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## Mishkon Tfiloh Looks To the Future



by Michael Fink  
Special to the Herald

I keep an early memory of my grandparents joining my parents and my brothers for the stroll along Camp toward the Howell Street Shul. Sam Rotkopf tells me that the Howell Street Shul, a quarter century later moved closer toward us in 1962 onto Summit Avenue. I stopped by to see Sam and we went over to check out the Mishkon Tfiloh records for proof.

In a storage room we came upon a dusty gilded wood plaque brought from Howell Street. It carried the names of World War II Jewish soldiers. Some had a gold star painted beside them. I found David there, my dad's cousin. On a bronze wall plaque I discovered his dad Zelig's credit as a founder of Mishkon Tfiloh. This veteran inscription could use a bit of spit and polish. Sam who was a carpenter is glad to lend a competent hand to the task. He may install the war memorial on a day near Armistice in November. In any case Mishkon Tfiloh is always quick to pick up a program and sponsor a new idea, as well as maintain a traditional one. Many among their minyan were liberated from European slavery by soldiers such as those whose records are kept here on Summit Avenue.

Mishkon Tfiloh holds many agreeable surprises, a lovely chapel, embroideries with bird and lion motifs. The structure holds itself with both grandeur and a personal scale. It does not overwhelm the little bungalows, farm homesteads and barn-garages behind it. Double stairways lead up to a high main sanctuary. This somehow very Jewish prospect looms over the valley to the northern hills. Sam Rotkopf says it is owned free and clear without mortgage. A special grant was left in the will of a Polish congregant who survived the war by settling among the plantations of Honduras. The bequest makes it possible to offer new families gift membership for two years.

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## Jewish Senators Join Defense Of Iraq

by Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON (JTA) — To the chagrin of Jewish groups, two Jewish senators rallied to Iraq's defense on the Senate floor recently to block language in a resolution criticizing Baghdad for "gross violations of human rights."

Sens. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) and Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), who separately visited Iraq earlier this year, objected to an amendment sponsored by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) as being an obstacle to Iraqi rapprochement with Israel — even after D'Amato eliminated sweeping language that would have imposed all available sanctions on Iraq.

The legislative battle occurred recently as the Senate

debated the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control Act of 1990, which it eventually adopted 92-0, without either version of the amendment proposed by D'Amato.

The bill, which has not yet come up for a vote in the House of Representatives, would allow the president to impose sanctions on countries that violate international accords banning the use of chemical and biological weapons.

Possible sanctions include bans on U.S. economic and military aid, credit guarantees from the Export-Import Bank, and loans from U.S. banks.

The Bush administration said recently it was concerned about language in the Senate

version of the bill that might infringe on the president's constitutional power to conduct foreign policy.

The administration also lobbied against D'Amato's amendment, which would have specifically imposed sweeping sanctions on Iraq, unless the president certified that Baghdad had opened all "suspect" biological, chemical and nuclear sites to international inspection.

To avoid U.S. sanctions, Iraq also would have had to ratify the 1972 Convention on Biological Weapons, which Israel has not signed either.

D'Amato's tougher amendment was co-sponsored by Sen. Dennis DeConcini (continued on page 16)

## Exploring Alternative Lifestyles

by John Chadwick

Psychotherapist and talk-radio personality Beatty Cohan never experienced any career indecision. She knew exactly what she wanted to do by the time she was three years old, she says.

"The table conversation in our house was always what was going on within the world — I knew then that I wanted to help people," says the 41-year-old wife of Rhode Island Jewish Federation executive Elliot Cohan. "In school I was everybody's confidante, she adds."

Now, she may be on the verge of becoming the Ocean State's favorite confidante — via her provocative new radio show on WPRO AM. The show, which delves into the darker areas of relationships and human sexuality, has featured a wide array of guests from serious-minded activists to female dancers from the Foxy Lady. Possible future



Beatty Cohan

guests are no less interesting: "I want to have some transvestites on, I would love to have some transsexuals on... I want to talk to more social ser-

vice people and I'd like to debate judges," she says.

Endowed with a breezy disposition and a pair of nifty (continued on page 16)

## Adults Work Toward Bar Mitzvah

by John Chadwick

Long a rite of passage for Jewish youth, the bar mitzvah ceremony is now attracting new adult participation.

At the Reform congregation of Temple Hahonim, a group of adults ranging from young professionals to long time temple members have embarked on a course that will culminate in a joint bar mitzvah ceremony next fall. The process, which includes a weekly class and regular home study has become the focal point of a new, purely

adult commitment to Judaism.

None of the members have ever had a bar mitzvah; many are women who were raised in traditional households, others are Jews by choice — converts to Judaism — who want to consummate their faith by taking part in the bar mitzvah ceremony.

"The beautiful part is that this is being done by the act of their own adult free will in order to strengthen commitment," says Rabbi James Rosenberg.

Meeting at night, the class of 12 practices the chants and the liturgy of the service and also mulls over philosophical and religious issues in discussions initiated by Rosenberg.

The class originally germinated from a Hebrew course that was being offered to parents in order to help them cope with their children's Hebrew school assignments. Says class instructor Toby Leibowitz, "There was a core group that wanted to learn Hebrew; after a while it became apparent that

they were after something deeper, what they really wanted was a bar mitzvah."

Some were inspired by watching their own children learning Hebrew and preparing. "I was watching my daughter do it and I began feeling envious and also a little guilty," says Mike Little, 40. A convert to Judaism for 15 years, Little credits the class with breaking down some barriers he felt as a convert. "I feel very fulfilled. I have quite a sense of pride already now that I can

read and follow."

Others in the class, like Helena Friedmann, 50, had been involved in Jewish life for years and see it as a way to add another dimension. "It is a belonging kind of a thing," she says. "I have always been active in the temple and in the sisterhood, but this is like a seal of approval."

While bar mitzvahs have, by definition, been for the young male reaching age 13, the participation by adults has lead to (continued on page 16)

# Inside the Ocean State



## Goldstein Receives Award

Lillian Potter Goldstein receiving the Community Service Award of the National Council of Jewish Women from Dr. Phyllis Brown, a lifelong friend, at the Community Award Luncheon held Wednesday, May 16, 1990 at the Providence Marriott. Lillian was honored for her years of volunteer service to our community by advancing human welfare and the democratic way of life.

## Operation Exodus Freedom Celebration

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island is sponsoring the Operation Exodus Freedom Celebration, a first-of-its-kind for the local community to celebrate the exodus of Soviet Jews from USSR, will be held Sunday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. Registration will be at 10 a.m. A rally will follow at the JCC with singing and dancing at 11:30 a.m.

The walk will start at the Jewish Federation of R.I./Jewish Community Center (JCC), 403 Elmgrove Ave., (across from Brown football

stadium) Providence.

For over 25 years the American Jewish community has been pressuring the Soviet Union to "Let my people go" and now they are coming out. Over 120 have arrived here just since October; that many again are expected by September 30. An estimated 500 to 1,000 members of the Rhode Island Jewish community, all ages, will participate. Russian Jewish immigrants will lead the march.

This first such event sponsored by the R.I. Jewish Feder-

ation, is part of the nationwide effort — Operation Exodus — to raise funds to help pay the costs of immigration of Soviet Jews. In December 1987 during the Gorbachev-Reagan summit, 400 from this community joined 250,000 others in Washington, D.C. in a mass demonstration to press for freedom of emigration from the Soviet Union. Those hopes are now reality as 50,000 Soviets a year come to the U.S. and as many as 10,000 a month go to Israel.

## Letter to the Editor

### To the Editor:

Despite having locked horns with Mr. Thomas Pearlman on several occasions within the last five years over civil rights legislation, I was shocked by the unadulterated venom, bigotry and deliberate misinformation contained in Mr. Pearlman's letter of May 17, 1990 attacking S-2227, legislation introduced by Senator Sean Coffey which would amend the state's civil rights laws to prohibit discrimination on the basis of one's sexual orientation in housing, employment, credit and public accommodations. The legislation explicitly focuses on discrimination based on status and specifically declares that it does not sanction criminal behavior. The bill as amended in the Senate states:

"The term 'sexual orientation' means, having an orientation or being identified as having an orientation for heterosexuality, bisexuality, or homosexuality. This definition is intended to describe the status of persons and does not render lawful any conduct prohibited by the criminal laws of this state nor impose any duty on a religious organization. This legislation does not confer legislative approval of said status, but is intended to assure the basic human rights of persons to hold and convey property and to give and obtain credit, regardless of such status. The term 'sexual orientation' does not confer any right to conduct sexual relations with minor children."

Mr. Pearlman claims that this bill is special interest legis-

lation. It is no more special interest legislation than the legislation which ended racial discrimination, or sex discrimination or for that matter religious discrimination. When any segment of our population is discriminated against our entire society is that much the poorer.

Perhaps it is irrational of me, but as a Jew I feel a special pain when a person such as Mr. Pearlman, who purports to be a Jewish lay leader, demonstrates such bigotry to others. We cannot be blind to our personal and historical knowledge that slaving and dying in the Nazi concentration camps beside Jews wearing yellow stars were people wearing pink triangles, the identification the

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# The Chevarim: The Spirit of Conimicut

by Eleanor F. Horvitz  
Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

In the late 1920's a group of young boys spent their summers growing up together in the country, an area known by the Indian name of Conimicut. They remained friends. Some of the boys went into the Army. They married. In 1954 these boyhood friends became the nucleus of a group which they founded and which they called, "The Chevarim."

The Chevarim had for its purpose: "To unite socially all of its members in one group, so that the spirit of good will and fellowship long enjoyed by all its members can better be encouraged and stimulated. A nostalgic memory of the past and present, so happily thought of and enjoyed by all of the undersigned, cause us to adopt

this formal unification as a means to help insure our continuing friendships during our



remaining G-d granted days." Listed as the "undersigned" were: Betty and Carl Adler, Eleanor and Irving H. Adler,

Ruth K. and Leslie August, Dorothy and Herbert M. Eisenstadt, Anita and Abe Levin, Elaine and Sidney Lozow, Martha and Maurice Revkin, Selma and Harold C. Dubey, and Ruth K. and Joshua Rosen. Their object was to be social, civilian and nonpolitical. Dues were set at 50¢ a person and/or \$1 a couple per meeting.

