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American Jewish Congress Forced To Back Off

PHOENIX (JTA) — In an effort to avoid a potentially divisive debate here, the American Jewish Congress agreed to withdraw two controversial amendments to a Middle East policy statement being drafted by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

The amendments, distributed in draft form to the more than 400 delegates at NJCRAC's annual plenary session here, would have affirmed that "many within the Jewish community" believe a "two-state solution is the best solution" to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"The amendments also would have 'expressed concern' to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that his statements 'rejecting the concept of land for peace appear to rule out sovereignty of any kind' to the Palestinian people living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in violation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242.

The NJCRAC Joint Program Plan, the organization's blueprint for national advocacy and activism, to be formally approved in April, will instead include a passage reaffirming its support of Resolution 242.

The AJCongress decision to withdraw the amendments was seen as a victory for those delegates who believed a show of unity with Israel was more im-

portant than a statement of the deep disagreements that exist among the 13 national Jewish agencies and 117 Jewish community councils under the NJCRAC umbrella.

"The spirit of (unity) was evident," said Maynard Wisner, chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Chicago and chairman of the NJCRAC Israel Task Force. "There is not argument that there is diversity of opinion," he said. "But umbrella organizations are being impeded to separate on bare majorities can stop being umbrellas very soon."

David Peleg, minister of information at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, said here that he was satisfied that "those suggested amendments were withdrawn."

"I think that this conference this morning sent a clear message," said Peleg, who attended most of the four-day conference. "The fact that (the amendments) were withdrawn shows that (those views) do not enjoy the support of the majority."

But according to a delegate who supported AJCongress in submitting the amendments, the withdrawal suggested just the opposite.

"To press each resolution at some point becomes counterproductive," said David Saperstein, Washington representative

of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. "But we have a strong feeling that our concern that U.N. Resolution 242 continues to endorse land for peace was strongly made at the conference," he said.

Intensive media coverage in Israel of the NJCRAC deliberations "made us feel confident that the concerns of the American Jewish public are being heard in Israel," said Saperstein.

Concern here about sending messages of dissent from Israeli policy intensified after a raucous debate here on the potential settlement of Soviet Jewish immigrants in the West Bank. Representatives of AJCongress, UAHC, and, to a lesser extent, the National Council of Jewish Women and the American Jewish Committee, led efforts to express the view that American Jews do not support the building of housing for Soviet Jews in the administered territories.

But in a letter distributed to delegates, leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith warned that "the twin problems of the peace process and absorbing Soviet Jews are difficult enough without the people of Israel looking over their shoulders, wondering where their traditional supporters" are heading.

In other action, NJCRAC delegates:



Rabbi Arthur Schneier, left, and Elie Wiesel, at a news conference following their return from Moscow, warned of Soviet anti-Semitism in the USSR. Rabbi Schneier called on Soviet intellectuals and church leaders to speak out. Mr. Wiesel said President Gorbachev himself must publicly condemn anti-Semitism, which both Jewish leaders agreed threatens not only Jews but Mr. Gorbachev's own program of perestroika and glasnost.

• Agreed to send all members of Congress letters urging support for sustaining current U.S. foreign aid levels to Israel in the 1991 fiscal year.

• Approved wording of a resolution that would "encourage" the Bush administration to use its dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization to "explore all possibilities for reducing tension and advancing prospects for a peaceful resolution" to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

• Rejected a suggestion by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America that the

United States end its dialogue with the PLO unless it "formally abrogates those sections of (its) covenant that call for Israel's destruction and takes the lead in ending the uprising in the administered territories."

• Informed Arizona Gov. Rose Mofford that NJCRAC would not hold further meetings in her state until it passes a law upholding state observance of the federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

(Washington Jewish Week staff writer Andrew Silow Carroll in Phoenix contributed to this report.)

Bromberg Works For Others

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Assistant Editor

Bernice Bromberg was one of three subjects featured in a matchmaker article that was published three weeks ago in the Herald's bridal issue. Bromberg, however, does more than play cupid; she's a self-appointed advocate who's constantly fighting for the mentally handicapped. As a supporter of the New Bedford Disabled Citizens she has assisted in teaching disabled people how to read, find jobs, or just get by.

"Parents often don't know how to get help for their children. Many parents give up too easily because they don't know how to cut through the red tape. So, I tell them what to do, who to speak to, what forms to fill out..." she says.

She and her husband, Matt, have lived and worked for themselves in New Bedford for most of their lives. They have been married for 42 years. Mrs. Bromberg was a hairdresser while Mr. Bromberg was involved in a number of businesses. They shared a building; he worked downstairs in their United Fruit Store and she had



Bernice Bromberg, restricted by Multiple Sclerosis, finds ways to help the New Bedford Disabled Citizens enjoy life.

her shop upstairs.

Mr. Bromberg eventually owned one of the largest record stores in New Bedford called the Record Center, which spread to two other locations, Wareham and South Dartmouth. Today, Mr. Bromberg works part-time selling retail jewelry. They have three children: Jill, 35, Lynde Sue, 36, and Leonard, 39.

An advocate for 10 years, Bromberg spends most of her time trying to open up the world

to the mentally handicapped preventing them from a fate of sitting at home doing unproductive work and watching television.

Through the experience with their mentally handicapped daughter, Jill, the Brombergs know the ins and outs of all the facilities for the retarded and handicapped in R.I. and Massachusetts. She and her husband say they will not hesitate to write their state representatives revealing any problems they come across.

She emphasized the importance of finding gainful employment in order to build self-esteem.

"She (Jill) didn't have anything to do and was given the ammunition to become a lonely person and, in turn, a problem patient," said Bromberg. "She didn't have a purpose in life, but we changed that by giving her things to do to make her feel wanted. Before, she was depressed and always causing problems saying, 'I don't want to do this or that.'"

A month ago, Bromberg found a means for her disabled friends to get to it: night classes at the New Bedford High School. She discovered that the South Eastern Transit Authority (SERTA) was willing to bus the students at



Two teams of Israeli forest management experts, most of whom work for the Jewish National Fund, recently completed an extensive study tour of firelighting and watershed management in the U.S., hosted by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. At a closing session in Washington, D.C., the team members gave their assessment of the tour and received plaques testifying to their completion of the study of the Pacific Northwest and Southwest regions.

25 cents a zone until 6:30 pm.

Besides being a consistent battler for individual rights for the disabled, she has been known to gather a group of disabled friends, buy tickets at a discount rate, arrange for transportation and send them to events like the Harlem Globe Trotters at the Providence Civic Center.

Bromberg does a lot for her disabled friends even though she

was stricken with Multiple Sclerosis about ten years ago. It started when she and her husband were on vacation in Santo Domingo about fourteen years ago and suddenly "it was like I was walking on air with my left foot. We ended our vacation and hopped on a plane home."

Eventually, after seeing several doctors, she and her husband (continued on page 16).

Inside the Ocean State

Helping Your Children Cope With Divorce

Divorce has become a common life experience, with about two and a half million couples divorcing each year, involving more than one million children. Even in the Jewish community, 38 percent of marriages result in divorce.

Bryna Bettigole, Clinical Director of Jewish Family Service says studies have shown that how well children survive a divorce depends primarily on three factors: (1) the level of hostility between the parents, (2) the degree of cooperation and (3) the consistent presence of the non-custodial parent. Yet at this time when children most need emotional support from their parents, their parents are least able to provide it.

Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service is responding to this need by offering "Children of Divorce," a four-session workshop for children aged six through twelve. Children will share with others their special concerns and coping strategies under the guidance of a trained clinical social worker with experience counseling children and adults involved in divorce. The group sessions will take place from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 24, May 8, 15

and 22 at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street, Providence. The workshop is open to all who wish to attend, and pre-registration is required. There is a fee of \$30 for each child. Call 331-1244 for registration or information. Jewish Family Service also offers individual, marital and family counseling should it be desired.

As a preliminary information source prior to the workshop, Jewish Family Service recommends that families watch "Don't Divorce the Children," a Lifetime Television program exploring the impact of divorce on children and hosted by Timothy Busfield of *thirtysomething*. The hour-long documentary, recommended by Family Service America, examines six case histories and will be followed by "After Words," a half-hour discussion hosted by Jane Wallace. The shows will air Saturday, March 10 at 9 p.m., Thursday, March 15 at 2 p.m. and Saturday, March 17 at 11 a.m. on the Lifetime cable channel. Look for local listings.

Submitted by the Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

Saul Wachs to Be Temple Torat Yisrael Scholar-in-Residence March 16-18, 1990

Saul Wachs, the highly distinguished Rosaline B. Feinstein Professor of Education at Gratz College in Philadelphia, has been invited to be Temple Torat Yisrael's 1990 Scholar-in-Residence the weekend of March 16-18.

"Can a Modern Jew Pray?" will be the theme of Prof. Wachs' three-part series, beginning on Friday night, March 16, 7:30, with the first lecture, "Dignity of Words."

The second lecture, which will begin Saturday at 12 noon, immediately following the close of Shabbat Services (9:30), will be a lunch presentation, "Discovering the Shema."

The Sunday morning breakfast program, which will begin at 9:45 a.m., will be "Prayer: Memories, Values, Dilemmas." Attendance at the three presentations (including the Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast) is free, but reservations are required 785-1800.

The entire weekend is made possible by the Presidents Fund of Temple Torat Yisrael, by the Florence Margolis Memorial Fund for the Arts and the Sisterhood and Men's Club.

Prof. Wachs is a former Dean and Chairman of the Faculty at Gratz College.

A popular speaker and lecturer, he has been invited to serve as guest on the faculties of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Bar-Ilan University and McCallister College.

Providence Chabad Visit Rebbe



A group of Providence residents led by Rabbi Yehoshua Lafer, recently traveled to New York to honor the Lubavitch leader, Rebbe Schneerson.

Israel High School Mission

Four teens, good will ambassadors from the State of Israel, will stop in Rhode Island from March 4 through 11 as part of a nationwide whirlwind tour. The four, Shirley Davidoff, Guy Israeli, Erez Romi and Sharon Rotschker, are participants in the Israeli High School Mission 1990, a program which promotes peace and understanding.

During their brief stay, the teens will visit the Rhode Island State House, private and public high schools throughout the state, the Providence Catholic Youth Organization, and the "Pursuit of Peace" lecture series sponsored by Temple Emanu-El in Providence. As in past years, the teens will answer questions (whether about the *intifada*, possible peace solutions, or favorite pop music) with frankness and will leave all who meet them,

adults and peers, with good feelings for the future.

In addition to their scheduled appearance, the teens, who will live with host families during their visit will hold a press conference. They also will be the featured guests at a welcoming buffet at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence on Sunday, March 4 at 6 p.m. The fee for the buffet is \$5 per person; \$15 maximum per family.

The Israel High School Mission is sponsored in the state by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. For further information call Stephanie Gurwitz at 421-4111 or Michele Bram at 861-8800.

Purim Books for Young Children Available at Bureau Of Jewish Education

BJE Kits — packaged materials fully ready to assemble — are now available for parents and grandparents of young children at the Bureau of Jewish Education's Resource Center. Two Purim kits are now ready.

The *Purim Texture Book* introduces the main Purim characters and their character traits. The "body" of each character is assembled from a fabric hamantaschen shape and decorated. The kit contains the book pages, plus fabric and trim to complete the book.

The *Purim Rebus Story* is a five-page megillah that is assembled with removable characters which are attached with velcro at the appropriate places. The Purim story is told in a very simple version.

The kits are \$3 each and can be laminated at the Bureau for a small additional charge. Postage is \$1 additional. Call Toby Rossner at the BJE, 331-0956 for orders.

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Ritual — Three Portraits Of Jewish Life



Rabbi Rick Jacobs, spiritual leader of the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, with his wife, Susan Friedman, as they contemplate the birth of their first child. The baby was a boy, and his brit milah is the central theme of one of the episodes in the documentary, *Ritual*.

