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Final Vote This Month. . .

Panel Approves Potential Rabbis

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Qualified gay and lesbian rabbis should be allowed to serve as full-fledged members of the Reform rabbinic, without discrimination or restrictions, a panel of Reform rabbis has concluded.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis, an association of 1,557 Reform rabbis in the United States, will consider whether to adopt the panel's recommendations at its convention in Seattle from June 24 to 28.

The committee's report, some four years in the making, treads a careful line welcoming gay rabbis and reaffirming traditional Jewish family values, in an apparent attempt to limit recriminations from more traditional elements of Judaism.

But the key paragraph in the six-page report declares unequivocally that "the committee urges that all rabbis, re-

gardless of sexual orientation, be accorded the opportunity to fulfill the sacred vocation which they have chosen."

"...The report urges gay and lesbian rabbis not to flaunt their sexual preference. . ."

If the report is adopted by the full conference at the Seattle meeting, as its sponsors anticipate, it would make Reform Judaism one of the first major Jewish or Christian religious bodies in the United States to include acknowledged homosexuals among its clergy.

In 1984, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College adopted a policy of admitting students without regard to sexual preference. The Reconstructionist

Rabbinical Association automatically accepts any graduate of the college.

The Episcopal and Unitarian Universalist churches have also admitted gay clergy.

Rabbi Joseph Glaser, CCA's executive vice president and an ex-officio member of the 17-person committee, said that he and his colleagues were aware of the recommendations' potentially divisive impact, but that the decision was ultimately based on the principles of Reform Judaism.

But bowing to pragmatic considerations, the report, in effect, urges gay and lesbian rabbis not to flaunt their sexual preference.

Put more diplomatically, the report warns that "publicly acknowledging one's homosexuality is a personal decision which can have grave professional consequences."

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Peace For The Quick And The Dead

by Michael Fink

Special to the Herald

One of the strangest Jewish chapels I have seen sits just at the entrance to Lincoln Cemetery. (The name seems right, Abe Lincoln with beard, wit, sad eyes, love of liberty, gives off a Jewish aura.) I visit the chapel once a month as a member of Chased shel Amess. Each first Sunday our committee meets in the cemetery. At these rendezvous I usually just listen quietly. But then I break out with a speech about the need to let nature poke back in to have her say. I like the overgrown rows of trees that somebody proposes we take down. I stand up for them.

The graveyard setting for the half-forgotten chapel deserves description. Architecture speaks to its site.

The oldest sections of Lincoln have the most to say. Each stone spells out a brief story. Among the crowded clutter a perennial succulent may half conceal the message, but this adds an air of mystery. A pair of enigmatic brick and slate tombs sink to romantic ruin. A graceful Grecian rounded colonnade looms up a little over and above flat meadowland. The former farm is choked off by railroad track, highway, airstrip and the loud letters of commercial buildings. Despite the roars, clatters, and hums I

can still pick up the small sounds of rustling grasses, leafy branches, murmur of mammal and low twitter of birds and bugs, notes of peace for the quick and the dead.

The intimately scaled chapel in pale gold brick greets you just beyond the wrought iron gateway, across from the stone fountain at which you wash your hands in the ancient customary gesture. That is all the water that remains of the natural springs and streams that once flowed among the shading trees. Few people use the building, except for us, Chased shel Amess, at our annual meetings at Chanukah. It is a gem, a masterpiece, of excellent materials and with a still dignity. The ceiling has a sort of fresco of stars and clouds against a blue background, a Kabbalistic or Chasidic fantasy, a map of the imagination. Jews once felt close to the magic and meaning of the constellations of the universe, which they observed and studied. It was the Jews who made possible the Great Discoveries that opened the Americas — specifically Rhode Island — to Jewish refugees. Doorways lead to offices that serve now only for storage. Gilded lettering and ornate brass fittings in the main central space belong to another

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Operation Exodus Freedom Celebration



The blowing of shofars herald in a three-mile walk-a-thon as part of the Operation Exodus Freedom Celebration sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island last Sunday. See page 6. Photo by Dorothea Snyder.

Encountering the Stranger

Herald Staff

An inter-faith study group from Temple Beth-El and two local churches was transformed into a dynamic dialogue on faith and struggle last week as the ebullient former attorney general Arlene Violet, along with Dr. Edwin Forman gave stirring presentations.

Both Violet and Forman, chief of pediatrics at Rhode Island Hospital, gave their own interpretations of a chapter in the bible and tied it to events in their own lives. The program, "Personal Encounters With Scripture," centered around the struggle of Jacob and focused on the verse, "For you have striven with beings divine and human and have prevailed."

The original narrative places Jacob alone at night as he prepared for a potential deadly situation — the coming of his brother Esau with 400 men. At night, Jacob was confronted by an angel and wrestled with him until morning at which time he was blessed and transformed into Israel.

For Violet, who was also once a member of the order of the Sisters of Mercy, the passage was a reminder of personal struggles she had experienced in the past and the choices she made. "I like to look at the angel as the stranger, that other side of ourselves that aspires to the divine more than the human side of us," she said, adding that when you "struggle in life it is important to stay clear of who you are."

Violet related an incident when, as a nun in Fall River in the early 1970s, she and a col-

league sued a local bishop over his failure to open a building designated as a day care center. She was threatened with dismissal if she did not publicly recant. After much soul searching, Violet stuck to her guns and pressed the suit. In the end, she was not dismissed. A similar situation occurred several years ago when she ran for Attorney General and had to leave the Order.

In both incidents, Violet said she decided on a position that would involve risk but one that would be compatible with her conscience. "Life's no dress rehearsal," she said. "If you want to be a change agent you cannot live life constantly being changed, you cannot constantly blink in the face of struggle."

Following Violet, Forman took a different approach. Emphasizing the earlier dishonesty of Jacob — the manner in which he obtains his brother's birthright — Forman sees the struggle as Jacob confronting his own failings. "He takes a look into the abyss of the human being and he won't let go," Forman says. "When one looks into the terrible truth one might be destroyed, but he is transformed."

From there, Forman transformed the talk into his own experience of working with children diagnosed with cancer. "How can one go on and try to imagine there's meaning?" he asked after relating a story of a young patient who just entered into a final relapse of cancer.

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Who's He?



He's Roger King, owner of a distinctive Newport art gallery. Meet him on page 7.

Inside the Ocean State

"Our House" Children's Exhibit

by Kathy Cohen
Herold Assistant Editor

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island in Pawtucket has added a new exhibit called "Our House." Through the exhibit the museum hopes to initiate new learning experiences for children.

Children will be taught about their own home — how it was constructed — so they may relate to the ways of various cultures in their approach to the common need for shelter. Also, this hands-on exhibit, which will open on July 16, will give the children a chance to build their own dream house.

The "Our House" exhibit is located in Colonel Goff's former library in the historic Pitcher-Goff House (1841).

Research on the history of the Pitcher-Goff house reveals that the owner, Ellis B. Pitcher, bought the then David Bucklin estate in 1836. The house was built with a combination of Greek and Federal styles. Following the death of his wife, Julia, on November 17 and the failure of his sons' thread manufacturing business, in which he had invested about \$30,000, Pitcher committed suicide.

The exhibit will include a walk-in playhouse version of the Pitcher-Goff house, so the youngsters can investigate the structure to see how buildings are made. The playhouse's exterior will resemble the man-

green with brown boards), clapboards, columns, Victorian mouldings and a plexiglass conservatory. A glossary of architectural terms and meanings

floor (indicated by joists) and on up to the third floor.

The building includes a cardboard crow perched on top of the playhouse's balustrade in



(L to R) Derek Goudel, 8, and Joshua Ryan Hodson, 9, from the Hyman Fine Attleboro Elementary School are operating an old hand-ringer washing machine at the Children's Museum of Rhode Island in Pawtucket.

sion in color scheme (lime will be attached to different building parts, so parents and children can identify and relate with each section of the structure.

Walk inside and the structure of the house will be exposed, and the children will see the lumber, wires, plumbing and insulation usually covered by plaster. A simplified floor plan (in typical blueprint color and form) will be painted on the floor of the house.

The designer, Randy Haroldson, built the playhouse so the

onlooker can peer through an opening leading to the second chitectural detail.

Walk to the left of the house and several activity stations are available for children to explore such as an architect's table — complete for drawing — with T-squares, triangles and templates. Also included is a light table for creating translucent shapes and a floor plan puzzle.

Construction activities are based at the right of the miniature house where a child-size workbench will display real tools for inspection and toy

tools for imagination.

Priscilla Young, director of public relations, says about half a dozen craft artists, carpenters and painters are in the process of building the new exhibit. Like all the other exhibits, "Our House" will be a self-lead tour (with parental guidance) while museum personnel will be on hand to answer any questions. Last year, says Young, about 170,000 people were reached through the museum's exhibits, programs and publications.

Some of the other exhibits include: Storymaker — where children can act out their own skits with costumes and props; Mindscapes and the Four Corner's Gallery — which allows children to express their fantasies; and while passing through Great Grandmother's Kitchen and the State Room, visitors can dream about the past and future respectively. The exhibits and programs are designed to be of interest to children up to age 12, but it's open to children of all ages and adults throughout the southern New England area.

The Pizzazz Performing Series is a traveling theatre show consisting of "the best in children's performers for the families of southern New England."

The museum, a non-profit organization, incorporated in 1976 and opened its doors to the public in 1977.

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting Thursday, June 14, at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, Gardner Street. A Penny Social will be held and members should bring in canned goods, paper or non-perishable foods. Refreshments will be served.

On Sunday, June 24, the installation of officers will be held at the Ramada Inn, Seekonk, Mass. Entertainment will be Jane Ellis from Boston.

The following officers will be voted in: Bella Aron, president; Estelle Miller, 1st vice president; Martha Sonion, 2nd vice president; Sara Greene, treasurer; Rosalind Stern, corresponding secretary; Ann Margolis, recording secretary; Ettis Raphael, publicity chairperson; and Ann Margolis, sunshine secretary. Installing officer will be Simon Chorney and benediction will be given by Ernest Coleman.