Donated to the Archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association is a minute book of the Chevarim from its inception on September 1954 through a meeting held on November 15, 1971. There are the customary entries: meeting place and time (they averaged to meet once a month at each other's home), new and old business, etc. Acknowledgment was made of each anniversary and birthday through a "Sunshine" person. The feeling of camaraderie and warmth among the members was apparent throughout the minutes. Notes were taken by several elected secretaries and substitute secretaries. Occasionally a "pro tem" secretary wrote fictitious minutes in a satirical manner.

Reports of an annual picnic held in such locations as Roger Williams Park, Slater Park and Dubey's Farm appeared to be a

great deal of fun. An annual dinner and installation of officers were held in various restaurants. The group bowled together. They listened to records at their meetings and discussed books. Dottie Eisenstadt served as historian.

Eventually the Chevarim ceased to function due to the natural attrition of time. Some members moved to Florida and other states, and unfortunately there were deaths.

For the several years of The Chevarim's existence, a group of friends were able to continue to enjoy the friendship and comradeship which had begun in their boyhood.

## PHDS Installation Of Officers

The Parents, Teachers & Friends Association of the Providence Hebrew Day School cordially invites you to our installation of Officers and Dessert Reception.

Join us aboard the M.V. Vista Jubilee, Warren, R.I. Boarding 7 p.m. disembarking 10 p.m. Set sail 7:30 p.m. sharp Monday, June 11, 1990 18 Sivan 5750.

Immediate RSVP, space limited. Fran Mitchell 351-6897, Devorah Weiner 272-2276. \$25 per person, semi-formal attire.



From left to right, top row — Carl Adler, Leslie August, Abraham Levine, Herbert Eisenstadt, Mordecai Shapiro, who was not a member, Middle row — Ruth August, Betty Adler, Anita Levine, Dorothy Eisenstadt, Murray Revkin. Bottom row — Irving Adler, Martha Revkin, Eleanor Adler. Not present: Eleanore and Sid Lazo. Later members: Selma and Harold Dubey, Ruth and Leo Rosen.

## Celebrate the Joy of Being Jewish

The SMU Center for Jewish Culture will celebrate its 11th Annual Judaic Institute on June 10-14 on the SMU campus. The theme for the institute this year is "The Joy of Being Jewish." In addition to the co-directors, Dr. Robert P. Waxler and Rabbi Bernard Glassman, other participants will include Dr. Moshe Waldoks, Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin and Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald.

According to Dr. Waxler, "This five-day event will explore through lectures, films and discussions the very texture of the joy of Jewish life and tradition. Too often we focus only on the pain and suffering of the Jewish experience. This year we want to remind everyone that there is another side to the story of the Jews. We want to celebrate that fact." As Rabbi Glassman put it: "We want to study the bright, enduring qualities of an age-old faith and culture. These five days should be a time for positive reflection. I hope everyone will come and enjoy this institute with us."

Dr. Moshe Waldoks will be the featured speaker in the main auditorium of the SMU campus on Sunday evening, June 10 at 8 p.m. Dr. Waldoks

is best known as the co-author of *The Big Book of Jewish Humor*. That book has become a classic. On Tuesday evening, Rabbi Cardin will speak on "The Joy of Prayer" and on Wednesday evening, Rabbi Buchwald will talk about "The Movement of Jewish Return." Sessions will also be held each morning of the institute, emphasizing the joys of Jewish literature, art, philosophy and history.

"Each year we try to explore part of the fabric of Jewish life in the framework of the various disciplines in the humanities," Dr. Waxler said. "Through the Center for Jewish Culture at Southeastern Massachusetts University, we want people from all ethnic backgrounds to explore the meaning of Jewishness and the way the Jewish experience reflects universal patterns of experience."

"The Center for Jewish Culture continues to build bridges between the campus and the general community," Rabbi Glassman said. "We want to continue to build connections with all people in the Southern New England area. This year should be a very good year to accomplish that goal."

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## College Chat: Reflections On My Freshman Year

by Tj Feldman

Wow! I can't believe it's over. It seems like it was yesterday that I arrived here in D.C. I've really done a lot in 10 months.

It's hard to put into words, but as a result of my experiences, I've learned a great deal about myself. I've learned that I can succeed, and from time to time, fail on my own! I have come to really appreciate my Judaism more fully while helping a friend of mine convert to Judaism.

I have learned the importance of budgeting my money after being hit by the harsh reality of what things cost. These are just a few of the valuable lessons I've learned, but mainly I keep discovering new things about myself and about people in general. Not all of my experiences have

been wonderful; for example, going to the emergency room with a kidney stone was not my idea of fun.

There are many people who've contributed to making my freshman year what it has been — incredible. Above all though, I think my mom deserves a great deal of credit. I discovered how right she is about a lot of things and I actually started listening to her for a change. Her cute cards always arrived when I needed a lift from home the most. The weekend we spent together in February was one I'll cherish always because it came at a time when I was a bit burned out. It was the first time that I was able to feel like I was equal with my mom where we could put our mother/daughter roles aside and simply be friends. Overall, I've gained

new respect for my mom and I love her even more, now that I've given thought to all she's done and I can admit that I know that it's all because she loves me.

It wouldn't be right, though, for me to give credit and kudos to my mom, and not to my stepfather. Harry, has been really terrific, his support of both my mom and me has been great. When I was in the emergency room and my mom wanted to jump on the next plane here, he talked her out of it. He ways. Another helpful person has been my brother, Mike, who has shared his college experiences with me and just generally been great.

This has been quite a year and for my first year away from home, I'm pretty pleased with the way it turned out.

## Memorial Day Sales

Memorial Day Sales, Labor Day Sales, Presidents' Day Sales, Summer and Winter Clearances — if you're not desperate and your purchase can wait you can save a bundle. Shopping, for some, is almost like a science, or at least a hobby. Once you get used to the routine, you know exactly when to shop for furniture, linens, clothing or major appliances. At certain times of the year you're more apt to find a bargain than at other times.

In Judaism, too, there are certain seasons which are more auspicious for "finding bargains." Rosh Hashana is an

auspicious time for introspection and repentance. Pesach for freedom and breaking out of one's limitations. The Holiday of Shavuot, which we will celebrate this week, is an opportune time to improve in Torah study and enhance one's Jewish education.

But, there is a significant difference between finding bargains in Judaism and shopping in general. When you shop, you have to get to the store early if you want the best selection. You often need to fight the crowds, look over the merchandise carefully lest it be damaged, wait in long lines

and deal with surly, over-worked salespeople. And if you're shopping with a friend, watch out if you both find that incredible buy at the same moment.

You'll find no such obstacles awaiting you when you "catch the sales" in Judaism. Not only do you not have to fight the crowds, etc., etc. you've got a Friend who's more than gold to help you. G-d promises us that if we just turn the key to the door, He will push it wide open.

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.

## Have You Seen This Woman?

Her name is Allison Atlas. Allison is a bright, 20-year-old Jewish college student. Allison is dying from a rare form of leukemia that cannot be treated, and there is no chance for remission. She needs a bone marrow transplant operation to save her life.

The Friends of Allison in R.I., in coordination with the Jewish Federation of R.I. and the Jewish Community Center, will hold both a fund-raising drive and a blood testing drive for Allison inside the Jewish Community Center at 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence on Sunday, June 3, from 12:30-4:30. This is the same date and location as the "Operation Exodus" walk-a-thon.

There is a 1 in 20,000 chance of finding the one suitable donor whose blood chemistry matches Allison's exactly. More than 32,000 people between the ages of 18-55 from over 70 Jewish organizations in the United States, Canada and Israel have been tested in a frantic attempt to find a donor for Allison. A match still hasn't been found. Now it is our turn to try and help. The Friends of Allison plead with you ... come inside the JCC to donate your tax deductible dollars (any amount) and 10-16cc's of blood (one or two small vials). 100% of your dollars will go towards more testing.

Since blood tissue matching to find a bone marrow donor is so dependent upon genetics, the greatest chance of finding a match for Allison will come from the Jewish community, especially Jews of Lithuanian, Hungarian or Eastern European descent. There might be a



Allison Atlas

distant relative of Allison here in our area, especially people with roots in the Lithuanian villages of Disna and Braslave near Vilna who have last names of Gotkin, Herkin, Simkin, Henkin or Atlas. The search also focuses on people from Dolnino (Dolginovo) and Rechista, both near Gomel, and from Glukokoye, all in Byelo-Russia ... people with last names such as Kotz, Katz, Rubin, Mirman and all the derivative of all these family names.

It is possible that anyone from these villages could be a distant relative whose blood tissue type might match that of Allison. Parents, brothers and sisters within a family can have different blood tissue types. Therefore, everyone is good health between the ages of 18-55 needs to be tested.

Allison's need is urgent. Please, please come inside the JCC to donate your dollars and the gift of life ... your blood.

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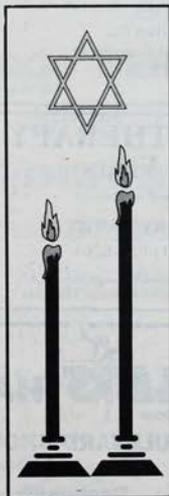
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## Desert Survival with Torah

The holiday of Shavuot this year took place in the week between the two Torah portions of *Bamidbar* and *Naso*. Both of these portions discuss the Sanctuary in the desert and the distribution of its duties when the Sanctuary was carried from place to place.

This emphasizes the fact that even when Jews find themselves in a desert, they have the ability to erect a Sanctuary for the Divine Presence to dwell among them, and in every one of them.

Just as there is a desert in a physical sense, a place of desolation where extreme climatic conditions prevail, a place of poisonous snakes, etc., so is there a "desert" in a spiritual sense; such a desert is found also in a land which is materially a flourishing garden.

Our Torah teaches us that when Jews find themselves in such a spiritual desert, it is possible, necessary and imperative to erect a Sanctuary, carry it, and go forward, step by step, until eventually the environment and situation change from a spiritual desert into the blessed and holy land.