Submitted by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Ritual has been defined as the grease that makes the wheels turn smoothly. According to the theologian Lawrence Hoffman, "everybody has rituals — we cannot go through life without them." And anthropologist Harvey Goldberg says rituals "combine thought and emotion, link esthetics to logic, translate abstract ideas into visceral reactions."

In a one-hour documentary, we examine three Jewish religious rituals: daily prayer, as an example of repetitive ritual; sukkot and the building of sukkah, showing the celebration of a festival; and circumcision, the marking of a milestone in the life cycle. Each of these demonstrates the attempt of one tradition to give structure to our time and space and to add meaning to our lives.

Five experts comment on ritual and its importance — Dr. Neil Gillman, Professor of Philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Blu Greenberg, an orthodox Jewish champion of women's rights, and Dr. Irving Greenberg, founder and President of CLAL, in addition to Professors Goldberg of the Hebrew University and Hoffman of Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion. Their perceptions of ritual in general take form in vignettes of individuals and families performing rituals and explaining what they do, and what it means to them.

In the first profile, we see

Carol Davidson, who has abandoned a promising musical career to study for the rabbinate. We see her at morning prayer, as she explains to us how she embarked on this prescribed routine without any sense of what it could mean to her, and how important it has become, largely from the fact of daily repetition.

Festivals, from the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving in our American civil religion, to Christmas and Easter in Christianity and Passover, Shabbat and Sukkot in the Jewish calendar, are rituals par excellence. In celebrating them, we are reminded of the passing of seasons, and of enduring values embodied in each holiday and its observance. As an example, we join a family celebrating Sukkot — follow them as they build their sukkah, as they shop for the lulav and esrog, and as they sit down to a sukkah meal.

This one hour TV documentary, produced by Oren Rudavsky and Brenda Goodman for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, is presented by the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission on the ABC network. In addition to providing airtime as a public service, ABC-Capital Cities, Inc. supplies funds which enable the major faith groups to produce religion programs for network TV. Most stations will carry the program at 1:00 p.m. on March 4. A fee will defer the program to a later date, or put it on the air at a different time.

Goldberg To Speak On Making It In Showbiz

George Goldberg, author of Contemporary Books' *Making It In Showbiz* and editor of *Faces International*, the quarterly "new talent source book" of the motion picture and television industry, will speak at the free-to-the-public seminar, "Making It In Hollywood," on March 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Providence Marriott in Providence. Directing his remarks at men, women and children interested in careers in acting and modeling, Goldberg provides a realistic assessment of the possible rewards as well as the many pitfalls to be expected in pursuing a career in the entertainment industry.

"I'm not talking about becoming a star," says Goldberg. "The fact is that only a small percentage of professional actors even earn a living in their chosen field. The vast majority are able to pay their bills and mortgages because they're full-time secretaries, salesmen, accountants and computers programmers. It's only rarely that an acting opportunity comes along to break the monotony."

In Goldberg's newly released *Making It In Showbiz*, he offers advice and encouragement to young hopefuls from over seventy actors who have "made

it" in films and television. With excerpts and anecdotes from interviews he has published in *Faces International* in recent years, such veteran stars as Carol Burnett, Charleton Heston, Bill Cosby and Michael Landon as well as a younger contingent including Bernadette Peters, Tony Danza, Mary Hart, Shelley Long and John Ritter share their thoughts and discuss their early struggles before finally arriving at where they are today.

While Goldberg dwells heavily on the harsh realities of a career in acting — the expense, effort, disappointment and rejection — he offers a good deal of down-to-earth guidance on how to pursue one's acting ambitions. "You might say that our main thrust is to discourage all but the most dedicated and pragmatic from even making the attempt," Goldberg notes. "Those who remain determined despite all the obstacles are the ones who can make it. After all, it's not all downhill. For those with talent, energy, patience and determination, a career in show business is not only possible, it can be exciting, lucrative, creatively satisfying and rewarding."

Faces International, a slick, full-color magazine, features

hundreds of photos of aspiring actors and models who have met the magazine's criteria, as well as instructive feature articles by and about actors, agents, directors, business managers and others involved in the business of show business. Each quarterly issue is distributed to over 13,000 agents, casting directors, producers and network and studio executives in the U.S. and more than thirty foreign countries.

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Editorial

A Fire Is Burning, Why Are We Waiting?

by Abraham Weiss
Abraham Weiss is National Chairman of the Center for Russian Jewry. He is Senior Rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, and Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at Stern College, Yeshiva University.

The campaign for the freedom of Soviet Jews is entering a new phase. No longer is it just a struggle for human rights. Now it has become nothing less than a rescue mission.

This stark appraisal seems unbelievable in the light of the rise of the freedom movement in the Soviet Union, and the erosion of the one-party system. Yet by all accounts, in the midst of this liberalization and renewal, Russia's Jews are living in grave danger. In a Riga synagogue last May I met terrified Jews. The evening before, on Soviet national TV, there had been an interview with members of Pamyat, the most virulent anti-Semitic group in the USSR.

"A fire is burning," a Jew cried out with deep emotion. He pointed to the biblical passage from Psalms above the Holy Ark: "Blessed be the Lord Who has not delivered us as prey to their teeth."

Soviet Jews perceive themselves to be in imminent danger. Threats of pogroms with target dates have been issued. One call for attacks by March 1 in Minsk; another on May 5 in Leningrad; a third on Karl Marx's birthday. Pamyat members recently burst into a Russian writers' union gathering, beating up those they believed were defending Jews and warned: "Next time, we'll return with machine guns."

Natan Sharansky, the former Prisoner of Conscience, has said that one million Jews are now seeking to exit the USSR. According to Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, 300,000 Soviet Jews have received exit visas to Israel. They're ready to go. The only problem, Soviet officials claim, is that there are no available airplane seats out of the Soviet Union until 1991. The slogan of the emigration movement is no longer "let my people go"; rather, it has become "let my people leave." Given the volatile political situation in the USSR, every day of waiting may be a day too late for the Jews.

The United States could play a key role in the rescue effort. David Wyman, in *The Abandon-*

ment of the Jews, documents how Washington failed to rescue European Jews during the Holocaust. Fifty years ago, American shores remained closed to the refugees of the ill-fated ship *St. Louis*. Today, the United States has another chance to save Jews. It can begin an emergency airlift to fly Soviet Jews en masse to Israel, or it can send ships to Odessa and Leningrad to bring the Jews there. Or the U.S. can insist in the strongest and most uncertain terms that the Soviets live up to their agreement with Israel for direct flights from five USSR cities to Ben Gurion Airport, and that the Kremlin allow more than the mere six Israeli officials who are at present processing the hundreds of thousands of exit applications.

Some Soviet Jewish activists in Israel maintain that America is dragging its feet in this matter, in its insistence that Israel first comply with the U.S. election plan for Judea and Samaria, and with Washington's overall Israel-Arab peace proposal. During the Holocaust, the United States offered political and economic excuses to explain its refusal to save remnants of European Jewry. The excuses remain unac-

ceptable. When lives are at stake, the priority is to save them; nothing else matters. And now, as Soviet Jews are threatened, America has a moral imperative to intervene.

Nor should the U.S. be intimidated by the Arab countries — including Syria and Iraq, with their abysmal human rights records — who are demanding that immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel be thwarted, claiming that the immigrants will be relocated in the disputed territories. Nonsense. The Israeli government has unequivocally stated that only 1% of Soviet Jews have chosen to settle in Judea and Samaria. The issue is not the West Bank or Soviet Jews. If a half million Jews from Argentina, France, or America decided to move to Dizengoff Square in the center of Tel Aviv, Arab countries would also be up in arms. The effort to deny freedom to Soviet Jews is nothing less than a challenge to the very *raison d'être* of Israel as a place of refuge for all Jews.

In 1939, the Arab Mufti pressured England to introduce the White Paper, cutting off Palestine as the last escape route for Jews fleeing from Hitler. Again,

the Arab nations are insisting that refugees of Soviet Jews be denied refuge in Israel.

Israel must also do its share. Alternative routes to Israel through European cities — by air, rail, sea, road, or whatever — must be accommodated. And on no level should party agendas prevail. The overriding objective must be to save lives.

As a child, I remember my parents lamenting what had befallen the Jewish people during the Second World War. "Es brennt, Yiddlech, der shetl brennt," they would sing: "It's burning, Jews, the village is burning." There was a time when all we did was sing about it. Now we can and we must do something about it.

Action and Prayer

In the portion *Terumah*, the Torah enumerates three different kinds of gift which were brought in connection with the new Sanctuary. The first was the *Shekalim*, a half shekel which was brought annually by every adult male to pay for the sacrifices. Second was the once-only payment of half a shekel to provide for the silver sockets which formed the foundation of the Sanctuary. Third

Tu BiShevat: On Time Again

Tu BiShevat came and went, on time once again.

Several years ago, I was invited to a certain town in New England to bring JNF's message on the occasion of Tu BiShevat. It was a bitterly cold winter day, and the outdoor grounds were covered by a blanket of white. I opened with the greeting of "Happy Tu BiShevat" but was immediately interrupted by a voice in the back of the hall who

exclaimed with some surprise, "Tu BiShevat? It is awfully early this year!" "Dear friend," I responded, "Tu BiShevat (the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat) is never early or late, it always comes on time!" And in the land of Israel one did not have to look at the calendar to know it was Tu BiShevat. The signs of nature's festival were in the air and everywhere, from the mountains of the Galilee in the

north to the vast Negev desert in the south. The harsh winter rains were almost gone and blossoms began to appear on the almond trees. The beautiful anemones (*kalanjot*) and cyclamens (*rakafot*) transform the mountains of Carmel of the hills of Judea into one breathtaking carpet of colors. The violet rises returned to Mt. Gilboa and the chirping of returning migratory birds filled the air again with the sounds of joy.

Tu BiShevat in 1990 may be more significant than ever, as the world confronts vast problems facing the environment. Currently, scientists around the globe are advocating the planting of trees as a means of alleviating ecological problems. This very solution has been the hallmark of the Jewish National Fund for almost 90 years.

On July 18, 1989, *The New York Times* ran an article, "To Halt Climate Change, Scientists Try Trees." The article focused on the problems of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and ways to offset its production. The most recognized solution was to plant trees. The planting of trees on a large scale could effectively reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Trees are the green lungs of mankind. A quarter acre of forest can produce about 60 kg of oxygen per day. Compare that to man's daily oxygen requirements of 0.5 to 2 kg per day.

Trees also influence climate by cooling and dampening the air. They absorb strong ultraviolet, radioactive and other harmful rays, as well as dust, smog and poisonous gases. Trees are the protective mantle of the land, providing shade and shelter and discouraging erosion, sand and dust storms and flash floods, not to mention their pure beauty and the recreational possibilities they provide.

There are many other ways in which forestry is of enormous benefit and because of this, some environmentalists — who are

often the target of the State of Israel have chosen arson in the forests as a means of terror. Since the beginning of the intifada two years ago, almost 2,000 forest fires have destroyed more than a million trees and consumed about 37,500 acres of natural woodland. One of the more devastating fires destroyed nearly 1200 acres of woodlands in the nature reserve on Mt. Carmel near Haifa. The charred forest was a painful site, especially to the children of Haifa. The charred forest was a painful site, especially to the children of Haifa. One 3rd grade boy, Shai, expressed his feelings by writing, "All through the fire I was praying for a miracle like the miracle of Moses and the burning bush, that the trees burn but not be destroyed."

On Tu BiShevat day, Shai joined, once again, thousands of Israeli school children and their teachers as they took to the hills to plant some of the 5 million saplings cultivated in the JNF nurseries. Motorists were urged to take a break from their driving and make a short detour to plant. Some say that Israel is perhaps the only country in the world where almost every tree has a birth certificate, because most trees are planted by individuals. This year's births will bring the total to almost 200 million trees.

