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'We're in Trouble' — Or are We?

Writers, Sociologists differ in views

The American Jewish community may be on the brink of an abyss, a golden age, or a new communal identity, depending on who had the podium last Sunday at Brandeis University.

A symposium marking the 20th anniversary of the Hornstein program in Jewish Communal Service brought together some of the most noted Jewish-American minds including Leonard Fein and Arthur Hertzberg, both of whom condemned what they saw as a critical lapse in Jewish values and education.

They were followed, however, by a trio of sociologists, including Brown University's Calvin Goldscheider, who claimed the Jewish community is constantly redefining itself and should not be expected to

mirror the generations of the past.

The symposium came two weeks before graduation, at the point where 17 students will be sent out into various Federation

... This Jewish community is out of its cotton-picking head. ...
Arthur Hertzberg

and organizational positions around the country. "It's critically important for students to be realistic, to see the good and the bad," said Gerald L. Showstack, a Hornstein faculty member, in explaining the choice of speakers. "Getting that analytical viewpoint is the

by John Chadwick
Herald Editor

first step toward correcting the bad."

Fein, the founder of *Moment Magazine*, and the author of *Where are We? The Inner Life of American Jews*, opened the conference with a warning: "Modernity is upon us all and I think we're in trouble."

To Fein, the mainstream community has failed to create a Jewish value system of any real substance. Instead, he said, they have relied on rhetoric and guilt to shame people into being Jewish. "Young people are bored with the rhetoric of Jewish emergency," he said. "Our community response has

been to restrict choice, to constrain the chooser. We've created a Judaism of descent rather than consent: we've made Judaism into an option rather than an organic part of who we are."

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Fein offered little in the way of solutions but suggested the Jewish community needs to begin addressing "the outside world and the individual in different ways. Take a look at how much we've spent fighting anti-Semitism and compare it

to what we've spent in combating loneliness."

Challenging Fein, co-speaker Rabbi Irving Greenberg, of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, said American Jews are still adjusting to empowerment and that brighter developments can be expected. "I think we may well be on the verge of a golden age of Judaism," he said.

The students seemed to enjoy the exchange and some praised Fein's frankness. "I think we have to show we are willing to work with the outside world, that's the key," said Michael Steinberg, a senior.

The refusal of the Soviet Union to institute direct flights and attempts by Malev, Hungary's national airline, to shut down transportation of Soviet Jews had an effect on the American Jewish community, according to Kenneth Jacobson, who site on the task force.

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Ulpan In Rishon LeZion
These photographs show new immigrants to Israel in ulpan (Hebrew language) classes in Rishon LeZion, one of many centers providing for the direct absorption of immigrants. The UJA National Allocations Mission recently visited the classroom to see the new olim take their first steps in their new home. (UJA Press Service photo by Gerald S. Nagel)

State Dept. Reports Big Decline in Mideast Terrorism

by Howard Rosenberg
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Middle East terrorism declined sharply in 1989, in part because of a dramatic reduction in operations by groups affiliated with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the State Department said in a report.

The department's annual "Patterns of Global Terrorism" report recorded 193 terrorist incidents in the Middle East last year, down from 313 in 1988.

Of the 193 incidents, 155, or just over 80 percent, reflected violence in Israel and the ad-

ministered territories. There were 250 such incidents in 1988.

The report found that disension within Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council led to a decrease in the group's operations. Previously, the organization was "one of the most active and deadly terrorist groups," it said.

In addition, various states previously linked to terrorist groups, including Libya and Syria, "remained wary of getting caught sponsoring terrorists and reduced their support," the report said. But it added that

"Iran was a notable exception."

As far as Israel is concerned, the report found a moderate increase in the number of Palestinians killed in the administered territories, but a decline in the number killed by Israeli security forces or settlers: from 335 in 1988 to 304 last year.

At the same time, there was a sharp increase in the number of Palestinians killed by fellow Palestinians, from 25 in 1988 to 128 in 1989.

Also in 1989, 13 Israelis were killed by Palestinians, compared to 11 the prior year.

During the year, "PLO hardliners and Syrian-backed Palestinian groups outside the PLO attempted more than a dozen cross-border attacks on Israel," the report said.

It attributed three of those incidents to "hard-line elements in the PLO" and noted that no Israeli civilians were killed in any of the attacks.

In overall terms, the level of international terrorism worldwide last year "declined sharply" from 1988. The number of terrorist incidents dropped from 856 to 528, the report found.

The Middle East continued to experience the largest number of incidents of international terrorism, incurring 193 attacks, or 37 percent of the worldwide total.

The report warned that among the worldwide developments that could lead to an increase in terrorism in the future are "rivalries among Middle Eastern governments — particularly between Iran and Saudi Arabia."

Also cited were "emerging

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NJCRAC Panel Abandons Stand On Settlement Of Immigrants

by Allison Kaplan
NEW YORK (JTA) — A controversial statement that would have expressed American Jewish concern over settlement of Soviet Jews in Israel's administered territories has been overwhelmingly rejected by the Israel Task Force of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

The original recommendation that the Israel Task Force take up the matter was the subject of heated debate during NJCRAC's plenary session in February.

The proposal, which narrowly passed the plenum in a 216-207 vote, voiced concern that the construction of new housing for Soviet Jewish immigrants in the territories would "detract from the aliyah potential and our fund-raising," as well as "increase tensions between Israelis and Palestinians."

At the time, the vote drew media attention in the United States and Israel, and provoked significant criticism. A heated editorial in the *Jerusalem Post* even claimed that NJCRAC, an umbrella organization of 13 national and 117 community member agencies, was not representative of the American Jewish community.

Members of the Israel Task Force said that recent events, particularly the force of the Arab campaign to curtail Soviet Jewish immigration to

Israel, has convinced them that they must now stand staunchly behind Israel, despite their personal opinions regarding settlement in the territories.

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Inside the Ocean State

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Earth Day enjoyed its 20th anniversary, Jews celebrate an "earth day" every week of the year, the Sabbath.

The Genesis narrative bestows upon Adam and Eve a mission: to subdue the earth. That ends the "sixth day," and the creation Sabbath is introduced. The decalogue admonishes the Jews to both remember and keep the Sabbath. The Talmud understands the "remember obligation" as the Kiddush. But how is the Sabbath to be "kept"? The Talmud elaborates on activities that it calls malachot. All these activities are somehow related to "subduing" or exploiting our environment e.g. plowing, cutting of trees, starting fires, slaughtering of livestock, etc. Since when is the Jewish Sabbath in the save the earth business? Samson Raphael Hirsch, the 19th century champion of Orthodoxy in Reform Germany, explains the Jewish Sabbath this way: G-d tells Adam and Eve that they are to master

the earth but gives them the Sabbath to remind them that He is their master and that their creating their world must be consonant with His law. Thus Sabbath observance is not a burdensome litany of don't's. It is a demonstration of self control, remembrance, and reverence that the earth is the Lord's and we must protect it.

**Joshua Pearlman
Providence**

To The Editor:

I wonder if our Jewish community can be introspective enough to examine the root causes of Anti-Semitism that too many of our American Jews are causing by their terrible examples. The anti-Semitic zealots, either organized or not, need little encouragement to discover examples of why they should continue to spread their message of hate. The KKK and the skinheads are having their tasks simplified by the likes of Ivan Boesky and Michael Milken and their cohorts.

Worse, the overwhelming

majority of the people involved in the Wall Street connivances have names we must recognize as of Jewish origin. They point to Milken who apparently was paid over \$350 million in one year, and boasted of his son's \$6 million dollar Bar Mitzvah reception. They will now point to the homeless and unemployed, etc., and say, "Look how those Jews are cheating us!" And there will be too many receptive ears, I'm afraid.

Around the entire country banks and savings and loans are collapsing and having unbelievable lavish management abuses revealed by their Jewish presidents and chairmen. In Florida, the worst (but not the only example, I admit) is David Paul, who led the major size Centrust Bank into a loss of almost \$3 billion dollars, while drawing over \$1 million dollars a year, spending the bank's funds for a private jet, a vast collection of oil paintings, mostly on display in his home, extravagant lifestyle — all at the bank's expense. Do you wonder that many depositors who are in fear of their life's savings will point to David Paul, the Jew. We know that if he were a Protestant or Catholic his religion would not be even a factor, but we also know that his religious background as a Jew will instantly be thrown at the world.

We can almost be thankful for the Texan, Charles Keating Jr., who is rivaling David Paul in his Lincoln Savings and Loan debacle, of maybe even more dollar losses, and additional costs to all the taxpayers. But back in the real world we find First Executive



PHDS students celebrate Israeli Independence Day.

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financial empire looted of millions by their leader, Fred Carr (ne Cohen), does it not also add coals to the fire stoked by our enemies?

It is also discouraging to read that Michael Milken also feathred the nests of his friends who are so prominent in the financial headlines, names like tycoon Victor Posner and Palm Beach's Nelson Peltz; he made them even richer than they were, and they were already in the ranks of the richest Americans.

There is no point in continuing this litany of American Jews whose lifestyle and fi-

nancial abuses are feeding the crocodile of hate. It is time that the 99% of us who are honest and trustworthy spoke up to deny these criminals as being worthy of their religion, and just as abhorrent to us as to others. It is too early to overlook their sins; it is not time to forgive these selfish and dangerous individuals because they were born of Jewish mothers.

We must keep our community clean and acceptable to ourselves as well as to others. These are strong words but we live in a society that demands much more of us as Jews than they demand of themselves. We must never forget that fact.

**Nathan N. Metz
North Providence**

Operation Exodus Walk-A-Thon

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Five-Day Judaic Institute To Present "Joy Of Being Jewish"

The Center for Jewish Culture at Southeastern Massachusetts University will be conducting five days of Jewish lectures, comedy, films and much more beginning Sunday, June 10 through Thursday, June 14. The university is located off route 195 in North Dartmouth (Exit 12), Mass.

Introduction

The theme of this year's Judaic Institute is "The Joy of Being Jewish." Co-directed by Rabbi Bernard Glassman and Dr. Robert Waxler, this five-day event will explore the positive aspects of the Jewish experience which all too often have been neglected by those who view our history and tradition as simply one long succession of tear-stained events. Through lectures, discussions, and films, the joyous, enduring qualities of an age-old faith and culture will be presented. In addition to our local scholars, Dr. Peter London and Rabbi William Kaufman (our Fall River coordinator), we are pleased that Moshe Waldoks, Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, and Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald will be our featured speakers.

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Journey to the New World: The Old World

An Interview with a Soviet Jew

by Nancy H. Corbin

I became friends with Ella Naydich in 1981 when she came to work in my office at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She and her family had immigrated to America the year before. Recently I asked Ella to recall her life in the Soviet Union.

Housing was a problem. In the small villages the houses were the property of the farmers or peasants. In the big cities everything was provided by government. You occupied an apartment in a big 16- to 25-story building, it could be two or three rooms, depending on the size of your family. This doesn't mean bedrooms, only rooms. In the old cities people would live in a corridor system where you would share one bathroom and a big kitchen with six to nine neighbors.

Weekends were terrible! People turned on their music loud in the morning and it wasn't quiet until 11 o'clock at night. You felt like you were in a zoo! You had no time to be by yourself, you were always surrounded by other people and noise. We never realized how bad it was because we accepted it.

They have tried to transfer people to new buildings, located mostly outside the center of the city. These new complexes are very nice in some ways because they are near hospitals and schools, entertainments, movies and stores.

They don't have big stores, like Star Market, in the Soviet Union, mostly it's small shops that distribute only milk, or groceries. Meat was in butcher shops, bread in bakeries.