In the spiritual desert, in which some of us find ourselves, where a desolate aridity and void prevail in matters of Judaism, we must all help each other to make this environment into a sanctuary, a fitting place for G-dliness.

The portion *Bamidbar* is the beginning of the whole book of *Bamidbar*, which is called "*Sfer HaPikudim*" — the Book of Numbers. In the beginning of this book as well as toward its end, the Torah tells us how the Jews were counted: First in the Sinai Desert, after receiving the Torah at the beginning of their wanderings; the second time at



the end of the forty years' wandering, on the eve of entering into the Holy Land.

When a few looks around and sees that the world around him is a spiritual "desert" full of materialism and sometimes even crassness, the thought may occur: How is it possible to carry out his soul's mission — to make an abode for G-d in this material and earthly world? The Torah tells us that there is no cause for apprehension, for this is the way Jews began their mission when they became a nation and received the Torah at Mount Sinai. With the strength derived from the Torah, they made it through the vast and terrible desert — a

bleak wilderness in every respect, where in the natural order of things there is bread and water, but only difficult and trials. Moreover wherever they made the way through the desert, they transformed the desert into a blooming garden — through Miriam's Well.

A lesson from the aforementioned countings, which each was counted individually regardless of his station, each was counted as no more than one and no less than one to underscore that every one has his mission as a "soldier" in the Divine Army. Although in an army there are various ranks, from an ordinary soldier to the highest in command each one individually and together carry out the Divine mission to make for G-d "an abode" in this world, even a desert. Indeed, precisely those who were counted in the second census — who were raised in the desert — merited to enter the Land.

Adapted from letters of Lubavitcher Rebbe, Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.

## Correction

In last week's *Around The story* on the R.I. Jewish History Hall of Fame induction dinner Sidney Green's name was quoted wrong. His name is Tedi.

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# World and National News

## Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Continues

by Al Erlick  
Jewish Exponent

WASHINGTON — We gathered in search of civility. From cities large and small, editors of American Catholic and Jewish publications came to Washington, D.C., to talk of issues that had often brought their two communities into conflict.

The conference of journalists was the brainchild of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. It was held in cooperation with Catholic Press Association executive director Owen McGovern and American Jewish Press Association president Marc S. Klein, who also is editor of the *Northern California Jewish Bulletin*.

Under their auspices, we congregated around a large table, trying hard not to isolate ourselves into Catholic and Jewish sections, and immediately realized how little we knew about one another.

Given the narrow professional cubicles in which we labor, such ignorance may be understandable. We discovered that we didn't even know the proper sources to contact when questions arose about the other's religion.

A Catholic paper in need of a reaction from a responsible Jewish source, a Jewish paper seeking an authoritative Catholic quote on a controversial subject were hunting in the dark.

All of us knew the issues that had divided our communities and made our dialogue a good idea:

• The Vatican's failure to accord full diplomatic recognition to the state of Israel;

• Pope John Paul II's meeting with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who had become a symbol of Nazi crimes for world Jewry;

• The pope's photo session with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat, whose bloody terrorist past rendered him forever an international outlaw as far as Jews were concerned;

• The controversy surrounding the location of a Carmelite convent just outside the barbed wire fence at Auschwitz;

• Quotes that Jews considered insensitive from high-ranking Catholic dignitaries on subjects related to Israel or the Holocaust.

Those were the hurts on the Jewish side. The Catholics cited similarly painful situations from their point of view:

• Jewish failure to recognize that the Vatican does indeed recognize the state of Israel under international law, has greeted Israeli leaders and has affirmed that the problems blocking full diplomatic recognition have nothing to do with Catholic theology or doctrine;

• Jewish criticism of the pope despite his repeated clear statements regarding his "memories of the Shoah, the murder of millions of Jews in camps of destruction, the suffering and martyrdom of the Jewish people";

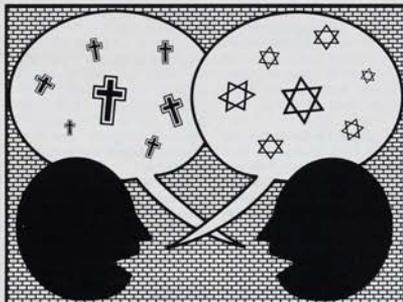
• The failure of Jewish publications, quick to condemn John Paul II's visit to Austria and meeting with Waldheim,

to report his well documented summation of the trip in which he singled out for comment Jewish victims of the Holocaust;

• A depressing (from the Catholic point of view) tendency among Jewish publications to report simplistically on

well as rational.

These are the buzz words that strike to the bedrock of our beings. What might seem to one camp to be reasonable criticism may well appear to the other as an attack on the foundations of faith and personal identity. Truly, words



Catholic affairs, intimating falsely, for example, that there are serious divisions between American Catholics and the pope over Catholic-Jewish relations;

• Unfair comment via editorial cartoons and opinion columns in Jewish publications regarding the actions and policies of the pope.

Discussions among editors from both camps around these issues uncovered many interesting and previously unrecognized "truths. Words like "Israel" and "Holocaust" for Jews, "pope" and "Vatican" for Catholics evoke responses that are visceral as

used carelessly could be weapons of frightful power.

Consider the pope's meetings with Arafat and Waldheim. Seen from a Jewish frame of reference, they are inexcusable and insensitive, certain to cause Jewish anger and pain. Catholics, on the other hand, can find no persuasive reason that the meetings should not take place. The pope, after all, as the primary agent of the Catholic church, must recognize the sinner as well as the saint. The pope has an obligation to Austrian Catholics to interact with their nation's leaders.

In his meeting with Arafat,

Catholic journalists said, John Paul II condemned all acts of terrorism without equivocation, but Jewish publications failed to note this.

We look at the same events through our very different prisms of faith and belief, and as a result, we see very different pictures.

Cardinal John O'Connor of New York referred to the Holocaust as a "gift" bestowed upon the world by the Jewish people. The reference horrified Jews, and their horror was understandable. Were he to comment on the same subject again, the cardinal would probably use very different words — but his meaning would be the same.

The suffering of the Jewish people in the Holocaust should be a lesson to all the world, the cardinal meant, and in the context of his Catholic faith, the word "gift" had a very special meaning.

In theological terms, our communities speak very different languages. When we talk to each other or when we talk about each other, we must exercise greater care than we have displayed to date.

Jewish editors explained — with some success — that the limited recognition for Israel that seemed sufficient to the Vatican and American Catholics was considered by Jews to be a slap in their community's face.

The meetings with Waldheim and Arafat, we noted, would have been far more palatable if the implied papal criticism had been more openly and forcefully stated and better publicized.

Above all, we agreed to establish better lines of communication so that flash points of communal conflict could be responsibly addressed before they burst into flame. Most cities with Jewish papers also had Catholic communal publications, and we all agreed the editors should establish relations on the local scene.

The conference heightened sensitivities on both sides and created a climate of mutual recognition where only a vacuum had existed before.

There will be political, religious and social issues on which Jews and Catholics will disagree. That is the unavoidable reality of a pluralistic society. We have cooperated, however, as journalists and as representatives of our respective communities, in creating the possibility that such disagreements need not be expressed at the top of our voices.

At a time when common civility in America is in short supply, we met in Washington and took a first step toward dialogue and understanding. That is no small accomplishment.

Al Erlick is managing editor of the *Jewish Exponent* of Philadelphia.

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## 'Public Servant' Levinger Is Hospitalized

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Rabbi Moshe Levinger, leader of the militant settlers movement in Hebron, was taken to the hospital recently almost immediately after his arrival in prison, where he is to serve time for killing an Arab civilian.

Levinger reportedly felt unwell during the routine medical examination upon admission, and prison doctors decided to hospitalize him for observation. He was sent to Meir Hospital, near Eyal Prison, which is in Kfar Sava.

Levinger had received a hero's send-off from his followers recently, as he went off to begin serving his five-month sentence. Hundreds, including

yeshiva students and kindergarten children given time off for the occasion, gathered singing and dancing, to escort Levinger from his West Bank home in Kiryat Arba, overlooking Hebron, to his car for the trip to prison.

Outside the prison, a crowd of about 1,000 from all over the West Bank awaited him. Singing and dancing and waving large Israeli flags, they carried the charismatic rabbi on their shoulders up to the prison gates.

Levinger was sentenced May 1 for negligently causing the death of an Arab shopkeeper in Hebron 18 months earlier. He received a year's sentence, seven months of it suspended. The court insisted he serve the balance in prison as a regular

inmate.

Levinger was originally charged with murder. He had fired his rifle into an Arab crowd after his car was hit by a stone. After lengthy hearings,

**"... hundreds of yeshiva students and kindergarten children gathered singing and dancing to escort Levinger..."**

the charge was reduced to manslaughter, which also carries a stiff mandatory sentence. But lengthy pretrial plea-bargaining resulted in a further reduction to "killing by negligence."

Even so, Levinger's support-

ers were outraged. They blamed left-wing elements for railroading him. They castigated former Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Israel Defense Force chief of staff, Gen. Dan Shomron.

Recently, both at Kiryat Arba and in front of the prison gates, Levinger proclaimed himself a "public servant" who had exercised the right of self-defense.

Standing on a truck outside the prison gate, he called for an "active defense minister," meaning apparently one who would bear down hard on rioting Palestinians.

Levinger and his followers claim that the defense establishment neglects to protect Jewish settlers, while "allowing Arabs to get away with

their terrorist tactics," he said recently. He said that Rabin, a Laborite, was "bad enough," but said that Likud's Moshe Arens would be just as bad or worse. Arens is one of the leading contenders for the defense post.

### Fans Jeer Israeli Soccer No-Shows

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's national soccer team beat the Soviet Union's team 3-2, before 45,000 spectators in a friendly international match at Ramat Gan Stadium.

It was the first time the two teams had met since 1956, when the Russians trounced the Israelis.

But if revenge was sweet, the game at Ramat Gan was only a sideshow.

The real passion of the fans was directed against three Israeli football superstars, who declined to play because they claimed they were inadequately insured against injuries.

Ronnie Rosenthal, an idol of the crowd, was greeted with jeers and pelted with bottles when he took to the field before the game to explain why he wasn't playing.