The Jewish community in New England is also responding to the call, and over 100 schools, educational and religious institutions are participating in the 1990 Tu BiShevat campaign. The act of planting trees goes beyond just support of Israel. It is an act of faith in the future, for someone who plants trees believes they will grow to maturity long after the planter is gone. Tu BiShevat is a symbol of spring and hope, rebirth and joy in nature. It brings with it not only beautiful thoughts, but beautiful deeds. And remember, Tu BiShevat ALWAYS comes on time!

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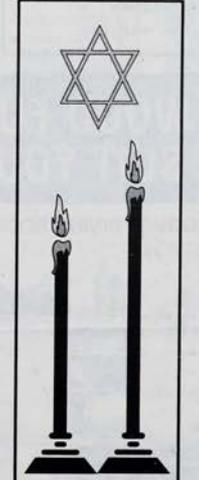
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was the contribution of materials with which the Sanctuary was built. This gift was also made one time only at the time of the construction of the Sanctuary.

The first mentioned gift continued annually and is even commemorated today with the giving of a half dollar on the eve of Purim. The latter two forms of contribution, being limited to the time of the wandering of the Jews in the desert, pose us the problem of defining their relevance in our times. The Torah is eternal, and its every detail has some relevant implication for all Jews in all times. And especially so for the details of the Sanctuary where the Rabbis infer from the verses that the Sanctuary is not only the physical building, but the spiritual sanctuary which every Jew constructs within his soul.

The narration of the methods by which the Sanctuary was constructed can, therefore, reveal to us many details of the way we form our own personal sanctuary.

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The Sanctuary gifts, on the other hand, were varied. They are compared to that level of service which is equal for all men. It is the articulation of one's faith and its suffusion through one's mind and heart. In

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Katz-Temkin



A December wedding is planned for Karen L. Katz of Boston, Mass., daughter of Ruth and David Katz of Longmeadow, Mass., and Bruce D. Temkin, son of Joan Temkin of Providence and Noah Temkin of North Providence. Both Karen and Bruce received their Masters in Management from the Sloan School of M.I.T. last May. Karen, a management consultant with the Index Group in Cambridge, Mass., has an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Mount Holyoke College. Bruce is an internal consultant with the Corporate Marketing Department of General Electric in Fairfield, Conn., and has a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Union College.

Karen is the granddaughter of Dora Cohen and Sylvia Katz, both of Springfield, Mass. Bruce is the grandson of Henrietta White of Hollywood, Fla., formerly from Providence.

Factors Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Barry D. Factor of 31 Lockwood Circle, Swansea, Mass., announce the birth of their first child, and son, Frederick Gregory Factor on January 31, 1990.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hutt of Bristol (formerly of Barrington). Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Factor of Cranston. Great-grandparent is Mr. Matthew Friedman of Hollywood, Fla.

Bernstein - Shaw

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Bernstein of 886 Hope St., Providence announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ellen Sue Bernstein of 40 Overhill Road to Mr. Sanford H. Shaw of 108 Belvedere Road, the son of Mrs. Dorothy Shaw and the late Louis Shaw of 50 Birch St., Cranston.

Miss Bernstein graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Northeastern and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia. Mr. Shaw graduated from Hope High School and Manhattan School of Printing.

The wedding will take place July 1, 1990.

Torman - Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horovitz of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Warwick, R.I., announce the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Fay Torman to Dr. Jeffrey David Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nachman Cohen of Lexington, Ma. Barbara's father is the late Herman R. Torman.

Barbara's maternal grandparents are Mrs. Sarah L. Benjamin of Warwick, R.I., and the late Dr. Barnard Benjamin. Barbara's paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. David Torman of Cranston, R.I.

Jeffrey's maternal grandparents are Mrs. Beatrice Adelman of New York and the late Abraham Adelman. Jeffrey's paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cohen of Cohen of Gardner, Ma.

Barbara graduated from Pilgrim High School and the University of Rhode Island and Jeffrey graduated from Lexington High School and Northwestern undergraduate and Dental Schools.

The couple will wed July 8.

Froehliches Announce Birth

Dr. and Mrs. John Froehlich announce the birth of their first child, Benjamin Arthur, born on January 10, 1990.

Grandparents are Elaine, Odessa of Pawtucket and Edith and Walter Froehlich of Buffalo, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Grace and Louis Schoenfeld.

Benjamin is named in loving memory of his grandfather, Benton Abraham Odessa, and great-grandfather Arthur Stern.

Zaxes Announce Birth

Dr. Marcia Sydney Zax and Dr. David Zax announce the birth of their second child, Rachel Elana, born in Jerusalem, Israel on February 8.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Sydney of Providence as well as Joanne Prines and Dr. Melvin Zax of Rochester, N.Y.

Endowment Fund Established At Alperin Schechter

The Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School is pleased to announce the establishment of the Ruth and Alan Ades Endowment Fund through the generosity of Ruth and Alan Ades.

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Ruth and Alan Ades, both strongly involved in the local, national and international Jewish communities, have been generous and energetic supporters of the Rhode Island Schechter School since its beginnings in 1978. Ruth was honored by Alperin Schechter last year at a Recognition Dinner on April 4, where her efforts on behalf of the school as well as her many community achievements were noted.

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West Bay Purim Party

The West Bay Jewish Community Center is having its annual Family Purim Party on Monday, March 5, 1990, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Westminster Unitarian Church in East Greenwich. Come dressed in costume. There will be arts and crafts for all ages, family pictures and refreshments. The fee is \$5 per family member and \$5 per person for non-members.

Please RSVP by February 28 by sending a check to P.O. Box 1114, East Greenwich, R.I. 02818. For more information call 823-1978.

Jewish War Veterans Post #23

The Jewish War Veterans Post #23 will be holding their first meeting of 1990 on Wednesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk, Mass.

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Obituaries

JOSEPH BANDER
PROVIDENCE — Joseph Bander, 91, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a screw machine operator at several companies for many years, retiring in 1965, died Thursday, February 22,

1990, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Martha (Russian) Bander.

He was born in Providence, a son of the late Simon and Dora (Sheffris) Bander. He lived in Cranston most of his life and returned to Providence six years ago.

Mr. Bander was a member of Touro Fraternal Association and Nestell Lodge No. 37, AF & AM. There are no immediate survivors.

A graveside service was held Friday, February 23, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

The funeral and burial will be in Israel. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

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GEORGE BASOK

PAWTUCKET — George Basok, 85, of 50 Dartmouth St., a stockbroker for Hornblower & Weeks, Providence, for 25 years before retiring 20 years ago, died Wednesday, February 21, 1990, at home. He was the husband of the late Sally (Cooper) Basok.

Born in Cranston, a son of the late Benjamin D. and Sarah (Kram) Basok, he moved to Pawtucket 30 years ago.

Mr. Basok attended Boston University. He was a past board member of the Touro Fraternal Association, a member of the Roosevelt Lodge of Masons, the Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, the Scottish Rite, the Palestine Temple Shrine and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

He leaves a daughter, Betty Kotlen of Providence; a grandson, three step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held February 22 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ANNA GALKIN

CRANSTON — Anna Galkin, 94, of Meshanticut Valley Parkway died February 20, 1990, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Ira S. Galkin.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harris and Esther Kenner, she lived in Cranston for nine years.

Mrs. Galkin was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, its Sisterhood, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hadassah and the Miriam Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

She leaves three sons, Arnold Galkin of Providence, Herbert Galkin of Cranston and Irwin Galkin of Boston; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, February 21, at the

DANIEL ALAN HELLER

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Daniel Alan Heller, 38, of 1455 Mimsal Spring Ave., died February 19, 1990 at home.

Born in Denver, Colo., he was the son of Isadore and Sylvia (Leader) Heller, of Summit, N.J.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Joshua Heller.

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

BEATRICE LECHTMAN

PAWTUCKET — Beatrice Lechtman, 87, of 134 Sheffield Ave., died Tuesday, February 20, 1990, at the West Boca Medical Center, Boca Raton, Fla. She was the widow of Abraham Lechtman.

Born in Austria, she was a daughter of the late Max and Pesha (Herbst) Dressler.

Mrs. Lechtman was a member of Congregation Ohave Shalom Synagogue, Pawtucket, and a past president of Ahavath Shalom Synagogue, West Warwick. She was active on the residents council at Charlesgate, Providence.

She leaves a son, Max Lechtman of Westminster, Calif.; two daughters, Priscilla Marks of Pawtucket and Shirley Sallet of Washington, D.C.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, February 21, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BERTHA LEVIN

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. — Bertha Levin, 75, of 452 Slocum Rd., died February 19, 1990, at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford.

Born in New Bedford, she was the daughter of the late Hyman and Mollie (Markowitz) Levin. She was a bookkeeper in retail sales for many years.

She is survived by a half-brother, Bernard S. Levine of North Dartmouth, Mass.; and a niece and a nephew.

Funeral services were held at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

ALEXANDER MARGOLIN

PROVIDENCE — Alexander Margolin, 75, of Herschel Street died Tuesday, February 21, 1990, from a gunshot wound to the back of the head. He was the husband of Esther (Doitch) Margolin.

Born in Russia, a son of Joseph and Nellie (Slovovich) Margolin in Israel, he lived in Providence for three years, previously living in Israel.

He was the owner of Mr. Donut, Branch Avenue, for two years.

He was a member of the Providence Hebrew Day School and he attended Community College of Rhode Island.

Besides his wife and parents, he leaves a brother, Gideon Margolin of Israel.

BIRDIE V. ORINGEL

PROVIDENCE — Birdie V. Oringel, 86, of the Wayland Health Center, 140 Pitman St., died February 16, 1990, at the Center. She was the widow of the late Benjamin Oringel.

Born in Bayonne, N.J., a daughter of the late Joseph and Rose Watnik, she had lived in Providence for two years. She previously lived in Forest Hills, N.Y.

She was a member of the Cerebral Palsy Association.

Mrs. Oringel is survived by a daughter, Suzanne B. Goldman of Providence and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 20, at Montefiore Cemetery, Queens, N.Y. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.



Events at Brown

Public Affairs: "The Health of the Ocean: Its Role in Our Lives"

Thursday, March 1 — 8 p.m.

How much of our waste can the ocean absorb? How do plastics and hazardous wastes affect the ocean? What is the role of the ocean in moderating climate?

Will the ocean rise due to the melting of ice caps? John A. Knauss of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will speak on "The Health of the Ocean: Its Role in Our Lives"

Thursday, March 1, at 8 p.m., in the Salomon Center for Teaching. Knauss, formerly dean of the graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island, is an expert on Rhode Island's coastal issues. Trudy Cox, executive director of Save the Bay, and Charles Fox, legislative director of Friends of the Earth, will react to Knauss' lecture. The session is part of the annual *Providence Journal/Brown University Public Affairs Conference*. This year's conference, "Our Fragile Earth: Strategies for Survival," is focusing on national environmental issues. Events are free and open to the public. For further information call 863-2552.

Public Affairs: "Toward a Global Environmental Ethic"

Monday, March 5 — 8 p.m.

Nature does not recognize political boundaries. Pollutants produced in one country may fall as rain on another. Industrialized nations continue to export substances and technologies which they consider too environmentally unsound for domestic use. Noel J. Brown, director of the United Nations Environment Programme, North America, will speak about these and other complexities of international environmental responsibility at the fourth session of the *Providence Journal/Brown University Public Affairs Conference*, "Our Fragile Earth: Strategies for Survival." His presentation entitled "Toward a Global Environmental Ethic," begins at 8 p.m. in the Salomon Center for Teaching.



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Trend Meets Tradition At Festival

by Meryl Ain

The New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — A potpourri of new kosher and Jewish products were showcased at the International Jewish Festival '90, demonstrating that it's possible in the new decade to be gourmet, trendy and traditional at the same time.

From caviet to diet milkshakes, the most current ideas have been translated into terms that are both kosher and Jewish. The best news for hard-core dieters is that it is now possible to be kosher and skinny. The popular Ultra Slim-Fast powder has just received kosher certification and will be available in stores in approximately two months.