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Where Is the U.S.-Israel Relationship Heading?

by David Friedman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — There is growing concern in the American Jewish community that increasing tension between the United States and Israel could damage the special relationship between the two countries and derail the Middle East peace process.

There is also consensus that as bad as the situation is now, it could get worse.

Nevertheless there is hope among Jewish leaders that the tensions are temporary and will be ironed out over time.

The U.S.-Israeli relationship is "fundamentally solid," and will "remain intact" Malcolm Hoelenstein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, maintained.

"The blame is not one sided," he said. "Israel has made mistakes, and the United States has made mistakes. Both sides have to put it back on track, and I think both want to."

The current tension between the United States and Israel can be attributed to several factors:

- Israel's unwillingness so far to endorse U.S. proposals for advancing the Jewish state's own peace plan.

- The Bush administration's impatience with the long time it is taking for Israel to form a government capable of making major decisions on such issues as the peace process.

- Mistrust and poor personal chemistry between President Bush and Yitzhak Shamir, who heads Israel's caretaker government and is expected to be prime minister again in the new government.

- Bush's personal feelings of sympathy for Palestinian youths being injured or killed as they engage in anti-Israel violence.

The current tension goes back to March, when Bush said he was against Jewish "settlements" in East Jerusalem. It was the first time East Jerusalem, which Israel annexed after the 1967 war, had been mentioned in such a context.

Although Bush tried to soothe Israel by stressing that Jerusalem should not again be divided, many in Jerusalem and Washington blamed his remarks for the collapse of Israel's unity government.

From the Bush administration's perspective, the president was merely expressing his longtime opposition to Jewish settlements in the West Bank, which the United States considers East Jerusalem to be part of.

Administration officials said the president felt he had been misled by Shamir when Israel asserted that only 1 percent of Soviet Jewish immigrants set-

tled in the West Bank, a figure that did not include East Jerusalem.

There is general agreement that the strong criticism of Israel in recent weeks is a result of Bush's sympathy for the Palestinians he sees nightly on television being shot at by Israeli troops.

"This is a president that watches a great deal of TV

... This is a President that watches a great deal of TV news. . . ."

news," said one source in the pro-Israel community. He said Bush reacts emotionally to the pictures he sees from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

At a May 24 news conference, Bush said he was "deeply troubled" by the loss of human life, adding, "I think particularly of children in this kind of situation."

There is no Israeli government, no political initiative, nothing to divert people's attention from the television image of soldiers dealing with stone-throwing children," observed Martin Indyk, executive director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a think tank that consistently reflects a pro-Israel viewpoint.

"The president is clearly signaling that his sympathy lies with the Palestinians in these circumstances," he added.

Jess Hordes, Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said he believes that the recent tension is a result of the administration's increased pressure on Israel.

"To me the most important thing is for the administration to back off from what appears to be a deliberate policy of pressuring Israel and try to work more cooperatively."

He said the administration has to give more thought where the current policy is leading. "Israel really needs the sense of confidence to move ahead" in the peace process, he said.

On this point, one Jewish official maintained that it is not important that Bush and Shamir like each other, but that they trust each other.

Hoelenstein said that while the Bush administration has been impatient, Israel also has reason to be impatient over some of the administration's acts in recent weeks. He said there were some people inside and outside the administration who are seeking to exploit the current tension to undermine the U.S.-Israeli relationship.

One such action was the administration's willingness to discuss an Arab-sponsored resolution in the U.N. Security Council condemning the settlement of Soviet Jews in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Hordes of ADL reported that when he discussed the resolution with senior administration officials, they were "openly impatient" with Israel. He said they probably reflected the views of their bosses.

But this attitude changed dramatically the next day, when the administration decided it could not support such a resolution.

Hordes credited the administration's switch to the strong public opposition of the Jewish community. This public display of unity from the Jewish community was "one of the positive things" that came out of the controversy, he said.

Many Jewish officials believe that the current tension also partly reflects the personal views of top administration officials. Bush and Secretary of State James Baker are considered to have a less emotional attachment to Israel than did President Reagan and his secretary of state, George Shultz.

Vice President Dan Quayle is considered to be staunchly supportive of Israel. But he is thought to have much less clout over major policy decisions than White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, a long-time supporter of the Arab cause.

But Indyk pointed out that under Reagan, the United States sold AWACS surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia, causing one of the most bitter fights between Israel and the United States in history.

He said Reagan also suspended the sale of F-16 fighters to Israel after the start of the war in Lebanon, and the war itself resulted in numerous disputes between the two countries.

Likewise, Hoelenstein said, "I think that people have to assess the other part of the equation." He expressed confidence that once the current crisis is over, the U.S.-Israeli relationship will return to normal.

He and others stressed that despite the current tension, the strategic cooperation continues between the two countries. Israel will still receive its \$3 billion in economic and foreign aid this year, and a \$400 million loan guarantee to build housing for Soviet immigrants in Israel is proceeding with little opposition.

The administration continues to strongly support the emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia. And it moved behind the scenes to prevent Palestine



KIBBUTZ COW: This contented bovine is a recent arrival at the Reform movement's Kibbutz Lotan, which has launched an Adopt-a-Cow campaign to go into the dairy business. Lotan, 35 miles north of Eilat, asks sponsors in Israel and abroad to purchase "cow-shares" for the kibbutz, whose members have constructed most of the dairy themselves. The kibbutz members, who serve as hosts for a number of student programs for Reform groups in the U.S. and other countries, say they are determined to attain economic self-sufficiency.

Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat from coming to the United States, Jewish leaders pointed out.

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Editorial

Beth-El's Orchard Avenue Plus

by John Chadwick
Herald Editor

Those who attended Beth-El's Orchard Avenue Plus program last week experienced a remarkable evening of dialogue.

Modest in scope, the program featured two local speakers and an audience of several dozen Jews and Christians. What made it noteworthy was the way in which Arlene Violet and Edwin Forman spoke so honestly to the audience. They addressed them as peers who could, and would, hear them out on touchy and personal subjects.

The topic stemmed from a biblical text, but the discussion was neither theological nor academic — it was personal and I believe it struck most people there.

However, as summer arrives and the Jewish organizational events calendar winds down, it seems that such programs are all too rare. That's not to say that an informal discussion on biblical text is necessarily superior to any other type of meeting, but it does seem that presentations that address our individual hopes and struggles — as that one did — are few and far between in the Jewish community.

You would think that somewhere in between the locally sponsored visits this year by CAMERA, the Anti-Defamation League, Nat'lPac, the politicians, the countless Zionists and Zionist organizations and all the speakers from Israel, there would be room for at least a few where the only agenda is

the human heart.

Of course, the current national crises probably necessitate visits from those speakers and organizations more than others. After all, Israel needs our undivided support more than ever — don't you think so? There's also much work to be done in the community; there are Soviet Jews to be resettled, campaigns to be run, money to be raised.

But wouldn't an ethic that truly addressed the individual Jew draw those in who sit on the sidelines in pain or confusion? Are all the synagogue seats filled? Is the status of the community really dynamic or is it the same faces and families over and over again? Who knows, maybe renewed inspiration might help revive fundraising campaigns and re-stock committees. Is a Jewish reflection on our personal lives limited to a few platitudes on Shabbat — and then it's off to the business at hand?

Then again, maybe most Jews just find this sort of thing a bore and not worth the time spent from their busy lives. As the sociologists said recently at Brandeis, mainstream Jews are more comfortable expressing their Judaism through secular activism — helping Israel, serving on committees, attending rallies.

If that's the case, why argue with success? Witness the local Federation's Operation Exodus Campaign which reached a stunning climax this past Sunday.

I would only hope that the strong sense of honesty and

spiritual concern that pervaded Beth-El last week, will also be embodied by our various committees and fundraising organizations as well. Because if it isn't the memory of their magnanimous efforts will not be enduring.

Real Peace Or Illusions?

by Morris Gastfreund

In 1974, the Palestinian National Council ratified the Strategy of Stages against Israel. The PLO plan called for setting up a Palestinian state in any part of what was once Palestine, and using it as a launching pad for the armed struggle against Israel. The idea behind the plan was that Israel would be weakened by a reduction of its territorial base, and especially by its withdrawal from strategic high grounds in the West Bank.

The thinking among the Arab policy-makers was to reverse the tide of Zionism and sympathy toward Israel — changing the momentum, if only a little, against Israel — then the Arab states could try to fight Israel further militarily or diplomatically once the momentum had shifted against Israel. The PLO understood that Israel's frontiers would become less defensible if Israel is forced out of the West Bank and Gaza.

The Arabs view Zionism as a dynamic doctrine and, as such, must be contained. The next stage after containment would be a reduction in size: Using the pose of moderation to attain territorial advantage not gained by wars, through diplomacy, but aiming at the ultimate liquidation of Israel by stages. Through orchestrated propaganda and double-talk, Yassir Arafat and the PLO have won a coveted title of "moderates" from the American administration and some well-meaning but ignorant Western observers, even among them many Jewish liberals.

The idea of liquidating Israel in stages was adopted by the PLO from the Arab conqueror of the Holy Land, Saladin, who in 1192 accepted a "truce" with the Crusaders only when the opportunity was ripe to violate the "truce" and oust the Crusaders from the Holy Land. When Arafat offers "peace" to Israel, he explains to his Arab audiences that he means the "peace" of Saladin. To Islam, which is the driving force behind the Arab-Israeli conflict, peace is the status enjoyed by those who accept Islam or its hegemony. The rest of the world is seen as infidels, "non-believers" to be converted to Islam forcibly by "jihad" or holy war. To the PLO and its supporters, peace is the condition which will prevail after their objectives are realized, namely, the elimination of Israel by stages if necessary.