His colleagues, Eli Ohana and Shalom Tikva, remained under cover but were equally targets of obloquy.

Rosenthal's services were purchased by a leading Liverpool team last month for \$1.68 million. Ohana and Tikva play for a top-ranking Belgian team. According to the Israel Football Federation, the three stars were to play against the Soviet 11 but were dropped at the last minute because they demanded excessive insurance coverage.

Rosenthal told reporters later that if he or the other two international stars were injured in the game, they could face suspension by the European teams for inability to fulfill their lucrative contracts.

"You must understand, we were merely worried about our financial future," he said.

But a federation official who ordered Rosenthal off the field commented, "We play football here, not explain how much we are worth."

The Soccer Federation will meet to decide whether the three players will participate in Israel's pre-European Cup match against Argentina here.

### Misha Raitzin

The Herald wishes to apologize for an article in the May 17 issue promoting a concert featuring Misha Raitzin at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. Our staff was unaware that Raitzin had passed away several days prior to publication.



WASHINGTON — Rabbi Arthur Schneier, center, senior rabbi of Manhattan's Park East Synagogue, which is now celebrating its centennial, receives a certificate designating him as a guest chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives from Speaker of the House Thomas Foley. Rabbi Schneier is invited to give the opening prayer in honor of the synagogue's 100th anniversary. At left is Manhattan Congressman William Green.

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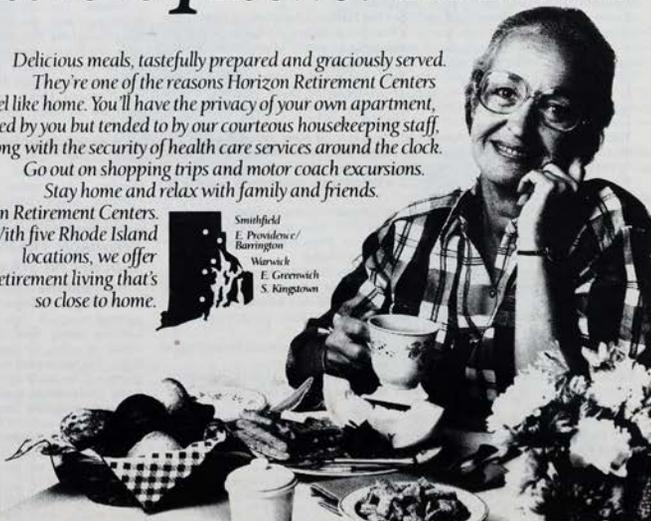
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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Meet Attorney and Author Harley Gordon photo credit: Linda Haas

Who pays for nursing homes? Mom and Dad or Uncle Sam and the Taxpayers? Boston attorney Harley Gordon confronts that question in his book which addresses the crisis, *How to Protect Your Life Savings from Catastrophic Illness and Nursing Homes*.

"Millions of senior citizens today are facing the possibility of a double tragedy -- catastrophic illness and bankruptcy," he stresses.

Attorney Gordon is a founding member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and serves on the organization's board of directors. He has appeared on radio and television and has lectured extensively to scores of organizations on issues of concern to older Americans.

The advice he dispenses is perfectly legal, but it's also controversial. In his book, Gordon recommends a number of strategies to make personal assets inaccessible to nursing homes. Critics claim that taxpayers are asked to provide welfare for the middle-class.

"The middle-class has been abandoned," he says. "It takes only 13 weeks for catastrophic illness to wipe out an average couple's entire life savings. There is no safety net in the form of insurance or public programs to defray the cost."

"When their savings are gone, Medicaid, a program for poor people, steps in to pick up the tab.

"The bitter irony is that this is happening to people who worked hard, scrimped and saved for their old age, and all their lives paid taxes that supported social programs for people less fortunate than themselves. Does it make sense to drive these people into poverty before society lends them a hand?"

"There is mounting pressure to force even greater financial responsibilities on to elders and their families as state and federal budget woes increase. Loopholes that protect the house and other assets are being closed, one by one. Many older people believe that their life savings are being targeted to solve the government's fiscal crisis.

"If you think Medicaid isn't playing hardball, it's a serious miscalculation," says Gordon.

Amid the controversy, seniors and their families are rapidly educating themselves on how to avoid the nightmare of illness-induced destitution in their final years.

"There are thousands of attorneys all over the country who help corporations reduce their tax bills. What I do is the same thing they do. I show people how to protect their assets legally."

*How to Protect Your Life Savings from Catastrophic Illness and Nursing Homes* is available from the publisher, Financial Planning Institute, P. O. Box 135, Boston, MA 02258 or call 1-800-252-5955. The price is \$19.95 plus \$2.50 postage and handling.



## Potpourri

### Elliot Norton Awards

The Boston Theatre District Association will hold the Eighth Annual Presentation of The Elliot Norton Awards at the Wilbur Theatre on Monday, June 11, beginning at 5 p.m.

Special guests will include renowned actress Julie Harris and playwright A. R. Gurney, who will read selections from *Love Letters*.

Special award citations will be presented to Elaine Bauer and Laura Young of Boston Ballet in recognition of their career artistry in Dance and as Ambassadors of Boston around the world.

The Elliot Norton Award, a silver medallion and a cash award of \$1000, has been presented annually since 1982 to an individual who has made a distinguished contribution to the Theatre in Boston during the preceding year. The Award is in honor of the noted Boston theatre critic, who served for 48 years as theatre critic of major Boston newspapers and from 1958 to 1982, as moderator of "Elliot Norton Reviews" on WGBH-TV.

Elliot Norton's honors include the George Jean Nathan Award in Dramatic Criticism, the Peabody Award for his television show, and a special Tony Award from the League of New York Theatres. In 1988 he was inducted into the American Theatre Hall of Fame.

Two new awards have been established this year: The Otis Skinner Award for Outstanding Boston Actor and the Charlotte Cushman Award for Outstanding Boston Actress.

Josiah A. Spaulding, Jr. is president of the Boston Theatre District Association. Heading the event committee are Spring Sirkin and Joanna Fairchild.

Tickets for the awards ceremony and pre-ceremony reception at the Wilbur are \$30 each in advance, and \$35 each at the door. Tickets for the post-ceremony buffet dinner at the Tremont House are \$25 each by advance reservation only.

For more information, call or write The Elliot Norton Awards, c/o Boston Theatre District Association, 216 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116. (617) 338-6643.

### Perishable Theatre Summer Programs

The Perishable Theatre will offer a full-time actor's training program this coming summer along with evening classes in acting for adults and teens. The faculty for both programs will be made up of practicing professional artists. The six-week programs begin the week of July 1 and run through August 11. All classes will be held at The Space, 124 Washington Street, in downtown Providence.

Evening classes will include basic acting, scene study, teen acting and creative writing. Each of these classes will meet one evening a week for three hours. Enrollment is open to

### Head to the Museum of Science

Boston's Museum of Science will open its doors on June 1st to a new international science exhibition exploring the history of the Soviet Union's space program.

Assembled in Moscow by the Museum of Science in association with Glavkosmos (the civilian Soviet space agency), the exhibition includes over 50 space artifacts previously unseen in the U. S.

Special events, lectures and theatre presentations examine the international cooperation in exploring outer space. The exhibition runs through September 23.

### On Screen at Museum Theaters

27,000 watts of power drive the Mugar Omni Theater's 84 loudspeakers. A domed screen four stories high and 76 feet in diameter wraps around and over the audience.

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"**Race The Wind,**" a breathtaking encounter with sea, wind and human ingenuity that has audiences experience a storm at sea, then take an excursion back through time to watch the passage of tall ships. Windsurfers defy high waves of the Pacific as viewers skim alongside. And off to the Mojave Desert, where land yachts race over 90 miles an hour.

"**The First Emperor of China,**" a 40-minute film epic about the founder of Imperial China which recounts the story of Qin Shihuang, who conquered six powerful warring states and unified the vast territory of China. In 221 B. C., he declared himself emperor.

"**New England Time Capsule,** the first OMNI film shot in and around Boston focuses on city views and accompanies "Race The Wind."

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Ongoing permanent features are the Theater of Electricity, live animal shows and physical science demonstrations, Human Body: Discovery Space, Giant Egg, and Computer Discovery Space. A Special Effects Demonstration has audience volunteers landing on the moon, dancing with a cartoon figure, flying over Boston and explains how special effects are used such as in the movies *Superman* and *Roger Rabbit*.

All shows are daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Mondays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., May through August 1990. For group reservations other than school groups, call (617) 723-2510. The TTY (Telephone for the Hearing Impaired) is (617) 227-3235.

students 14 years and older.

For more information about either of these programs contact The Perishable Theatre, 124 Washington Street, Providence, R.I. 02903 or call (401) 331-2695.

# Arts and Entertainment

## The Other "Cats" Come To Newport

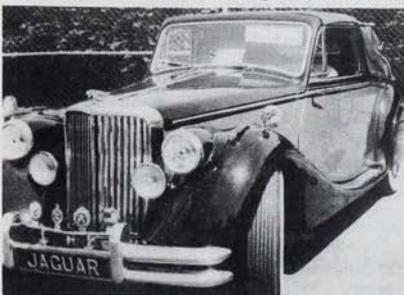
by Pamela F. Teath

The Newport Yachting Center was host this past weekend for the 8th Annual Newport Jaguar Festival. Surprisingly, the weather was as gorgeous as all the cars.

Over 30 vendors were on hand to peddle their wares to eager Jaguar aficionados.

of having the car to having a mistress. The love, attention and affection just can't be compared. "You massage her, stroke her, treat her right."

Sunday afternoon was the "Parade of Cats." Over 150 cars drove down America's Cup Avenue and into the Yachting Center. The oldest car



1950 MK5 DMC. John Keane, California

Some from Illinois and South Carolina. Tables were set up to purchase anything from a Jaguar T-shirt to champagne flutes with the Jaguar logo. There was one booth dedicated to just literature on the car itself.

Les Francover of Thomaston, Maine, is a true Jaguar "lover." He made the analogy

in the parade was a 1934 SS1 Coupe and the newest was the 1990 X5S convertible which won best car in show by the judges. There were cars from as far away as San Francisco and Puerto Rico.