You could not pick up whatever meat you liked. The butcher would cut it in front of you. The regulations said that in 1 kilogram, about 2 lbs. of meat, they could include 300 grams of bone. So if you bought 1 kilogram it didn't mean that you would get meat, it was mainly bones. If you didn't like it, the butcher would say, "Who is next please?" If you refused to take whatever he cut, you went without meat.

Whenever you got sick the doctor came to where you lived and he would check your temperature to see whether you were really sick and not fooling around. He would put your diagnosis in your file and let you stay in bed

for a couple days. If you had worked from one to five years, you would get 100% of your salary, if you worked less, it would be up to 50%.

A typical day for me in the Soviet Union would start early in the morning. The children's uniforms had to be ironed, the collars clean and white. When the children were off to school, I would run to the subway. You were packed in because there were so many people. At the factory work started at 7 o'clock, in offices at 8 or 9.

At lunchtime the women would go out to stand in line, it was the only way to survive. We always carried bags with us in case something would be on sale. Suddenly a small truck would stop in the middle of the street, open the doors and they might be selling sausages. You didn't care what they were selling, you got whatever you could because you knew that tomorrow you couldn't get it.

Everything was limited. Suppose they let you have only two dozen eggs and you wanted several cartons more. You would have to stand in the line several times to get as much as you needed if you had a big family.

It was a problem, especially in summertime, where to put your bags until closing time. Women would have spots from drippings on their dresses. We had refrigerators to keep the food at home. The main problem was to preserve vegetables and fruits for wintertime when you couldn't even get them frozen or in cans. It was nice at night. When you finished your work, you could go downstairs and sit on benches with your neighbors to talk and exchange opinions, solving problems. It was like a big family. You always had people to talk to.

It was so common there just to talk to someone or to drop in on someone anytime you wanted. It is not the same in the United States. You cannot take someone's time, people are so busy. You have to call before you come.

Also people don't like to listen to your problems. This was really hard for us when we first came to this country but it takes time and willingness to make new friends. We finally became part of this country, to accept, to under-

stand, to even love it. When people told me it would happen I couldn't believe it. I don't even know when it did, it was gradual.

I cannot be so bitter and against the Soviet Union or be delighted if something goes wrong because it will always be part of me. I still hope that better times will come there. I really miss the country and the people. But now I feel this is my land.

I asked Ella why she and her family had chosen to come to the United States rather than Israel. She said it was because they didn't feel they would fit in culturally in Israel. In the Soviet Union they were forced to assimilate in every way, to be completely European. They were not allowed to practice Judaism or to keep the traditions. Early in our friendship, The Naydiches asked me to attend a seder in their home. They prepared delicious Russian food. I [the only one present who was not Jewish] brought the matzo ball soup!

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Moscow Cantors' Choir

The first school for cantors in Soviet history was inaugurated in Moscow in February, 1990. Here, future cantors practice at a work session attended by the UJA Allocations Mission at Moscow's Choral Synagogue. (UJA Press Service photo by Gerald S. Nagel)

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Editorial

The Inauthentic Torah Of The Lubovitch Anti-Zionist "Orthodoxy"

by Jacob Neusser

The position of the anti-Zionist "religious" parties — such as those that just now broke up the coalition government of the State of Israel — that the Jewish people is not a political entity and should not be politically empowered prior to the advent of the Messiah contradicts the position of virtually the entire written Torah. For the written part of the Torah simply takes for granted that the people Israel is a political entity by definition — fully empowered, fully legitimate in its exercise of power.

That anti-Zionism in the name of the Torah also violates the clear and articulated premises of the oral Torah, beginning with the Mishnah itself. Tractate Sanhedrin, for example, simply takes for granted that Israel is a political entity, empowered legitimately to inflict sanctions and fully empowered, and that without reference to the coming of a

Messiah; the tractates Bava Qama, Bava Mesia, and Bava Batra know that legitimate sanctions are exercised by Israel's legitimate government. The Jewish people is represented by the whole Torah — written and oral alike — as a political entity, with every right to form a state, build a government and an army.

The entire system of Jewish law, moreover, takes for granted the legitimacy of the use of power and other sanctions, such as Jewry has had throughout history. The notion that Jewry is not political and therefore should not have a state legitimately to exercise power and inflict sanctions contradicts the character of Jewish life throughout the centuries of the history of the diaspora. It was only in the early part of the nineteenth century in Europe, and consequently, in the U.S.A. from then until nearly the present, that people supposed Jews were other than political. Only

in the most recent past has the anti-political definition of Israel, the Jewish people, taken root, and then mostly in Reform Judaism in Europe and in the consensus of American Judaism prior to 1967. But after 1967 even American Judaism recognized themselves, too, within the definition of Israel as a political entity.

The advent of the Messiah will impart to the politics of Israel a different character, to be sure. But the Mishnah, for one among many authentic documents of the Torah, in no way deems a pre-messianic Jewish state and government as illegitimate, but simply takes for granted that Israel is also the State of Israel — in the Land of Israel.

I am therefore struck by the inauthenticity of these self-portrayed embodiments of the authentic Torah who deny the authenticity, within Judaism, of the State of Israel, and who propose to delegitimize the Jew-

ish state within world Jewry. In point of fact — as everyone must recognize — the position they take in the name of the Torah is none other than that of nineteenth century Reform Judaism.

Why therefore non-Orthodox Jews throughout the world concede without argument that the anti-Zionist "religious" position, represented for example by Lubovitch Hasidic Judaism, represents the authentic position of the Torah I cannot understand. With its exaggerations and distortions, sectarianism and self-righteous

dismissal of all Judaisms but its own kind, the anti-Zionist Lubovitch kind of Judaism — not authentic and therefore really not Orthodox at all — is today's reform Judaism.

Anti-Zionist Orthodox Judaism, of which the Lubovitch variety is the chief offender, has diverged from and violated the Torah in exactly the way in which anti-Zionist Orthodox Judaisms allege that the Reform or Conservative or Zionist-Orthodox Judaisms do. These people are not only not

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My Rebbe and His Critics

by Yisrael Doren
Stamford, CT

I am a Rabbi, a Chabad-Lubavitch Rabbi. I teach Torah and encourage the observance of mitzvot, I counsel people, I give lectures, I arrange all sorts of programs for children and adults. In addition I am responsible for a school and a day camp in my community and a Chabad House serving students on campus.

I like my job — in fact I love my job. I love it because I love

the people I serve. And in that — if I may be presumptuous enough to say so — I am no more than typical of the many, many hundreds of Chabad-Lubavitch Rabbis all over the world who do the same and more.

We do it because we are inspired by the Torah we learned, and by the incredible love, devotion and concern for all Jews displayed by our Rebbe, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

In normal times I find it far more important to do the things he teaches and inspires me to do than it is to talk about that inspiration. But these are not normal times. I have questions about the current state of affairs in the Jewish world. But before I place those questions to you I beg your indulgence while I explain about my Rebbe and his love and devotion.

It is a love that supersedes differences of ideology, of geography of cultural background, of all of the things that tend to separate people. It extends to all Jews irrespective of who they are and what they do or don't believe.

It is devotion made tangible in 40 years of leadership, a devotion that has inspired thousands of young men and women to leave their homes and communities and move to places like Agadir, Morocco and Porte Alegre, Brazil. Anywhere and everywhere that there are Jews who need help, material or spiritual, the Lubavitcher Rebbe is there. Vocational schools and religious schools, campus student centers and refugee immigrant centers, drug prevention education programs and mitzva awareness programs — the entire range of Jewish life is his concern.

Decades before Soviet Jewry was a fashionable concern the Lubavitcher Rebbe worked tirelessly in this field. In underground schools, in homes, in cities with shuls and in cities without, his emissaries sacrificed and toiled, and with the Rebbe's inspiration and help, they ensured Judaism's survival.

Yet nowhere is the impact of the Rebbe's involvement and concern more visible than in Israel. The Rebbe inspired his young students from Amrica and elsewhere to settle with Moroccan immigrants in Negev settlements, with Kurd immigrants in the Galilee, and with the underprivileged in the



slums of Jaffa.

Today a network of Chabad day schools, pre-schools, and afternoon schools and clubs span the country. Chabad Vocational Schools teach printing, agriculture, carpentry and computers, and have won widespread acclaim. Chabad-Lubavitch social service organizations provide for the unfortunate who have fallen through the government safety net. A quick count shows over 340 Chabad centers covering the length and breadth of the country.

In Tzahal, Israel's armed forces, Chabad soldiers serve annual military duty.

When Arab terrorists cold-bloodedly murdered five children in Kfar Chabad the Rebbe responded by sending students from America with hope and encouragement. When Israel was gripped with anxiety in the days prior to the Six Day War, it was the Rebbe who spoke the words of faith and hope that inspired the entire country. A Lubavitcher woman lost her husband in that war — the Rebbe inspired her to transform that sorrow and tragedy into an organization that has brought comfort, solace and joy to many thousands of widows and orphans of Israel's wars.

Chabad-Lubavitch is not aligned or associated with any

political party. Yet prime ministers and presidents of Israel, generals and defense ministers, politicians from every shade of the political spectrum have acknowledged with gratitude, publicly and frequently, the beneficial impact the Rebbe has had on Israel.

When the Rebbe's schedule allowed for private audiences a visit with the Rebbe was a must for Israeli leaders. Military commanders, academics, journalists, scientists and ordinary citizens came away astounded with the Rebbe's intimate familiarity with every aspect of Israeli life. His advice is avidly sought by many from all walks of life.

When one looks for reasons to explain the devotion of hundreds of thousands to the Rebbe one needs go no further than simple gratitude for what he has done and continues to do.

As a leader in the true sense of the word, the Rebbe has made and continues to make his opinions known — irrespective of whether or not they are popular or politically expedient. If there is a danger perceived he accepts the moral responsibility to warn against it.

For 23 years the Rebbe has maintained that the return of

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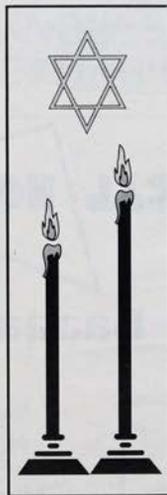
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Interview With Lapid: The IDF Spokesman's Changing Role

by Carl Schrag

(WZPS) The international media have paid more attention to the intifada than to many of history's most dramatic news stories, for it has all of the elements needed to draw the interest of the Western world: a perceived struggle between David and Goliath, an emerging national identity, it takes place in the land of the Bible, and it involves the Jews - who have been a focus of interest, admiration and disdain throughout history.

Changing Role

While the intensity of coverage has lessened somewhat, interest remains keen, and coverage remains massive in scope.

The IDF (Israel Defense Forces) spokesman plays a central role in illustrating the situation to audiences around the world. As a key source of information about the Israel Defense Forces' activities, and therefore the daily events in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, the IDF spokesman has been on the frontlines of the media battlefield since the uprising began in December 1987.

Ephraim Lapid filled the post of IDF spokesman for five years, until late last year. With the rank of Brigadier General, he guided the IDF spokesman's operations through what must certainly be its most challenging period.

Between 1984 and 1987, Lapid dealt with a variety of crises and situations that required him to set forth the Israeli position to local and foreign media. When he assumed the post, the IDF's premier challenge was Lebanon: maintaining the security belt in the area immediately north of

Israel's border, and orchestrating a troop withdrawal.

The Israel Air Force's 1985 attack on PLO headquarters in Tunisia sent journalists from around the world scurrying to the IDF spokesman's offices, and the debate leading to the decision to cancel the Lavi fighter jet project required Lapid and his staff to work closely with the media. The 1986 wave of international terror attacks that included hijackings of TWA planes and the Achille Lauro cruise liner also kept him busy.