In December 1988, Arafat made his famous declaration in Geneva for peace with Israel, based on a two-state resolution of the conflict. Two days later, his deputy, Abu Iyad, declared that a PLO ally in Kuwait that

Narragansett Bay Watch: June

The June 23, 1989 'World Prodigy' oil spill off Brenton Reef in lower Narragansett Bay illustrates the complexity of federal and state jurisdiction over the Bay. The federal agencies involved in the oil spill incident included the U.S. Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Major state agencies included the R.I. Department of Environmental Management, the R.I. Department of Health, the R.I. Attorney General's Office, and the Governor's office. In addition to these government agencies, academic institutions, environmental groups, and other organizations and private citizens were involved in clean-up efforts and their aftermath.

Regulating Narragansett Bay — Who's In Charge?

Toxic pollutant discharges. Oil spills. Fecal contamination of shellfish beds and underground water resources. Wetlands development. The problems are as diverse as the agencies that regulate their impact on Narragansett Bay. From inland rivers to coastal beaches, from lakes and ponds to groundwater resources, from the upper Bay to Block Island Sound, Narragansett Bay basin water quality is regulated by a variety of state programs, under federal oversight, each of which oversees a different aspect of water quality protection.

The Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) was established in 1971. CRMC's mandate is to manage the coastal resources of the state. CRMC's jurisdiction is generally defined by the area extending from three miles offshore to two hundred feet inland from any "significant" coastal feature, such as barrier beaches, tidal wetlands, and salt ponds. CRMC requires permit approval before the development of man-made structures, such as marinas, homes, and subdivisions in the coastal zone, and a variety of industrial activities that take place inland, but which may affect the environment of the coastal region.

The R.I. Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is the main state agency

charged with the protection of Bay water quality, with an umbrella of monitoring and regulatory programs. DEM's Division of Water Resources has the responsibility of regulating point and nonpoint source pollution discharges, overseeing wastewater treatment plant operations and upgrades, certifying shellfish waters, and coordinating water quality planning and policy development. DEM's Freshwater Wetlands Section is the state agency charged with the protection of freshwater wetland resources. DEM's Groundwater Section coordinates departmental activities related to groundwater protection. Its major responsibilities include the regulation of underground storage tanks, oil spill emergency response, and groundwater classification and complaint investigations. DEM's Division of Fish and Wildlife directly regulates fresh water fisheries, and makes regulatory recommendations to the R.I. Marine Fisheries Council for marine fisheries management.

Other state agencies play a role in the protection of Bay waters. The R.I. Department of Health (DOH), Division of Water Supply, has the responsibility of monitoring public water supplies. DOH's Division of Food Protection and Sanitation also monitors and collects samples from local shellfish establishments, and monitors Bay shellfish sites for bacteriological and heavy metal pollutants.

In order to create effective strategies to restore and protect Narragansett Bay, a basin-wide planning approach is necessary. With the large number of agencies involved in water quality protection, coordinating activities and providing consistency is difficult. The comprehensive plan being developed by the Narragansett Bay Project will provide a coherent, integrated plan for effective Bay management and protection well into the next century.

Judith Korch, The Narragansett Bay Project
The Narragansett Bay Project is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

College Chat: Anti-Semitism A Reality Not an Illusion

by Tj Feldman

Communism has taken some crushing blows in recent months, but as newly liberated countries scramble to establish democracies, anti-Semitism has reared its ugly head. The forms in which anti-Semitism has appeared vary from country to country within the Eastern Bloc ranging from neo-Nazi groups to extreme nationalist groups like Pamyat in the USSR.

The idea of German reunification is quickly evolving into a reality, but for Jews it is one that is frightening. The ques-

tion on the minds of most Jews is: Will German reunification be the beginning of another Holocaust? It's a question that provokes startling answers.

In the USSR, the nationalist group Pamyat had promised that pogroms against the Jews would occur on the fifth of May. They fortunately didn't keep the promise, but they succeeded in frightening the Jews. This is significant because even though Jews are being allowed to leave the Soviet Union, not all are leaving. Some want to stay, some are still being re-

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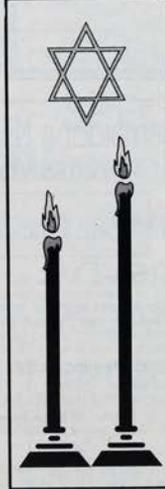
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World and National News

Shas Faithful Blast Politicians

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Spirited rebukes to nonserenous public figures in Israel are a more effective means of rallying the faithful than attacks on their politics.

So it seemed at Tel Aviv's Yad Eliahu basketball stadium, where thousands of Shas party supporters turned out recently for a pre-Shavut prayer-and-study assembly.

They displayed vociferous support for the party's spiritual mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, whose quarrels with Likud's hard-line policies got only a tepid response.

But the audience in the basketball court sang and clapped in support for Yosef every time

his name was mentioned, and gave him a prolonged, high-decibel standing ovation when he rose to deliver a strictly nonpolitical sermon at the end of the evening.

Yosef came under sharp media attack after his unusually blunt criticism of several national figures in a May 24 speech to Shas rabbis in Bnei Brak.

The former Sephardic chief rabbi accused Prime Minister-designate Yitzhak Shamir of eating shellfish. And Ariel Sharon, the former minister of industry and trade, was castigated for consuming pork.

The Shas rabbi invoked upon Attorney General Yosef Harish the popular Arabic

curse, "May his house be destroyed."

He also accused the state comptroller, Miriam Ben-Porat, of anti-Orthodox sentiments, which he said were often reflected in her judgments when she was a member of the High Court of Justice.

Ben-Porat and, to a lesser extent, Harish are involved in current legal and administrative moves against the system of "special funding" for Orthodox educational institutions. Those arrangements were exposed to public criticism recently in connection with bargaining for coalition support.

The news media also proved to be a popular whipping

boy. Interior Minister Arye Deri of Shas promised that for every critical article in the press, "10 talmeidei Torah (Orthodox junior schools) will be built."

Deri also promised that in the future Shas would have to hire the huge Ramat Gan national soccer stadium to accommodate its prayer-and-study assemblies.

Actually, there were many empty seats in the 10,000-capacity basketball court, despite bussing in supporters from distant towns.

Observers noted that the other ultra-Orthodox parties, Degel HaTorah and Agudat Yisrael, had bigger turnouts in Yad Eliahu recently.

Some ascribed the less-than-overwhelming turnout to the grass-roots rebellion when Rabbi Yosef sought briefly to take Shas into an alliance with Labor.

Yosef subscribes to territorial compromise, stemming from halachic injunctions which give primacy to saving lives. But that policy is thought to have cost the party popularity among its rank-and-file sympathizers.

Schoolchildren Get In Touch With Their Heritage

by Leslie J. Gottesman

(WZPS) They're climbing Mount Sinai in Ashkelon. In Ramle, children draw an architectural sketch of a synagogue. With a set of props illustrating an episode in the life of Biblical Abraham, Netanya youth are dealing with the concept of kindness for its own sake. Interestingly, these ventures into experimental Jewish consciousness are being made by nonreligious Israeli children with the full backing of their secular government schools.

Pioneering these enrichment programs is an association called Heled, a Hebrew acronym for "education for youth according to their lifestyle." Now operating a network of study centers situated in eight cities throughout Israel, Heled invites nonreligious elementary schools ("mamlichit") to introduce their students to rudimentary Jewish concepts and objects within a creative, stimulating format.

Heled was the brainstem of Israeli educator Uriel Breuer who, twelve years ago, was alarmed by a critical development: the sudden absence of positive Jewish identification amongst a large part of secular Israeli youth. Breuer had taken special note of a study conducted by Professor Simon Herman at the Hebrew University. Fifty-one percent of the Israeli teenagers polled reported that their being Jewish made little or no difference in their lives. Likewise, thirty-

eight percent answered to either no preference in their religious identity or a preference to not being born a Jew.

Breuer was determined to reverse this attitude of Israeli youth to their own heritage. Together with a group of educators, he initiated a resource facility for Jewish education that won the support of the Ministry of Education. Developing from modest summer camp programs into a full program of educational activities, Heled carefully devised educationally sound techniques to put Jewish children in touch with their tradition. Being generally accepted that attitudes developed in the formative years play a key role in the individual's eventual world view, the project was planned with from second to ninth graders in mind.

The nerve center of these programs, located in the heart of Tel Aviv, operates a laboratory of Jewish life. A corps of twenty young religious women volunteering in the national service program, form a team with the administrative staff in order to prepare educational material and present programs to children around the country. The staff is thoroughly trained in educational technology and consequently there is no lack of innovative approaches in the presentation of Jewish topics.

On the day of our visit, two third-grade classes from a Ramat Gan School were meet-

ing in groups of twenty. Director Don Kates explains that the classes are invited for three

separate encounters on Jewish identity. For a nominal fee of

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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

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Marvin Holland addresses the community before the walk-a-thon.



Addressing the walk-a-thon participants at the start of the event is Yitzak Oren, who is Israeli Consul of the New England region. On the platform with the Consul are Betsy Holland, David Hirsch, president, Rhode Island Jewish Federation; Marvin Holland and Cantor Brian Mayer.



Holding Providence Chapter of Hadassah's banner are Herta Hoffman, Mildred Marks, Claire Bell, Dr. Elaine Fain and little Jessica Fain.



Among the 30 USY kids were Oren Kaufner, Zeb Alexander, Josh Rotenberg advisor; Hyla Kaplan, Josh Schiffman, Mike Goldbaum, Ari Newman. Ari was one of the shofar blowers.



The Walk-a-thon to help resettle Jewish emigres from the Soviet Union in the United States and Israel began with the sound of shofars. Operation Exodus is part of a nationwide effort to help pay the costs of immigration of Soviet Jews.



Walkers Ari Berenson, Josh Beraha, and Abigail Levine raise the banner for the Jewish Community Center.

Photos by Dorothea Snyder

Arts and Entertainment

"Man of La Mancha" Shines At Matunuck



Pictured are Linda Balgord as Aldonza with the horse and mule team, Dante Sciarra and Donnie Thibodeaux, in "Man of La Mancha," now at Theatre-By-The-Sea in Matunuck through June 24th.

by Dorothea Snyder

I don't belong to the ranks of those lucky people who saw Richard Kiley in the role he made famous in "Man of La Mancha." But I can say I have ho hummed through two different productions between Boston and Providence.