For those who aren't dieting, a whole new world of short-cut baking has been opened up with kosher certification of Bisquick, the venerable General Mills all-purpose baking mix. Bisquick has been around for almost 60 years, but in the last year, lard

was eliminated from the product and partially hydrogenated soybean or cottonseed oil was substituted.

Another kosher product seeking attention is a line of imported gourmet kosher Italian products: pastas, pasta sauces and olive oils. It is being marketed in America by Giambioi Kosher Foods International of Old Bridge, N.J., under the Barone label. "While we have kosher certification, we are marketing through the general public," said Bruce Prince of Giambioi. "We want to break with the 'kosher gefilte fish aisle' mentality. We want to sit next to the other fine Italian sauces and pastas, because we offer the same quality."

And what could be more Jewish than chicken soup? But Ruth Feinberg, owner of Jewish Mother's Soup of California, said that only one-third of the buyers of her soup, which is distributed to 2,000 stores in 10 states, are kosher. She said that many are

not even Jewish.

"My soup is non-denominational," said Feinberg, who was in the restaurant business for 38 years and used to make 90 quarts of soup a day. "People who are health-conscious are buying it." Unlike most canned soups, Feinberg's soups are all low in cholesterol, calories and sodium. She said her soups are soon to be approved by the American Heart Association.

Also targeted for the kosher health-conscious consumer is no-cholesterol Vineyard Grape-seed Oil manufactured by Kedem.

For the most exotic tastes, Season has the first kosher imported Black Capelin Caviar. According to Marty Epstein, president of Season, when it was recently presented at the kosher food show in California, there was an "unbelievable response. We ran out. People were buying the caviar by the case."

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Stefano's — Quite a Scene

by Michael Fink

Stefano — be sure and try to remember to put the accent on the first syllable — works alone at his barber shop on Rochambeau Avenue. Every few weeks he trims my beard, crops my hair, nips a few whiskers here and there. Nothing too fancy.

Stefano does more than cut and shape. He greets me in Italian. "Come sta?" I come up with, "Sto bene, grazie." I can't do much more. I lapse into English. He calms down my day. He also dresses it up. He calls me "Professore."

Stefano doesn't only run a barbershop, he keeps a real salon just off Hope Street. People stop by just to talk. Customers hang out a while after a treatment to chat with each other. It's quite a scene. If you stand outside and peer in, you can't see the charm and magic. You look through the cluttered display of plastic faded flowers. A fuzzy tiger with suction paws clings to the windowpane. You can make out the nautically sofa and brass and glass table of old magazines. A trophy prize from a barber contest stands between two ceramic urns. Not much to look at. You have to listen in.

Stefano's courtly informality sets the tone of the parlor. He calls you "my friend." You ask for his mother in Italy. He inquires about your world, but never in a gossipy way. He cares about you with cordial courtesy. He wants to keep in touch with your work, your home, with the same light touch you feel in his scissors and comb.

Survivors and refugees drop in and discuss major topics of world interest. Young Orthodox parents bring in their boys in pais and tsitis. Stefano knows the Jewish East Side from every angle, among the mirrors of his inner sanctum. They trust him.

It's a fun fact everybody knows, that the pole that goes round in front of a barbershop symbolizes an arm being bled. Barbers used to be surgeons. I tell Stefano he should have been a doctor. He has gentle, firm, skillful fingers. He never pulls a hair or scratches your skin.

When I was a kid I had a terror of the man who held the razor. I sat in abject horror like a criminal

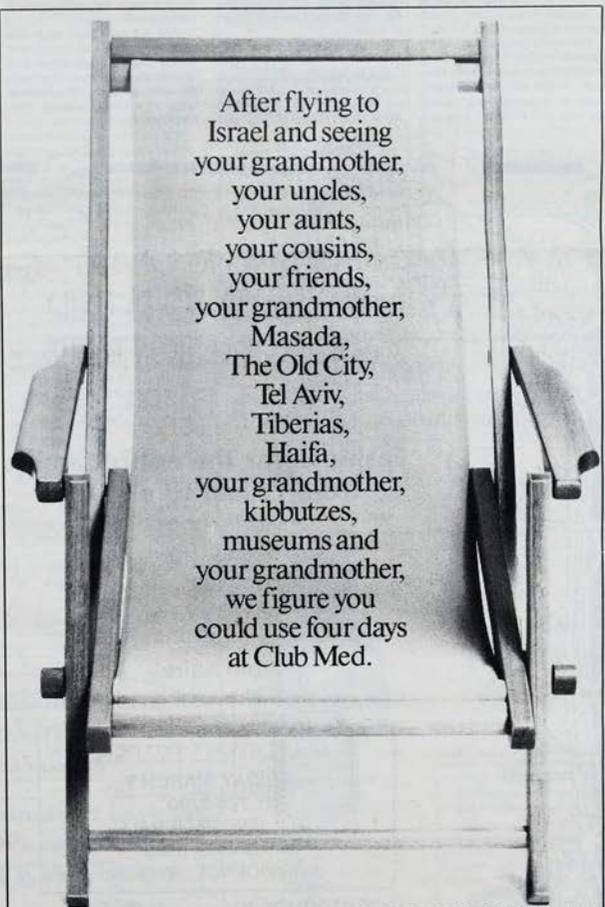
in the electric chair. I nearly died from my first trim. I got sick from crying. It turned to pneumonia. Yet now at Stefano's my cut restores my health, soothes and nourishes me. Stefano doesn't have a lot of hair upon his own head. So he doesn't look down on me, or rather on my bald spot. He thinks I have a good crop, he takes it seriously. "I've known you for twenty years. You haven't changed a bit," he tells me.

Around the time he opened this place, 1969, I was hunting around, like everyone else, for the perfect coiffeur. I'd pay anything, try anyone, go anywhere, in quest of the luxury layer cut, the fabulous formula. It was the time when hippies of all ages grew their hair long. I got great coiffures in London, Paris, and Rome. Each salon had its surprises. A parrot sang opera in Trastevere. Girls cut your hair in Paris. The boys in London all looked like Beatles. Then I settled down for the long haul at Stefano's.

During the decade that drew to its close, people just wanted to look neat. When I got up from Stefano's seat, he hands me my glasses with elaborate care. He brings me the hand mirror. I inspect my new face. "I look younger again, thank you," I manage. "Grazie a lei," he gives back. Sometimes instead of talk, I get a little drowsy and let my mind wander. Some day I'll be mayor, governor, senator, President. I'll take Stefano along as my personal aide as we travel around the world to the centers of power. I tell Stefano about it as I stand over the antique cash register. He smiles and takes it in stride.

As I reach for my hat and coat I watch as he shakes my hairs off the sheet and prepares the space for the next customer. I go home and get mad if no one notices Stefano's handiwork. But so what. In another three weeks I'll go back to Stefano's as to the fountain of youth. He'll give me another month's lease on eternal life.

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World and National News

Holocaust Revisionism Scandal Unfolds At Indiana University

by Elena Neuman

NEW YORK (JTA) — When students at Indiana-Purdue University enrolled in Western Civ. 101 this past autumn, they didn't know they had signed up for a whole new version of the history of World War II and the Nazi Holocaust.

Donald Hiner, a part-time teacher at the university who holds a master's degree in history, taught his own revisionist version of the history of the Third Reich, and according to his student evaluations, he did a good job.

"This is particularly upsetting," said John Barlow, dean of the Indiana-Purdue School of Liberal Arts. "A good teacher teaching lies and slander is far more dangerous than a bad teacher," doing likewise.

Hiner, a historian specializing in the history of the Protestant Reformation and Martin Luther, has taught in his history classes that the Holocaust is a "myth."

Among the points made in his classes were that "the worst thing about Hitler is that without him, there would not be an Israel. None of it makes sense unless you look at it from the prospect

of Israel getting a lot of wealth from this story" of the Holocaust.

"If the Holocaust really occurred," Hiner lectured, "you wouldn't have 2.5 million in Israel getting reparations."

Although Hiner has been teaching at Indiana-Purdue since the beginning of the academic year, his revisionism was not brought to the attention of university authorities until Feb. 9, when a student, Rene Arbuckle, taped one of his history lectures and brought it to Dean Barlow, as well as the Indianapolis press.

"It makes you wonder about the passivity of some of the students," said Barlow. "I would imagine that many of the students are somewhat bewildered by Hiner's approach and accepted it."

"He's pretty cagey. He says he's offering an alternative view. But it's not an alternate view; it's a vicious lie."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, sees Hiner's statements as not just lies, but downright anti-Semitism. "His presentation was clearly revisionist,

anti-Israel in nature, and by extension anti-Semitic," Cooper said.

The Los Angeles-based center was informed of the incident by an Indianapolis member, Dr. Gerald Margolis, director of the center, then called Barlow and urged Hiner's dismissal.

Barlow has assured Margolis that the issue will be resolved within the week. "The matter is being discussed presently," he said in a phone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"For me it's unthinkable that he should be teaching anyone."

Since the scandal arose, more details of Hiner's questionable past have surfaced.

In 1970, while a student, Hiner was convicted of stealing books about Hitler from his university library. In 1980, he was found guilty of theft. And, most recently, in 1988, a jury convicted the educator for stealing Nazi memorabilia.

"We did not know about his past when we hired him," said Barlow, even though Hiner had been teaching on and off at various campuses of the Indiana State University since the seventies.



Dr. Neil Gillman, associate professor of Jewish Philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, explains the role of ritual in our lives to a class of which rabbinical student Carl Davidson is a member. Ms. Davidson's exploration of such ritual acts as daily prayer is one of the themes in the documentary, *Ritual: Three Portraits of Jewish Life*, produced by Oren Rudavsky and Brenda Goodman for The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. It will be aired on ABC-TV on Sunday, March 4 at 1 p.m. For more information contact Marjorie Wyler, JTS, 3080 Broadway, New York 10027 (212) 678-8020.

In fact, it turns out that Franklin College, a local Indianapolis educational institution, dismissed Hiner after reports of revisionism in the classroom. He also reportedly taught Holocaust denial during science classes while a part-time teacher in the

Indianapolis public school system.

"This is a large urban university with almost 27,000 students," Barlow said of Indiana-Purdue. "We have a lot of part-timers that come and go. And we don't check for criminal records in our hiring. We're going to have to be more careful about the past of some of the people we hire in the future."

Hiner, when contacted for comment, did not return telephone messages from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Meanwhile, the Wiesenthal Center has sent a copy of its Academy Award-winning video, "Genocide" to the university's history department to be shown to Hiner's students.

Rabbi Daniel Landes, the director of the center's education program and author of the book *College Education of the Holocaust: Critical Issues of the Holocaust*, will come to Indiana-Purdue to address an assembly to be attended by university students and faculty.

Purim Baskets

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Israelis Have Little Quarrel With U.S. Human Rights Report

by Howard Rosenberg
 WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israel has accepted as correct, "except for minor inaccuracies," the State Department's annual report on human rights around the world, which is once again critical of Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

That was the assessment Amnon Strashnov, the Israel Defense Force judge advocate general, gave of the report, which was officially released, though copies of it were widely circulated.

While the level of criticism of Israeli practices is about the same as last year, the report acknowledges that the Israeli security forces have guidelines governing their behavior.

It notes considerable attention, for the first time, to the rising phenomenon of infitafda-related murders of Arabs by fellow Arabs in the territories.

Reactions by the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem and by the Israeli Embassy here took the position that while some of Israel's actions were regrettable, they were necessary and no different from measures employed by other democratic countries to cope with violence.

The report, mandated by Congress and drafted by Richard Schifter, the assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, says that in 1989, the Israeli Defense Force often did not comply with its own guidelines for treating Palestinian insurgents, resulting in "avoidable deaths and injuries."

But it contains no statement comparable to last year's allegation of "a substantial increase in human rights violations" over the previous year.

One alleged violation in 1989 is that while "IDF orders forbid the use of force after the detention of a suspect and the cessation of violent resistance," at least 10 deaths can be attributed to beatings.

Palestinians also were responsible for many deaths in 1989, including those of fellow Palestinians, the report states. A total of 128 Palestinians were killed by their peers for collaborating with Israel, compared to 13 in 1988.