In short, there was never a dull moment. Nevertheless, nothing could have prepared Lapid - or the IDF - for the intifada.

"When I started the job, in 1984, the territories were a very small part of my job," Lapid said. "We held frequent briefings for the local press on a wide range of subjects, but interest in our activities in the territories was low."

"We were not dealing with physical areas back then," Lapid said. "Most of our work was dedicated to briefings and information. When we look at the intifada, however, we see a major shift, as most of our efforts now focus on providing reports on what happens in the field." This shift took some getting used to and, unfortunately, some of the IDF spokesman's efforts during the first stages of the intifada reflected the degree to which the entire system had been caught unprepared.

Dissemination of Information

Lapid devoted a lot of attention to the challenge of providing accurate reports on events in the field, as fast as possible.

"There is a conflict between

reliability and speed," he noted. The IDF spokesman will not release information until it has been verified to the army's satisfaction. This can cause delays.

Two years ago, the army's bureaucracy churned out details of intifada-related confrontations and incidents at a pace that many foreign journalists described as painfully slow. So slow, in fact, that they often relied on information from other sources which was transmitted with greater speed.

Lapid admitted that his department faced a major problem, but he steadfastly refused to rush briefings at the expense of accuracy. Instead, he urgently requested that the army's internal reporting mechanisms speed up their work. Relying information to the media is important, but maintaining order in the territories gets top priority.

When Palestinian sources provide reports to the press before the IDF spokesman, many journalists go with the available information. With deadlines constantly looming, reporters often have no choice but to file what they have.

In addition to speeding up the dissemination of information, Lapid said that the new situation has necessitated additional staff positions. Today, three and one-half full-time positions are dedicated to providing briefings to the foreign press, more than double the pre-1987 manpower situation. "In IDF terms, where every man counts, that's a lot of manpower," Lapid noted.

Their work is supplemented by dozens of reservists who serve anywhere from 30-60



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days per year dealing with the foreign press. Of course, all of these efforts are backed up by the IDF spokesman's fact-gathering network and other staff.

Part of the problem in the beginning, Lapid said, stemmed from the fact that the political and military establishment had been caught terribly off guard by the civil disturbances that characterize the intifada. As efforts were made to get a handle on the situation, policy changed frequently, so the IDF spokesman's briefings

changed just as often.

Today, while there is no end in sight to the uprising, Lapid feels satisfied that he passed on to his successor an information service that tells the truth and, most important in this era of communications, does it fast.

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World and National News

American Jewish Groups Take Issue with Venture in Christian Quarter

by Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — Just a few weeks ago, American Jewish organizations took issue with the Bush administration for suggesting that Jews did not have the right to live in certain parts of Jerusalem.

Many of those same organizations found themselves criticizing the Israeli government for its role in establishing a Jewish presence in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

Even groups that may otherwise have supported the right of 150 Orthodox Jews to move into a Greek Orthodox Church building called St. John's Hospice expressed frustration that the move took place during the Christian holy days preceding Easter.

They were also upset at the Israeli government's veiled role in the effort, which became public when the Construction and Housing Ministry confirmed that it had provided \$1.8 million in funds to obtain a lease on the building.

"We stand on the position of the right of Jews to live in any part of Jerusalem," explained Kenneth Jacobsen, international affairs director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

"That's not the issue. The issue has to do with the manner in which the settlement came about," he said.

ADL was one of a number of Jewish organizations that issued statements expressing deep reservations about the move to take over the building in the Christian Quarter.

Others included the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith International and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The American Jewish Committee sent a message to Israeli leaders, but chose not to make it public.

One of the strongest reactions came from Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, who said, "The Israeli government's role in the Jewish settlement of St. John's Hospice was unconscionable and self-destructive. The government must move immediately to undo the damage to Israel's reputation."

The AJCongress statement said the group was "appalled by reports that members of a narrow Israeli caretaker government, operating during a political interim without a democratic mandate, have participated in a clandestine effort to settle Jews in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem."

Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, telephoned Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, following a meeting of the umbrella organization to express the Jewish community's concern on the matter.

Though the conference did not release a public statement of its own, "there was a consensus in terms of concern over the timing of the event, the disclosure of the utilization of the monies and the hurt caused to some Christians, who may have misunderstood the whole event," said Reich.

Reich said he reported to Shamir the American Jewish concern over "the harm" the Christian Quarter settlement "could do to Israel in terms of the Congress and the Christian community in the United States."

Reich noted that the House of Representatives had passed a resolution declaring Jerusalem to be Israel's capital. But he warned the prime minister he should not interpret that vote as "an endorsement of the situation" in the Christian Quarter.

Shamir responded on a lighthearted note, according to Reich. "He came back at me and said, 'Seymour, you can't take away all moments of accomplishments from us. We need some positive reports.'"

Some of the more right-wing groups in the Conference of Presidents criticized their fellow members for issuing public statements.

They also expressed concern over a report in *The New York Times* that the pre-eminent pro-Israel lobby, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, had sent a message to Israel warning that the move in the Christian Quarter would damage the Jewish state's relations with the United States.

Officials at AIPAC would not comment publicly on the *Times* report. But knowledgeable sources said the warning was conveyed by telephone and that officials had no intention of it becoming public.



Principal Architects

Yale's Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Prof. Sidney Altman (left) and past President of the Weizmann Institute of Science, Prof. Michael Sela (right), were the principal architects, with A. Bartlett Giamatti, of the Yale/Weizmann Exchange Program for Cooperative Research. They are photographed at a formal dinner held April 3 in New York City where Bartlett Giamatti was honored, in memoriam.

USSR Considers Added Israeli Consuls To Accommodate Jews Waiting To Leave

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Soviet Union will consider allowing Israel to increase the staff of the Israeli consular mission in Moscow by as many as 10 officials, leading Kremlin figure Alexander Yakovlev was quoted as saying by a Israeli scholar who met with him.

Professor Elishu Zemtsov added that Yakovlev had also spoken of the possibility of transferring the Israeli facility to a more convenient site in the suburbs, to better accommodate Soviet Jews waiting for help with bureaucratic procedures.

The current Israeli consular staff in Moscow numbers six, who are charged with handling 2,000 to 3,000 Jews per day. The hopeful emigrants have to wait in long lines outdoors.

Meanwhile, one of the last of the prominent refuseniks arrived in Israel, and another former refusenik in Moscow received permission to emigrate.

Vladimir (Ze'ev) Dashevsky of Moscow, a leader of the Orthodox Zionist circles in the city and a notable scholar and thinker in Jewish philosophy, arrived here to a big welcome. Back in Moscow, Leonid Stonov, refused emigration for 10 years, received his permission.

In a further sign of improved relations between Israel and the Soviet Union, Yakovlev also held out the prospect of an official invitation to the new Israeli foreign ministry — once a government has been formed in Jerusalem.

He urged Israel to accept the proposals put forward by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker for the launching of a dialogue with the Palestinians, leading to elections in the administered territories.

Arrival Sparks Celebration

Zemtsov, a social scientist, was in Moscow as guest of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. On an earlier visit late last year, he accompanied Science and Development Minister Ezer Weizman during an unscheduled private meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

The Israeli scholar quoted Yakovlev as saying that the Soviet Union would move slowly toward normalization with Israel, carefully regarding the vying trends of conservatism and radicalism within Moscow policy-making circles. In Israel, Dashevsky's arrival was a cause for rejoicing. A "ba'al teshuvah" (returnee to religion) of many years' standing, Dashevsky in recent years headed the Moscow branch of Machanaim, a return-to-Judaism movement among whose Soviet-Israeli leaders is former Soviet prisoner Yosef Mendelovich.

Dashevsky's classes in Talmudic subjects and the works of Jewish philosophers were popular in the Moscow religious community, and his staunchly pro-Zionist stance won him strong support from Israeli establishment circles.

Israel Denies Link To Arms Found On Estate Of Colombian Drug Baron

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Defense and Foreign Ministry officials have disclaimed any knowledge of how Israeli-made weapons came to be found on the estate of a Colombian drug trafficker shot to death by police there last December.

According to a Defense Ministry spokesman, the weapons were sent legitimately to a sovereign state, which promised not to transfer them to a third party without Israel's approval. The spokesman refused to name the state.

Newspapers in Colombia and other sources reported that

the Israeli arms were smuggled to Colombian drug lords from Antigua and Barbuda, an island nation in the eastern Caribbean that is part of the British Commonwealth.

The Antiguan deputy prime minister said that light weapons were shipped from Haifa to Antigua in April 1989 and from there to Santa Marta, on the Caribbean coast of Colombia. Israeli officials insisted they had no knowledge "how these weapons were transferred to private hands in Colombia."

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Arts and Entertainment

City Nights Dinner Theatre



City Nights Dinner Theatre presents the comedy, "The Prisoner of 2nd Avenue." L-R Mark Anderson, David Vepson and Natalie Fox. Friday and Saturday evenings, May 4 through May 17; Thursday evenings May 17, 24; Sunday, May 6, 20, 27; Sunday early show May 20. Dinner and show \$16. For more information call the box office at 723-6060.

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces production of Neil Simon's hilarious comedy *The Prisoner of Second Avenue*. It runs all Friday and Saturday evenings, May 4-May 27, with Thursday performances May 17 and 24. Sunday matinees are May 6, 20 and 27 with an early evening show on May 20. A special Palestine Shrine benefit is scheduled for May 6.

The show is directed by Pat Glad and stars Peggy Pires, David Jenson, Mark Anderson, Natalie Fox, Mary Mattos and Mary Booth.

City Nights is located in the center of downtown Pawtucket at 27 Exchange Street, next to the Pawtucket Evening Times Building with easy access from Route 95 by Exit 27 or 29. There are four parking lots within a half block of the theatre.

Tickets for the show with dinner total \$16.

Reservations are also being taken for the June musical review *Kazzle Dazzle*, which runs June 8-July 1. Early reservations are recommended. Tickets are by reservation only at 723-6060.

Dance Premiere

Bread and Bones, a new work by choreographer Beth Easterly, will have its premiere performances on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 by Current Dance Company at 8 p.m. in Providence at The Perishable Theater, 135 Carpenter Street. Admission is \$7.00. Telephone (401) 331-2695 for reservations. The Perishable Theater is Current Dance Company's sponsor for its 1990 season in Providence.

Beth Easterly, who is also Current Dance Company's artistic director, makes unique demands on her already seasoned modern dancers in the evening-length *Bread and Bones*. Technically the piece is dependent on precise timing, off center balances and repetition. The two soloists and six chorus members interpret the choreography by fusing traditional dance technique with their own unique artistic expression.

Choreographically, *Bread and Bones* is organized around the visual principals of horizontal and vertical. Often sculptural in feeling, the choreography is reminiscent of contemporary sculpture's grounding in uncanny physical improbabilities.

An integral and movable part of the piece is a set composed of seven upright columns designed by Current Dance Company's technical director Ed Horky. Music for *Bread and Bones* is by Kay Gardner, from her album, *A Rainbow Path* and by Sulubika, from *Beyond Coincidence*.

Drawings of the dancers, donated by artist Peter London, will be on display at each performance in Providence. Mr. London, a well known area artist, teaches at Southeastern Massachusetts University and is the author of the recently published *No More Secondhand Art*.

"Les Miz" Extended To June 30

Les Miserables, the award winning musical phenomenon, based on the Victor Hugo novel, announces a final five-week extension and will close on Saturday, June 30, 1990. The production is currently appearing at the Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont Street, Boston.