With schoolgirl anticipation, I was quite anxious to see Theatre-By-The-Sea's production currently on stage in Matunuck.

Blame my unwavering confidence on the smash opening season FourQuest Entertainment chalked up last summer.

Well, they've done it again! Whether or not you've seen the 1965 hit musical based on the life and work of Miguel de Cervantes y Saavedra, you should see this one at the Matunuck theatre. It is a jewel.

To freshen the memory, Don Quixote's story is told from a prison cell in Spain where the author awaits trial by the Spanish Inquisition. The other inmates rustle through his belongings, find the manuscript to Don Quixote, and threaten to burn it.

Cervantes and his manservant, Sancho, re-enact the story to prove its worth.

Through David Holliday's portrayal of Cervantes/Quixote, we see and sense the gentle sweet qualities of a soul whose world we may find pathetic, yet enviable at the same time. "A foolish pretender fighting windmills," he is accused of with mockery.

"Man of La Mancha" lovingly spoonfeeds admiration for the foolish gallantries of Don Quixote, leading up to "The Impossible Dream," an intense musical celebration of hope for a better life.

"Every man could dream his dream to keep him from despair," he says wistfully, Don Quixote's idealism gives Cervantes the strength he needs to face the Inquisitors. Through his dreams, he crusades to right the tyrannical ills of 16th century Spain.

"The Impossible Dream," ends the first act and opens the

second act. Holliday's dramatic and musical performances are esthetically in sync and feeling as he extols virtue, nobility, patience. He is described as "the wisest madman or the maddest wise man."

Quixote's devoted servant, Sancho, is called a "fat little boy stuffed with proverbs" by one of the characters. Ciro Barbaro, in that role, is far from "fat." Although he managed to carry it off with an ever-present smile, Barbaro lacked the physical appearance and the (continued on page 16)

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Business profile: Roger King

Ensclosed in his sunny, second-story Newport gallery, surrounded by hundreds of paintings and engaged in a telephone conversation to New York City, art dealer Roger King is in his element.

Pastoral scenes, ships at sea and Providence in the 1800s line the walls inside. Outside, blond yachting types and their partners breeze by; their thoughts alight with fine food and good times as the city anxiously greets the first warm weekend.

A professional art collector for 17 years, King, a native of Newport has run the Roger King gallery for seven years and attracts numerous aficionados looking to upgrade their collection and to make an investment.

But for years this acclaimed business was a hobby that dates back to a youngster caught up in the fun of collecting. His grandfather was a cabinet maker who took young King to auctions in order to buy old furniture for the Santo Domingo Mahogany.

Exposed to the world of auctions and household sales, King eventually began collecting himself. His first acquisition was a bunch of old clocks. At one point, he began collecting paintings. "It was just a hobby at first," he shrugs nonchalantly. "But I began to meet more and more people who were doing it."

A graduate of Bryant College, King worked for years in broadcasting for the Outlet Corporation and for WJNE and eventually began running a wholesale business in Providence. "People were coming to me more and more frequently to upgrade their collections," he said.

King has earned a reputation for being fair and upfront to his customers and other collectors. "I always tell people that the most important consideration in buying a painting is whether you really like it or not. If it's only nice and not exceptional, you have to live with it."

Currently in demand, he says, are impressionistic paintings and work by women artists like Rhode Island's Ma-

bel Woodward. Many of his paintings in the studio are soft, pastoral scenes, parks surrounded by apple blossoms. "Who wouldn't like these?" King said.

King makes most of his buys from private homes and referrals and also uses the works of two living artists. His current passion is the Channel 36 Art and Antique Auction which he is helping to organize. The auction is not scheduled until February of 1991 but because of recent cuts in the state budget, King is working ahead of schedule to help the station. "It's a very important cause and I urge anyone interested to participate."

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Year Of The Hebrew Language

Hebrew is a language
That's very, very old.
It was used to write the Bible,
Thousands of years ago, we're told.

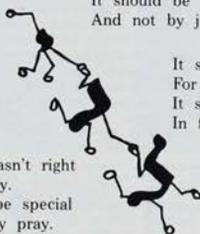
It was only used in the Bible
'Til 2000 years had passed.
Then some people had a dream
To bring Hebrew back at last.

Some Jews thought it wasn't right
To use Hebrew every day.
They thought it should be special
And used only when they pray.

But others thought Hebrew should be
The language of each Jew.
It should be used by everyone
And not by just a few.

It should be used for poetry,
For stories, and for signs.
It should be used when talking;
In fact, used all the time.

A hundred years have come and gone
And this year is unique.
It's a year to practice and to learn
The language Jews should speak.



In 1890, one hundred years ago, a group met in Israel, to form the Committee of the Hebrew Language. Its job was to help make the Hebrew language used not just in prayer, but also in everyday life. They met to talk about how words in the Bible could be used in modern conversation. They made up new words. Then, they worked to teach these words to Jews living in Palestine, the land that would later be called Israel.

Their work wasn't easy. For example, what Hebrew word could be used to describe electricity? In the Bible, an event is described when angels were surrounded by a flashing light called "chashmal." They decided chashmal would be the perfect Hebrew word for electricity.

After World War I, Hebrew became the official language of Palestine. Soon Hebrew was taught in the schools.

As Jews kept arriving in Palestine from many different countries, it was important for everyone to speak one language. The Committee's work became even more important.

In 1953, five years after the State of Israel won its independence, the government of Israel gave the Committee a new name: the Academy of the Hebrew Language. Today, the Academy is still an important part of Israeli life. No more than 23 people can serve as members. Well-known experts in Judaism and Hebrew, as well as Hebrew writers, work in the Academy.

New words, especially words used for science, need to be invented all of the time. To do this, small committees of at least two members meet once or twice a week. They decide how to spell new Hebrew words and how to use the words correctly in sentences. The whole Academy meets five or six times a year.

When you are in Israel, listen to the radio just before 7:00 a.m. You will hear new words taught and how the words are used. This is the main way the Israeli people learn new words and their meanings. The words are also added to dictionaries and taught to the people of Israel.

Rebus - (Ree-boose) ריבוז

What was the first book to be written using a real alphabet?



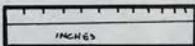
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- Answers on next page.

Summer Glad-Lib

Before reading the letter from summer camp, fill in the blanks below. Then read the letter, using the words from this list.

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| 1. An adjective: _____ | 13. A number: _____ |
| 2. An adjective: _____ | 14. An adjective: _____ |
| 3. A verb: _____ | 15. Plural animal: _____ |
| 4. A game: _____ | 16. An adjective: _____ |
| 5. An adjective: _____ | 17. An adjective: _____ |
| 6. An adjective: _____ | 18. A place: _____ |
| 7. A foreign language: _____ | 19. A plural noun: _____ |
| 8. A noun: _____ | 20. A boy's name: _____ |
| 9. A noun: _____ | 21. An adjective: _____ |
| 10. A place: _____ | 22. A noun: _____ |
| 11. A place: _____ | 23. An animal: _____ |
| 12. A plural noun: _____ | 24. A name: _____ |

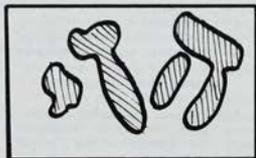
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(B'teh-ah-vone) – Good Appetite

Aleph-Bet Pretzels

What You Need:

- 1 package yeast
- 1½ cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¾ cups of flour
- 1 egg



What You Do:

1. Turn the oven on to 425 degrees. Be sure an adult is with you whenever you use the oven! Wash your hands well.
2. In a large bowl, mix the yeast, water, sugar, and salt.
3. Slowly add the flour. Knead the dough until it is smooth. If the dough is sticky, add a little more flour. The dough should not stick to your hands or to the sides of the bowl. Sprinkle a little flour on your hands to make it easier to knead the dough.
4. Sprinkle a little flour on the board or on waxed paper. Pull off pieces of dough and roll into thin "snakes" about a foot long. Shape the "snakes" into Hebrew letters. Put them on an ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Crack the egg into a small bowl and beat it well. Brush the pretzels with the egg. Sprinkle some salt on top, if you like.
6. Bake the pretzels for 10 to 14 minutes, until golden brown. When done, remove from pan to cool.

A Letter From Summer Camp

Dear Mom and Dad:

Camp has been _____¹ so far! There have been so many _____² things to do. I love to _____³ in the camp pool and play _____⁴ on the new tennis courts! There are a lot of _____⁵ kids here from all over! Some go to Jewish Day Schools like mine and some go to _____⁶ schools. In the dining room, we can only speak _____⁷, so my _____⁷ is getting better all the time! I've made a _____⁸ in ceramics for Dad and a _____⁹ in regular arts and crafts for Grandma. I've got two best friends from _____¹⁰ and _____¹¹. We always sing the Birkat HaMazon, Grace after _____¹², the loudest! Last Shabbat, we took a walk in the woods and saw _____¹³ spiders, one _____¹⁴ snake, and four _____¹⁵. Don't worry, though! All of the counselors know first aid! The food has been _____¹⁶. The challot on Shabbat have been _____¹⁷. They're made in _____¹⁸, not too far from camp. Next Shabbat, I'm going to be the rabbi for Saturday morning _____¹⁹. Keep _____²⁰ out of my room and tell him to keep his _____²¹ hands off of my _____²²! Please don't forget to feed my _____²³!

Love,

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Local News

Congregation Sons of Israel and David, Temple Beth-El held its 135th Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 20. Bruce Sundlun was unanimously elected to his third term as the 29th president of the congregation. Sundlun's father, Walter, served two terms as president during the 1930's and 40's.

The meeting was highlighted by a special video presentation commemorating the

temple's 135th anniversary. The unique film, produced by Robert Rose from WJAR-TV

and George Goodwin, the Temple's archivist, had premiered the night before at the Temple's 135th Anniversary Gala.

In addition to the film, Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky, regarded as the dean of Rhode Island Jewish History, was recognized for his decade long work writing the temple's history, *A Century and a Quarter of Spiritual Leadership*. Dr. Goldowsky's 500-page history will be published this summer and presented to each Temple member who contributed to the 135th Anniversary Fund.