Overall infitafda-related violence in 1989 cost the lives of 432 Palestinians, compared to 366 in 1988.

Palestinians killed 13 Israeli soldiers or civilians in 1989, compared to 11 Israelis previously killed since the intifada began on December 9, 1987.

Schifter said that in recent weeks, there had been a sharp drop in Palestinian casualties caused by Israeli forces.

"If you look at the last six to seven weeks, the incidents of fatalities as a result of actions of the Israel Defense Force has gone down by more than half," he told the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on human rights.

He attributed the change to fewer army troops being sent out to patrol trouble spots.

The report also assails the widespread use of "administrative detention for alleged security reasons without formal charges."

Israel issued no new deportation orders last year, but 26 Palestinians were deported after exhaustive appeals, the report says.

"Israel kept all Palestinian universities in the West Bank and Gaza closed throughout 1989, allegedly because they were contributing to violence." And though Israel reopened vocational, secondary and elementary schools last summer, it closed them again in mid-November.

The report also deals with Israel's treatment of the Palestinian press, charging that "Arabic translations of uprising-related news stories which had previously appeared in the Hebrew language press were routinely censored."

It notes that no Palestinian broadcast media are based in the territories, and it charges that Israel has "jammed inflammatory radio broadcasts from neighboring countries."

The report says that in August, "the use of fax machines in the Gaza Strip was banned." Israel suspects that the machines have been used by the leadership of the Palestinian uprising to confer with Palestine Liberation Organization officials abroad.

In general, the report concludes, "Palestinians have no means to participate in significant policy decisions" concerning land, natural resources, industry, trade and taxation.

The American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee found the report too lenient and called for Schifter's resignation.

Faris Bouhafa, a spokesman for the group, said Schifter "has an obvious conflict-of-interest problem," because he is Jewish.

In Israel, by contrast, Brig. Gen. Strashnov said that, by and large, he has "no problem with the credibility of the report."

Speaking on army radio, he said it amounts to a factual account of the situation in the territories, "except for minor inaccuracies."

For example, he said, the report refers to 10 people who died as a result of brutal beatings, but he knows of only four such "unfortunate" cases of death.

He noted with satisfaction that there was no general accusation of torture as a means of interrogation and that the report states explicitly that there is no policy of violence and torture of detainees.

He cited a firebomb attack on a bus, which took the lives of a Jewish woman and her children. "One needs to react within the framework of the law. Nobody expects us to sit idly and to pres-

ent the other cheek," Strashnov said. "We definitely believe it operates properly and reasonably," he said. He confirmed, however, that most, but not all, convictions are based on confessions.

He said of 20,000 tried for rioting since the intifada began, 15,000 cases have been concluded. Before the intifada, there were only 1,000 to 1,100 such trials a year.

Strashnov also stressed there have been no deportations in the past 18 months.

With respect to allegations that Jewish settlers in the territories received preferential treatment by the judicial system, Strashnov explained that the settlers face trial in civilian courts in Israel, whereas Palestinians are tried by local military courts.

"The report has not presented anything new that I did not know before," he said. "The question is, why are we forced to use those unpleasant measures?"

The statement released by the Israeli Embassy in Washington stressed that Israel had cooperated with the State Department in investigating the human rights situation in the territories. "The riots and violence in Judea-Samaria and the Gaza district are the most recent link in the ongoing chain of violence against Israel," the embassy said.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, a Palestinian human rights organization known as Al Haq, affiliated with the International Commission of Jurists, released its own report.

The 600-page document alleges that Israel has increased the use of physical torture on security inmates as well as collective punishment, the demolition of houses and wide economic sanctions.

Al Haq representatives claimed that Palestinian prisoners have no recourse to regular legal eche-lons. They said 95 percent of all trials in the territories end with conviction. They also charged that Israel's High Court of Justice showed no inclination to dispute security considerations used to justify actions against the local population.

Israeli military sources flatly rejected the allegations in the Al Haq report. The sources claimed that all IDF actions in the territories comply with international law and are subject to review by the High Court of Justice.



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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



One summer, moons ago, we ventured to the rocky Maine coast, to Ogunquit and Kennebunkport, steering through the quaint Maine harbor villages, staying clear of monotonous highways.

One byway brought us to the public library in York, where posted outside was a sign beckoning us to stop, park and enter. The magic words screamed "Book Sale!"

It didn't take but a minute to find *Angling Sketches*. Inside were three handsome sepia etchings and many black and white illustrations. One sepia has two young boys kneeling over a quiet stream. Opposite them, a woman spreads out her clothes to dry, a wooden laundry bucket by her side.

Another sepia illustrates a nattily attired gentleman, swooping his flyfishing rod into a waterfall gushing out of a rocky ravine.

For this treasured gem, I only paid a quarter, but the pleasure is priceless.

Last week, I was Boston bound to meet my first antiquarian book dealer when a drowning sensation came over me. I should have taken my gem with me for Kenneth Gloss of Brattle Book Shop to appraise.

The Brattle Book Shop in Boston? You mean Cambridge, one may correct. A common and continuous mix-up, volunteered the shop's pleasant owner, that many people think the Brattle Book Shop is in Cambridge. A bit of background information straightened out the confusion.

Located at 9 West Street, off Washington and Tremont Streets not far from File's, the Brattle Book Shop's existence goes back to the 1820's.

"At the time it was about to go out of business in 1949, my parents were planning to get married. With my mother's \$500, they bought a half interest in the Brattle Book Shop on Brattle Street in Scollay Square, now City Hall Plaza."

"They moved several times. With each move, my father ran book sales, finalized with a big give-away on the last day. Hundreds of people would line up around the corners. He rang a big bell and everyone rushed in for five minutes and left with whatever they could carry in satchels and paper bags. At the sound of the bell, that group left and went to the next group. He gave away 250,000 books like that."

Twenty years ago, a move to a five-story wooden building next door lasted only 10 years. A call at 4 in the morning announced the building had burned to the ground.

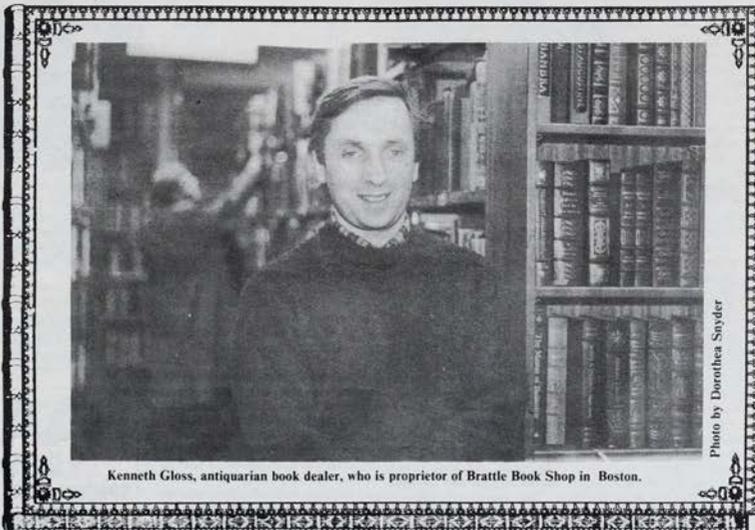
That didn't keep the Brattle Book Shop down for long. "We rented a place a few doors up the street and got going within a month thanks to those people who decided to sell their books now to us. Among them was Kevin White, who came in with a carload of books. We bought the building five or six years ago before the real estate started to go crazy."

Reminiscing about his father, George Gloss, Ken said "He loved books all his life and was a storyteller at 5 years old. He'd remember the stories he heard at the East Boston Public Library and tell them to the kids on the street."

"At 5 I started coming in to the shop. I worked after school and summers during college. When I graduated from the University of Massachusetts, I had plans to go on for a doctorate in Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, but I decided to take a year off. That was 17 years ago."

"My father was a real character. When we moved our store on Washington Street to West Street, we had so many books left over the wagon with an ox team and a cow-boy. On the outside was printed 'Go West Book Lovers, Go 5 West Street, Brattle Book Shop.'"

The wagon drove down Court Street



Kenneth Gloss, antiquarian book dealer, who is proprietor of Brattle Book Shop in Boston.

Photo by Dorothea Snyder

and down West to Washington. My father threw books out the back of the wagon the whole way. His good friend was the superintendent in charge of traffic, who said he could do it all morning. But he tied traffic up so much that he stopped after an hour.

"My dad was a real showman who appeared on radio and television, including the Channel 2 Auction. The store had a good reputation and was well known. When he died four years ago, I knew I had to keep it well known. So I started going out to libraries, historical societies, men's and women's groups, speaking and lecturing about books and book collecting as well as on radio and TV shows."

"When anyone thinks of an old book, I want them to think of the Brattle Book Store and me. I don't care if people think of 10 other dealers as long as we're one of the 10."

"The real limiting factor in my business is getting in stock. The most frustrating thing in the world is to hear about a great estate with a fabulous library that sold to somebody you never heard of."

"When I want a library, I end up getting the bid 80 to 90 percent of the time because I've been doing this literally almost all my life. I've got a good idea of what books are worth and what must be paid to get them."

During lectures, Kenneth leaves time for questions and answers and a few book appraisals. "I try to touch upon first and second editions. Every book is an individual book."

"There's no blanket thing where you can say everything like this is valuable and everything like that isn't. Most first editions never come out in a second edition and shouldn't have come out in a first."

"People bring in fabulous books sometimes, but almost never do they want to sell, but maybe one day they will."

In regard to quick appraisals, he says, "90% of the time I can give them a quick verbal appraisal, but if I can't, I'll get back to them over the phone."

"The only time I charge a fee is when a formal write up of appraisal is needed for estate, insurance and taxes."

Ken considers himself very lucky to be in a business where something different happens all the time. "At one lecture, I noticed a man carrying an Andrew Wyeth book, which I thought was nothing special. When I opened it up, there was a full page watercolor."

"It turns out the man knew Wyeth and the book was worth anywhere from \$25,000 to \$75,000. The unexpected!"

"At the same lecture, a lady told me her mother had Robert Frost as a teacher when she was very young and asked if I would be interested in her school papers, corrected and commented upon by Robert Frost."

"These are so personal to them that I can't imagine she'd sell at this point, but maybe down the line..."

Ken met a woman at his lecture, whose great-great-grandfather had owned a general store outside of Boston during the Revolutionary War.

"The American troops did business with them. They had all the purchase ledgers, which is a fabulous thing. She was in a terrible hurry, but showed me all these scraps of paper. 'I wonder if any of these are good,' she said, unfolding an old sheet from the period of the Declaration of Independence."

"I didn't have time to look at it all, but it could be worth anywhere from a few thousand to a few hundred thousand dollars."

"I told her to get in touch with me. That was eight months ago. Maybe eight years from now, I'll hear from her."

Asking if his chemistry background helps him, he replied, "You don't have to be a scientist to know first editions of Galileo or Newton are valuable. Occasionally, I come across science and technical books."

"We bought 11,000 books from Oak Ridge Laboratories of Tennessee a few years ago because they were part of the Manhattan Project. Almost no other book dealer wanted to look at them."

"I never felt intimidated going to a professor's library and looking the books over. I have a good idea what will or won't sell."

"The major value of my education in chemistry was when I came here, I definitely had an option. Psychologically, it helped knowing I wasn't here because I had to be here."

His advice in collecting books is to "Narrow it down to some extent... for instance, books on Newport, Rhode Island or Providence history, the sailing ship industry or yachting, doll collecting or cooking."

"There is no way to collect everything. It's financially and physically impossible. Find an area you like and enjoy and can have fun with and can afford."

"It's no fun collecting original Audubon books if you can only spend \$50.00. Even if you have unlimited funds, it's no fun to collect something so rare you can only find it every two years."

"The biggest mistake book collectors make is when they look back to what they didn't buy, not the ones they paid a little bit too much for."