Les Miserables opened on Broadway in March 1987 and won eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The first National Company began its tour in Boston, December 5, 1987 and has since played Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, and Baltimore.

Performances are Monday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; matinees are Wednesday and Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$50. Special student tickets for \$16 are available Monday through Thursday and Wednesday matinee. Tickets available at all Ticketron outlets and at the Shubert Theatre Box Office. For charge tickets and group sales call Telecharge at 1-800-233-3123. For more information call the Shubert Theatre at (617) 426-4520.



Ed Hall and Jonathan Fried in Trinity Repertory Company's production of *Amateurs*, by Tom Griffin, in the Downstairs Theatre April 25 through June 3. Pre-Views April 20-22. Directed by David Wheeler. Performances are scheduled: Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Adult ticket prices range from \$24 to \$30. Photo by Del Bogart.

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2nd Story Theatre Presents "Tobacco Road" and "The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines" next on Stage I and Stage II

2nd Story Theatre, under the direction of Patricia Hegnauer, will launch its next two productions in May. On Stage I Erskine Caldwell's classic American story of the depression-era south, *Tobacco Road*, begins May 11 and runs through June 16, performing Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Don Nigro's poignant *The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines* will perform Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. beginning May 16 and running through June 14 on Stage II.

Tobacco Road by Erskine Caldwell, adapted for the stage by Jack Kirkland, was one of the longest running plays ever produced on Broadway. This American classic ran for eight years to great acclaim from New York critics and audiences alike. A comic drama from the depression era, *Tobacco Road* is at once haunting, humorous and ultimately hopeful. Under Patricia Hegnauer's direction, the cast includes: Richard Donnelly, Sheryl Dold, Kathleen Moore, Paul Conable, Elizabeth Clement, Dan Tipp, Tara Tomfret, and Hope Pilkington. Beth Burgess is designing the set. *Tobacco Road* performs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. on

Stage I beginning May 11 through June 16 with two special half-priced (\$5) Monday performances at 8 p.m. on May 21 and June 11. All other tickets are \$10. For reservations call (401) 421-5776.

On Stage II in Don Nigro's *The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines*, five women — three Shakespearean heroines and two Shakespearean actresses — introduce us to Shakespeare's world through their separate and distinct experiences. This loving, insightful play weaves the observations of five unique women into a powerful tapestry of thought-provoking, heartfelt theatre. Patricia Hegnauer directs Phyllis Kay, Sheryl Dold, Dorothy Reo, Melissa Sciarra, and Marcia Murphy in this warm and intimate collection of portraits of several of Shakespeare's "heroines." *The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines* performs Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. from May 16 through June 14 on Stage II with two special half-priced (\$5) Monday performances at 8 p.m. on May 28 and June 4. All other tickets are \$10. For reservations call 2nd Story Theatre at (401) 421-5776.



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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

Many Irons In Her Fire

Woman Of The Year: Dr. Greta L. Cohen, associate professor of physical education and women's studies at URI, was given this honor by the Association of Professional and Academic Women (APAW) at URI for her significant contributions to improve the quality of life for women at the University.

Dr. Cohen has served on the Women's Inequity Committee of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) since 1972, has worked to develop the Women's Studies Program and the Women's Political Caucus. She is politically active with special interest organizations regionally and nationally, dealing with issues of equality and women's rights.

Her contributions, she said during an interview, are divided into three areas: political, research-oriented, and sports.

Regarding her involvement with the Women's Inequity Committee of the Association of Professional and Academic Women (APAW) at URI, Dr. Cohen said that "As an outgrowth of this committee, it was decided that inequities did exist. They were very pervasive and we needed to do something about it. We tried to solve it in-house and the administration refused to listen to us and rectify this problem."

"I was one of four named plaintiffs in a class action suit charging the university for inequities against women faculty on this campus pertaining to salary, hiring, promotion and tenure. That became a ten-year battle ending in 1984 in court where we prevailed."

"A \$1.5 million verdict was handed down in favor of the women. The money was allocated according to a very complicated formula by which money was given to those people discriminated against during the period of time specified in our suit. Discrimination still exists based on hiring, promotion, and salary inequities."

Dr. Cohen is politically active in "issues that affect all women, not necessarily on campus, but certainly in this country at the local and national level. I belong to organizations such as NOW. We march in Washington and demonstrate and try to raise the consciousness of people in this country that women should have equal pay for equal work and that women should have control over their own bodies, which are the two major issues the women's movement targeted when it began its first wave."

The Women's Caucus, the Women's Center and the Women's Studies Program have developed on this campus to ensure women have equal opportunities on a coeducational campus. Women's Studies is a degree-granting program that focuses on issues relating to a raised level of consciousness or feminine perspective no matter what the discipline is... engineering, history, education, etc."

Dr. Cohen received her bachelor of science degree from Sargent College in 1964, her master of science degree from Temple University in 1966, and her doctorate in sport sociology from Boston University in 1981.

Defining sports sociology, she said, "A sport sociologist would study the political, economic, and social impact of sports on society. You can't ignore sports even if you want to. It's probably the largest section of a newspaper, far outweighing religion and politics in our reporting of what we consider to be newsworthy. A very sad commentary on our priorities."



Dr. Greta L. Cohen, associate professor of physical education and women's studies at URI, was named Woman Of The Year by the Association of Professional and Academic Women at URI. Photo by Dorothea Snyder.

"The political, economic, and social impact of sports is great — economics alone in terms of the spin-off of all the different industries that exist because of our love and obsession of sports. Where there was once only a couple of sporting goods companies, there are now 4000. Within every discipline, some percentage of that time is devoted to sports — like lawyers who deal only with sports contracts. It keeps on magnifying."

"Our vying for power internationally as well as domestically, is greatly hinged on our perception as sports efficient. The Olympics is the largest political arena when it comes to sport."

Does she think we've come a long way from the sport of gladiators combatting in the Coliseum? "I don't think we have. You can make an interesting case for having come full circle in that the athletes are the pawns and the owners are manipulating them, shooting them with pain killers to get as much as they can from them."

"They are depreciated like any product. Just as a business person would depreciate equipment over so many years, owners do the same with athletes. After the depreciation has expired, athletes are traded."

In that context, Dr. Cohen developed a Women's Sport course. "Because it focuses primarily on women and women's struggle to enter the mainstream of American sport, that area became one of the items for which my award was granted."

As a result of the many lectures she conducts at public schools, universities and sports banquets and having been heard by her colleagues and professionals at those presentations, Dr. Cohen was asked to write a book on women in sport. She has been granted a sabbatical to begin research on that next year, which will take her to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and the Sports Foundation among other stops.

She is responsible for the URI Women's Fencing Team, which won seven New England championship titles in eight years in at least one division (novice, intermediate and advanced). The team placed 19th and 16th nationally in two consecutive years. It represented the first and only women's team at URI to be nationally ranked during the AIAW Governance of Women's Sports.

"When I was first hired 24 years ago, the physical education

departments for men and women were split as was typical in most college campuses in the country. One of the contingencies upon being hired was to coach one or two teams, so I began coaching the women's fencing team. The team became very successful."

"The Fencing Team is the only URI team to ever be nationally ranked during that time. Since then, the NCA has taken over the governance of women's athletic teams. We have other teams in the NCA that have national standings, but for a while, that was the record, which is more reason I was selected for this award."

The award winner is chosen by members of the Association of Professional and Academic Women at URI, who nominate and explain their choice in writing. Dr. Cohen was quite taken back by the award. "There are a lot of women on this campus who are doing very admirable and exciting things in their own disciplines."

She first learned of it en route to teaching a graduate evening class. "Sure, I said, as if they were joking. I was concentrating on the material I wanted to cover in three hours of lecture and I couldn't be distracted."

"I'm a very focused person. My colleagues call it obsessive. I call it focused. It sounds so much better. After class, I then thought I'd go home and check this out to see if there were any validity to what I was told."

Dr. Greta Cohen was honored at a luncheon on May 3rd at URI's University Club.

Does she think we're more physically fit today? "I'm not sure we're actually exercising. We pay great lip service to it. We buy all the right clothes, all the right equipment. We join the right clubs, but when it comes to actually putting out, the sweat isn't coming."

"I believe physical activity should be daily but everybody's different and has to start in a different place. I can't imagine not exercising every day, but for someone who's sedentary, three times a week is a nice place to start."

"We have to be careful not to make gross generalizations because everybody's physical state is at a different level. One has to start in a way to prevent body damage."

"Very few people are overdoing physical exercise. Our society has an obsession with beauty and youth. I think that gets caught up in the selling and marketing of the perfect body so we use physically adept individuals to sell our products. That's all media

hype. The couch potatoes are still sitting watching television 25-30 hours a week."

"The most interesting group are women in their late thirties, forties, and early fifties, who grew up before this revolution and are finding it so exciting that the stigma is no longer attached."

"They never dreamed they could run five miles, let alone 26 in a marathon. This is the group of people where you see the greatest progress, but a lot of that was because it was socially unacceptable. We were stereotyped into believing it was inappropriate to be that physically active when we were kids back in the 30's, 40's and early 50's."

Besides jogging between three and six miles a day, Dr. Cohen enjoys hiking, backpacking and climbing and once had a climbing team outside of the university.

As a snow and ice climber, she favors the new sport of climbing artificial walls. "The construction of artificial walls may prevent the destruction of mountains. The technical rock climbers, who pound petons into the fissures, are doing damage to the environment."

"I've always believed in climbing clean. If hardware is needed to get up the mountain, the environment is being destroyed. Most climbers don't have geological knowledge of rock formations, nor do they retrieve the gear after they finish so they leave this wall of iron behind them. That's disgusting."

"If it's going to come to a sport where we create an artificial wall and rank it based on a degree of difficulty, that is more appealing. Save the environment. I climb snow and ice because a hole can be dug into the snow and it melts that day. It continually reshapes and reforms itself so that destruction to the environment doesn't have the effect it does on rock."

In response to my complimenting her upbeat "glass is half full" attitude, Dr. Cohen smiled and said, "It's difficult to be an activist and maintain that because I see so much wrong and the inequities seem to be so incredibly insurmountable, yet if I let it get to me, I'd have a chip on my shoulder."

"I would hate to be like that. There's so much to be like that about our life. You have total and complete control over it. There is no one to blame but yourself if you don't make the best of it!"

Time Out

Parents' Plights and Rights

by
Dr. Steven C. Imber

Dear Dr. Imber:

My husband and I are concerned about the quality and types of special education services provided for our son. He is a student at a public elementary school. We feel that he needs more help in developing his writing skills. He has difficulty completing his classwork and homework assignments. It is especially difficult for him to complete book reports and written projects. He is currently receiving a few hours of resource instruction a week and we feel strongly that he needs more intensive support. Since we have not been able to address our concerns through meetings with school department officials, we decided to request a special education hearing. Now we have been told by school officials that we should participate in mediation sessions instead. We would appreciate whatever advice you have to offer.

Confused

Dear Confused:

It is advisable that before pursuing either mediation or a hearing that you examine carefully all issues and concerns. From what you have described, the situation has reached a point beyond which normal channels of communication might resolve the matter. However it is important to first examine the nature of your concerns. If the reason that you and your husband seek resolution through mediation or a hearing is because you believe that your son is not making adequate progress given present services, it is essential that you consider what more might be accomplished by altering objectives or modifying instructional strategies under his current IEP. If there is sufficient documentation to indicate that your son should be progressing at a faster rate or that modifications made within the regular classroom are insufficient to enable your child to achieve success in his current placement, then pressing the matter seems reasonable.

