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Government Squeezing Jewish Institutions

by Howard Rosenberg
WASHINGTON (JTA) — American Jewish communal institutions are becoming concerned that they are being targeted as potential new sources of revenue by federal, state and local governments struggling to relieve their own fiscal problems.

Until now, the vast majority of Jewish institutions have been exempt from taxation because they served educational, religious or health-related aims.

But increasingly, politicians at all levels of government are coming under pressure to balance budgets and reduce deficits. And in many cases, after painful cuts have been made, the only alternative is to generate additional revenue.

At the same time, politicians are being strongly lobbied by the small business community, which contends that tax-exempt institutions offering similar goods and services have an unfair tax advantage.

All kinds of exempted institutions, and not just Jewish ones, are being affected. But within the Jewish community, YMHAs and Jewish community centers are being singled out for challenge, because for-profit health club facilities view them as direct competition for business.

The Pittsburgh JCC, for instance, is now paying \$25,000 a year in property taxes on its health club facilities. In Cleveland, the JCC is paying \$13,000, not only on its health club, but on its cafeteria and gift shop, as well.

The Cleveland JCC is also paying the city \$10,000 extra a year for fire and police protection.

In both communities, the property taxes were assessed when they built new facilities a few years ago.

Richard Luschni, comptroller for Cleveland's JCC, said the state has made no attempt to tax the JCC's older structure. "We have the exact same facilities in the other building," Luschni said. "They appear to be only going after new construction."

Jewish institutions of higher learning, like their non-Jewish counterparts, are also being slapped with unexpected fees. In many cases, this takes the form of pressure to make direct contributions in lieu of tax payments.

In Waltham, Mass., this spring, the City Council approved a non-binding resolution that for the first time asked Brandeis University and neighboring Bentley College to make payments of \$1 million each to the city. Both schools have refused.

Jewish camps have been targeted, as well. In 1988, the town of Fallsburg, N.Y., and surrounding Sullivan County denied a real estate tax exemption to Camp Kahal Bnei Emenim, which is affiliated with a Brooklyn yeshiva run by the Shopton Hasidic movement.

When the camp missed the application deadline for the tax exemption, "they said if you don't file it on time, you lose it," Judah Dick, the camp's attorney, related.

The camp has yet to pay the \$5,000 property tax, which Dick said would have a "big impact" on its budget. Instead, it is pursuing the matter in court. The camp has already lost a lower court battle and is now appealing the case to the New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest court.

In recent years, localities have tried to take away the exemption from having to pay state sales tax that non-profit charities, including Jewish community federations, have long enjoyed.

For example, Pennsylvania last year stripped the Jewish Federation of Reading of its state sales tax exemption, contending that the federation only indirectly supports charitable activities by funding conformity, related.

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Lawmakers Say Iraqi Invasion Is Gain for Israel and Saudis Alike

by Howard Rosenberg
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Iraq's invasion of Kuwait may bolster support for Israel on Capitol Hill, but lawmakers say the Bush administration could also become more favorably disposed toward Saudi Arabia, at Israel's expense.

Members of Congress, in interviews said the Iraqi aggression strengthens the rationale for selling sophisticated U.S. arms to Saudi Arabia — so long as the kingdom continues to allow the United States to help defend it.

For Israel's image here,

Iraq's invasion is "enormously helpful," said Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.). "This really drives home the essential reasonableness of Israel's posture," he said.

"Israel is in fact besieged by evil people" who "wish them great harm," Frank said.

But he warned that while the Iraqi invasion puts Israel's refusal to accept U.S. proposals for direct negotiations with Palestinians "in a better context, it doesn't make Israel immune from criticism and shouldn't."

Rep. Mel Levine (D-Calif.)

said Israel will benefit because many colleagues have told him they now see "Arab-upon-Arab aggression" as a major Middle East problem that has "nothing to do with Israel."

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He predicted the crisis would put to rest some of the "Israeli-oriented excuses" that blame the Jewish state as the principal reason for there being no peace in the region.

Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) said the Iraqi move would also improve the U.S. image of Syria, which had been regarded by many as Israel's chief foe. The fact that Iraq and Syria are enemies "might enhance opportunities with Israel and Syria," he said.

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Touro Synagogue — Celebrating Two Hundred Years of Freedom



(l. to r.) Last Sunday Bernard Kusnitz, president of Congregation Jeshua Israel of Touro Synagogue, Governor Edward DiPrete and Actor Ed Asner salute during the "Pledge of Allegiance" at the annual celebration of reading of George Washington's letter to Touro Synagogue in 1790.

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Assistant Editor

Celebrities and statesmen were in abundance last Sunday at the annual reading of George Washington's historic letter — part of a weekend celebration commemorating the 200th anniversary of Washington's letter to the Touro congregation in 1790.

Actor Ed Asner, best known for his role as Lou Grant in the Mary Tyler Moore Show, read the letter that George Washington wrote to the Touro congregation in 1790 promising the United States would give "...to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance..." establishing freedom of religion as a national policy.

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Why are these Aleph second graders from Torat Yisrael Religious School smiling? See page 9.

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Inside the Ocean State

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

While the leader Saddam Hussein looks to take over the Middle East, the time is ripe for American Jewry to speak out for the freedom of Jonathan Jay Pollard who is sentenced to life imprisonment for providing Israel with classified military intelligence. Imagine the position America and the world would be in had Israel not destroyed the Iraqi nuclear reactor, thanks to the intelligence information they obtained from Jonathan J. Pollard.

The Jewish Community has remained silent long enough regarding the "Pollard Affair." Jonathan Jay Pollard, a civilian security analyst for the U.S. Navy Intelligence service, was convicted of spying for Israel in 1985. The Justice and Defense Departments had breached their agreement with Israel by withholding intelligence information vital to its security and survival, while Israel a loyal ally allows America free access to a naval base in Haifa and arm depots in the Negev.

The intent of the Defense Department to weaken Israel was clear. In fact, one day after the Pollard sentencing, an arms sale of great magnitude was approved for the Saudis.

The Pollard case can be likened to the Dreyfus Affair. As a result of the framing of Dreyfus, the comfortable Jews

of France — of only 100 years ago — realized that the only true answer to anti-Semitism was the establishment of the State of Israel. Perhaps American Jewry will now come to realize as a result of the Pollard Affair that our only true refuge is in Israel. We are already witnessing the ingathering of the exiles — with G-d's help, into the land promised to our forefathers.

The time to act is now. As Iraq's Saddam Hussein tries to accomplish a Middle East Holocaust, we must convince our government that Jonathan Pollard was unduly punished for something that was to help America. For as long as Israel is strong, so, too, is America.

**Karen Dub
Providence**

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank you for your recent publication of a profile of our Temple, United Brothers of Bristol. However, we believe that one aspect of the report requires some comment on our part.

Specifically, we consider it a serious misrepresentation of our commitment to Judaism when your reporter suggests that we are in some sense 'non-denominational' because we are not affiliated with any formal synagogue movement, and because we frequently have non-Jewish attendees at our services. She also implies that

our services do not follow a permanent structure, but are subject to the whim of the congregation.

This is simply untrue. Our services are taken from the Union prayer book and would be familiar to anyone used to Conservative ritual. Men wear yarmulkes and, as appropriate, talsim. Yes, we have decided to count men and women equally for ritual purposes, but we are hardly unique in doing so. Yes, non-Jewish spouses and non-Jewish members of the Bristol community attend our services, but we have never modified our ritual to accommodate them. We do not hold ecumenical services; we expect our visitors to accept us as Jews.

Perhaps your reporter created this impression in an attempt to illustrate the unusual nature of our synagogue, which, as its Hebrew name states, is more like a Chevra than some of its larger sisters.