The Temple also acknowledged the long time service of Esther Kaplan, secretary to the Temple's senior rabbi, since 1965. The congregation also had an opportunity to bid farewell to Rabbi Susan L. Miller who is leaving the Temple to be married this summer.

Sally Lapidus and Michael Barnicle chaired this special and historic meeting of the congregation which also included the election and installation of the following officers and trustees: Henry Litchman, M.D., senior vice president; Lee P. Krasner and Jeffrey Kasle, vice presidents; Jeffrey Sharfstein, treasurer; and Richard Borod, secretary. Trustees elected to a three-year term: Leonard Decof, Larry Friedman, Nancy Gewirtz, Elaine Hoffman, Lawrence Kahn, Sally Lapidus, Jeffrey Pine, Allen Rubine, Fran Slutsky, Ellen Steingold and William Mutterper.

Presidential appointees are Bertram Lederer, The Hon. Lisa Sapinsley, David Casten.

When you announce the birth of a child why not include a black and white photo?



Photograph includes (l to r) Temple Beth-El Annual Meeting: Sally Lapidus, chairperson; Rabbi Leslie Y. Guterman, Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky (who was recognized for his writings on the Temple's history), Bonnie Goldowsky, Bruce Sundlun, president and Michael Barnicle, chairperson.

Sons of Jacob Synagogue

Thursday, June 7 — The period for blessing the Creator of the moon ends this evening (Sivan 15). Thursday night.

Friday, June 8 — Fifteen days in Sivan. Candlelighting 7:59 p.m. Minchah at 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 9 — Sixteen days in Sivan. The Torah reading is Parshas B'Ha'Aloosecho. Haftorah is read from Zechariah (2:14-4:7). Shacharis (morning) Services at 8:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush. Minchah 8:05 p.m. followed by the "third" meal. Ma'ariv 9:05 p.m. The Sabbath concludes at 9:11 p.m. Havdalah service is at 9:14 p.m.

Sunday, June 10 — Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. followed as usual, with coffee and refreshments.

Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30, and for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:45. Minchah for the entire week is at 8:05 p.m.

The Congregation wishes everyone a pleasant and healthy enjoyable summer!

Shavuot — Then and Now
The two days of Shavuot have passed. In ancient Israel, a long

procession would wind its way through the streets of Jerusalem — men, women, children — carrying baskets filled with the fruit products to the Temple.

Today, this custom has been revived. Long lines of children marched with their baskets and guide beautifully decorated floats. The fruits are sold for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund.

What did we do on Shavuot? We decorated our homes and synagogues with plants and flowers. The greenery reminded us that this was a harvest festival and also that Mount Sinai was covered with green foliage when Moses ascended it to receive the Torah. We studied longer and harder Torah.

In the synagogue, besides the regular holiday service, the Book of Ruth was read, the reason is that this beautiful story of faith and devotion took place during the harvest season. King David was descended from Ruth and it is believed that he was born and died on Shavuot.

A special prayer that is chanted in the synagogue of Shavuot is called Akdamut. This is a hymn of praise to G-d. It also thanks him for giving the Jewish people the Torah.

There is a special melody for this prayer which over the years has become as definitely identified with Shavuot as the Kol Nidre chant has with Yom Kippur. This year, as for the last dozen or so years, it has been our great fortune to have Mr. Harold Labush conduct and guide the congregation.

A Shavuot custom that has grown up in many Conservative and Reform Temples is that of confirmation. Because the Jewish people received the Torah on Shavuot, this holiday has become the season for the beautiful ceremony in which boys and girls are confirmed, or initiated, into the fellowship of our people. Youngsters who have been taught in religious schools and who have completed their course of study satisfactorily, take part in this religious graduation exercise. They now consider themselves Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah — fully fledged sons and daughters of the Jewish faith who have become responsible Jews just as our ancestors were initiated into Freedom and Responsibility at Mount Sinai.

A final Shavuot touch appealed to our gastronomic sense, that is to say, to our heavy appetite, we ate blintzes, cheesecake, and other dairy delights! This custom of eating

dairy food has been linked and symbolizes the fact that the Torah has been likened to "milk and honey." Another is that the Torah was given to Israel on the Sabbath. After the Jewish people received the Torah, they were no longer permitted to eat meat that was not slaughtered according to the rules set down in the Torah. Since it is not permitted to slaughter animals on Shabbat, only dairy foods could be eaten.

And so, with Shavuot, the Jewish holidays are over. The best aspect of each of the holidays is the knowledge they leave behind that with the new calendar they will be with us once again, that they have not said "goodbye" but only — "so long for a while!"

Piano Recital

Gloria J. Spivack of East Greenwich is pleased to announce that a group of her students will be playing at her Annual Spring Piano Recital to be held this year on Monday evening, June 11 at the Mary K. Hall Music Mansion on Meeting Street in Providence at 8 p.m.

The ages of the students will range from seven years through adult with varying degrees of musical abilities from beginner through the elementary, intermediate and advanced grades.

The repertoire will include pieces from the classical literature including such composers as Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Schubert and Schumann. In addition to solo performances by each student, there will be several two piano four-hands selections on the program and one two piano-eight hands selection.

Area residents who will be participating include Rebecca Anderson, Stephanie Brucato, Danielle DeCesare, Laurie Faber, Sara Gilbane, Andrew Goulet, Morgan Goulet, Phillips Hinch, Graham Howland, Ellen Huling, Amy Krasner, Meredith McMillen, Carolyn Reilly, Mary Sehl, Stacey Shore, Andrew Sleister, Tara Walsh, Caitlin Wilkinson and Sarah Wilkinson.

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Schreiber Delegated

Announcement has been made by Sara Frank, Cranston-Warwick Chapter of Hadassah that Mrs. Shirley Schreiber of Warwick will be the delegate to Hadassah's 76th National Convention to be held in New York City from July 15 through 18th.

About 3,000 delegates from the U.S. and Israel are expected to attend the convention which includes discussion of problems and opportunities for Jews, the Jewish people and Hadassah in the coming decade and century. The sessions will include a broad range of issues of concern to American Jewish women and on the projects which Hadassah has undertaken.

Hadassah, with 385,000 members nationwide, is the largest Jewish organization in the United States and the largest Zionist organization in the world. In Israel, Hadassah maintains a network of projects in health care, career education, youth welfare and land reclamation. In the U.S., Hadassah sponsors programs in Jewish education, governmental affairs, and leadership development.

National Chairman of the Convention is Marlene Post and co-chairman is Barbara Tirschwell, both of New York.

B'nei Brich

Plantations/Roger Williams Unit No. 5339 B'nei Brich will hold an open board meeting and election of officers at the home of Sandra and Larry Waldman, 61 Woodbury St., Providence, on Thursday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The following is their 1990-1991 slate: co-presidents, Ann Gaffin, Carole Millman, Lawrence Waldman; executive vice president, Alan Gaffin; membership vice president, Lois Hopfenberg; fund-raising vice president, Adrienne Uffer; CVS vice president, Michael Gaffin; action vice president, Howard Rabinowitz; program vice president, Melvin Levin; communications vice president, Martin Waldman; recording secretary, Martin Uffer; corresponding secretary, Sandra Waldman; financial secretary, Lawrence Waldman; co-treasurers, Harvey Millman, Carole Millman; chaplain, Howard Rabinowitz; members at large, Robert Kotlen, Burton Fischman, Rhoda Fischman, Mitchell Sugarman; honorary board members, Charles Swartz, Murray Palais, Jack Wilkes.

Installation of officers will be held at the Old Grist Mill, Route 114A Seekonk, Mass., on Saturday, June 9, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Call Sandra Waldman 861-0888 for reservations.

On Thursday, June 14, Italian Cooking Lessons with Al Falk, Retired Head Chef RISD Culinary School, will be held at Rowe Inc., 15 Blackstone Valley Place, Lincoln. The class will cook many Italian delicacies and then enjoy eating them. The cost of this fun night is \$25 per person. Call Ann Gaffin at 751-2663 for reservations.



MAKING PAPER — Alperin Schechter Day School first grade students Jane Chityan, Arielle Mimless and Noah Schechtman roll out recycled paper as their teacher, Sarah Kaplan looks on.

Alperin Schechter First Graders Are Scientifically Inclined

Science, especially the study of living things, is always popular with youngsters, and first grade students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School are no exceptions. Luckily for them, the science program has been full and challenging.

Recently, first graders discussed the issue of conservation of resources. One group was asked to make "animals" out of recyclable materials. Their creations were imaginative and attractive! The other class learned first hand how to make recycled paper.

Plants took center stage with a unit on the growth of seeds. First grade teacher Nancy O'Hare had her students plant sunflower seeds. For the past month her students have been charting the growth of the sunflower seeds in a personal

journal, diagramming their progress week by week. Sarah Kaplan and her class, on the other hand, are participating in a NASA experiment. They planted tomato seeds, some of which are "earth exposed," that is, exposed only to the earth's atmosphere. Other seeds have been "space exposed," that is, they were sent into space on the NASA shuttle. Students are observing the seeds to see if exposure to space has any effect on the rate of germination and growth.

Finally, Mrs. Kaplan's first grade is preparing to watch chicks hatch from their eggs as they care for three different kinds of eggs in an incubator. This project demands constant attention, from checking the temperature and water level daily, to turning each egg twice a day.

Havdalah Dinner For ASDS 2nd Grade

The second grade students of the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School recently participated in their annual Havdalah family dinner program.

In preparation for the program children made their own Kiddush cups, spice boxes and havdalah candles. Parents and siblings were invited for a warm family experience.

The evening began with a traditional Seudah Shelshit, or Third Meal. Dr. Nathan Beraha gave a storytelling session and Rabbi Dan Liben led the group in singing.

As the time for Havdalah approached, children in the second grade class performed an introduction to Havdalah in Hebrew and in English, discussing what the ceremony means, why we perform each of the rituals the way we do,

and some of the Midrashim associated with Havdalah. Then students and their families made Havdalah, using the Havdalah sets they had made and singing a new tune.