Normally, before pursuing a course of action such as mediation or a hearing, it would seem reasonable that you meet with

your son's multi-disciplinary team and with the supervisor of special education as well. If you have explored these avenues and you feel that your child's needs cannot and will not be met given current service arrangements and specialists from the school department and you still have a genuine disagreement between yourselves and school department specialists, then mediation or a hearing may be an appropriate process for you to address your concerns.

Should you request mediation, you would need to write a letter to the Commissioner of Education for the State of Rhode Island requesting that a mediation be held addressing your specific concerns. The meeting is officiated by a representative from the State Department of Education knowledgeable about federal and state regulations pertaining to handicapped children. Normally, these matters are reviewed within fifteen school days. Should you choose to pursue a hearing, your request would currently be forwarded to the superintendent of your local public school. You may wish to advise your local community's consultant at the State Department of Education (special education unit) of your intention by sending a copy of the letter. Once you have filed for a special education hearing, the decision to alter the hearing in any way is yours and your alone. Naturally, if you are represented by an attorney, your attorney can make adjustments in your request, but only if you desire such adjustments. More specifically, once the date for the hearing has been established (the complete process including a decision should take no more than 45 days according to federal and state regulations), cannot be changed or delayed without your permission. Furthermore, the school department cannot decide to alter your request to mediation because it is less costly to them or for any other reason unless you concur. It is certainly appropriate for the local special education director to discuss these alternatives with you before you have

selected a particular course of action, however, once you have determined that you wish to pursue a particular course of action, it would be indiscreet, inappropriate, and very possibly a violation of your rights to interfere with your decision.

I hope that your choice of action results in a resolution which will best meet the needs of your son.

Dear Dr. Imber:

Our daughter has had learning and behavioral difficulties in school since the first grade. She was tested individually two years ago by school staff but not found to have any specific problems which required special education. Now, she is in danger of repeating the next grade. She has just been retested and school officials have told us that she needs to be placed in a self-contained special class because her learning and behavior problems are so serious. We were told that she would not be able to participate in any regular classes because of her behavior problems. We are concerned about this situation and would appreciate your comment.

Baffled

Dear Baffled:

You have reason to be confused! It's not everyday that a child is evaluated for special education services, rejected for services, and then referred for such intensive instruction. It may well be that school officials have seen a very severe deterioration of your child's educational and behavioral performance. Should this be the case, although their recommendation is somewhat drastic, it may still be appropriate. However, both federal and state regulations pertaining to handicapped children urge that the least restrictive environment (LRE) be utilized to meet a child's needs whenever possible. That is, under normal circumstances, your child would be serviced within her school through the development of an individualized educational program. The service providers and the amount of services utilized would be designed to meet her individual needs. A more restric-

tive placement would only be utilized if test results, behavioral observations, and other information supported a more restrictive placement (i.e., a placement which is further removed from her current regular classroom placement).

During the past few years there has been an increasing emphasis on maintaining children within regular classrooms, whenever possible, providing their individual needs can still be met. It would seem that consultation from a school psychologist or resource specialist might have been used to address her emotional and behavioral problems. Furthermore, consultation from a resource specialist to the regular classroom teacher or direct service from a resource specialist for your child within the regular classroom might normally be employed before resorting to a more restrictive placement. It is unusually drastic to place a child in a self-contained special education classroom with no opportunity of interaction with her regular classroom peers. That matter bears close examination since it is quite contrary to the spirit and

the letter of the regulations. Furthermore, if your child has been placed in a school other than her current one, the situation would normally be perceived as even more restrictive.

It would certainly be appropriate for you to listen carefully to what members of the multidisciplinary team have to say. If you still have concerns about the restrictiveness of the placement, you may wish to discuss the matter further with the special education supervisor (before signing any documents), a consultant from the State Department of Education, members of your local special education advisory committee, or a consultant.

Dr. Imber is a Professor of Special Education at Rhode Island College, a past president of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders and a consultant to parents and schools. Questions about children and adolescents with learning or behavioral problems can be mailed to him at 145 Waterman Street, Providence, RI 02906 (401-276-3775). All communication will be held in strict confidence.

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Podiatrists Sponsor Shoe Collection For Homeless, Needy In R.I.

The Rhode Island Podiatric Medical Association (RIPMA) will sponsor a "Shoes for the Homeless and Needy" collection drive throughout May in conjunction with national Foot Health Month.

The campaign aims to collect new and used shoes in good condition for distribution to homeless and needy people around the state. It has been estimated that nine out of 10 homeless people need better shoes to avoid debilitating foot diseases and injuries. Donations of heavy duty shoes with rubber soles such as work shoes, boots, walking shoes, athletic shoes and children's shoes are especially encouraged.

YMCAs throughout Rhode Island and the Jewish Community Center are co-sponsoring the campaign and will serve as official drop-off points for shoes. Shoes can also be dropped off at the nearest office of any RIPMA member.

Shoes will be inspected, sanitized, and then distributed through social service organizations serving the homeless, such as Amos House, McAuley House, St. Anthony House, and Travelers Aid Society of R.I.

The idea of collecting shoes for the homeless originated with a group of podiatrists in Chicago who had volunteered in medical clinics for the homeless, and saw first-hand the problems of frostbite, trench-foot, and other foot diseases suffered by people who live on the streets. The program has since been adopted by the American Podiatric Medical Association as its national community service campaign.

In Rhode Island, the shoe drive is one part of the RIPMA's community outreach effort during Foot Health Month, which will also include free screenings and seminars on foot care at the Jewish Community Center and YMCAs around the state.

"While homeless people have a wide range of pressing needs, we are trying to focus on one part of the problem that we, as foot specialists, know best," said Dr. Bruce Werber, RIPMA president.



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Local News

Eleventh Annual 5 Mile Run, 3 Mile Road Race and 1 Mile Fun-Run, Sunday, May 13

The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association of the Providence Hebrew Day School welcome the public to the Eleventh Annual "Torah Freedom Run" road race to be held on Sunday, May 13 at 450 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence. Specialty races begin at 9 a.m. and the open 1 mile, 3 mile and 5 mile road races begin at 9:45 a.m. Proceeds from the event benefit the expanding athletic program of the Day School. Valuable merchandise prizes will be awarded in each of the three races.

The Torah Freedom Run is a springtime fixture of Providence athletics, attracting beginners, experts, walkers, Rabbits, tots and klutzers from throughout New England. The sponsors, Insurance Underwriters, Inc. and Northeast Fitness & Sports Superstores, urge people of all ages to participate. The Torah Freedom Run is unique in that it combines a

flat, fast course favored by runners, with special fun races such as the Rabbi Run, and the Mini Mile (for children under age five). Coca Cola and oranges are made available free of charge to all runners.

The three and five mile courses have been carefully measured to meet official standards for the event. Entrants are asked to register no later than May 10 and to include the \$6.00 registration fee with their applications. The fee is \$8.00 on the day of the race. The first 100 entrants will receive a free T-shirt, and all participants will receive refreshments and become eligible for merchandise prizes donated by local merchants. The Athletic Committee recommends pre-registration in order to insure a position at the starting times.

For further details and entry forms, write or visit the Providence Hebrew Day School at 450 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, or call (401) 331-5327.

PHDS Events

Israel Independence

On Monday, April 30, Providence Hebrew Day School celebrated Israel Independence Day. Students from grades kindergarten through eighth grade attended a special assembly. Rabbi Strajcher introduced the program which was directed by Mrs. Rina Haltzman. It was a series of short presentations in both English and Hebrew. Thoughts about Israel were recited by children in grades three, five and eight.

Rabbi Fried then led the students in several songs. These expressed hope that peace be brought soon to Israel.

At the end of the program, Rabbi Strajcher reminded us of the specialness of the Holy Land and of the need to be thankful that we have Israel today. It is a homeland for Jews where living and learning has an added meaning unlike any other place. Thank G-d, he remarked, that it is able to help us especially now in the demanding absorption of thou-

sands of Russian Jews.

Rabbi Strajcher then led the children in a resounding cheer for Israel followed lastly by the singing of Hatikvah led by Mr. Adler.

Wellness Program

On Sunday night the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association of the Providence Hebrew Day School sponsored a Wellness Program. Both fitness and nutrition were emphasized by the four guest speakers.

Rabbi Avi Shafran, a teacher at the New England Academy of Torah explained the Rabbinic view of physical fitness and nutrition.

Elliot Goldstein, the Health and Physical Education Director of the Jewish Community Center of R.I. described equipment and programs currently offered at the J.C.C. He dis-

cussed what's in and what's out in healthy exercise for children, adults, and seniors.

Lynn Covington, assistant professor of Nutrition and Food Science at Dean Jr. College gave a fascinating description of a simple eating plan for weight loss and maintenance of a proper nutritional balance. She described foods to avoid and exercises which are best suited for long-term, injury-free health.

Dr. George Ho, Jr., full-time rheumatologist at the Miriam Hospital and an accomplished triathlete spoke about the benefits of exercise on the mind and body from personal experience. He talked about how to motivate oneself into a vigorous and healthy lifestyle and how to find the time to do so.

Correction

A press release submitted by the Cranston Warwick Hadassah that appeared in last week's Herald failed to state that Ruth Ross was a co-chairwoman of the Donor dinner May 14.

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JFS Koshersite Pen Pals Write To Israeli Seniors

"As a Russian immigrant to the United States, my feelings towards you immigrants to Israel are very greatly felt from my heart. I am glad that you are in Israel, the promised land..." wrote one man. A woman wrote, "My four trips to Israel were the most exhilarating, exciting, fantastic part of my life. Each time I observed and experienced the progress Israel had made through the years..." Some letters included politically oriented questions. "I am interested in a layman's thought about conditions there, other than what I can read in local papers and in the English version of the

Jerusalem Post. What of your future?" wrote one person. On a less worldly note, another asked, "Do you have a mealsite that you attend, and what are some of your activities?" Many letters stated variations on the following request: "If there is anyone who would like to exchange letters, I would love to hear what you do and where you came from."

The above words are excerpts from letters written by members of the JFS Koshersite in Cranston to fellow senior citizens in Israel.

The project was organized by Maxine Richman, Outreach Social Worker for the Elderly at Jewish Family Service. During a trip to Israel this winter, she had visited the Stern Street area in Jerusalem and brought home requests for American pen pals.

With great enthusiasm, seniors at the JFS Koshersite in Cranston responded with letters to their counterparts at the Hassenfeld Jewish Community Center in Stern Street, Jerusalem. This center, with senior citizen members who have settled in Israel from all parts of the world, has been adopted by the Rhode Island Jewish community through Project Renewal of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Members at the Hassenfeld Jewish Community Center are interested in learning more about America and especially the New England area.

JFS Mealsite participants wrote to their Israeli peers about their origins, families, work, Jewish affiliations and interests. Mealsite activities and other conversational topics. One JFS Mealsite participant wrote, "My wife and I enjoy coming here to our kosher mealsite on Fridays, where we enjoy the meals as well as the nice people we have met. I enjoy coming to our weekly men's discussion group with the director of Jew-

ish Family Service's Paul Segal."

The JFS Koshersite in Cranston offers residents of Cranston and the Warwick area a hot kosher meal and the opportunity to socialize five days a week, Monday through Friday. A variety of programming is offered from 11 a.m. to noon, with the meal served at noon. On Fridays, a special Shabbat meal is served, complete with candles, challah and kiddush.

Activities include bingo, exercise, the BJE film series, blood pressure screenings, holiday celebrations and visits to the SAGE concerts. Periodic day trips to areas of local interest are planned.

