beth-El, Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Sandra Hertzberg of Livingston, N.J., Rhonda Patnaude of Warwick and Donna Miller of Boca Raton; a sister, Josephine Levy of East Providence; a brother, Sheldon Kaplan in Florida; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

REEVA LEVY

WARWICK — Reeva (Mendelson) Levy, 77, of Shalom Drive, Warwick, died Sunday, September 3 at home. She was the wife of the late Reuben Levy.

Born in Chicago, she was the daughter of the late Herman and Celia (Grossman) Mendelson. She had lived in Warwick one year, previously residing in Muskegon, Mich.

She was a draftsman for GTE in Muskegon for 24 years before retiring nine years ago.

Mrs. Levy was a member of Hadassah, Red Cross, and Temple B'nai Israel in Muskegon.

She leaves a son, Arthur Levy of Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.; a daughter, Cecile Denniss of East Greenwich and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held in Muskegon. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

HENRY SIEGEL

CRANSTON — Henry Siegel, 72, of 176 Chestnut Ave., manager of several jewelry stores over a period of 35 years before retiring in 1976, died Thursday, August 31 at St. Joseph Hospital, North Providence. He was the husband of the late Beverly (Billinghoff) Siegel.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late David and Emma Siegel. He lived in Cranston for 33 years.

Mr. Siegel had managed Gerber's Jewelry Stores, Cerel's Jewelry Store in Providence, Zale's Jewelry Store in Providence, and the jewelry department of Ann & Hope in Warwick.

He was a former member of the Jewish War Veterans of America.

He leaves two sons, Joseph A. Siegel of North Dartmouth, Mass., and Donald E. Siegel of West Warwick.

A graveside service was held Friday, September 1 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Burial followed. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

ETHEL TILLIS

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Ethel Tillis, 84, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 538 Robeson St., Fall River, Mass. died at Charlton Memorial Hospital on Monday, August 28. She was the widow of Benjamin Tillis.

Born in Brooklyn, she was a daughter of the late Meyer and Anna Danenberg. She had been a resident of Fall River for the past six years, previously residing in Somerset for 45 years.

Mrs. Tillis had been a proprietor of the former Smart Shoppe in Somerset until she retired in 1981.

She was a member of Congregation Adas Israel of Fall River. She leaves a daughter, Edith Mollicone of Massachusetts and three grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held August 30 at The Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

HARRY I. ZITSERMAN

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Harry I. Zitserman, 90, of 1325-C High Point Way, and 59 Harwich Rd., Providence, founder of the former Harmin's Children's Clothing Store, Providence, Boston, and Pittsfield, Mass., in 1928, and also the owner of Broadway Mill Outlet, East Providence, before retiring 25 years ago, died Sunday, September 3 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Ethel (Finkelstein) Zitserman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Taber and Florence (Tebli-sky) Zitserman, he lived in Providence most of his life.

Mr. Zitserman was a member of Temple Beth-El, and its Men's Club, B'nai B'rith, and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Abby Bosses of Scarsdale, N.Y., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held September 4 at Temple Beth-El, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

The Israel-Colombia Connection

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about 18-months ago. He said his clients were farmers and ranchers who needed protection from guerrillas and cattle rustlers the Colombian authorities could not control.

Klein said he made the broadcast videotape to advertise the services his company offers, which would have been "idiotic" if he were training drug hit men. As further proof that his clients were not involved in the drug cartel, Klein said he was paid \$40,000 for his services, a negligible amount to receive from drug traffickers.

Shoshani, the middleman quoted by *Ha'aretz*, put the sum at \$76,000. But Israel Radio reported that Klein received \$800,000 for smuggling large quantities of arms and military material into Colombia.

Israel Radio correspondent Ronnie Daniel said the security officer at the Israel Embassy in Bogota had instructions from Jerusalem to order Klein to cease his activities immediately and withdraw his training team from the country.

Daniel attributed his information to "highly reliable defense establishment sources."

The report, quoting those sources, also claimed that Klein and Shouali were active in Colombia as recently as four months ago and fled the country only after being targeted by kidnappers. It said that Klein was cautioned that his activities probably contravened Colombian law, because the militias he trained might turn against the Colombian government. But Klein ignored the warning, Israel Radio said.