Students had also prepared a slide show retelling the story "Adam and Eve and the First Shabbat" from *Exploring Our Living Past*. Students narrated the slide show, which was enthusiastically received.

The final event of the evening was a family crafts projects. Parents and children collaborated on Shabbat table runners which they were able to take home for their personal use.

Co-chairs of the Second Grade Havdalah dinner were Ruth Berenson and Leah Ehrenhaus-Hersh. The program was coordinated and supervised by Susan Adler.

Shalom Chapter Na'Amat Donor Dinner

Shalom Chapter Na'Amat Pioneer Women held their Donor Dinner Tuesday, June 5, 1990 at the Johnson and Wales Hospitality Center on Narragansett Blvd., Cranston.

Chairperson, Esta Karp, along with her committee, Roberta Blum and Idelle Woolf, organized this social event.

Our installing officer, Ellen Troberman, was one of the first Vice Presidents of the chapter and took part in naming it. As it turned out, "Shalom" was her suggestion and it became our chapter's name.

Following are the new officers and board members for the year 1990-91: President, Phyllis Solod; Vice President Membership, Joan Tebow; Vice President Programming, Roberta M. Blum; Vice President Fundraising, Debra Deletsky; and Anita Olinsky; Treasurer/Financial Secretary, Idelle Woolf; Recording Secretary, Sandra Garfinkel; Corresponding Secretary, Joan Levitt and Sunshine Chairperson, Joyce Wacks.

Jewish War Veterans Post #533

Jewish War Veterans, Sackin-Shocket Post #533 will have a Breakfast and Installation of Officers. The installing officer will be past commander Harold Fink. Women are invited. To be held Sunday morning, June 10, at 9 a.m. at Temple Am-David, 40 Gardner Street, Warwick, R.I.

Pawtucket/Central Falls Hadassah

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah will hold their first Board Meeting of the new season on Wednesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rosalind Bolusky, 127 Oak Hill Avenue, Pawtucket. A social hour will follow.

Our Donor Dinner was held on Monday, May 14, at the Marriott Hotel. The new slate of officers was installed. President, Jan Ziegler; vice-presidents, Ruth Stein, Ruth Fidler, Ruth Goldstein, Barbara Hecker; treasurer, Reeva Curran; recording secretary, Betty Levy; social secretary, Ann Gaffin; corresponding secretary, Linda Sine; financial secretary, Lorraine Ageloff; auditor, Lillian Fellner. We also honored Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tilles on becoming founders.

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NCJW Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women was held on Wednesday, May 23, at the Jewish Community Center in Providence. A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the Hannah G. Solomon award to Barbara Long. This award, named for the founder of N.C.J.W. is the organization's most prestigious, recognizing an individual who has given many hours of service to her community and organization.

Barbara Long embodies their ideal through her service as a past president of the Rhode Island Section and long-time chairwoman of the thrift shop. She has also served in District



(L-R) Mardelle Berman and Gertrude Gordon of the National Council of Jewish Women.

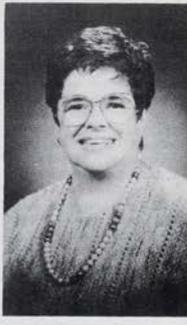
and National capacities of NCJW. In the community, a few of the organizations she has actively served include the R.I. Historical Society, the R.I. Jewish Historical Society, the Alliance for Better Nursing

Home Care, and the P.T.A. The Hannah G. Solomon award was presented to Mrs. Long by another past president and friend, Irma Gross. Chairwoman of the day was Marion Goldsmith.

The installation of this year's officers was also held at the annual meeting. Continuing to serve as co-presidents for another year are Mardelle Berman and Gertrude Gordon. Also serving on the Executive Board for the coming year are vice presidents Kay Kaplan, Judith Lichtman, and Gladys Sandler; treasurer, Ruth Kramer; recording secretary, Roberta Loebenber; corresponding secretary, Leonore Scott; financial secretary, Claire Ernstof; mailing secretary, Eva Sapolsky; assistant mailing secretary, Sylvia Denhoff; and board mailing secretary, Sara Cokin.

New Board of Directors' members serving a two-year term are Elizabeth Goldberg, Nancy Goldberg, Linda Kushner, Glenda Labush, Dorothy Licht, Elaine Lieberman, Terry Lieberman, Melba Meister, and Hinda Semonoff.

Installing officer was Senator Victoria Lederberg.



Rosalind Bolusky

Edith Bernstein and Tilda Kessler; vice president, Betty Levy; general treasurer, Claire Ernstof; assistant treasurer, Freda Rosenberg; recording secretary, Miriam Snell; corresponding secretary, Berth Schoenberg; financial secretaries, Roberta Blum, Sall Gorodetsky, Evelyn HendeLillian Lewis, and Gertrude Rotenberg; mailing secretaries Kay Abrams, Rose Berlinsky, Beatrice Feldman, Anne Krawsky, Shirley Lappin, Jackie Nenzow, Dorothy Prosnitz and Esther Swartz, chair person; honorary board Evelyn Blazar.

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Services this Friday night at the Young Israel of Pawtucket begin at 8:05 p.m. On Shabbat morning the shul will sponsor a sumptuous sit-down kiddush following services which begin at 9 a.m. The rabbi's Mishnah Class will be at 7:15 p.m. Mincha will be at 7:55 p.m.

followed by the Third Sabbath meal. Ma'ariv will be at 9 p.m. Havdalah will be at 9:10 p.m. There will be a regular schedule of services during the coming week.

Trieff Elected Region President Of Hadassah

Judith E. Trieff has recently been elected region president of Hadassah. sachusetts, resident, will serve until 1993. Her responsibilities until 1993. Her responsibilities as president cover Hadassah's Western New England Region, with over 6,000 members, including all of Rhode Island. A Fall River native, Trieff, was previously president of Somerset, Massachusetts Chapter of Hadassah from 1967 to 1969. She has served the region in many capacities, holding portfolios in leadership development, fund-raising, Spring Conference chairman, an area vice-president, and organization vice president.

Trieff is active in a number of organizations and has served as president of Women's League Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, president of Hebrew Ladies Helping Hand Society, and vice president of Temple Beth-El.

Trieff graduated from Wheelock College and has been a substitute teacher in the Fall River school system. She is currently employed by the American Cancer Society. She and her husband Harvey are the parents of two children, Cindy and Anne.

Women's Association Of The Jewish Home

The annual meeting of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will take place on Wednesday, June 13, in the Martin Chase Auditorium. Dessert will be at 12:30 p.m., the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

There will be election and installation of Officers and Board of Directors. The installing officer will be Jeanne Weil. The chairwoman of the day is Rosalind Bolusky. Doris Jacobs is in charge of hospitality.

Annual reports will be presented by the co-presidents, Edith Bernstein and Tilda Kessler, and by chairwomen of ongoing funds and activities.

Estelle Klemmer, chairwoman of the board of the Jewish Home, and Saul Zeichner, president and chief executive officer of the Jewish Home will make special presentations. The annual raffle will be held. Raffle prizes are a 19-inch remote control color television, a video cassette recorder, and a gemstone necklace from the Bresnicks.

The Gift Shop will be open. All summer chairwomen for the various funds will be available.

The slate of officers for 1990-1991 is co-presidents,

104th Annual Confirmation At Beth-El

Four students were confirmed during Shavuot service on Wednesday, May 30, at 1 a.m. at Temple Beth-El. The congregation congratulates the following confirmands and their parents: Elizabeth Bit Elizabeth Braham, Pat Ducoff, and Jessica Flaxman.

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Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

On Sunday, July 22, Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will sponsor a trip to Great Woods. The program will be an "Americana" Family Concert with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin conducting. Jeffrey Siegel is the piano soloist and Gene Shalit will narrate "A Baseball Cantata." Bus will pick up at Temple Torat Yisrael at 1:30 p.m. and at Temple Emanu-El at 1:45 p.m. Return will be approximately 6 or 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Anita Stein (351-9717). The cost for this delightful trip is \$30.50.

R.I. Credit Union Passes the Word on Good Credit

The Rhode Island Credit Union League, which is part of the Credit Union System, has joined a national campaign to teach consumers that "good credit is a wise investment."

The campaign was launched April 23 at the start of National Consumers Week.

Noting that credit is a two-way partnership between lenders and borrowers, the campaign provides consumer information on handling credit responsibility. It offers six C-R-E-D-I-T guideposts to help consumers become better credit managers:

- Contribute to a savings plan to help cover emergencies.
- Remember to keep track of how much credit is used during the month.
- Examine your credit card billing statements for errors or

fraudulent charges.

- Develop a budget to track how much you can allocate to credit each month.
- Investigate rates and terms of credit plans to select ones that best fit your needs.
- Talk to your creditors right away if problems arise.
- "Some people get into problems because of illness job loss," says Jack E. Blum, director of information Credit Union National Association and Affiliates. "But many get into trouble because of careless management or ignorance of good habits, those people the campaign trying to help."

For additional information consumers can call the National Foundation for Consumer Credit, 1-800-388-CCCS in Rhode Island 277-2764.

Milestones

Katz Receives Medicine Degree

David Harold Katz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Katz of Greenville, received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Brown University in Providence, R.I. Brown, the nation's seventh oldest college, awarded 1,427 baccalaureate and 481 advanced degrees (including 80 M.D. degrees) at its 222nd Commencement May 28, 1990.

The M.D. graduates heard Commencement addresses from Dr. Jonathan Schaffir, a member of the M.D. Class of 1990, and Dr. C. Everett Koop, former surgeon general of the United States. Schaffir, who was selected by his classmates to deliver the address, spoke

on the topic "Drinking from the Firehose." Koop's address was entitled "The Future of Medicine is in Your Hands." Dr. David S. Greer, dean of medicine at Brown, administered the Physician's Oath to Katz and the other M.D. graduates. He used a special version of the Hippocratic Oath devised by Brown's first M.D. class (1975).