For information about corresponding with the Stern Street seniors or other activities at the JFS Koshersite in Cranston, call 781-1771. Mealsite transportation is available to Cranston residents and to limited areas of Warwick. Mealsite is funded by the Cranston Community Action Program and the Mealsite Coordinator is funded by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

"The mealsite has been a wonderful way for me to be with people and take advantage of social events." "I'll enjoy hearing from you."

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The NCJW Giving Award Luncheon

The National Council of Jewish Women, Providence Section, will hold its Annual Community Service Award Luncheon on Wednesday, May 16 at the Providence Marriott. The 11:30 reception will be followed by luncheon at noon. The presenter will be Phyllis Brown.

The recipient of this year's Community Service Award is Lillian Potter Goldstein who has dedicated her life to public service and the improvement of her community. She has been a teacher, an active member of the League of Women Voters of Rhode Island and an early pioneer in the ecology movement. After the death of her husband she carried on his work for Planned Parenthood and recently dedicated the Dr. Charles Potter Memorial Building.

Motivated by her concern for Coretta Scott King and Ethel Kennedy she founded Handgun Alert, Inc. As a member of the Special Legislative Commission to Study the Safe Use and Control of Firearms she has been a speaker before both the Republican National Convention and the United States Congress. In the years since then she has seen the passage of two important pieces of handgun control legislation. First, in 1979, was a law requiring anyone purchasing a handgun to take a 4 to 6 hour safety course. Most recently, thanks to her vigorous campaigning, the State Senate has okayed a seven day waiting period for all firearm purchases.

Lillian Potter Goldstein has known tragedy and despair,



Lillian Potter Goldstein

victories and triumphs. She has served man-and-woman kind selflessly and she has endured.

Proceeds from the major fundraising event will benefit the NCJW Scholarship fund and many community service projects. Reservations are open to the public and can be made by calling 728-6161. Categories are Angel-\$75, Benefactor-\$50, Donor-\$25, Sponsor-\$35, Special Gifts-\$100 or over.

Chairman of the event is Gladys R. Sandler. The committee includes Barbara Long, advisor; Terry Lieberman, treasurer; Sally Lathrop Publicist; Abigail Leavitt, Bonnie Koppelman, Sheri Singer, decorations; Ardean Botvin, Joan Abrams, luncheon; Elizabeth Goldberg, reservations; Judith Litchman, hostesses; Barbara Singh, kick-off hostess; Beth Weiss, Mizit Berkelhammer, captain co-ordinators; and Irma Gross awards.

Also on the committee are Gertrude Gordon and Mardelle Berman, ex-officio.

Kumins to be Installed for Second Term

Bernice Kumins will be installed for a second term as President of Temple Emanu-El at the 65th Annual Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, May 23, at 8 p.m. in the Alperin Meeting House. Following the installation will be a special program entitled "The Past is Prologue," a retrospective look at the last 65 years of the Temple.

After serving as president of the Sisterhood for three years, Bernice was elected vice-president of the Temple, a position she held until being elected the first woman president last year.

Bernice has been involved in all aspects of the Temple. She has chaired the Succah decorations and the Purim dinners; she has served on the Adult Institute Committee and is a



Bernice Kumins

graduate of their program; she has served on the Youth Commission, the Cantorial Search Committee, and chaired the Search Committee for an Executive Director. She is also the first female gabbai of the

Temple. She and her husband, Dr. Richard Kumins, a Providence podiatrist, live in Providence and have two sons, Robert and Steven.

Also to be installed that evening are Vice Presidents Estelle Kiemer, Carl Freedman, and Sheila Alexander; Recording Secretary, Mel Topf; Financial Secretary, Barbara Feldstein; and Treasurer, Elliott Brodsky. Members of the Annual Meeting Committee are Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Brown and Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Page, Co-Chairpersons; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Mandell; Mrs. Gerald Winograd; Mr. Melvin Topf, Dr. Richard Kumins; Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Lieberman; and Dr. and Mrs. Mayer A. Levitt.

A reception will be held following the meeting.

Congregation Ohave Shalom

This Young Israel affiliated congregation is hosting the Holocaust Memorial program Thursday evening, May 10 at 8 p.m. The service is being co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom, Mishkan Tefillah and the Providence Hebrew Day School. The guest speaker is Daniel Ostroff who is working on the Living Holocaust Museum in New York City.

This Shabbat, May 11-12, our congregation will have a guest cantor, Dr. Randi Kauffman, from Sharon, Massachusetts. Friday evening services begin at 7:40 p.m. Shabbat morning there will be an elaborate Kiddush co-sponsored by Barrie Weisman and Efraim Gerber immediately following services which begin at 9 a.m. The rabbi will give his class at 6:50 a.m. Mincha will be at 7:35 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma-ariv will be at 8:35 p.m. Havdalah will be at 8:45 p.m.

Friedman-Torman

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Friedman of 18 Lyman Road, West Hartford, CT, announce on February 23, 1990, the engagement of their daughter, Tina Friedman of Waltham, MA, to Harold Torman of Wakefield, MA, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Torman of Cranston, R.I. Ms. Friedman is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and Mr. Torman is a graduate of Northeastern University. The wedding has been set for October 28, 1990, at noon.



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Smith Called To Torah

Mr. Adam Smith of Warwick will be called to the torah as Mr. Marviah, May 5 at Temple Am David of Warwick. Adam is the son of Michael and Marilyn (Langman) Smith and the grandson of the distinguished Cantor Jacob Smith of Cranston. He is also the grandson of Mrs. Jacob Smith and Mrs. Helen Langman and the late Julius Langman. Adam's great-grandfather was the Reverend Meyer Smith, a mohel.

Adam was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, but has lived in Rhode Island for the past seven years. He is a seventh grade student at Winman Junior High School in Warwick and a member of its newspaper staff. He is active in U.S.Y. and enjoys mathematics, reading, writing poetry, creating games and gymnastics.

Following family traditions of Hebrew education, Adam will be joining his brother Jeremy at the Harry Elkins Midrasha next fall. His younger brother, Joel, is a student in the Temple Am David extension school. Both brothers will be joining Adam in his simcha.

Adam's parents are each active members of Temple Am David. Marilyn is on the School Committee and Youth Committee. Michael is in charge of the temple calendar.



Adam Smith

Matzners Celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. William Matzner (nee Shirley Katzman) of Providence observed their 50th wedding anniversary on April 7, 1990. They have a son, Joel H. Matzner of Warwick, R.I., and a daughter, Mrs. Joel W. Cassola (nee Ilene A. Matzner) of Cranston, R.I. They also have four grandchildren, Mrs. Frank Kelly (nee Caryl L. Matzner), Steven Matzner, Andrea B. Cassola and Alisha E. Cassola.

Steinfelds Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. David Steinfeld of Coppel, Texas, joyfully announce the birth of their first child and son, Michael Lee Steinfeld on April 16, 1990.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Landesberg of Medfield, Mass., formerly from Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Steinfeld of Overland Park, Kansas. Maternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Harriet Landesberg of Cranston, Mr. Samuel Silverman of Providence and the late Bessie Silverman. Michael is named in memory of his great-grandfathers, Leo R. Landesberg and Leopold Steinfeld. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. Ben Edwards and Mrs. Dorothy Steinfeld.

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Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, May 11 - Sixteen days in Iyar. Candlelighting 7:35 p.m., Minchah is at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 12 - Seventeen days in Iyar. Today the Torah is reading is P'Emor. Shacharis (morning services) 8:30 a.m. Kiddush follows as usual at 11 a.m. Minchah 7:45 p.m. Maariv 8:30 p.m. Shabbath ends at 8:43 p.m. The havdalah service is at 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, May 13 - The 33rd day of counting the Omer. Today is Lag B'Omer. Eighteen days in Iyar. Also, today is Mother's Day. Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. Please join the congregation this morning for some festive affairs.

Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30 a.m., and for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:45 a.m. Minchah for the entire week is at 7:48 p.m.

Next Saturday will be the blessing of the new month of Sivan. Please join the congregation for services as we begin to prepare for the summer months ahead.

Lag B'Omer (Part Two, concluding)

Lag B'Omer is one of the Jewish festivals commemorating the life in Palestine and their battles for independence. The name of the holiday means the thirty-third day of the omer, which was a measure the Palestine farmers used for measuring their grain. The days between Passover and Shavout were known to our farmer ancestors as omer days, for this was the time when the Jews gathered their harvest. They are also known as Sefirah, or counting days. Having no calendar, the Jews counted the days from Passover to Shavout to know when to celebrate the end of the harvest season.

Bar Yohai was a great scholar who went to live in a cave when the Romans forbade him to study his sacred books. There he studied for many years, living on carob fruit (bokser) and other wild fruit, and drinking waters of a spring that had appeared miraculously in the cave. When his students came to visit him, they disguised themselves as hunters to confuse the Romans, and carried bows and arrows.

Simeon Bar Yohai, before he died, asked his followers to celebrate rather than mourn his death. That is why the day he died is celebrated as a joyful outing, and bows and arrows are brought to the Lag B'Omer picnic.

Israel has its own way of celebrating Lag B'Omer. On that day the Hasidim of the country visit the grove of Rabbi Simeon Bar Yohai, which is in Meron, near the town of Safed. It is night when the celebration

at Meron begins. Some sing "Rabbi Akiba said..." while others respond, "Bar Yohai, happy art thou." At midnight a huge bonfire is lit, and men, women, and children throw fine embroidery handkerchiefs, silken scarves into the flames. Mothers bring forward their young boys who have reached the age of three, and the Rabbi gives them their first haircut, leaving of course only the side-locks.

The idea of celebrating Lag B'Omer with a bonfire has spread to other parts of Israel. It is a field day for boys and girls. In the evening in Haifa, Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, and in many of the colonies, bonfires are lit. Around the burning flames stories are once more told about Barkochba, Rabbi Akiba, Bar Yohai - men who defied tyranny and carried forward the torch of Israel's hopes.

Our shul shuts this holiday in the same way. We invite the community to join our congregation in learning and hearing our Rabbis bring forth these tales of our heritage. Please join us.

Zeidman School Graduation

The public is invited to attend the Eunice Zeidman Primary School graduation at Temple Am David, 40 Gardner St., Warwick, on May 13 at 10 a.m. A breakfast in the Temple social hall will follow the ceremony.

Geared for youngsters ages four-six years, the school is a three-year program with weekly two-hour sessions held on Sunday mornings. The goal of the school is to help preschoolers develop a feeling of identity, love and respect for Jewish life.

In addition to the school program, religious services for three- to six-year-olds are held once every month on Saturday mornings to expose the children to the joys of celebrating the Sabbath and Jewish holidays. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Temple membership is not required to participate in either program. For further information, call Temple Am David at 463-7944.



David Peleg, Director of Information at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, D.C., received a key to the city from Providence Mayor Joseph R. Paolino, Jr. as well as a letter of proclamation for the 42nd Israeli Independence Day last Tuesday, May 1 at 4 p.m.

Dr. Spiro Speaks On Soviet Immigration At Emanu-El

Dr. Herzl R. Spiro, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin and President of the Milwaukee District of the Zionist Organization of America will be guest speaker at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft St., Providence on Friday, May 11 at 8 p.m. during Shabbat services.

Dr. Spiro, whose special interest has been in the issues of immigration, will speak on Soviet resettlement and absorption. He has consulted to both the Government of Israel Ministry of Absorption and the Jewish Agency for Israel concerning Aliyah of Soviet Jewry.

The seven-year veteran Delegate to the Assembly of Jewish Agency for Israel also serves on the Board of Governors Committee on Aliyah and Kliath.