Meanwhile, Eitan Coren, an Israeli in Bogota, told Israel Radio that Jews in Colombia have reason to fear reprisals from leftist guerrillas who have been the victims of militarily trained and supplied by Israeli mercenaries.

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Social Events (continued from page 11)

Auschwitz: An Exhibit Of Personal Memories

"Auschwitz: Images and Memories" including the personal memories of Rhode Islanders, rare photographs, and the creative expression of the children who were imprisoned there, will open at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, on Sunday, September 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during Open House.

A major portion of the exhibit includes rare photographs of Jews arriving at the death camp and the process that ensued. These photographs are among the only existing pictures taken inside Auschwitz.

Another portion of the exhibit is the testimony of Rhode Island survivors who tell of their personal experiences with related memorabilia. Survivor Lenka Rose, who served on the committee planning the exhibit, recounts the story of her sister with

an accompanying photograph. Survivor Helen Schwartz, also on the planning committee, has recorded her personal experiences. Survivor Ray Eichenbaum recently discovered a picture of his sister while on a visit to Yad Vashem in Israel. Soon after their arrival at the camp they said their last good-byes. Her story is also included.

The exhibit will also have a section on the children who were inmates of Auschwitz: their diaries, stories and artwork.

Finally, the exhibit will include a piece on the children and grandchildren of Auschwitz survivors. The point is made that despite "the final solution" some lived so that future generations will remember.

Serving on the planning committee are Lilliane Birch, Jenny Klein, Lenka Rose and Helen Schwartz. The exhibit will continue through February. Call Beth Cohen at 861-8800 for further information.

"A Night In Monte Carlo"

Games of chance, good food, door prizes and an open bar will highlight "A Night In Monte Carlo" to be held at Temple Sinai on Veterans' Day, November 11.

Temple Sinai Board Member, Mark Harris, said, "It would be wonderful if we could raise a little money with this event, but the main idea is to involve a good number of temple members and friends of the temple in a night of entertainment and fellowship. To appeal to as many people as possible, our Monte Carlo Night is being sponsored not only by the Temple itself, but Brotherhood and Sisterhood as well.

The dinner, a Chinese smorgasbord catered by the China Inn, will begin at 6:15 p.m. Games of chance, including poker, blackjack and various wheels of fortune, will start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$15 per person.

For tickets or more information call: Norman Elman 822-2226; Harold Hurlich, 828-3298; Arlene Kalin, 828-3695; or Ellen Kaplan 885-5151.

Miriam Women's Figures Are Impressive

Patricia G. Cohen and Patricia A. Hairabet, Co-Presidents of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association, announced "that the Association had set a new impressive figure of \$127,000.00 for their total 1989 fund-raising projects." Due to the support of their members and the community, The Women's Association continues to be recognized statewide for their continued and successful fund-raising efforts.

The theme of this year's fund-raising for The Women's Association was "Open Your Heart." Strong support from members and supporters in the community resulted in a figure that far surpassed the association's ever-increasing donations. The figure of \$127,000.00 represents the sum of total contributions this year which will be used to purchase all heart related medical equipment.

JCCRI Chorus-Kol Simcha Voice of Joy

Kol Simcha, of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, begins its sixth season for music lovers, singing Jewish music in an ever expanding repertoire of Israeli and Yiddish folk songs, American show tunes and a sprinkling of American folk and comedy. New voices are welcome in all sections. The chorus meets weekly and performs several times throughout the year. Richard Shore, the director, is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. Kol Simcha meets Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. beginning September 21.

An annual materials fee is \$10 per person. For more information call Lisa Goodman 861-8800.

Hochler Opens Practice

Marc G. Hochler, M.D. announced September 1, 1989, the opening of his practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The practice will cover all routine and emergency gynecological and obstetric care, as well as specializing in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

Dr. Hochler, a graduate of Boston University School of Medicine, was a resident physician in obstetrics and gynecology at Northwestern University/McGaw Medical Center in Chicago.

Dr. Hochler is Board Eligible in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and is a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He is a Junior Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and a member of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists.

Dr. Hochler, the recipient of the Outstanding Resident Award in Gynecologic Endoscopy at Northwestern University by the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, is affiliated with Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro.