The Newport Jaguar Festival is held every Memorial Day weekend in Newport.



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## "Cats" Prowls Into Providence

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The musical has won seven Tony Awards and has been touted as America's #1 Musical. Based on T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, Andrew Lloyd Webber has crafted a score full of witty, catchy, and emotional songs including the hit *Memory*. The show's broad appeal to audiences of all ages along with stunning costumes, outstanding choreography and imaginative sets account for its continued popularity.

The company performing in Providence is *Cats IV*, the most successful road tour in history which has recently celebrated its third anniversary. This company has played 43 states and over 135 cities making 192 stops from Anchorage to Miami, San Diego to Portland,

Maine. Over 103 actors have been employed by the company which constantly evolves as actors move on to Broadway or other tours and fresh new faces are found.

Joey Pizzi, a Cranston native was originally Pouncival (Joey has performed previously at PPAC) and is now Mr. Mistofelees. Danny Rounds, also a native Rhode Islander played

## "Cats" Prowls Into Providence

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# Local News

## Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

**Friday, June 1** - Eight days in Sivan (Isru-Chag). Candle-lighting is at 7:56 p.m. Minchah at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, June 2** - Nine days in Sivan. Parshas Noso. The Haftorah is from Shoftin (13:2-25).

Shacharis (morning) services at 8:30 a.m. Minchah 7:56 p.m. followed by the Third Meal (S'udah Shelishis). Ma'ariv 9 p.m. The Sabbath ends at 9:06 p.m. The Havdalah service 9:10 p.m.

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 8 p.m.

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**WHEAT AND BARLEY**  
Israel's rainfall is heaviest during winter months, so the best crops are the winter crops of wheat and barley. Barley ripens about Pesach time, and was brought to the temple during

Passover. Wheat needs more rainfall and ripens later. So important was the harvest that it was used to record events and dates. Ruth and Naomi, for example came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest. Samson used his famous flame-carrying pack of foxes during the wheat harvest.

### GRAPES

Grapes need plenty of rainfall for growth and lots of sunshine to allow the leaves and fruit clusters to develop. Israel has both. The first grapes ripen early in Sivan, in time for Shavuot. The messengers sent by Moses to the land of Canaan brought back a cluster of grapes so heavy that "they bore it between two on a staff" (Numbers 13:23). The Bible says: "And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree." (I Kings 5:5).

### FIGS

The fig tree was originally found in Asia, and then carried westward by desert tribes to Israel and the Mediterranean.

The Torah has been likened to a fig — all fruits have some waste material, like seeds, pits, or rind; the entire fig, however, can be eaten, and so it is with every word in the Torah. The Talmud says: "When one sees a fig tree, one should make a blessing: 'How pleasant is this fig tree; blessed to G-d who created it.'"

### POMEGRANATES

The messengers in the Bible, sent to examine Canaan, brought back pomegranates with them. Because it ripens in late summer, its blossoms were used to cover the sheaves of grain brought on Shavuot to the Temple, and the fruit was brought after it had ripened. Farmers drank its juice, and the rind was used to make dyes and ink. The Priests (Kohanim) were decorated with artistically carved pomegranates, and some silver ornaments used to crown the Torah Scroll are still called rimodim.

### OLIVES

The olive tree is one of the most common in the Mediterranean climate. Its small leaves

are coated with a thick, shiny coat and can withstand the sun. The branch of the olive tree has become a symbol of peace. Noah's dove, sent from the Ark to find whether the flood had gone down, brought back an olive branch. Olive oil lit the Temple Menorah, and was one of the most important exports of Israel.

### DATES

During the picking season, dates are moist and juicy; later they are dried. The Jordan Valley is the best place for dates in Israel. The date-palm is not planted by seed, but with shoots which sprout from the roots of the date-palm. The Midrash says: "A righteous man will flourish like date-palm — its dates are eaten, its branches used to hatch roofs, its fibers are made into ropes; so are the children of Israel — some study Torah, some the Mishnah, some the Talmud."

Our synagogue sincerely extends to all that everyone had a most pleasant and happy Shavuot — and a peaceful summer!!

## Yiddish Eldercamp at the Center July 23-27

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the Bureau of Jewish Education will hold their fifth annual Yiddish Eldercamp on July 23-27 at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. This nationally recognized program began with forty participants; this year registration is open to seventy students.

An exciting array of courses will be taught by qualified and innovative teachers. Four levels of Yiddish language and literature will be offered for the first time this year. The classes will be held daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students bring their own brown bag daily lunches; coffee and dessert will be provided each day. A closing program will take place on Friday after morning classes. The fee for the five-day program is \$40.

Details on classes will follow. For further information, or to be put on the Yiddish Eldercamp mailing list, call Ruth Page at the BJE, (401) 331-0956.

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## Providence Native Earns Promotion



Dr. Joseph I. Markoff

Joseph I. Markoff, Ph.D., M.D., of Moorestown, N.J., has been promoted to Attending Surgeon on the Cataract and Primary Eye Care Service at Wills Eye Hospital. He is also Director of the Hospital's Visual Physiology Service.

A native of Providence, R.I., Dr. Markoff, the son of lifelong Providence residents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Markoff, received his undergraduate degree from Oberlin College in 1965, and later earned a Ph.D. in the neurosciences from Syracuse University. He then attended the University of Minnesota Medical School, receiving his degree in 1974. He completed an internship at Long Island Jewish-Hillside

Medical Center in internal medicine and a three-year ophthalmology residency at Wills in 1978.

Dr. Markoff has been actively involved in vision research. He serves as a consultant and was senior principal research scientist with Honeywell, Inc., in Minneapolis. He was the recipient of a National Eye Institute research fellowship while at Syracuse University and two United States Public Health Service fellowships. He is Professor of Ophthalmology at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and is an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Markoff belongs to many professional organizations, including: the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, the International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision and Oxford Ophthalmic Congress.

A member of the Wills Medical Staff since 1978, Dr. Markoff is Chief of Ophthalmology at Mount Sinai Hospital and attending surgeon at St. Agnes Medical Center and Methodist Hospital.

Dr. Markoff is a frequent contributor to ophthalmic literature and lectures often at medical institutions and professional society meetings.

## JCCRI Golf Tournament 1990

Golf Tournament 1990, sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, will be held this year on Monday, July 23 at Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth, MA.

There will be a buffet lunch at noon followed by the tee off promptly at 1 p.m. There will also be prizes, awards and gifts; two Hole in One prizes will be

awarded: an automobile and a cash prize. Following the tournament there will be an auction, open bar and hot d'oeuvres.

Entry fees are: \$125, individual; \$700; corporate sponsorship (includes foursome): \$250, corporate non-participant; and \$25, auction only. For details call Elliott Goldstein at 861-8800.

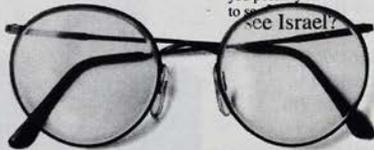
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On May 23 Touro Fraternal Association held its annual installation of officers in its new home on Rolfe Square. It must be said that the overflow crowd of association members had one of the best installations held in a long time, with two sets of officers installed along with five members of the board and with a great kosher dinner catered by Izzy. Robert Halpern was installed as President of Touro's Harmony Lodge and Mike Smith as the President of Friendship Lodge.

Members of Touro and families are asked to take part in Operation Exodus to be held on Sunday, June 3. Please meet at the sign-up desk at 10 a.m. as we would like Touro members to walk together. If you cannot walk, show up and take part to show your support. Many family activities will be held in front of the JCC on Elm Grove Avenue. Touro Fraternal has made a large association donation to this cause and members are asked to show the area that Touro truly cares.

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Members, mark your calendar for June 16, 1990. This is for the annual dinner dance at the Venus de Milo. As you know this dinner dance always sells out so send your reply back quickly.

Members who have moved, please advise the office when you move for mailing information. Also, if your beneficiary's address has changed, please advise the office.

The Kosher Mealtime at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, offers seniors activities at 11 a.m. daily Sunday through Friday followed by a hot kosher meal at noon. The meal is sponsored by Project Hope.

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

**Friday, June 15**  
Speaker on Stroke Prevention from 11 a.m. to noon.

**Wednesday, June 20**  
The Golden Age Club trip on the Bay Queen will leave the Center at 10 a.m., return at 4 p.m. \$15/GAC members, \$18/non-members.

**Tuesday, June 26**  
CVS speaker, George Loens, pharmacist and a VCR program *The Medicated Generation* will be from 11 a.m. to noon.

The following activities are regularly scheduled: Shabbat traditions on Fridays and Friend to Friend, Israeli VCR programs, film series and health checks.

Green Thumb Club (for seniors interested in working with plants), Arts & Crafts and exercise are offered on various days; call for information on dates and times.

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



Dr. Nathan Beraha, a pediatrician, discussed check-ups and preventive medicine and introduced the Alperin Schechter Day School's kindergarten class to instruments like stethoscopes and thermometers used in an office visit.

### Fun Run, Theatre Program, Health Visits Highlight Schechter Kindergarten

Students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School's Kindergarten enjoyed three very special programs this month.

In school, kindergartners have been studying a unit on health which was brought to life by a series of visits by parents who are health professionals. Visitors to the class included:

• Dr. Nathan Beraha, a pediatrician, and Karen Beraha, a nurse practitioner, discussed check-ups and preventive medicine, introducing the students to the medical instruments like stethoscopes and thermometers common to an office visit.

• Dr. Ellen Frankel, a dermatologist, discussed the skin, how it is affected by the sun, and what we can do to avoid the damaging effects of the sun and keep our skin healthy;

• Dr. Fred Rotenberg, an anesthesiologist, talked about

the heart and its role in keeping the body healthy, strong and active;

• Dr. Bruce Goldstein, an allergist, concentrated on how we breathe and keep our lungs in good shape.

The kindergarten students enjoyed these visits tremendously, learning a great deal about how to keep healthy and strong.

A second special event was the annual Kindergarten Fun Run where children enjoyed the fine weather as they jogged around the track.

Finally, kindergarten students went on a field trip to view a performance of Animal Tales put on by the Theatre Works Company at the Providence Performing Arts Center. This performance, involving audience and teacher participation, was based on children's letters about animals including farm animals, zoo animals and dinosaurs.