NCCJ Holds 38th Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner

Before a gathering of 700 people, the National Conference of Christians and Jews Annual Brotherhood Award was presented to Erskine N. (Skip) White, Jr., of E.N. White Management Corporation; Alan G. Hassenfeld, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hasbro, Inc.; and was posthumously awarded to Stephen D. Hassenfeld, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hasbro, Inc. at the 38th Annual Dinner held on May 3.

Dinner Chairman, Joseph A. Beretta introduced the dais guests to the assembly and Charles H. Goss, Chairman of the Board of NCCJ, described NCCJ's programs in an address entitled, "Building Bridges on

The professor was educated at Vermont, Harvard, Cornell and Johns Hopkins where he later taught at both the John Hopkins Medical School and the School of Public Health. He also taught at Rutgers University, The University of Wisconsin, in each of Israel's Medical Schools as well as in Egypt and Iran. His teachings included public health, psychiatry, community medicine and clinical and social psychology.

He has held such national offices as the National Presidency of the Mental Health Section of the American Public Health Association and was the co-chairman of Religion and Psychiatry Committee of the American Psychiatric Association. He is the author of 10 books and 60 research articles.

the Road to Understanding," describing the organization's current programs. Chairman Beretta presented the award to Erskine White, who then spoke on NCCJ's role in the next decade. Rabbi Leslie Y. Guterman of Temple Beth-El presented the posthumous award to Stephen D. Hassenfeld. A video production commissioned in 1986 by Stephen D. Hassenfeld, "NCCJ - Our Hopes and Our Dreams" was shown. Alan G. Hassenfeld after receiving his award from Mr. Goss accepted for himself and on behalf of his brother.

The Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner is NCCJ's major fund-raising event and supports the inter-group relations programs which will be conducted throughout the state in the coming year.

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A Tribute To My Grandmother

by Susan Buckler

My Nanny made afghans. The first one I remember covered my bed when I was in college, although I know there were others before that have now faded from my memory. Nana made this one in my favorite colors of that era... bright oranges, reds and yellows. When I lived in NYC, after finishing college, I began using a different afghan, made of multicolored diamonds woven together. By the time Nana made that one, her eyesight had already begun to fade, and the colors didn't quite match, with the yarn wrapping around the blanket in a border of contrasting hues. I sleep each night during the cold Catskill winter with this afghan covering me, perhaps 20 years after Nana completed it. Lately I have been holding it gently to me, remembering my Nanny.

Emotional attachments between grandparents and their grandchildren are distinctive. As children mature, there are always conflicts between parent and child. These are nonexistent in the grandparent/grandchild relationship. The fundamental emotion between grandparent and grandchild is love. Grandparents accept their grandchildren as they are, finding joy in simply being with and loving their grandchildren. Grandparents are not usually concerned with discipline. Their roles may range from teacher to caretaker, from role model to friend. Grandparents also serve as the connection to our familial past. They are our living ancestors. Through their stories and songs we experience another world, another time.

Today, members of my family live in different areas of the country. My parents and sister, Patti, are in California. Evi, Ezra, Bobby and Carl are near Boston. My brother, Steven, is here, in Rhode Island. I've lived in Woodstock now for 14 years. Nana and Papa, of course, have been in Florida. But I grew up in a different world, at a time when my family was close together, both physically and emotionally.

My grandparents, both my mother's and father's parents, were involved in our lives on a daily basis. In many ways, they were the center of our family universe. They were the family foundation. Friday night dinners, holiday celebrations, frequent visits, and many social arrangements added an important dimension to my life. There was a deep well of love, of emotional support. My memories are rich in detail. I can see the house on Cole Avenue, the TV room when Nana sat on the couch to knit afghans and sweaters, the pear tree in the back yard. I remember the cabinet in the kitchen, where Nana stored her treats. And which cabinet had the can with money - enough for Steven and I to get an ice cream cone at the drug store across the street.

As the eldest grandchild of my father's parents, I felt especially chosen. In my teenage

Ida Glantz Buckler

years, I would go to Florida with Nana and Papa. During the 10 days we spent together, the three of us would share a room. Nana and I rested on the beach, swam in the ocean and walked together. I remember shopping down Collins Avenue with her, arm and arm, as we bought chocolate covered coconut patties and glittery sea shells. Nana loved me with a love I can still feel. "Suzalea,



my shanna punim" she would call me. If I close my eyes, I can still hear her.

Nana and Papa were married for 63½ years. I know just how long it has been, as I was married on their 50th wedding anniversary. Nana and Papa, Alan and I joined together "in the double joy as two generations celebrate their continuity." Some suggested it was unfair for Alan and I to share our wedding day, to divide the attention that could have been showered upon only us. But I knew in my heart what an extraordinary honor it was to be married on a day symbolizing the devotion, love and kindness my grandparents had demonstrated to each other throughout their lives. There was an old fashioned marriage. The bonds of love and loyalty were strong. Remembering the dedication and commitment Papa has shown to Nana these past years brings joy to me. And thinking of the extreme loneliness and intense sadness he is now experiencing has my heart in tears.

Nana loved to write letters. When Nana and Papa spent winters in Florida, she would write frequently from the White House or the Edgewater Beach Hotel. In the evening, my father would read her letters aloud. Her phonetic spelling enabled us to imagine her speaking directly to us. In December of 1974, she wrote to my mother:

"My Dear Elaine,

It was so nice to receive your letter that was a nice surprise. We thank you for being so nice to us. We are glad that Steven is studying very hard. We hope

that he will get the degree and we will all be happy and proud. We know that he is a good man and he will make us all proud." Steven was 22 at the time.

Nana took pride in her family. She often spoke of her love for her son, Martin, my father, and her daughter, Evelyn, my aunt. She loved Ezra and my mother, as she did her own children. She spoke lovingly of Bobby and Carl and Steven, sharing in their accomplishments as they grew into competent, virtuous men. My sister, Patti, her youngest grandchild, always had a special place in Nana's heart. Lucas and Colin, Rebecca and Jeffrey, four of her great-grandchildren, brought joy and laughter to Nana in these last years. And Jesse, now eight weeks old, is her youngest great-grandson. Nana lovingly supported her grandchildren as they married, welcoming Alan, Wendy and Kenny into the family fold.

Family closeness was critically important to Nana. She felt her role was to nurture each one of us, encouraging us to recognize the importance of family, of our emotional attachments to each other. If she could love and cherish each one of us, then we should love and cherish each other. When our family experienced conflict or anger, Nana's goal was to bind the threads of pain and friction into caring, once again. Throughout her life, she reached out with love to her family. Her love was like the threads of yarn in her afghans, forming bonds with one another, reaching out in a beautiful pattern, warming our hearts.

This Passover, our family was to have four seeders, one in Watertown, another in Rhode Island, one in California and one in Woodstock. Instead, we are now together and together we will celebrate the holiday. Nana has given us a parting gift - she has brought her family together once again. We will continue to feel her spirit and love within our hearts.

Susan Buckler was born and raised in Providence and currently resides in Woodstock, N.Y. Her grandmother lived in Providence from 1922 until 1986, when she moved to Florida. Ida Glantz Buckler passed away April 5, 1990.

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Obituaries

LILLIAN R. CHORNEY CRANSTON — Lillian R. Chorney, 80, of 225 New London Ave., died Friday, April 27, 1990, at the home of her daughter, Bernice Engle, 100 Amherst Rd., Cranston. She was the widow of Isaac "Chuck" Chorney.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Henry and Rose (Kaplan) Alberts, she had lived most of her life in Providence. She moved to Cranston in 1982.

She was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild and the Meshanticut Vista Association.

Besides her daughter she leaves a sister, Ethel Hochman of Providence; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, April 29, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

IRVING CUTLER

WARWICK — Irving Cutler, 75, of 305 Greenwich Ave., a distributor for the *Boston Globe* and the *Boston Herald* in the Boston area for 39 years before retiring 13 years ago, died Saturday, April 28, 1990, at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Ann (Steinberg) Cutler.

Born in Boston, a son of the late Samuel and Annie (Kramer) Cutler, he lived in Warwick for the past 10 years. He previously lived in Brighton, Mass.

Mr. Cutler was a member of Nautels Lodge AF & AM, East Boston, and the Aleppo Lodge of Shriners.

Besides his wife he leaves a brother, Carl Cutler of Sharon, Mass., and three grandchildren. He was father of the late Brian Cutler.

After a funeral procession from the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., graveside services were at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon.

MORRIS K. GREENBERG

NEWPORT — Morris K. Greenberg, 91, of 13 Bull St., owner of Williams Jewelry Store, Newport, from 1947 until 1974, died Saturday, April 28, 1990, at Newport Hospital. He was the husband of Charlotte (Moss) Greenberg.

Born in Romania, a son of the late David and Razel Greenberg, he came to this country at the age of four, living in Providence before moving to Newport 30 years ago.

Mr. Greenberg was a member of Touro Synagogue, Newport. He was the treasurer of the former Ahvas Achim for many years.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Rosalie Goldman of Newport; two sons, David H. Greenberg of Beverly Hills, Calif.; Jerald Greenberg of

Armonk, N.Y.; a brother, Atorney A.L. Greenberg of Newport; a sister, Mrs. Rae Young of Cranston; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, April 29, at Hoffman Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

MENDOS HERCOV

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Mendos Hercov, 74, a polisher for the B.A. Ballou Co., East Providence, for 18 years, died April 13, 1990, at the Paradise Hills Convalescent Center.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Rose (Herman) Hercov, he also lived in Cranston before retiring to California.

He leaves a brother, Nathan Hercov of San Francisco. He was brother of the late Peter Hercov, Pauline Gagnon and Gladys Knowlton.

A rabbi conducted Shiva on Sunday in San Diego.

IDA E. PEARLMAN

PROVIDENCE — Ida E. Pearlman, 91, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., co-founder with her husband of one of the oldest shoe stores in Rhode Island, died Monday, April 30, 1990, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Israel P. Pearlman.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Morris and Anna Mines, she lived in Providence for 70 years. She had also lived in Fall River.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearlman founded the Swirling Shoe Co., now on Westminster Mall, in 1920. She remained active in the business until her death.

She was a 1920 graduate of the University of Michigan and was a Phi Beta Kappa.

In 1980, she received the Heritage Award from the New England Friends of Yeshiva University for leadership and dedicated community service.

Mrs. Pearlman was a major supporter of the Providence Hebrew Day School. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and Congregation Sons of Jacob.

She leaves five daughters, Alice Mandell, Lila Delman and Adele Curhan, all of Narragansett; Anna Shabslovitz of Fall River and Carolyn Milijasicov of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; five sons, Marcus J. Pearlman, Leonard D. Pearlman and Alan H. Pearlman, all of Cranston, Ben Pearlman of Barnstable, Mass., and Thomas W. Pearlman of Providence; a sister, Lillian Goldstein of Fall River; 43 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was mother of the late Elaine Barton.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, May 2, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

THELMA E. ROSS

CRANSTON — Thelma E. "Tek" Ross, 63, of 82 Cliffside Drive died Monday, April 30, 1990, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Joslin Ross.

Born in Providence, a

daughter of the late Harry and Frances (Pockar) Klitzner, she lived in Cranston for 35 years.

Mrs. Ross was a member of Temple Beth-El, Providence, and had been a member of the former Temple Beth Israel. She was a member of Clowns International of America, Hadassah and the Ledgemont Country Club, Rehoboth. She was formerly a member of the Quiddnesset Country Club. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Dyan Ross-Stein of Fairfield, Conn., and Lynn Malloney of North Providence; a sister, Blanche Dember of Providence, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday, May 2, at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

RACHEL ROTKOPF

PROVIDENCE — Rachel Rotkopf, 73, of 162 Sixth St., died Saturday, April 28, 1990, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Samuel Rotkopf.