"Go to book stores. You'll find most book dealers are in business because they like it. The trouble with book dealers is to get them to stop answering the questions asked."

At that moment, Ken's assistant handed him an old world atlas printed in the 1700's that a customer had brought in for appraisal.

Looking through it, he determined it would have been better if it had been a United States atlas.

"If it had state maps, it could be worth thousands of dollars. People like state maps because it shows the progress of the country. This world atlas is worth about \$500."

There is a staff of eight at Brattle Book Shop. Ken's mother, Dorrit Gloss, comes in three days a week to do bookkeeping and secretarial work. Her name, he said, is contained in Charles Dickens' novel, *Little Dorrit*.

"She likes to travel to odd places. Right now, she's in Tunisia for 10 days. My wife Joyce works occasionally, but our two active daughters keep her busy at home. Emily is 5% and Sonia, almost 3."

"The kids love to come into the store. Emily likes to climb into the front window and wave to people. I don't remember doing that. The biggest attraction for Sonia is running up and down the stairs."

Ken says that when the time comes in 20 to 25 years, his girls can decide whether they want to continue the family tradition at 9 West Street.

This morning, I called the 800 number at Brattle Book Shop (1-800-447-9595) and related all pertinent information about my York Public Library find, *Angling Sketches*.

"Is it leather bound?" Ken asked. I sniffed and wasn't sure I detected a leather smell. "Does it say limited edition?" he asked. "No. It doesn't." I replied.

"Well, I'd say your book would sell retail for \$25.00 to \$30.00."

"Really?" I piped back, swooning over my quarter investment.

Arts and Entertainment

The Unsinkable Debbie Reynolds



Debbie Reynolds, as *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, with miners in a vigorous dance scene at the Saddle Rock Saloon, now at the Colonial Theatre in Boston through March 4.

by Dorothea Snyder

A sunbeam has been shining ever so brightly on the Boston horizon these two weeks.

Spunky Debbie Reynolds is appearing on the Colonial stage in her first stage appearance of the film that gave her an Oscar nomination in the early 60's, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*.

After seeing the vivacious star through miles of celluloid, it was a bit of a thrill to see this super sunbeam in performance.

Richard Morris's book is based on the true-life saga of Molly Tobin Brown, who rose above the illiteracy of a mining town in the West, Leadville, Colorado, to seek a better life in Denver that her new riches could afford. One of Molly's earlier dreams was "to have saucers match the cups."

Denver's society rejects Molly and they move on to Paris, where Molly becomes the darling of royalty and prepares for her return to Denver with her aristocratic friends.

It turns out to be one frolic after another, one hilarious moment from scene to scene. Ms. Reynolds is a natural comedienne. Her timing and expressive reactions are perfect. This major film star is equally at home on the stage.

Ron Raines, who plays her husband, "Leadville" Johnny Brown, is reminiscent of a Robert Goulet-Howard Keel combination. Yet, Raines is his own person and has a great command of the stage in stature and in voice. He has an operatic background and sings magnificently.

There is a wonderful supporting cast, who inject the right doses of humor. Molly's father, played by Gene Ross, has all the rough and callous edges to add to the barrel of laughs. Francesco Soriano and Anne Russell, as Prince and Princess DeLong, are charmingly continental and accentuate the goings on.

Paco Macliss's dazzling costumes and Randy Wright's flair for peach and reds echo the Victorian times. Ed Kerrigan's versatile choreography changes from robust, stomping dance scenes to rigid and straight-laced movements, which are interpreted by flexible dancers. Victorian Director John Bobaw's production is fabulous fun and keeps a smile on your face.

A long time has gone by since we all tried to imitate Debbie Reynolds and Carelton Carpenter's jet-propelled version of "Aha-daba Honeymoon." Her *Singing In The Rain* has become as popular as *Casablanca*.

Following the last curtain call, Ms. Reynolds beamed and praised the audience for their wonderful response to the show.

Spotting a youngster, she said "Oh, look there's a little girl with her mother. Yes, I am Princess Lea's mother," referring to her daughter Carrie Fisher's role in *Star Wars*.

Debbie Reynolds is still the trooper and for sure, a top gun. (*The Unsinkable Molly Brown* plays at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through March 4th.)

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Richard III at Brown University

Richard III by William Shakespeare will be presented by Brown University Theatre for two weeks, Thursday, March 8-Sunday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 14-Sunday, March 18. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in the Isabelle Russek Leeds Theatre, 77 Waterman St. (at the marquee) on the Brown University campus. Tickets are priced at \$8 and may be purchased or reserved by calling the Box Office at (401) 863-2838 during business hours Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets for senior citizens 65 and over are \$6 and students with a valid ID are \$5. Tickets are by reserved seating and very limited, especially for Friday and Saturday evenings, so it is best to purchase early. Tickets which are on reserve are only until 7:30 p.m. for pickup and purchase and are promptly cancelled.

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"Love Letters" Is "First Class"

by Pam Tcah

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Our first insight into the characters of Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner are revealed when in second grade they exchange Valentines. Unfortunately for them, neither one really knows what to make of the other until it's too late.

All through the play, as we watch them go through all the normal changes and adjustments on the way to adulthood, we realize one thing: they truly need and love each other. It almost seems as if they know each other too well to actually fall in love. They are jealous when the other falls in love, but also, they are always there to pick up the pieces when it is over.

As they mature, their need for love and friendship grows. Each one is constantly seeking the approval of the other. It almost looks like they make mistakes just so the other one will have to save them.

Even though the play is more of a reading, an exchange of written letters that actually sounds more like a lifelong conversation, you can't help wonder-

ing in what direction Andy's and Melissa's lives will go. Andy was always Melissa's anchor, her calm port in a storm, while Melissa provided the excitement

and mischievousness that Andy was always too afraid to go after himself.

We learn too, about the family (continued on page 15)



John Rubinstein and Joanna Gleason share "Love Letters" at the Wilbur Theatre.



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Sunday, March 4 12:00 PM Rapaporte Hillier House
80 Brown Street

Rabbi Amy Eilberg is the first woman ordained as a Conservative rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She currently serves as Director of Hosts, Chavot the Jewish Hospice Care Program of the Jewish Chaplaincy Service of Philadelphia.

Dr. Howard Eilberg-Schwartz is Assistant Professor in the Department of Religion of Temple University in Philadelphia. He has written extensively on the Anthropology of Judaism, Rabbinic Judaism, and Judaism in Latin America.

For more information contact: Madeline Lundgren, Brown-RISD Hillier, (401) 863-2805.

Local News

Jewish Community Center Of R.I.

Youth Events For March
The Youth Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, is presenting events for March including horseback riding, a breakfast and overnight.

The Junior Outdoor Club, for children in grades 7-8, will be going horseback riding on Sunday, March 4. The event is free for Junior Outdoor Club members and is \$5 for non-members. On Sunday, March 18 youth in grades 9-12 are invited to Colt State Park for a sunrise breakfast. Participants are to depart the Center one hour before sunrise. The breakfast is free to Outdoor Club members; \$5 for non-members.

Club 456, a club for children in grades 4-6, will be having a pool party and overnight from Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, March 25 at 9 a.m. at the Center. The event is free to Club 456 members; \$10 for non-members.

Meetings for Young Judea will be held on Sunday, March 4 and Sunday, March 18, both from 1-3 p.m. There will be a Purim program on Sunday, March 4 after the meeting. On Saturday, March 31 children in Ofarim (grades 4-6) and in Tzofim (grades 7-8) will be having an overnight.

For additional information call Michele Bram at 861-8800.

Scuba Diving April 12-June 7

The Health and Physical Education and Aquatics Departments of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401

Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, will be offering a new scuba diving class during April 12 to June 7. Besides pool and classroom instruction on Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., three outside dives will also be held on June 2, 3 and 9. There will be no class on May 31.

Students, adults or children over age 12 accompanied by a parent, must have their own mask, fins and snorkel for pool classes and rent a full wet suit for the outside dives. All other equipment will be provided by Ed Ziegler, instructor.

The course leads to National certification. Call Mr. Ziegler in the evenings to register - 751-7137.

Swimmers and Sponsors Needed
April 18 will be the dates for the annual Swimathon at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence. Swimathon, sponsored by the Aquatic Department of the Center, raises funds to maintain quality programs and facility maintenance.

Swimmers and sponsors are needed; sponsor sheets may be picked up at the pool office or basket room at the Center. Children who raise \$25+ and adults who raise \$50+ will receive a special T-shirt.

For more information call 861-8800 and ask for Patty Gidd.

Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest Deadline: Friday, April 27, 1990

The deadline for essays in the annual Saul Abrams Memorial

Essay Contest will be Friday, April 27, 1990. The contest is sponsored by the Children's Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence.

This year, the theme of the essay is "A Rhode Islander who has helped the new Americans from the Soviet Union to feel welcome"; suggested are teachers, families or those who have offered employment. The winner will receive a United States savings bond and a tree planted in his or her name in Israel. The contest is open to children grades 4-6. Please submit all entries to: Children's Department, Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, R.I. 02906.

For additional information, call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

"Three Women, Three Views" At Gallery 401 Opening Reception - Sunday, March 4

Gallery 401, of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, is pleased to present the works of Donna Dodd, Sharon Sousa and Marg Tudino, "Three Women, Three Views," on Sunday, March 4, 1990 at an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. The exhibit of these three local artists will be shown through March 27.

A resident of Rhode Island, Donna Dodd has studied at Rhode Island School of Design and is a graduate of Rhode Island College. She has partici-

ated in art organizations such as the Artist Collaborative and the Art Club at Rhode Island College and was president of the Emerging Artist, an organization devoted to helping artists obtain experience exhibiting in galleries. Donna concentrates on creating impressions that are active and fragmented which to her represent contemporary life and relationships. Ms. Dodd has had numerous exhibitions in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Sharon Sousa, a Rhode Island artist and participating member of the arts, reveals her versatility in many areas of the arts throughout New England. She has designed layouts for children productions sponsored by the Rhode Island State Council of the Arts, has been a visiting artist in many elementary and secondary schools throughout Rhode Island and has been teaching art classes at several schools in the area. Her work, focusing on paint and sculpture, reveals a balance of strength and sensual expression within natural forms.

To Marg Tudino, art is a spiritual expression of self. Through the use of lines and curves and much and varied color, she tries to bring the viewer through the canvas and beyond in an exciting and passionate expression of life. She is experienced in various art instruction, coordination and supervisory positions and has had several exhibitions and private showings throughout Rhode Island. Married with three children, Marg also does freelance work with Indian design pottery, leather work and glass bead-

ing. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on Saturday.

For more information call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

Senior Programs For March
The Koshers Mealiste at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence offers seniors activities at 11 a.m. daily Sunday through Friday followed by a hot kosher meal at noon. The meal is sponsored by Project Hope.

For the month of March, the following special activities are planned:

- Tuesday, March 6, Tour of Rhode Island School of Design Museum 10 a.m., return to Center for noon lunch, fee for NM: \$1.50.

- Tuesday, March 13, Purim Party - Sandy Evans to entertain on piano, singing, 10:45-11:15 a.m.

- Tuesday, March 20, VCR movie, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

- Tuesday, March 27, Lunch at Cranston kosher mealiste, leave Center at 10 a.m., return by 1:30.

The following activities are regularly scheduled: Mondays, Green Thumb Club (for seniors interested in working with plants); Fridays, Shabbat traditions; Friend to Friend, senior exercise, arts and crafts, Israeli VCR programs, film series, health checks.

For further information on programming for seniors or for transportation, call Sandy Bass at 861-8800.

ORT Camp Fair

One way to avoid the time and expense of screening prospective camps is to drop in at the Jewish Community Center on March 4 (12-4 pm) for the Providence Chapter of the Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training's 7th annual Camp Fair (the JCC is located at the corner of Elmgrove Ave. and Session St.). Exhibits include displays and directors from residential camps, day camps, all-boy and all-girl camps, sports camps, week camps and specialty camps.