### War Veterans Observe Memorial

The Jewish War veterans held their annual memorial services last Sunday at the Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Rabbi H. Scott White of Temple Am David conducted the services and dedicated the names of the veterans who died this year.

The veterans have six posts in Rhode Island and a women's auxiliary. The posts generally meet monthly to plan different activities which include fundraisers and various guest speakers.

### Volunteers Needed for International Exchange

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For details, please call Grant Vitale at 1-800-872-0200 or Marilyn Brown at (401) 884-1646.

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Mr. Jakoulov, who recently defected from the Soviet Union, has written musical scores for over twenty Soviet stage and screen productions, performed and directed numerous ensembles, choirs and orchestras. His program will include works by J. S. Bach as well as his own compositions.

## United Cerebral Palsy Of R.I. To Host Conference "From Vision To Reality"

United Cerebral Palsy of R.I. will host a conference titled *From Vision to Reality* on June 8, at the Providence Marriott. The one-day conference, co-sponsored by The Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council and Workforce 2000, will focus on the latest advances in the areas of supported employment, housing and technology for people with severe disabilities.

Several of the nation's top experts in the field of developmental disabilities will discuss the many visions of independent housing and satisfying jobs

which have become realities in other areas of the country. They include: Allan Bergman, Director of Governmental Relations at UCPA; Michael Callahan, Director of a National Supported Employment project; Jay Kline, Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire.

Participants will have an opportunity to join in small groups to discuss how to make their visions become realities for people in Rhode Island. Some of these groups will continue to work throughout the year under the guidance of the Developmental Disabilities Council. The conference is geared toward people with disabilities, professionals, family members and employers.

From Vision to Reality will be an interesting and informative conference for all participants," said Jennifer Ondrejka, UCP of R.I.'s Executive Director. "Furthermore, it will provide immediate, hands-on, practical applications on the advances in jobs, housing and technology for people in Rhode Island. Clearly, From Vision to Reality represents an important step toward increasing independence, productivity and integration for individuals with disabilities in the state."

From Vision to Reality will be held on Friday, June 8, at the Providence Marriott. Check-in will begin at 9 a.m. Discussions will run from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. A reception will follow. Registration fee, which includes luncheon, buffet and breaks, will be \$10 for individuals with disabilities and \$35 for others (some scholarship funding is available). Checks should be payable to UCP of R.I. Registration deadline is May 25.

For further information on From Vision to Reality, please contact the United Cerebral Palsy of R.I. office at (401) 728-7800.

## Cranston Senior Guild

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its annual Installation/Paid-Up Membership Luncheon on Wednesday, June 6, at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Mass. The "Seniors in the Pink" will provide the entertainment for this special day.

The slate of officers and board for 1990-1991 are as follows:

President, Leonard Lyons; vice president, Louise Lyons; recording secretary, Ruth Rotenberg; treasurer, Trudy Rotenberg; financial secretary, Helen Forman; and chaplain, Samuel Cleinman. The board of directors are: Claire Ernstoff, Benjamin Gilstein, Lillian Gilstein, Leo Greene, Beverly B. Jacobson, Hyman W. Jacobson, Melvin Levin, Sylvia Tippe and Sayra Weimer. Program chairman will be Harry Portney.

## The Roaring Twenties Come To Alperin Schechter

"It all began with a few songs," said second grade teacher Denise Marciano. "I introduced my students to some of the popular music of the twenties, which I really enjoy, and they loved it too! We just took off from there!"

Mrs. Marciano and her students harnessed their enthusiasm and plunged into a study of the period including history and politics, clothing and jewelry, the forces that led up to the Great Depression, the Jazz Age, radio programs, and much more.

Doing independent research, students discovered information about gangsters and dance marathons, the Charleston and



Leonard Lyons, the new Cranston Senior Guild President, will be installed on Wednesday, June 6, during the annual installation luncheon at the Venus de Milo in Swansea, Mass.

### Calendar of Events

- Sunday, July 22 - Newport "Star Clipper" luncheon train - three hour scenic tour. For information call Evelyn Brodsky, 467-6179.
- August 8 - Matunuck - Mame with luncheon at the 108 House. Lillian Gilstein, 941-4298.
- September 9-13 - Las Vegas, La Mirage Hotel &

Casino. Five days, four nights. A day at Hoover Dam with lunch and cruise on Lake Mead. Nightclub show and many more extras. Beverly Jacobson, 274-9586.

• September 26 - North Shore Music Theater. "Fiddler on the Roof" buffet luncheon at Augustine's. Janet Richman, 461-7108.

• October 30-31 through November 1 - Beacon Resort Hotel, Lincoln, N.H. Three days, two nights. All meals. Entertainment nightly. Side trips. Ida and Phil Wold, 861-2784.

• Sunday, November 11 - Buffet lunch and musical show at Tremont House, Boston, Mass. Show is "Hollywood after Dark." Dorothy Fox, 272-2767.

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## Cranston/Warwick Hadassah

A delightful evening was held on May 14 at the Sheraton-Tara Hotel in Warwick for the annual Donor Dinner and installation of officers of the Cranston/Warwick Chapter of Hadassah.

Shirley Schreiber and Ruth Ross co-chaired the event whose theme was *The Year of the Woman*. The evening featured a Fashion Show with striking clothes by "The Added Touch" of East Greenwich and fabulous furs and leather jackets by "Tolchinsky Furs of Garden City," modeled by members Goldie Greene, Beatrice Sydney, Marlene Greene, Anne Berger, Linda Gerstenblatt and Frances Sadler. The

models were aided by Muriel Davis, Florence Hanzel, Hope Mellon and Rhoda Schwartz. The fashions were introduced by the Program Chairperson, Irma Silverman.

The pink and white decor was enhanced by pink, white and silver balloons as centerpieces. The installation was performed by Frances Sadler, Western New England Region Vice President and past president of the Cranston/Warwick chapter. The following officers were installed:

Shirley Schreiber, President; Ruth Ross, Membership V.P.; Evelyn Snow, Education V.P.; Dorothy Prosnitz, Program

V.P.; Evelyn Wasser, Recording Secretary; Norma Friedman, Treasurer; Trudy Rotenberg, Financial Secretary; Sheila Miller and Libby Kelman, Corresponding Secretaries.

Members of the Donor Committee were Goldie Greene, Sylvia Taubman, Edna Gilstein, Ruth Fink, Irma Silverman, Lynn Silverman, Libby Kelman, Dorothy Kramer, Sheila Miller, Sara Frank, Sheila Pollock, Evelyn Wasser and Lillian Lewis.

## Pioneer Women

Na'Amat-Pioneer Women-Club One will hold their installation meeting at the Jewish Home, 99 Hillside Ave., on Monday, June 4, at 1:30 p.m.

It has become traditional for Pioneer Women Club One to host one meeting a year at the Home. This enables members who reside there to attend and remain an informed part of our organization, and up-date their knowledge of current activities.

The following slate of officers has been nominated and elected for the coming year, and will be installed by Wendy Billig, member of Na'Amat-Dvorah Dayan: Chaya Segal and Mollie Sklut, President; Celia Brown, Vice President-Membership; Mildred Backman, Vice President-Spiritual Adoption; Bertha Gershman, Treasurer; Martha Sonion-Financial and Recording Secretary.

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# Milestones

## Aiken-Freedman



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Aiken of North Miami Beach, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Maxine Hope Aiken of Cambridge, Mass., to Elliott J. Freedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Freedman of Newton, Mass.

Maxine's maternal grandmother is Mrs. Gertrude Newman of Warwick, and her paternal grandmother is Mrs. Lee Aiken of North Miami Beach, Fla., formerly of Providence.

Elliott's paternal grandfather is Morris Freedman of Brookline, Mass.

Maxine who is a senior account executive with City Marketing in Boston, Mass., received a B.A. degree in Liberal Arts and Science from the University of Florida.

Elliott is Vice President of Finance with Micros Unlimited in Woburn, Mass.; he received his B.S. Degree in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts.

The couple will wed August 5, 1990 in Marblehead, Mass.

## Temple Shalom Annual Meeting

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County was held on Monday evening, May 21. Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner, spiritual leader, delivered the invocation and his "State of the Congregation Report," in which he challenged the membership for the future. President Rick Kadet presided and delivered his annual report, as did all committee chairs.

The following were elected to serve the Congregation for the 1990-91 year:

President, Rick Kadet; 1st

Vice President, Gerry Seigel; 2nd Vice President, Brad Barry; Recording Secretary, Amy Lasky; Corresponding Secretary, Eva Seigel; Financial Secretary, Arlene Hicks; Treasurer, Stephen Scheller; Trustees, William Soforenko, Emily Anthony, Brian Gillson, Michael Mendell, Ruth Ziegler.

The installation for the newly elected officers of the Congregation, Men's Club and Sisterhood will take place on Sunday morning, June 10 at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a brunch.

## Barbara Long Receives Award

National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section, will honor Barbara Long with its Hannah Solomon Award at its Annual Meeting and Installation on Wednesday, May 23, 1990. The Hannah G. Solomon Award is the most prestigious honor and is named for the founder of the organization which has been in existence since 1893.

Barbara Long is a past president of the Rhode Island Section and the longtime Chairwoman of its Thrift Shop. She also serves in District and

National capacities for NCJW. Barbara has served as an active volunteer in the R.I. Historical Society and the R.I. Jewish Historical Society.

The May 23 meeting will begin with a petit luncheon at 12 noon and the meeting will follow at 12:30 at the Jewish Community Center, Victoria Lederberg, State Senator, will be the Installing Officer of the day. Marion Goldsmith is Chairwoman of the program.

## Sterns Announce Birth

Brenda and Scott Stern of 48 Westminister Road, Scarsdale, N.Y., take great pleasure in announcing the birth of their third child and first son, Zachary David, born Thursday, May 10.

Grandparents are Frances and Norman Pomarantz of Hyannis, Mass.