Dr. Hochler's practice is located at 200 Chauncy Street, Suite 217, in Mansfield. The office phone number is (508) 339-8299.

Dr. Hochler lives in Attleboro with his wife and their daughter.

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Peace Initiative

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dividends.

And for the Arabs, it can be a tool for education, that negotiations toward peace with Israel are not mere devices, are not in effect warfare by another means, but something qualitatively different from the past that can bring benefits to all concerned.

It would be helpful if journalists covering the Middle East would begin to focus on these important elements in Israel's plan. Of most significance, however, is what the Bush Administration does in this regard in the months ahead. The process since Israel's presentation of the initiative in April has been characterized by playacting and posturing.

The PLO, eager to maintain its momentum garnered from the beginning of dialogue with the U.S., won't allow itself to be seen as simply saying "no" to the initiative. So they engage in manipulative word plays. And the residents of the territories, so far, have not found the courage to go their own way.

The time has come, therefore, for Secretary of State Baker to begin to pursue the rest of Israel's initiative the way he has the elections plank. He ought to meet with Foreign Ministers and Ambassadors of Arab states and begin to press them to move. He should approach European and Japanese leaders to take similar constructive steps.

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Life On The Border (continued from page 1)

this region in the past four years alone.

In one recent incident, a katyusha fell near a house on the outskirts of Metulla. Because the lawn had been watered that evening, the soggy earth absorbed much of the shock, but fragments hit the bedroom window of the Sorotsky home. Tsipi Sorotsky, a delicate young woman with short, blond hair related her story, obviously for the umpteenth time. "It happened on May 29, at 1:15 a.m. A katyusha exploded near my children's bedroom and glass from the window pane fell on my two-year-old son, Assaf. I came in and took him out of bed. He was just scratched a bit. We had the window fixed in the morning. That's the end of the story. I just want to forget about it." On a wood stove in the living room of their crowded home, stands a photograph of Tsipi's brother, who fell in the Yom Kippur War.

Shelters

No matter how calm things get, there is an underlying feeling

of tension and a constant alertness. The Metulla Community Center has an exit from the auditorium to a shelter which has a fully equipped field hospital with facilities for treating ten casualties simultaneously. Teenagers hold disco parties in the shelter, and from the ceiling is suspended a parachute that held one of the flares used during the "Night of Gliders," when terrorists crossed the border undetected and attacked an army camp, killing six soldiers and wounding seven. On the shelter's walls are gloomy paintings in dark shades, expressing the fear of the town's youth. One depicts a man pointing a gun, with an open gate, a fence, and a dark background.

In all the northern settlements, shelters are used for additional purposes. A Ma'alot kindergarten teacher explains why: "We hold other activities in the shelter so that the children won't only have unpleasant memories of time spent in the shelter."

Living Under Stress

In Kibbutz Misgav Am, pre-

school children are used to hearing the alarm sounded and they imitate it in their games. One child calls out the security alert word and all the others hide under blankets. The little boys love to shoot. Ben Gido, age five, expresses his fears in accurate drawings of helicopters and battle scenes. Here, too, bedwetting is common.

Ella Gafeen gives an example of the ingrained tension that comes from years of living under stress: "We went back to the States to visit my sister. It was the fourth of July, with all the fireworks. My four-year-old daughter was very uneasy. I took her to the window to show her there was nothing wrong and said to her, Rachel, I could understand when you were at the kibbutz with all the katyushas, but there's nothing to worry about here." She replied, "I'm not worried on the kibbutz. We have shelters there."

Like so many of the idealistic northern residents, Ella Gafeen

won't be frightened away, no matter how bad things get. "Once we were at a singalong in Kiryat Shmona," she says. "All of a sudden we heard background music." The army began to assemble and the security forces suggested we return home. We understood exactly what was going on. Fifteen hundred people stood up, singing a song of peace and walked to the buses, knowing they were returning to kib-

butzim which were under bombardment."

The first four lines of an anonymous poem scribbled on the wall of the shelter in the community center of Metulla sum up the situation:

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20 Years Of Feminism (continued from page 1)

problem, feminists argue that the Jewish community has an important role to play in encouraging young people to marry and providing services to help them raise families. Specifically, there is a serious challenge to the Jewish community to provide quality and affordable day care for a growing number of Jewish children, from infancy on.