Katz graduated from Moses Brown High School and has a B.A. from Boston University and an M.S. from Northeastern University. Katz will begin residency training at Georgetown University Hospital in Pediatrics.

Hilary Rothberg Called to Torah

Hilary Rothberg of Cindy Ann Dr., East Greenwich, R.I., celebrated her Bat-Mitzvah on Saturday, May 26, 1990, at Temple Torat Yisrael. Rabbi David Rosen and Cantor Shimon Gewitz officiated.

Hilary is the daughter of Dr. Kopel & Sharron Rothberg, and the sister of Elana Rothberg.

Hilary is an accomplished figure skater, and is a New England and Eastern champion.

Maternal grandparents are

Greenbergs Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Greenberg of East Providence, R.I., announce the birth of their first child, son, Ryan Andrew on May 19, 1990.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Carey of Narragansett. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Greenberg of Providence.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Myer Greenberg, Mrs. Gladys Eiman of Providence, Mr. John J. Carey of Illinois and Mrs. Mary Benckendorf of Missouri. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Helen Auger.

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Fischer Receives Degree

Dr. Peter Andrew Fischer graduated May 20, 1990, from Tufts University School of Medicine where he received his doctorate in medicine. Fischer completed his undergraduate studies at the Univer-

sity of Vermont where he graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

He will begin his residency in internal medicine at New England Deaconess Hospital in

Boston.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fischer of Cranston and the grandson of Hanna Finberg of Portland, Me.

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ence, as well as a small studio in his home for doing freelance work and ink drawings of homes and businesses.

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A Leonardo daVinci Film

A film on Leonardo daVinci will be shown at the Barrington Public Library on Tuesday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. The genius and accomplishments of the Renaissance artist-inventor are depicted in this film. His

best-known paintings are shown, including the Mona Lisa and the National Gallery's Geneva de'Benici, and notebooks of his drawings are examined. The narrator, Sir John Gielgud, introduces the viewer to Leonardo's contemporaries and to the Italian countryside, which the artist so keenly observed.

This program is part of an audiovisual art series called "With an Eye to Art," running currently at the Library. All presentations in the series have been provided by the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. For more information contact Community Services Librarian, Lauri Burke.

1990 Folk Festival And Craft Fair At Great Woods

The Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts announced recently details of the second annual Great Woods Folk Festival and the first Great Woods Craft Fair. The two-day event is set for Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17 and is presented under the auspices of the 1990 USTRUST Festival.

The line-up for the 1990 Folk Festival brings twenty of folk's brightest stars to the Great Woods stage. Headliners Rickie Lee Jones and Arlo Guthrie will be joined by Tuck & Patti, Lyle Lovett, Shawn Colvin, The Bobs, Leo Kottke, Acoustic Hot Tuna, Tony Rice Unit, Mahlahini & The Mahotella Queens, Buckwheat Zydeco, Norman & Nancy Blake, Joy Ely, Bill Morrissey, Cephas & Wiggins, Wayne Toups & Zydecujan, Cuchallan

Irish All-Stars with Step Dancers, Sally Rogers, The Wright Brothers and Stephen Bard. Performances begin at 1 p.m. on both days.

In addition, music workshops will take place throughout each day covering topics such as songwriting, guitar technique, voice and fiddle-playing led by experts including Orrin Star and Bob Franke. Children's entertainment will be presented daily featuring mime and clown performers, the Bennington Marionette puppet theatre and special musical performances.

For the first time, the Great Woods Folk Festival expands to include the New England Craft Fair. Over fifty artisans from all over the Northeast will display and sell their work throughout the Great Woods

facility including jewelry, quilts, poetry, woven goods and wood carvings.

Tickets for the Festival are priced at \$17.50 for the lawn (\$12.50 for children under 12; under 5 free) and \$24.50 for the pavilion. Two day Festival passes are available for \$30 lawn seating, \$45 for the pavilion. There is an additional \$1.50 surcharge per ticket for parking. Tickets are on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets and phone charges (617) 931-2000.

The Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts is presented by WBZ-TV 4, Boston. The 15,000 seat facility is located in Mansfield, MA, within 40 minutes of Boston, Worcester, Providence, R.I. and Cape Cod.

Manekofsky Receives Degree

Lisa Jean Manekofsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Manekofsky of Cranston, received the dual degree of Master of Science in Broadcast Administration from Boston University's College of Communication and a Master of Business Administration from the Graduate School of Management at Boston University during commencement ceremonies May 20, 1990.



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Obituaries

IRVING J. ADLER
CRANSTON — Irving J. Adler, 83, of 52 Sinclair Avenue, owner of the former Adler Hardware & Paint Co. on Prairie Avenue in Providence from 1925 until retiring in 1970, died Wednesday, May 30,

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1990, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence. He was the husband of Sara (Himmelfarb) Adler.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was a son of the late Solomon and Anna (Rubin) Adler. He had lived in Cranston 34 years, previously residing in Providence.

Mr. Adler was a life member of the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and served its board of directors. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Order, and was an adviser to the Cranston Senior Services Department.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Toby Solomon of Worcester, Mass., a son, Kenneth Adler of Cranston; a sister, Evelyn Parness of Providence; two brothers, Louis Adler of Warwick and Benjamin Adler of Cranston; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral service was held Friday, June 1, at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SAMUEL BEERMAN

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Samuel Beerman, 88, of 6100 NW Second Avenue, died Friday, May 25, 1990, at Hospice by the Sea, Boca Raton. He was the husband of Frances (Jasper) Beerman. His first wife was the late Betty (Krovitz) Beerman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Joseph and Ida (Pinsky) Beerman, he had lived there most of his life, moving to Boca Raton six years ago.

Mr. Beerman was the founder and proprietor of the former Betty Rand Store in Providence for many years before retiring.

He had been an Army World War II veteran.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Joseph Beerman of Glenco, Ill., and Richard Beerman of California; a sister, Lillian Ludman of East Providence; and two grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services took place Monday, May 28, at Lincoln Park Cemetery and were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

INA GOLDMAN

PROVIDENCE — Ina Goldman, 83, of 106 E. Manning St., a real estate broker in Inverrary, Fla., for 20 years before retiring seven years ago, died Saturday, June 2, 1990, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of David Goldman.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., a daughter of the late Samuel and Bessie (Herman) Kahn, she lived in Providence for five years. She previously lived in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Mrs. Goldman was a member of the Golden Agers at the Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth-El, its Sisterhood, the Majestic Senior Citizens Guild and the Leisure Club at Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves a son, Mark Goldman of Warwick; a daughter, Patricia Gurevich of Bedford Hills, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, June 4, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Knollwood Park Cemetery, Queens, N.Y.

SYLVIA GREEN

PROVIDENCE — Sylvia Green of 2 Jackson Walkway, a professional teacher at the Bridge Club of Rhode Island for the past 12 years, died Friday, June 1, 1990, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Sheldon Green.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Philip and Rose (Sherman) Grossman, she had lived in Providence 14 years. She previously resided in Fall River, Mass.

She was a past president of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El of Fall River, a bridge life master and considered a leading authority on bridges in Rhode Island.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Michael LeSavoy of Gastown, N.H., and Richard LeSavoy of Methuen, Mass.; a daughter, Barbara Schumehl of Rochester, N.Y.; three sisters, Edith Chess of Connecticut, Ruth Bloch of New York and Lila Dannenberg of Great Neck, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, June 3, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

LEO H. ROSEN

PROVIDENCE — Leo H. Rosen, 88, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., owner of the former B.F. Rosen Co., North Main Street, until retiring in 1975, died Sunday, May 22, 1990, at the home. He was the husband of Leila (Fain) Rosen.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Barnett F. and Bessie (Braunstein) Rosen.

Mr. Rosen was a 1922 graduate of Brown University, and had been class treasurer for four years. He was active in the Brown Alumni Association. He was a founding member of the Scorpio Club at Brown.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its treasurer, and a member of its Men's Club. He was an executive board mem-

ber and an organizer of the Temple Leisure Club.

In 1976, he received the Hatan Beresit Award from the temple. He was a member of the executive board of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and was active in fund-raising activities. He had been treasurer of the home for five years. He was a member of Hamilton House and was active in its World Discussions. He was a member of the Ledgemont Country Club, Rehoboth, and was a member of Redwood Lodge 35, AF & AM.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Phyllis Cardozo of San Francisco, Calif., and Deborah Isaacson of Lewiston, Maine; a sister, Marion Tenenbaum of Providence; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Tuesday, May 29, at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Schoolchildren Get In Touch

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two shekels (about \$1.40), the schoolchild participates in a four-hour program of game-like activities. According to Kates, the aim of Heled is "to instill a warm positive feeling about the children's Jewish heritage while providing them with general information. It may be the only opportunity they'll have to develop pride in their identity."

One group of third graders sitting in a circle with their eighteen-year-old instructor, their eyes focused on a plastic teaching aid, was animatedly discussing why girls come of age as B'not Mivta a year before boys become B'nei Mitzva. This subject was raised by a question that had been hidden by a heart-shaped object on a board titled Mitzvot. Another question referred to something positive that is done on Yom Kippur. A boy had responded, "I don't ride my bicycle." After other suggestions were elicited from the group, the group leader gave a very brief, simple explanation.

In a second group, a tape recording relating a father's injury in Lebanon was holding the children captive. As the story progressed, the children took turns selecting the appropriate blessing from a movable chart that would best express the feelings of the people concerned. I couldn't help noticing the seriousness with which these eight-year-olds related to the topic; they couldn't have been more eager to choose the prayer of thankfulness when the recording announced the father's release from the hospital: "Blessed is the physician loyal to all beings."

One of the pupil's mothers who had come to observe the program indicated that she was very satisfied. "The children are enjoying the activities," she remarked, adding that the same should be offered the parents.



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Real Peace Or Illusions?

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"the establishment of a Palestinian state on part of the land is aimed eventually at creating a state in all of Palestine." For Shimon Peres and his colleagues, peace was the best slogan to bring down the National Unity government. Because of party politics and personal ambitions of becoming prime minister, he was ready to lead Israel to the brink of unconditional surrender, even before real negotiations began.