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## Kolbs Announce Birth

Ivy and William Kolb of 14 Greenview St., Cumberland, R.I. are delighted to share the news of the arrival of their first child, Jeffrey Daniel Kolb, born 6:49 p.m. on May 11, 1990, at Women's & Infants Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Benjamin and Temma Furman of Warwick, R.I. Paternal grandparents are the late Florence and William Kolb, who resided in New Seabury, Mass. and Palm Beach, Florida. Maternal great-grandparents are Syd and Abe Danis of Hyannis, Mass., and Max Furman of Pembroke Pines, Florida.

When you send a wedding or engagement announcement, why not include a photo? Black and white only, please.

## Astrachan Receives Law Degree

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Bruce R. Astrachan, the son of Rita and Rabbi George Astrachan of Warwick, R.I., was among the 249 law students who were awarded degrees from the Western New England College School of Law at the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 19, at Springfield Symphony Hall.

Astrachan received a Juris Doctor degree from Dr. Beverly W. Miller, President of Western New England College.

Astrachan holds a B.A. degree from Drew University.

Astrachan participated in intramural sports while at the Western New England College School of Law.

The Western New England College School of Law is a private school that serves approximately 800 full-time and part-time law students.

## Goldstein Honored

At the annual meeting held recently by Volunteers in Action (VIA) at Moseby Center, URI Bay Campus, Narragansett, a special award "In Recognition of Outstanding Voluntary Service for 14 years to VIA and Volunteerism through Exceptional Media Events" was presented to Doris R. Goldstein of Pawtucket. Goldstein was re-elected to the board of directors for another three terms; she is Chair of the Nominating Committee and their Public Relations Specialist.

## Messing Graduates Brandeis

Debra Messing of East Greenwich graduated Brandeis University on May 20 and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree Summa Cum Laude with highest honors in Theatre Arts. During the school of arts commencement exercises, she performed a Steven Sondheim medley with two other graduates.

Debra will be attending the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University this fall, pursuing an MFA Degree in Acting.

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# Obituaries

**HERMAN AISENBERG**  
PROVIDENCE — Herman J. Aisenberg, 87, of 95 Mount Ave., a lawyer for 60 years, died Wednesday, May 23,

1990, at the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was the husband of Olga (Schneider) Aisenberg. Born in Worcester, Mass., he was a son of the late Samuel

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and Rebecca (Schultz) Aisenberg.

Mr. Aisenberg was a member of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Bar Associations. He was president of Temple Emanu-El, and president of the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was a trustee of the B.B. Lederer Sons Foundation, and was instrumental in providing Trinity Theater with \$300,000 to purchase the Lederer Theater.

He was also director of the Plantations Bank of Rhode Island until its sale to Old Stone Bank. He was a graduate of Harvard College, and received his law degree from Boston University.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Gloria A. Sonnabend of Weston, Mass., and Carol A. Schneider of Memphis, Tenn.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Friday, May 25, at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

### SAMUEL COHEN

WEST WARWICK — Samuel Cohen, 79, of 4 Tanglewood Court, manager of retail shoe stores for more than 30 years, died Monday, May 21, 1990, at home. He was the husband of Helen (Yuloff) Cohen.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Charles and Ethel (Loeber) Cohen, he moved to West Warwick 19 years ago.

Mr. Cohen had been manager of the Florsheim Thayer McNeil Store at Wayland Square, Providence, until retiring 12 years ago. He previously managed the former Children's Shop, Wayland Square, and the Kay's Newport Shoe Stores in Providence and Cranston.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, and had been a member of the former Temple Beth Israel.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Arlene Weinstein of Hopkinton, Mass., and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, May 23, at Mount

Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### SYLVIA KRAKOWSKY

CRANSTON — Sylvia (Rose) Krakowsky, 62, of 110 Dellwood Rd., died Monday, May 28, 1990, at home. She was the wife of David Krakowsky. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late George and Fannie (Foxman) Krakowsky. She had lived in Cranston for 30 years, previously residing in Providence.

Mrs. Krakowsky was a credit manager for Allied Business forms in Providence for 12 years.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Arnold Krakowsky of Cranston and Mark Krakowsky of Johnston; two brothers, Max Rose of Providence and Morris Rose of Delray Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Lillian Dressler of Providence, Toby Sandler of Miami, Fla., and Esther Waterman of Lowell, Mass.; one sister-in-law, Lillian Gilstein of Cranston, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 1, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### REBECCA LIMMER

PROVIDENCE — Rebecca Limmer, 94, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Wednesday, May 23, 1990, at home.

Born in Romania, a daughter of the late Harry and Hannah (Smilovitz) Limmer, she lived in Providence for 70 years.

She leaves several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Thursday, May 24, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### MOLLIE A. MARGOLIES

PROVIDENCE — Mollie A. Margolies, 88, of Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., a field investigator for the Rhode Island Department of Labor for 11 years before retiring in 1972, died Thursday, May 17, 1990, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Hungary, she was a daughter of the late William and Sadie (Grossman) Braunstein. She had lived in Providence for more than 70 years.

She was a graduate of Bryant College, and was a former member of Temple Beth-El.

She leaves a sister, Mildred Novogroski of Providence.

A private funeral service was held May 18 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

### DAVID A. MERMELSTEIN

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — David A. Mermelstein, 81, of Miami Gardens Drive, an employee of Hasbro in Pawtucket before retiring in 1968 died Wednesday, May 16, 1990, in Clearwater, Florida. He was the husband of the late Florence (Markel) Mermelstein who died on January 24, 1990.

Born in Kivajid, Hungary, he was a son of the late Jacob and Fanya (Goldberger) Mermelstein. He had lived in Providence 14 years before moving to Miami. Previously he resided in West Warwick for 25 years and was a member of the Ahavath Shalom Synagogue in Arctic and Shaare Zedek Syna-

gogue in Providence.

In Miami he was a member of Mizrahi, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Young Israel of Skylake where he taught Hebrew and several Adult Education classes.

He leaves two daughters, Ruth (Herbert) Gold of Warwick, Lea (Charles) Solomon and a son, Harold (Lory) of Miami, Fla.; ten grandchildren, Jerry (Bonnie) Gold of Pawtucket; Rhonda (Anthony) Cohen of London, England; Eric Gold, Alan Barlis, Jeffrey Barlis, Richard Barlis, Danny Mermel, Robbi Mermel, Sarah Rebecca Mermel, and Shayna Mermel all of Florida. Great-grandchildren are Rachel Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Rebecca Gold and Emily Gold.

Services were held Thursday, May 17 from the Levitt-Weinstein Funeral, Miami.

### PHYLLIS A. SALK

WARWICK — Phyllis A. Salk, 58, of Kristen Court, a schoolteacher at the Mary Fogarty Elementary School, Providence, for 22 years until retiring in 1989, died Thursday, May 24, 1990, at Kent County Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Norton E. Salk.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Rose Moverman, she had lived in Cranston for 25 years until moving to Warwick two years ago.

Mrs. Salk was a graduate of Rhode Island College.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Linda Heckman of Pawtucket; a son, Howard Salk of Charlotte, N.C.; four sisters, Estelle Friedman and Jean Jaffa, both of Cranston, Shirley Dauer of Maples, Fla. and Evelyn Finger of Bristol; a brother, Gerald Moverman of Warwick; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, May 27, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

### WILLIAM J. SCHERTZ

BALTIMORE, Md. — William J. Schertz, 34, died Sunday, May 20, 1990, at Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in Ellenville, N.Y., a son of Stanley Schertz of Providence and Johanna (Weinraub) Schertz of N.Y.C., he had been a resident of Baltimore, Md., for many years where he was an office manager of a law firm.

He is also survived by a sister, Jacqueline Schertz, and three brothers, Randy Schertz, Scott Schertz and Stacey Schertz of Providence.

Funeral services took place Tuesday, May 22, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., and burial took place at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, R.I.

### MOISEY SHTEYNERG

CRANSTON — Moisey Shteynerg, 70, of 225 New London Ave., died Friday, May 25, 1990, at home. He was the husband of Sarah (Temkin) Shteynerg. Born in Poland, he was the son of the late Meyer and Matyle Shteynerg. He had lived in Cranston for one year, previously living in Providence.

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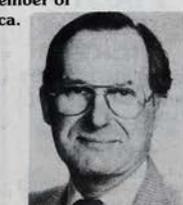
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## Students Take Trip to Science Museum

Fifth and sixth graders of the Providence Hebrew Day School travelled to the Boston Museum of Science for a day of fun and learning. The sixth grade trip was financed by Parents, Teachers and Friends group for the class selling the most candy during the recent candy sale. Included in the trip was a visit to the planetarium where they watched the show entitled "Planet We Call Home."

Students, teachers, and parent chaperones thoroughly enjoyed the day.

## Registration for Summer Day Camps

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm-grove Avenue in Providence, is accepting applications for its six summer day camps. Camp season is from June 25 through August 17, 1990. Transitional Camp Days are also being offered this year for the three weeks between school end and the camp season. Registration for these days is separate and apart from regular summer camp.

Camp K'ton is for preschoolers ages 2 1/2 to 3. Camp Yeladim is for children ages 3 to 5 years. Children in grades K-4 can enjoy Camp Haverim or Sports Camp. For preteens entering grades 5-7, Camp Bogrim is beginning its second year. CIT Camp is for high schoolers entering 8-10 grade.

For information and applications on both the regular camp season and Transitional Camp Days please call the Center at 861-8800 and a brochure will be mailed out to you.

## Letter to the Editor

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Nazis used to be homosexuals. Both groups were first discriminated against and then systematically rounded up for extermination simply because of their membership in a class which was deemed by the Nazis as degenerate.

I hope that we in Rhode Island will work to insure that no person in our community is denied employment, housing, public accommodations or credit simply because he or she is a member of a class which may be different from that of the majority.