Representatives will be on hand to answer such questions as whether or not the child should go to sleep-away or day camp, types of medical facilities, qualifications of counselors, proximity to hospitals, specialized care and rules that will apply to the children.

The WAORT is an international non-profit organization that can be traced as far back as 1880 in Russia where people formed a vocational training group for people in need of job skills. Today there are 300 schools funded through WAORT across America training any age group and any person who would like to learn how to be a mechanic, beautician, computer worker, etc. Locally there are four offices, Elmgrove, Blackstone Valley, Bay Island and Providence, with about 800 members.

For more information on the Camp Fair or on WAORT call 463-7684.

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Scholarship Fund Available for Israel Study

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Lillian and Sidney Ross Scholarship Fund. This scholarship, which will afford high school students the opportunity to attend approved Israel study programs, is available through the munificence of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney T. Ross. The Ross Endowment will assure one or more students each year the opportunity to spend six to eight weeks studying in Israel, confirming the BJE belief that an

Israel experience is an integral part of a child's Jewish education. Studies have shown that an Israel experience strengthens Jewish identity and encourages leadership development. The BJE is grateful to Lillian and Sidney Ross for their foresight in setting up this endowment.

The Ross Scholarship Guidelines are as follows:

The Ross Scholarship is available to high school students who have completed the tenth grade and who have had some involve-

ment in Jewish educational or communal activities. Significant funding will be provided to enable one or more Rhode Island teenagers to participate in an approved study/travel program in Israel for six to eight weeks during either the academic year or the summer.

Applicants must demonstrate maturity and responsibility through participation in one or more of the following areas: Jewish education, service to the community, participation in youth groups, extra-curricular activities, familial commitments, work experience, and motivation in a public, private and/or religious school setting.

The Ross Scholarship is needs-based. The application form requires an essay as well as data in which financial need must be

demonstrated. The awardee, upon his/her return from Israel, must perform a community service project.

Applications for a student planning to attend a study program in Israel between May 1990 and May, 1991, are due by March 15, 1990. For an application and/or more information, write Ruth Page, BJE Israel Desk, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, R.I. 02906 or call 331-0956.

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JNF Presents Tree Of Life Award To Thomas Dimeo, March 21

The New England region of the Jewish National Fund will present the Tree of Life Award to Thomas P. Dimeo, chairman of Dimeo Enterprises, Inc., at a gala dinner to be held on Wednesday, March 21, 1990, at the Omni Biltmore Hotel in Providence, R.I.

In announcing the event, Dani Newman, JNF New England regional director, said, "Thomas Dimeo's outstanding efforts on behalf of a variety of humanitarian and professional causes have earned him the respect of his peers, community and friends. It is with the utmost pleasure that the JNF presents him with its highest accolade."

Honorary chairmen for the event are Edward D. DiPrete, Governor of Rhode Island, and Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., Mayor of Providence. Dinner co-chairmen include Harry Carr, H. Carr & Sons, Inc.; David Freidman, P.M. Industries, Inc.; Alan G. Hassenfeld, Hasbro, Inc.; Harry A. Schull, Ernest & Young; Michael A. Silverstein, Hinckley, Allen, Snyder & Comen; Harry C. Van Matre, Dimeo Construction Company, and Vincent J. Zarrella, Zarrella Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc.

Mr. Dimeo is chairman of the Board of Directors of Dimeo Enterprises, Inc., the holding company for the Dimeo Construction Company, the Stone Company, Chapman Builders and Clifford Land Company. He is active in various professional organizations, serving on the Board of Directors of the Old



Tom Dimeo

Stone Bank, the Providence Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the United Way of South-eastern New England and the Episcopal Charities Fund. He is chairman of the Rhode Island Housing Partnership and president of the Rhode Island Chapter of Associated General Contractors State Commissions. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and general chairman of the Episcopal Charities Fund.

For further information or reservations, contact the New England JNF at (617) 731-6850. JNF is the agency responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel.

Congregation Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

Friday, March 2 — Fridays in the new month of Adar. Candle-lighting 5:15 p.m. The Minchah Service 5:24 p.m.

Saturday, March 3 - Six days in Adar. Torah reading today is P'Terumah. Morning services are at 8:30 a.m., followed by Kiddush at approximately 11:15 a.m. Minchah is at 5:10 p.m. followed with Se'udah Shelishis and Z'mrot. Maariv is at 6:15 p.m. with Havdalah at 6:20 p.m. Shabbas is over at 6:17 p.m.

Sunday, March 4 - Services are at 7:45 a.m.

Monday, March 5 and **Thursday, March 8**, which is the Fast of Esther, morning services are at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, March 6, 7 and 9 morning services are at 6:45 a.m. (Thursday's fast is not a 24-hour fast.) Minchah for the entire week is at 5:20 p.m.

Our annual Purim Raffle is in progress. This year first prize is a remote control VCR, second prize is a United States \$100.00 Savings Bond, and third prize is a large fruit basket. Tickets are \$1.00 each, available at the shul or call 438-5220, 274-0861 or 274-5260.

PURIM

Purim is a holiday of gift-giving and great fun. No other holiday makes us feel so gay and cheerful, on no other holiday are there so many goodies eaten (there go the adults' diets!). Because Purim celebrates the downfall of a tyrant who wished to wipe out the Jewish people and because the Megillah - the Scroll of Esther which is read on Purim - tells us to keep the fourteenth of Adar as a day of joy and happiness, the Feast of Lots has always been a time for merry-making.

In days gone by, bands of musicians roamed the streets on Purim, going from home to home, to play and then to receive

Purim gifts. In every Jewish school and Center, Purim plays and carnivals are the order of the day. In fact, just as the robin is a messenger of spring, so a rehearsal with wigs and make-up and poppy-seed cakes is a sign that Purim is around the corner.

The story of Purim is so full of human interest, of excitement and hair-breath escapes, that we have never grown weary of telling it. Like the picture of the boy holding a box of cereal portrayed upon the wrapper of a real box of cereal, the Purim tale is a story set within a frame-work story.

The synagogue would like the pleasure of having the community involved with our Purim celebration and annual party, and so, extends invitations to all, regardless of member affiliation to participate in our affairs. We will have an in-depth discussion and commentary on Purim and other community affairs.

In next week's commentary,

we will repeat the story of Purim.

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Russian History

The themes of oppression and freedom, hope and despair, assimilation and acculturation, will be the focus of two history courses offered by the Bureau of Jewish Education, through an Endowment Grant of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. First semester classes focusing on a Russian/Soviet Jewish history commences on Thursday, February 22 and runs every Thursday through March 29 at the Bureau from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Our second semester course, American Jewish History, will examine the economic, social, religious, and political life of Jews in America. This session will meet on Thursdays beginning April 19 through May 24.

Both courses are free and open to the public. Source materials will be available in English and Russian. The classes will be taught by Evelyn F. Briel, Educational Director of the Harry Elkin Midrasha of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and Temple Emanu-El Religious School. Please call (401) 331-0956 for reservations.

"Who Has Alzheimer's?" Presented By Miriam Women

"I must have Alzheimer's! Did I call my daughter this morning? I don't remember. It was so embarrassing... I couldn't find my glasses 'til I realized they were on my head. I see that woman frequently, but I can't remember her name." "My mother is so different now... how do I cope with her constant demands, her night wandering?"

Which of these behaviors are only normal variations of memory or typical signs of aging? How do we know if people we love, or we ourselves, are experiencing the onset of Alzheimer's Disease?

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association wants to help you to a better understanding of this frightening disease. Our March 5th Health Education Seminar will feature discussions by Miriam physicians and staff on an area of intense study

Pesach Workshops

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island is pleased to offer "Hands-on Pesach" workshops on Wednesday, March 14, 1990. A session for preschool teachers will be offered from 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. and a session for elementary teachers will be offered in the evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m. These workshops will provide teachers with an opportunity to "make and take" new Passover teaching materials for their classrooms.

Facilitated by Minna Ellison and Toby Rossner, each session will be open to the first fifteen registrants. For further information and registration please call the Bureau at 331-0956.

Endowment Fund

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island is pleased to accept applications for the Zelds F. and Harry A. Gourse Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. The Gourse Fellowship is awarded annually to a Jewish educator to be used for professional enhancement and further study.

Jewish educators in Rhode Island and Fall River, Massachusetts are eligible to apply for this

fellowship. Applications must be submitted to the Bureau of Jewish Education, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, R.I. 02906, by March 30, 1990. Announcement of the Gourse Fellow will be made in May, 1990. For further information, please contact Minna Ellison at the Bureau (401) 331-0956.

Midrasha Fundraiser

The Cable Car Cinema in Providence, "the theatre with the couches," will be the setting on Sunday, March 25 for the Third Annual Harry Elkin Midrasha fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the informal enrichment programs at the school. The feature film, *Lies My Father Told Me* will be preceded by a delicious boxed lunch at noon.

The cost of admission is: Patrons \$100, 4 tickets; sponsors \$50, 2 tickets; donors \$36, 1 ticket; general admission \$7.50. Seating is limited, so join the fun and make your reservations today by calling the Bureau at (401) 331-0956.

The Genesis Project: An Update

Filming of the Genesis Project, an exciting venture in teaching Bible, has been completed. Due to grants received

from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Endowment Fund, the Melton Research Center, and generous in-kind contributions of Dimension Cable, the Bureau of Jewish Education has been able to create a first in national Bible instruction.

During the past semester, Marcia Kaufner, a teacher at the Alperin Schechter School and a curriculum writer for the Melton Research Center, has been teaching a class in Genesis in a classroom set in the Dimension Cable Television studios. Six student volunteers, all sixth graders at Beth-El Religious School, came weekly to study Torah, to discuss its meaning and relevance. These sessions have been taped and will be aired on Dimension Cable throughout the 1990-1 academic year.

Our intent is to show these programs in classrooms throughout the state. Participating teachers will receive training in the form of a course in Genesis, taught by Marcia, lessor plans on how to use the tapes and lesson plans for supplementing the tapes. In addition, there will be workshops for participating teachers throughout the year.

Teachers and principals have already shown their interest in the project. On January 21 over 100 Jewish educators attended a workshop led by Ruth Zielenziger of the Melton Research Center in the teaching of Bible.

Pesach Booklet

Each Passover season parents look for new ways to include young children in the holiday preparations and festivities. The Family Education Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education has created an option for involving young children in more than the four questions by creating a booklet called *Making Pesach*. The booklet is an incentive program with seven pre-holiday activities, from cleaning for Pesach to cards for the order of the Seder. Stickers are included to mark the completion of each activity. *Making Pesach* is designed for children up to the age of eight and is available for \$1.00 at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, R.I. 02906.

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and research in which The Miriam is at the forefront.

Dr. Herbert Lichtman, Medical Director of the Memory and Cognitive Disorders Clinic at The Miriam Hospital and Professor of Medical Science in the Brown University Program in Medicine, will present new research findings in Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Lichtman is participating in a major national research project which is focused on testing new medications in the treatment of Alzheimer's.

Dr. William M. Stone will describe the various diagnostic tests that are used to determine the clinical reason for a patient's memory loss. Dr. Stone is Co-Director of the Department of Neurology at The Miriam Hospital and Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology in the Brown University Program in Medicine.

Who is the real victim in Alzheimer's Disease: the patient or the caregiver? Lucyann M. Zeneski, R.N., Support Group

Leader of The Miriam's Alzheimer's caregivers' support group will discuss the family's role in caring for an Alzheimer's patient. Ms. Zeneski is the Director of Ambulatory Nursing Services at The Miriam Hospital. She serves on the Board of Directors of the new Narragansett Bay chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Join us on Monday, March 5, at 12:30 p.m. in The Miriam's Sopkin Auditorium to learn important new information about Alzheimer's Disease. Program chairpersons are Elaine Fain, M.D. and Doris McGarry. Publicity is by Marcia Blacher and Eunice Greenfield. Hospitality chairpersons are Suzanne Gilstein and Mary Kitzes. Decorations are by Lillian Zarum and Gussie Baxt. Patricia G. Cohen and Patricia Hairabet are Co-Presidents of The Woman's Association. For more information, call The Women's Association office at 274-3700 Ext. 2520.