Born in Romania, a daughter of the late Zvi Herf and Vita Argintarau, she had lived in Providence since 1949.

Mrs. Rotkopf was a life member of the Congregation Mishkan, Tefillah, the Congregation Shaare Zedek - Sons of Abraham, the Women's Associations of Miriam Hospital and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a treasurer for many years of the Mizrahi Chapter of Rhode Island.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Harriet Reed of Providence and Edith Smith of New York City; and two granddaughters.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 30, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BENNY SNYDER

PROVIDENCE — Benny Snyder, 86, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., an upholsterer who worked for various firms in the Providence area for many years before retiring in 1970, died Wednesday, May 2, 1990, at the home. He was the husband of the late Gertrude (Gershovitz) Snyder.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snyder, he lived in Providence for the past 50 years.

Mr. Snyder was also a member of the Jewish Community Center.

He leaves two daughters, Shirley Shapiro of Cranston and Lenore Gross of Silver Spring, Md.; a brother, Louis Snyder of Woodland Hills, Calif.; a sister, Rosette Androchink of Paris, France; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Friday, May 4, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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Obituaries

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NEVILLE E. WINKLER
PROVIDENCE — Neville E. Winkler, 68, of 55 Hazard Ave., a jewelry manufacturer and importer, died Tuesday, May 1, 1990, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Norma (Castellucci) Winkler.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Harry and Bessie (Sega) Winkler.

Mr. Winkler attended the University of Rhode Island, and was a graduate of Bryant College. He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in India.

He was involved in jewelry manufacturing and importing for more than 45 years. He was founder and president in 1961 of Winkler Associates, founder of Bernardo Inc. in 1972, and in 1982, founder of the Orient Express Ltd.

Mr. Winkler was treasurer, secretary and a member of the board of directors of the Fashion Jewelry Association of America. He was a member of the Manufacturers, Jewelers & Silversmiths of America, the Costume Jewelry Salesmen's Association, the Providence Jewelers Club and the National Salesmen's Association.

He was a member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Redwood Masonic Lodge, the Trowel Club and Temple Beth-El and its Brotherhood. He was a member of the Ledgemont Country Club, and the Longboat Key Club, Sarasota, Fla.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Heidi J. Loomis and Traci Maceroni, both of Providence; a sister, Lois Weinman of Newton, Mass. and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Thursday, May 3, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery.

Inauthentic Torah

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authentic to the Torah, in their anti-Zionism they bear false witness to the teachings of the Torah. The position they take against the legitimacy of the Jews having a state at all, constituting a political entity at all, is not normative, not based on historical precedent, and not legitimate within Judaism. It is the position forced on Western European Jewry in the early nineteenth century by the advent of the nation-state and taken over by American Judaism's for only part of their history. American Jewry today empowers itself as a politically empowered entity, and all of world Jewry affirm Israel as a political entity, of which the State of Israel forms the principal embodiment.

It is therefore time for people to recognize Anti-Zionist Orthodoxy, whether Lubovitch or any other kind, for what it is. It is a Judaism that, in the name of authenticity, teaches a dangerous heresy — one last heard from in early Reform Judaism. This is an inauthentic, reformist Judaism that subverts the welfare of the Jewish people, which, everywhere, depends upon universal affirmation of the legitimacy of the State of Israel — among not only the nations of the world, but also the Jewish people itself.

Jacob Neusser is a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., and Graduate Research Professor of Religious Studies at the University of South Florida.

"Joy Of Being Jewish"

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**Judaic Institute
Schedule of Events
June 10-14**

Sunday, June 10 - 7 p.m. Reception for patrons and sponsors, 8 p.m. - Address by Moshe Waldoks. "The Joy of Jewish Humor: A Short History." Main Auditorium, parking lot 15.

Monday, June 11, 9:30-10:30 - Class session with Dr. Bernard Glassman: "The Brighter Side of Jewish History." 10:45-11:45 - Class session with Dr. Robert Waxler: "Joys and Sorrows of the Jewish Family in Literature." 8 p.m. - Yiddish film: *Catskill Honeymoon*. Introduced by Dr. Robert Waxler.

Tuesday, June 12, 9:30-10:30 - Class session with Dr. Peter London: "The Joy of Jewish Art: Marc Chagall." 10:45-11:45 - Film: *The Biggest Jewish City in the World - The Joys of being a Jew in New York*. 8 p.m. - Address by Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin: "Private Prayers of Public Persons - The Joy of Prayer" (Temple Sinai lecture).

Wednesday, June 13, 9:30-10:30 a.m. - Class session with Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin. 10:45-11:45 - Class session with Dr. Robert Waxler and Dr. William Kaufman: "Jewish Reflections on Happiness." 8 p.m. - Address by Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald. "Rediscovering the Joys of Jewish Living." Presented by Rabbi Barry Hartman. Thursday, June 14 - 9:30-10:30 a.m. - Class session with Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald. 10:45-11:45 a.m. - Summation and discussion. Rabbi Bernard Glassman.

My Rebbe

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territory to Arabs bent on the destruction of Israel is not a pathway to peace but rather a prescription for bloodshed and disaster.

That position is hardly a radical one; it is the position held by the overwhelming majority of the military command responsible for the defense of Israel's borders. It is the position held by at least half the population of Israel including, incidentally, her Prime Minister and half her Knesset. All of them want peace as fervently as the most avid Peace Now members; they are convinced, however, that giving territory to the Arabs will invite — war not peace.

Let me conclude with a short lesson in Jewish history about another Rebbe.

He too presumed to speak to Jews about matters of state in Israel even though he had never even visited there. He was hardly reticent about ex-

pressing an opinion on what Jews in Israel should and should not do and in fact there were those who challenged his authority and right to speak. Yet, thankfully his views prevailed. He was the very first Rebbe — his name was Moses.

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'We're in Trouble'

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bative. Wearing a pink shirt and red tie, Hertzberg announced from the podium that he was "not going to be polite."

Lambasting American Jewish leaders for "not knowing a damn thing about Judaism," Hertzberg painted a picture of a Jewish community mired in spiritual and intellectual ignorance, and generally oblivious to it all. "Am I raising my kids Jewish so they can grow up and join a committee?" he asked. "This Jewish community is out of its cotton-picking head."

Hertzberg was particularly critical of groups like the Anti-Defamation League and the Simon Wiesenthal Center, whom he referred to as the "anti-anti-Semites" — one of the real growth industries in Judaism today.

"Does this preoccupation with anti-Semitism bespeak a great passion for Jewish life? I don't think it does."

He concluded by warning, "Either we can admit that this Jewish business is a transcendent and critically important, intellectual enterprise or else it's not."

The 30-minute presentation touched a nerve and several members of the audience protested that Hertzberg had ignored positive aspects such as the popularity of Jewish day schools. A number of students also expressed dismay with Hertzberg but asked not to be quoted by name. "I thought he was on the mark, but he should not have been so arrogant; he should remember who he was talking to."

The afternoon concluded on a more upbeat note with the sociologists. In separate presenta-

tions, they defended the modern community as the natural and evolving creation of the Jewish people. Goldscheider traced the post-war beginnings of large communities which he described as part of the larger American community, but who still distinctively identify themselves as Jewish. "While Jews have become secular, the community has become stronger and more viable," he said.

Community behavior is dynamic, bonded by shared lifestyles, neighborhoods and close family ties. It is not a community in "exile," he said, but one which is active on many different levels.

"Religion may not play the same role in 1990 as it did in 1970," he said, but emphasized that Jews now feel and express their Judaism in a number of different ways — on committees, lobbying for Soviet Jews and working for Israel.

"Judaism is not monolithic," Goldscheider said. The Seder meal, for example, is now an expression of togetherness and family ties as much as it is a remembrance of Exodus. "The important thing is not whether they're eating kosher or not, but the fact that they are performing something as Jews with other Jews."

"Community is powerful, it is not trivial," he said. Gary Tobin, a Brandeis professor, concluded, saying "I'm not interested in survival as a pursuit — that was another generation's concern. I want something more. I want vibrancy. I want to mold my own future. The past was good, but this is better."

RISD's Events

Events

Thursday, May 10 — Video. As part of a series on feminism Annie Goldson's *Las Mujeres Del Mercado* and Vanaly Green's *A Spy in the House that Ruth Built* will be screened. Noon. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

Wastepaper Theatre. Members of the Brown University community led by Keith and Rosmarie Waldrop, Edwin Honig, and James Schevill offer a selection of short improvisational plays. 7 p.m. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St.

Friday, May 11 — Luncheon. Helen Nagata, curator of Asian art, discusses *Fan Shaped Bird and Flower Prints*. 12:15 p.m. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St.

Gala Lag B'Omer Festival Set for Sunday, May 13

Lag B'Omer celebrates the yahrzeit of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Rather than being a sad date, Rabbi Shimon asked that his yahrzeit be preserved as a day of joy. As a result, thousands of Jews visit his resting place in Meron, Israel to recite psalms and sing songs of praise.

Over the years, it has become a custom for Jewish boys and girls all over the world to go out into the fields and play games. In Rhode Island, the Jewish community celebrates Lag B'Omer with a custom of its own... the annual community festival sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch and Camp Gan Israel.

This year's community picnic and festival takes place on Sunday, May 13, 2-5 p.m. at the Hope High School field. As traditional, there will be plenty to see, do and hear, including live music, a special performance of the Chabad players, carnival booths and games for children, free helium balloons for kids of all ages, and much more. Hot dogs and cold drinks will also be available for a modest donation.

Last year, more than 125 people enjoyed the beautiful weather, great food, and carnival fun and games; and this year's festival promises to be even bigger and better.

In addition to enjoying all the action and excitement of the Lag B'Omer festival, parents will have an opportunity to meet Rabbi Nosson Blumes, who will be directing Camp Gan Israel this year. Rabbi Blumes brings to Gan Israel a wealth of experience, enthusiasm and energy. He'll be happy to discuss his plans for an exciting summer season. He can also provide details about Gan Israel's "Free Week at Camp" opportunity.

The annual Lag B'Omer community picnic is open to the entire Jewish community. In case of rain, it will be held right around the corner at the newly-renovated Chabad House, 360 Hope St. For more information, contact Chabad at 273-7238. To learn more about Camp Gan Israel, call 331-3974.

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Israel Denies Link

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According to a Foreign Ministry official, "While Israel would never allow such deals, no country can possibly guarantee that shipments of weapons will later remain in the possession of the customer."

Colombian police found 213 Israeli rifles and more than \$3 million in cash when they confiscated the firm owned by the late drug lord, Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, military leader of the Medellin cocaine cartel.

Colombian newspapers reported that ousted Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega and senior Antinguan army officers may have been involved in smuggling arms to drug traffickers.

Noriega is in federal custody in the United States, awaiting trial on drug trafficking charges.

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tee, said that at the executive committee meeting in June, he may continue to push for the statement's inclusion in the NJCRAC Joint Program Plan, despite the Task Force vote. The Joint Program Plan is NJCRAC's annual advisory guide for its member agencies.

Mann said that the vote during the plenum showed that within NJCRAC, there "was obvious interest that this matter be addressed."

Rabbi David Saperstein, co-director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, a forceful proponent of the proposal during the plenum, said he does not consider the task force decision a defeat.

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alliances among Middle Eastern sponsors and groups, such as between Iran and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command and other radical Palestinian groups.

The report also warned that "although the statistics on incidents perpetrated by Middle Eastern groups reflect a downturn, there are strong indications that the risk to Western and moderate Arab interests remains as high as ever."

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