Linda J. Kushner  
Representative 4th District

## Mishkon Tfiloh (continued from page 1)

I got to know Mishkon Tfiloh at first as the survivors' shul. Among these fields and meadows, remnants of farmland, the remnant of Europe's Jewish raised their American children. But now I see the shul and its neighborhood as the world of all our fathers. When I sat in Sam's parlor and talked with his daughter, Harriet, I felt she was my sister. Sam is a widower now, but his wife, Rachel, left flourishing plants that cover the shelves, sills and tables by the windows. Their lively parakeet warbles on the dining room table and keeps us company. Sam put on a yarmulke when people come. A landsman from over there, Mr. Kaufman, dropped in to chat in shprid Yiddish. I am ashamed to admit I don't really get Yiddish. For me it just makes a familiar music. In American English he explains to me. The congregation wants new members. They are open, not closed. Many families who helped build the structure lived nearby, neighbors whose kids were classmates of mine. But Jews don't always stay put. They move on, away. Other Jews move in. The block shifts but stays cozy.

Sam remembers Siberia, vast and bleak. Like his wife, Rachel, he got through the war in Russia. Rachel lost her family. But now the Russian Jews are coming here. There used to be a ladder. The longer you were here, the higher you climbed. I never felt that way. I always thought the new groups brought style and substance with them, to us all. At a recent funeral, the hearse and cortege, en route from the funeral to the cemetery, made a special turn to pass by Mishkon Tfiloh. An honor guard stood upon the balcony to offer a salute to one of its special ones, its own. You join Mishkon Tfiloh, you are counted, you count.

If you are celebrating a special anniversary, announce it in the *Herald*.

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## Mother's Group Offers Encouragement

New mothers and mothers of small children will find support, ideas and friendship at a six-session group workshop, "Mothers and Infants," put on by The Parent Exchange of Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman St., Providence.

"Mothers and Infants" offers a forum for new mothers to discuss and share about the growth and development of their babies, themselves and their family life. Mothers are encouraged to bring their infants up to eight months old. The group will meet every Tuesday, June 5 through July 10 from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m.

For further information, call The Parent Exchange at Jewish Family Service, 331-1244. The Parent Exchange workshops at Jewish Family Service are open to all who wish to attend.

## Giant Yard Sale Changed

Dvora-Dayan Club of Na'Amat has changed the upcoming date of the GIANT YARD SALE they are planning. The rescheduled date will be Sunday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the home of Ceil and Seymour Krieger, 381 Cole Ave., Providence. (The previous date had been June 3.)

Again we ask for volunteers to work on that day as well as merchandise which we can sell. We will be grateful for any help from Na'Amat friends. Please call Ruth Garber, Chairperson for the event at 725-3728 or the Kriegers at 351-2139 if you have merchandise to be picked up.

## Obituaries

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Mr. Shteynberg was a tailor in Gout, Russia, for 43 years, retiring 15 years ago. He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Faina Bronshtein of Cranston and Maya Rozkova of Vitebesk, Russia; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Sunday, May 27, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## RUTH ROTENBERG

PROVIDENCE — Ruth Rotenberg, 72, of 1 Chestnut St., died Tuesday, May 29, 1990, at home. She was the daughter of the late Max and Annie (Schwartz) Rotenberg. Mrs. Rotenberg was a lifelong resident of Providence. She was a department manager with the former Outlet Co. in Providence for over 45 years, retiring eight years ago.

Mrs. Rotenberg was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, secretary of the Cranston Senior Guild and a volunteer at the Providence Public Library. She is survived by a brother, Joseph "Josh" Rotenberg of West Warwick and three nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 1, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## East Side Residents Graduate From St. Dunstan's

Two East Side residents, who are students at St. Dunstan's School, Providence, were among those honored recently during the school's annual Athletic Awards Program.

Douglas Oelbaum, grade 12, received the Hustle Trophy in varsity soccer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sruel Oelbaum of Everett Avenue.

Deborah Feldstein, grade 10, was recognized for her work as a statistician for the varsity basketball team. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Feldstein of Taber Avenue.



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## Lifestyles

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glasses — the kind with the over-lap onto the forehead and cheeks ("I had them before Sally Jesse Raphael," she says) — Cohen is a congenial and sympathetic host using her professional skills to help callers and to extract insights from her guests.

"How many women have that feeling that their husband is having an affair with another woman?" she recently asked her audience before relating a story of a couple who are currently working out their differences in therapy.

Cohan is not trying to titillate listeners a la the current practitioners of shock radio. She sees her role as educational and infinitely "more important than the construction on Route 146," she says in a reference to the news content of other area shows.

At her position with Psychi-

atric Specialists in Providence, Cohan deals with victims of a host of disorders and problems including sexual abuse, sexual disfunction and marital problems. Her show gives the lonely person at home a chance to call in for advice or help, and also functions as a gallery of interesting and innovative people and their views. Past guests have included representatives from The Women's Center, Project AIDS and the Department of Children and Families.

A recurrent theme on the show and in the lives of her patients is often broken relationships. "The divorce rate is nearly 50 percent," she says, "50 to 55 percent of men are having extra-marital affairs and women are not far behind." Much of her time is spent counseling couples on achieving better emotional intimacy.

A native of Winnipeg, Cohan describes her upbringing as actively Jewish. "I was very involved in Jewish activities. I went to a Jewish Day School."

At one point she was director of a branch of Jewish Family Service. She met husband Elliot in an elevator at a Jewish Federation convention.

"Like many women I'm constantly juggling roles. I often go from therapist to mother to wife in one day — what we're (women) looking for is a balance."

She credits her husband with helping her achieve that balance. "He's the most wonderful, mature person I know," she says.

The encounter with the unknown, the experience of talking with people who have different mindsets and lifestyles is a thrill for Cohan and is also a key to the show's success. "I am a party to human drama that most people never are. I see everything from marital problems to every type of disorder you can imagine," she says. "I've learned a lot from each of them and I think it has made me a more caring and understanding human being."

## Bar Mitzvah

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some interesting results. With similar groups reported around the country, the concept could be re-defined into something that is no longer exclusively youth-oriented. The bar mitzvah boy or girl typically learns responsibility and religious duty; the adults are using their maturity to further religious and self discovery. "We're taking these prayers and we're delving into them, we're not just memorizing them; a 13-year-old learns them by rote, the class is really investing themselves in this," says Leibowitz.

Rosenberg's monthly appearances combine biblical scholarship and soul searching to create a provocative discussion group. Recent lectures have dealt with the consequences of modern scholarship on faith and on the conception of chosenness. "We've had people who have cried, we have people really open up," says Leibowitz.

Which is not to say that the whole thing isn't at least a little fun. Classes are not the agonizing ordeals that some may remember from their youth. No one is put on the spot, flub-ups are brushed off and between-

chanting laughter abounds. "This is the highlight of my week," says Little.

To replace the bar mitzvah speech or essay, the members are involved in a number of activities. A volunteer tzedakah project helping resettled Soviet Jews is being planned; students are completing research projects in Jewish history and will also have some creative input into the service.

One are any pre-cremony jitters as well. Says Temma Holland, 49: "I don't even care if anyone attends, we will all be up there doing it for ourselves."

## Cranston/Warwick Hadassah

The Cranston/Warwick chapter of Hadassah will be holding its first Board Meeting on Monday, June 4, 1990 at the Ramada Inn at 10:30 a.m. presided by Shirley Schreiber, newly elected president.

A special Board Briefing will be held by Susan Smoller, Area Vice President of the Western New England Region. She will bring to each chairperson information as to the requirements of her particular office.

A Dutch Treat luncheon will follow the meeting.

## Senators

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(D-Ariz.) D'Amato withdrew it but later offered softer language critical of Iraqi human rights and calling for enforcement of U.S. sanctions laws against Iraq.

But the modified version could not muster the "sufficient second" necessary for further consideration.

Specter, a longtime supporter of Israel who has repeatedly called for tough laws against terrorism, called the D'Amato amendment "a no-win situation," that might "do considerable damage to the efforts of the U.S. government" in trying to bring about Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

He said Arab diplomats have told him "the United States does not approach the Arab nations with sufficient dignity and with sufficient courtesy," often treating them instead with condescension.

Metzenbaum said the United States should give Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "30 or 60 days to see whether or not he will take a step in the right direction" toward reconciliation with Israel.

Metzenbaum, also a long-time friend of Israel, was the sole Democrat in a five-member Senate delegation to Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries last month, led by Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.).

When Dole returned, he criticized Congress for approving measures that interfered with U.S. foreign policy, such as a resolution approved last month that recognized Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital.

In the debate recently, Dole argued that if the sanctions against Iraq were adopted, "we would not gain anything at this point."

He said he would prefer to wait 30 to 60 days "when perhaps an amendment of this type or some variation of it might be appropriate."

Jess Hordes, Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said recently that he was "somewhat disappointed" that the D'Amato language was not voted on. His office telephoned 10 senators urging them to support it.

## Diversity

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JTS was founded by men dedicated to "wissenschaft," or a scholarly approach to Judaism, he said. Judaism, the founders felt, could be studied in the same way as any other culture or body of literature.

This, said Gilman "was nothing less than their ticket of admission into the Emancipation, into modernity and into the intellectual community of the West."

But the movement paid a price for this achievement.

According to Gilman, JTS has trained generations of Conservative rabbis to be academicians — scholars untrained to fulfill their role as spiritual leaders and therefore unable to transmit that spirituality to their congregants.

With this in mind, the seminary has unveiled a new academic curriculum to emphasize the spiritual aspects of Judaism. The rabbinical seminar, for example, will have students listening to each other's personal position papers and

diary entries on deep religious and philosophical questions, instead of research papers.

There will be no grades, but rather evaluations signed by both student and teacher.

"We have to learn how to be passionate believers," Rabbi Joel Rembaum of Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles said during a plenary session on the contemporary rabbinite. "We have succeeded in touching the intellect of our congregants, but not the heart."

Rabbi Robert Abramson, director of education at United Synagogue of America, concurred. "We're now seeing an articulation of a thirst for faith. We're seeing renewals of religion all over," he said.

Indeed, rabbis from the four corners of the United States are all telling similar stories of young unobservant Jews returning to Judaism in search of a spiritual experience.



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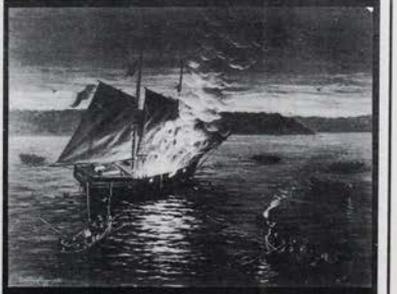
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