Feminism is also changing another cornerstone of Jewish society — namely, Jewish communal organizations.

In the 1950's, Dr. Fishman states, Jewish women, perceived as "Givers of charity and doers of good deeds," poured their energies into volunteer communal work which met with familial and communal approval. In the 1960's and 1970's, female volunteerism came under close scrutiny of the feminist movement and was looked upon as "an escape from the emptiness of the homemaker's existence," with women volunteers being systematically cut off from opportunities for decision making and power. Today, while the situation has improved, and the number of women in leadership positions has increased, it is still far from equitable.

Professional Jewish communal service is a field increasingly populated by women, Dr. Fishman continues.

"Still, despite the presence of qualified women in the field... very few women are promoted to executive positions... Those

who do achieve executive positions frequently earn salaries far lower than those of their male colleagues."

In terms of Jewish religious movements, Dr. Fishman notes that Jewish women are at least "gaining the opportunity to explore their own spirituality."

"Some aspects of this creative renewal — such as female ordination and the practice by women of traditionally male-focused rituals — directly affect only highly committed and involved women. However, even women who are not directly involved in the more intensive forms of Jewish feminist spirituality may be indirectly shaped by an environment in which women have increasingly become public Jews."

Dr. Fishman adds that traditionally, the role of women within Judaism was shaped by rabbinic law (halakha) which left them as "passive recipients of a nonrepresentational system." Today, Jewish feminists who feel bound by Jewish law as well as those who do not are seeking to revitalize traditional modes of religious expression for women as well as create new rituals and liturgies.

"Jewish girls today are more likely than ever before in Jewish history to be treated in a manner closely resembling the treatment of boys via their religious orientation and training... but mitzva has become an acceptable rite in the American Jewish

life cycle in all wings of Judaism, except the ultra-Orthodox... women's prayer groups around the country give Jewish women of every denomination the opportunity to participate in communal worship and Torah reading... College-age and adult Jewish women take advantage of greater access to higher Jewish education... Reconstructionist, Reform and Conservative female rabbis and cantors have been graduated and serve the Jewish community in pulpits and other positions."

Dr. Fishman concludes: Despite the mainstreaming of feminist and Jewish feminist goals within the American Jewish community, the relationship between feminism and Judaism remains troubled... There are certain areas in which the goals of feminism and the goals of Judaism are at odds with each other.

In resolving these conflicts, the American Jewish community is faced with an extraordinary challenge, one that should not be perceived as a challenge facing women alone... It seems appropriate for Jewish survivalists of all denominations to reconsider the validity of feminists goals case by case and to search for constructive ways in which to reconcile Jewish feminism with the goals of Jewish survival."

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From An Editor (continued from page 6)

and think of days gone by. Meanwhile the technicians and the planners will fix any inconvenience that may jar us from our "boredom."

As Jews, and as Americans, we should be extremely wary of these types of pronouncements that suggest the "struggle" is over when ominous signs around us suggest that it may only be beginning. One need not look past our borders for it. The election of a former Ku Klux Klansman to political office in Louisiana, the murder of a young black man by racist whites in New York; it should be clear that the Allied victory over the Nazis did not destroy those things that the Nazis stood for. While Jews can count their

blessings under liberal democracies like the United States, we also know that the tide can turn against us as long as we live under any type of ideological system that purports to govern men best. To think that history is at an end is a very foolish thought. Yet there is something to Hawke's view when he suggests that people of the western world are essentially bored with their lives. In World War II, the times were simpler, the distinction between good and bad was clearer, and the enemy was easily identifiable. In 1989, the lines are much fuzzier, the questions seem so much more complex. In addition, the emphasis on success, the preoccupation with shallow media images and the ease with

which we can dismiss passion and wisdom from our daily activities seems to be increasing.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, the great modern Jewish philosopher, identified the spiritual man as one who shows a sense of wonder in life. "The surest way to suppress our ability to understand the meaning of God is to take things for granted," he once wrote. "Indifference to the sublime wonder of living is the root of sin."

In the end it is up to us whether learning about 1939 is merely nostalgia or a great undertaking, and encouraging that the media has bombarded us with information on it because in learning the lessons of that era we may find the spur to deal with ours. Only our indifference stands in the way.

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