For all the peaceniks in Israel and among the Diaspora Jews, the word "peace" creates a state of euphoria, in which illusion becomes reality, with the assumption that everyone not in the peace camp must be for war. For the Americans, the slogan is "territory for peace." But territory was not the issue when the Arabs had it and attacked Israel anyway during the Six Day War. The countless peace initiatives have never brought peace, because neither the Arabs states, nor their Islamic allies, nor the PLO have ever reconciled themselves to the existence of a non-Muslim or non-Arab state in their midst.

That does not mean that peace with the Arab states and

Rabbis

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Pointing to the difficulty of assuring tenure to gay or lesbian rabbis who come out of the closet, the report notes that "the committee does not want to encourage colleagues to put their careers at risk."

This reference to a congregation's possible opposition to a gay or lesbian rabbi is re-emphasized by pointing out that "rabbis are both role models and exemplars. Therefore, the committee calls upon all rabbis — without regard of their sexual orientation — to conduct their private lives with discretion and with full regard to the mores and sensibilities of their communities."

Rabbi Yoel Kahn, a member of the Reform panel and religious leader of a San Francisco congregation with special outreach to the lesbian and gay community, said he believes it is "increasingly possible for rabbis who are gay or lesbian to be employed by synagogues."

He expressed confidence that just as women rabbis were once shunned and later welcomed into the Reform movement, lesbian and gay rabbis will eventually be accepted.

Committee members admitted that their task was made more complex by the unanimous condemnation of homosexual behavior by Jewish tradition, and by scientific disagreement on whether homosexuality is a matter of conscious choice or whether it is innate and therefore unchangeable.

A majority of the committee strongly affirmed the "central-

ity of monogamous, heterosexual, procreative marriage in Jewish tradition," and declined to endorse wedding-like ceremonies between partners of the same sex.

After urging all rabbis and congregations to treat with respect and fully integrate all Jews into the life of the community, the committee "strongly endorsed the view that all Jews are religiously equal, regardless of their sexual orientation."

After vigorous debate, the full report was backed by a majority of 13 committee members, with two opposed and two abstentions, Glaser said.

In New York, the union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America condemned the Reform panel's recommendation, saying "the entire idea is an abomination."

"The Torah in the most unambiguous terms says that the gay lifestyle is a sin and is against the natural order. People who teach the Torah are expected to uphold its standards," Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, executive vice president of the Orthodox Union, said.

Rabbi Chaim Shnur, California director of Agudath Israel, said the report "simply confirms that the Reform movement is basically radical when it comes to halachic tradition."

By contrast, Rabbi Harold Schulweis of Los Angeles, a leading Conservative rabbi, said he was giving the Reform movement "a great deal of credit for tackling an issue that has long been muted and suppressed."

once lived, prayed and died. You find ghostly blocks, old cemeteries in Poland, leftover shuls in Western Europe. Jews have been crushed, or they have moved on, maybe to Israel, perhaps to other lifestyles.

Whatever you seek elsewhere, by way of the airport, away to other hemispheres, you can find it right here in Rhode Island. The little Lincoln chapel from earlier in our century charms me, haunts me like a stone poem about the Jewish condition.

Part of me would like to see it used more often, perhaps for winter unveilings or graveside funerals. Or it's okay just as it is, a small sermon with four walls, a floor, a ceiling, and the air filled with locked in ghosts and spirits. Do they drift in and over through the keyholes and hover over the landscape?

Encountering

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For Forman, the key point in the Jacob story is recognizing the sometimes tragic meaninglessness of life but continuing to struggle for the positive things regardless. "My struggle is to constantly improve myself — but I have to recognize my limits and finally I have a need to be thankful for the opportunity to try."

The program was conducted with St. Martin's Church and Central Congregational Church of Providence.



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College Chat: Anti-Semitism

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fused visas, and those who want to go face long waits until flights become available. For Jews who remain in the USSR, the fear of what groups like Pamyat will do is very real.

However, as a Jew in America the anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe and the USSR is not confined to those places only. Jews in America have to deal with anti-Semitism too. Neo-Nazi groups have increased in numbers in recent years and desecration of synagogues and other Jewish buildings has occurred more frequently. In Western Europe, a Jewish cemetery in France was recently desecrated, graves were dug up, bodies mutilated, and headstones smashed. Jews everywhere are having to face anti-Semitism.

I could give many more examples of specific recent anti-Semitic incidents, but what is more important is that in 1990,



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Zionist Bashing On Campus

by **Winston Pickett**
Northern California Jewish Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — When Hatem Bazian, the newly elected student government president at San Francisco State University, was sworn in last month, six students — four of them Jewish — walked out when the graduate student from the West Bank turned the normally nonpartisan ceremony into a Zionist-bashing event.

The incident began when a singing trio called Al Awda (Arabic for "The Return") opened with what many thought was a Palestinian folk song.

Its political tune became clear when the two guitar-strumming women and a man wearing the traditional kafiyeh sang out that "Israel has blood on its hands" and "Fascists and Zionists sure act the same." The refrain of the was "Free Palestine

The incident is the latest in a rash of anti-Israeli activities by Palestinian students on the San

Francisco State campus, according to Rabbi Dan Dorfman, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation director.

During a pre-election debate in March, Palestinians objected to having Jews run for student government "because they are Zionists and therefore racists," Dorfman reported.

Of the nearly 30,000 students enrolled at San Francisco State, an estimated 2,000 to 2,500 are Jewish. No figures are available for Palestinian students.

Last fall, posters were hung showing a Palestinian woman with a yellow-on-black Star of David superimposed on her bloodied body.

Israel and Zionism are denounced regularly at rallies of the General Union for Palestinian Students.

Jewish students have retaliated with new activism. A new Zionist Student Body was formed to challenge the well-organized General Union for Palestinian Students.

According to Dorfman, it helped Jewish students get elected to the student govern-

ment "for the first time in a long time."

Of the four Jews who walked out of the swearing-in ceremony, three are newly elected representatives to Associated Students, the governmental body.

"I wouldn't be able to control my emotions," said Mona Alfi, a 21-year-old senior.

Stephanie Rottenberg, 22, said the song with the words "43 years of occupation" was "a slap in the face to me and every other Jewish student on campus."

Rottenberg and Alfi joined other students in an open letter to the campus newspaper, demanding a public apology from Bazian.

"A ceremony which should have celebrated the rich diversity of this campus was instead manipulated into a one-sided soapbox for your extremist political views," the students wrote.

HERALD ADS GET RESULTS!



FIRST FORWARD: Seth Lipsky, editor of the *Forward*, a new English-language weekly, holds a copy of the first issue. The paper, which came out on Friday, May 25, is an offspring of the 94-year-old Yiddish-language *Forverts*, an institution among generations of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe.

Peace Group Raps Cops

by **Hugh Orgel**

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Peace Now activists have accused the police of taking "draconic and illegal measures" to discourage demonstrations, such as the one it held recently in Tel Aviv to protest the stalemated peace process and mourn the May 20 massacre of seven Palestinian lay laborers near Rishon le-Zion by a lone Jewish gunman.

The police contend that Peace Now organizers did not observe the ground rules governing mass demonstrations.

A crowd estimated at between 15,000 and 50,000 marched from the Tel Aviv Museum to Malchei Yisrael Square in front of the City Hall under the slogan "Stop Killing and Begin Talking."

Speakers at the rally accused right-wing and nationalist

political leaders, religious leaders and judges who impose light sentences on Jews convicted of killing Arabs of "giving the green light to murder."

Internationally known Israeli author Amos Oz noted that acting Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was invited to address the rally but failed even to respond.

The march and rally were without incident, despite some heckling from right-wing opponents. But the police charged that the organizers had not fulfilled an obligation to hire several hundred professional ushers to ensure order.

Peace Now responded that it used "scores" of volunteers to perform the duty for a symbolic payment. It pointed out that only heavily subsidized organizations could afford to

hire professional ushers for their rallies.

On the way back to Jerusalem, a busload of 30 Peace Now activists was detained by police for allegedly displaying from the vehicle flags of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, alongside Israeli flags. They were released pending further investigation.

Meanwhile, extreme right-wing Israelis are making it clear they condone the mass shooting of Arabs at Rishon le-Zion.

The High Court of Justice recently rejected an appeal by the mayor of Rishon le-Zion, Meir Nitzan, asking it to ban a demonstration by Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach movement, deemed racist by the Knesset.

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'Man of La Mancha'

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Branders during that time.

Musical director Hampton King does justice to Mitch Leigh's music. Staged by Albert Marre in its original production, this one is beautifully directed and choreographed by Ted Forlow for Theatre-By-The-Sea.

One thing, I may not have

seen Richard Kiley as "Man of La Mancha," but his son Michael plays the role of Captain of the Inquisition in this show, and judging from that strong Kiley voice, we'll be hearing more from him in the future.

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humble demeanor that is Sancho's character. Barbaro was too contemporary for the role as well.

As Aldonza, the slatternly tavern maid, Linda Balgord is a rough and tough contrast to the kindly Quixote. It's too much for her to accept herself as the fair lady he sees through his eyes. She wrestles with this throughout. Balgord is iron-clad in her musical and dramatic performance.

Outstanding are Tony Gilbert as the governor/innkeeper, Larry Parrish as the padre, Jack Cirillo as the comic barber, Dante Sciarra and Donnie Thibodeaux, under the guise of a horse and mule team.

For this 25th anniversary production of "Man of La Mancha," Howard Bay's costumes and set are from the original Broadway production. Bay's drawbridge ramp in 1965 was then considered "awesome." It is still quite effective. He had been both scenic designer and director at



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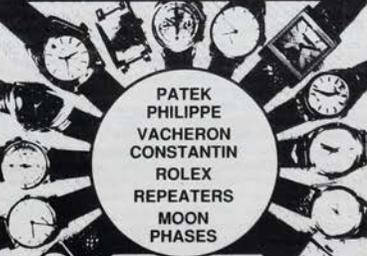
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