Bagel Breakfast raises funds for fifth grade projects: Enjoying a leisurely bagel breakfast, prepared and served by the fifth grade are father and son, Dan Kaplan and Adam Kaplan, Grade 1.

Congregation Ohave Sholam

This Friday evening services begin at 5:25 p.m. at the Young Israel of Pawtucket. Shabbat morning Perry Autelme will be sponsoring a kiddush-luncheon in honor of the 13th anniversary of his bar mitzvah. All people who come to services at 9:00 a.m. are invited to attend this luncheon. Rabbi Jacobs will give his mishnah class at 4:45 p.m. Mincha will be at 5:20 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Maariv is at 6:20 p.m. Havdalah is at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday morning, March 4, the Senior N.C.S.Y. Chapter (teens 9th-12th grade) will be going to Blue Mountain on a ski trip. They should meet at the congregation no later than 9:30 a.m.

This coming Thursday, March 8, is the Fast of Esther. The fast begins at 4:58 a.m. and ends at 6:29 p.m. Services begin at 6:30 a.m. Thursday morning.

Don't forget that the last day to make reservations with full payment for our Purim Se'udah (dinner) on Purim day, March 11, at 5:00 p.m., is this Monday, March 5. This gala event is catered by Nita Pliskin and supervised by Rabbi Jacobs. The full course dinner plus wine is only \$8.50 per adult, \$5.50 per child and \$30 per family no matter how large. Please make checks to Congregation Ohave Sholam, and mail to: Nita Pliskin, 77 Blodgett Ave., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860.

Women's Association Jewish Home for the Aged to Hold Annual Luncheon

The Annual Donor Luncheon of the Women's Association Jewish Home for the Aged will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 1990 at noon, in the Temple Emanu-El Alperin Meeting House.

Proceeds from this event will contribute to the well-being of the residents of the home by enriching their services and programs. A Gala Spring Festival with surprise prizes will be the theme of the afternoon.

Barbara Rosen and Evelyn Bressnick are co-chairpersons assisted by the following committee:

Treasurers, Frances Sadler, Norma Friedman, Goldie Greene; Corresponding Secretary, Trudy Rotenberg; Early Calls, Esther Feldman; Telephone, Beverly Adler, Ardean Botvin, Estelle Forman; Angels, Estelle Kiemer, Ruth Alperin, Shelia Kaufman; Contributions, Eve Zucker; Publicity, Dora Diamond, Miriam Goldfine; Hostesses, Zelds Feldman; Decorations, Lillian Zarum, Sara Cohen, Ex-Officio, Edith Bernstein, Tilda Kessler.

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Each month, our congregation gathers for a Friday evening communal Shabbat dinner. Also monthly, special EZ (Eunice Zeidman) Saturday morning programs are offered for pre-schoolers and young school children. The United Synagogue Youth (USY) meets bi-weekly, participating at the chapter and regional level.

Our religious school begins with Eunice Zeidman Sunday program for children age four

and continues through B'nai mitzva, offering classes at both the Temple and the extension school in the Cowesett section of Warwick. Children graduating from the religious school usually continue their education at Harry Elkin Midrasha (Hebrew High School) of which Temple Am David is a sponsor. Adult education programs meet weekly on both group and an individual basis. Our adult chorus is enjoying its sixth season together.

We offer a full calendar of social events including annual concerts, a theatre party in March, and a raffle dance in April. This year a gala anniversary celebration will be held in October.

Congregation-wide educational programs include a yearly scholar-in-residence Sabbath, sedarim for Tu B'Shevat and Passover, a Hamukah family program, and a weekly Hug T'fillah: an informal workshop developing synagogue and home religious skills.

For more information contact Joyce at Temple Am David 463-7944 or Jill at 463-6987.

"Love Letters"

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lies that both of these people came from. Andy's family was the model of stability. His mother had taught him to always write thank-you notes for all occasions. Andy was the type of boy any girl could bring home, whereas, Melissa's semi-outraged world was focused more on divorce and alcohol. Melissa was the girl to keep away from Mother. As we watch them grow through their lives, and each one seeks to make their place in the world, we realize that it would be nice to have a Melissa Gardner in our life to shake us up once in a while, or an Andrew Makepeace Ladd III to help keep us on an even keel.

As they grow older, they both look back on their relationship and wonder "what if?" Andrew has grown into everything his family expected him to, while Melissa continues to seek for "herself." It is quite obvious though, that the only true happiness in either one's life is the subtle game of flirtation they still play all these years.

To be honest, I actually cried at the ending of this play. I will not ruin your opportunity to go see this moving performance by telling you what happens. I can only suggest that you pick up your pen and sit down and write your best friend a "love letter."

Love Letters will be playing at the Wilbur Theatre through March 11.

Richard Kiley and Julie Harris will be performing February 27-March 4, and Matthew Broderick and Helen Hunt will be there from March 6-11.

Prices and performances for *Love Letters* are: Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., \$37.50, \$32.50 and \$27.50. Saturday matinee is at 2 p.m., and Sunday matinee is at 3 p.m. Prices are the same. The Thursday matinee is at 2 p.m. and tickets are \$35.00, \$30.00 and \$25.00.

For more information, call or write the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116, (617) 423-4008.



David Epstein Directs For The Players

The Players will present the hilarious offering "Relatively Speaking" at Barker Playhouse, 400 Benefit Street, Providence, March 28 through April 1.

The zesty, poignant hit from the master of the modern relationship, Alan Ayckbourn, will be directed by David Epstein produced by Barrie Atkinson and Edward Rondeau will design the set. With reviews such as "Deliciously heady...", "A near-miracle" and proking "the proverbial gales of laughter," the British comedy stars Sam Babbitt, Marcia Murphy, Vita R. Smith and Kevin Vigilante. Sheila Perlow will stage manage.

All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. except for Sunday's 2:00 p.m. matinee.

For information call 421-2855.

Left to right: Vita R. Smith, Sam Babbitt. (Photo by Earle F. Prout, Jr.)

Julius LaRosa Performs With Wintersauce

Special guest star Julius LaRosa, popular 1950's singer on The Arthur Godfrey Show, joins George Guibault, the Wintersauce Choral and Jazz Pops Ensemble for "I'm in the Mood for Wintersauce."

Wintersauce's popular spring salute to lovers, the season's final concert, is on Sunday, March 11, 1990, at 3 p.m. in John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley Street at the corner of Stuart Street, in Boston's Back Bay.

Joined by the Jazz Pops Ensemble, featuring Bob Winter on piano, Mark Henry on bass, Mike Monaghan on woodwinds

and drummer Fred Buda, Mr. LaRosa will sing *There's Nothing Like a Dame* from the musical *South Pacific* and will be joined by the men of the Wintersauce Choral in a Tex Arnold arrangement of Romberg's *Stout-Hearted Men*.

Tickets for "I'm in the Mood for Wintersauce" are \$25, \$18, \$12 (half price for senior citizens age 65 and over and children under 12) and are available by calling 617-523-4634. Also available at all Bostix/Ticketron outlets and by calling Teletron (out of town: 1-800-382-8080 or Boston: 617-720-3434). For information, call 617-523-4634.

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National Jewish Agencies Warn Israel About Settling Olm in Territories

PHOENIX (JTA) — Building hopes for Soviet Jewish immigrants in the West Bank and Gaza Strip "can only increase tensions between Israelis and Palestinians living there," members of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council warn in a controversial resolution narrowly adopted.

Construction of immigrant housing in the disputed territories could also damage fundraising efforts in the United States for immigrant absorption, the resolution says.

The four-point resolution was adopted, after heated debate, by a vote of 216-207 at the annual plenary of NJCRAC, an umbrella group of Jewish national agencies and local community relations councils nationwide.

The measure's adoption reflects a concern among many delegates here about whether the Israeli government has been sincere in its public declarations that it will not direct Soviet immigrants to the administered territories.

The first two parts of the resolution simply state that NJCRAC's top priority at the moment is the resettlement of Soviet Jewry and that it approves past statements by the Israeli government that it will not "encourage" resettlement in the administered territories.

Controversy centered on the third and fourth parts of the resolution.

The third point expresses the concern that, as the housing situation continues to tighten in Israel, Soviet immigrants "will settle wherever jobs and affordable housing are made available to them; and therefore, the construction of new housing in the administered territories will have the direct effect of encouraging settlement there."

Such construction "may detract from the aliyah potential and our fund raising," the resolution states.

The fourth point declares that "the construction of new housing in the territories can only increase tensions between Israelis and Palestinians living there, possibly disrupting delicate negotiations."

A move to delete the controversial third and fourth points ended in a tie vote of 199-199. According to NJCRAC rules, the tie resulted in the strong language remaining in the resolution.

One of the strongest supporters of the resolution, Theodore Mann of Philadelphia, called it

"an expression of great concern by the sense of the plenum that fund raising for Soviet aliyah may be jeopardized by the question of whether housing is going to be provided for olim in the West Bank."

Referring to reports that the Soviets have decided not to allow direct flights to Israel, Mann said the issue "can't be put to rest until the housing issue is put to rest."

Mann, who is immediate past president of the American Jewish Congress, said that the NJCRAC delegates were "heartbroken that thousands and thousands of Jews who may have come via direct flights may not get to Israel nearly as soon."

But Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, called the measure "inappropriate" and "mischievous."

The question of settling Soviet Jews in the territories "is not a relevant issue today," Reich said. "When you talk about construction of new housing in the administered territories" and include that in a statement about Soviet immigration, it sends Arab countries the line that Israel is going to settle them in the territories. That's what's mischievous."

He maintained that "there are no plans by the Israeli government to construct housing in the territories of any sizable nature."

Reich accused the resolution's proponents of using the issue of Soviet emigration as a vehicle for expressing their opposition to continued Israeli settlement in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It is believed that the measure was at least partially fueled by dissatisfaction with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's response to a letter sent by NJCRAC on February 15.

The letter, sent by NJCRAC's chairman, Arden Shenker of Portland, Ore., asked Shamir to reaffirm that "it remains the policy of the Israeli government to enable Soviet Jews, as all olim, to choose where they wish to reside."

In his response, Shamir stated only that "we must devise ways to combat the coordinated Arab onslaught on Jewish immigration to Israel." The letter did not address directly the issue of the administered territories.

Even Reich, who generally stands behind Shamir, was highly critical of the letter, calling it "insufficient" and "unresponsive."

If Shamir had stated openly in his letter what he has told the press and other Jewish leaders — that the Israeli government has no intention of encouraging the settlement of new immigrants in the territories — "it would have alleviated the concern" that preceded the NJCRAC debate, Reich said.

Shenker agreed that Shamir's previous public statements made it "quite clear that he will not push arriving Soviet Jews to the territories. Why he did not say that, I don't know."

NJCRAC officials stressed that resolutions passed at the plenary do not automatically become official NJCRAC policy.

This resolution was officially a recommendation to NJCRAC's Israel Task Force to consider the issue when it draws up language for the 1990-91 NJCRAC Joint Program Plan, which serves as a guide for Jewish community relations agencies nationwide.

The resolution originally was intended to be presented directly to the task force by David Saperstein, co-director and counsel of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center in Washington.

But NJCRAC leaders decided that Saperstein should give presentation of the resolution to the floor of the plenum, followed by a 15-minute discussion. That time limit had to be extended as speakers lined up five and six deep at microphones scattered throughout the convention hall. After some 90 minutes of debate, a vote was finally called.

Opponents of the resolution, such as Reich, were unhappy with the course of events, complaining that they had no time to marshal forces against the measure before the vote.

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Bromberg

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found out there was no real cure, just an intravenous treatment called ACTH which may help slow the progress of an MS attack.

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Action and Prayer

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It was like a giant tapestry in the skies
Like a moving swarm of fire-flies
Giant tapestry... woven in time...
... Woven in time

Milton Kay is a retired businessman living in Providence.