**Board of Trustees, United
Brothers Synagogue**

Newport Outdoor Art Festival

The 30th annual Newport Outdoor Art Festival will be held on Labor Day Weekend, September 1, 2, and 3, at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The public is invited free of charge to browse through Washington Square, Eisenhower Park, Long Wharf Mall, Newport, R.I.

Touro Synagogue (continued from page 1)



Last Sunday actor Ed Asner read the famous letter that the first President sent to Touro Synagogue in 1790.

George Washington had toured New England during the summer of 1789 while avoiding Rhode Island, because they had not yet approved the constitution. In May 1790, the citizens of Rhode Island, after much debate, voted to become the thirteenth state. Moses Seixas, Warden of Touro Synagogue, wrote Washington, inviting the first president to Newport.

The President replied, borrowing phrases from Seixas' letter, and officially inviting the citizens of Rhode Island — while promising religious freedom — to join the Union as the thirteenth state. Washington arrived in August 1790 to welcome the new state.

For his third time, Joshua Seixas Fausty, 18, stood at the podium to read his ancestor's letter to the first president. Ed Asner's reading of the President's letter followed.

Governor Edward DiPrete proclaimed August 17-19, 1990, Touro Recognition Day and U.S. Rep. Claudine Schneider brought messages from President Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle and retired Chief Justice Warren Burger.

Edd Doerr, executive director of Americans for Religious Liberty, Silver Springs, Maryland, spoke on "What Religious Freedom Means To Me" which was followed by a solo performance of "Baal Shem" by violinist Zina Schiff.

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Crisis in the Middle East

Jews Among U.S. Forces Despite Exclusion Policy

by Donna Lurie
Northern California Jewish Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Despite Saudi Arabia's official policy of refusing entry to Jews, the Pentagon says Jewish soldiers and chaplains are being sent there with U.S. forces to repel any Iraqi invasion.

"No one is taken out of a unit because of religion. Units go as units," Pentagon public affairs spokesman Tom Green said in Washington.

Another Pentagon official, who requested anonymity, said there are "no restrictions on religious services" for U.S. troops inside Saudi Arabia.

The official, however, said he had no information on the number of Jewish chaplains being sent to the vicinity of the kingdom.

Rabbi David Lapp, director of the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council, said recently that no U.S. Jewish military chaplains are currently in Saudi Arabia.

E.C. May Rethink Stance On PLO

by Ruth E. Gruber
ROME (JTA) — The European Community may have to revise its generally favorable attitude toward the Palestine Liberation Organization because of PLO support of Iraqi aggression in the Persian Gulf, Italian Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis told the visiting foreign minister of Israel, David Levy, here recently.

Levy arrived in Rome from Bonn for brief talks with De Michelis, who currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the E.C. Council of Ministers.

Their talks centered on the current situation in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East generally and on Israel's relations with the 12 nations of the E.C.

The talks followed similar dialogue between Levy and his West German counterpart, Hans-Dietrich Genscher. The two, who met at Genscher's vacation home at Ban Reichenhall in the Bavarian Alps, also discussed economic cooperation between the E.C. and Israel. The issue of East German reparations to Israel was also briefly discussed.

Genscher praised Israel for its restraint in the Gulf crisis, thus making it hard for President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to draw the Arab-Israeli conflict into the fray, Ha'aretz reported recently.

Levy told Genscher of Israel's need for access to the E.C.'s internal market. Follow-up talks on this will be held on Sept. 18, according to a spokesman for Genscher.

Levy was scheduled to return to Israel on August 15. De Michelis will lead an E.C. mission to Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia in connection with the Gulf crisis.

"The mission is aimed at unifying the Arab world against Saddam Hussein, to try to create an Arab coalition against Saddam," the Italian foreign minister was quoted as saying. He admitted that Israel had been right in its assessment of Hussein as a threat to the West.

but that the nearby U.S. Sixth Fleet and the USS Saratoga, a battleship, have Jewish chaplains.

Jewish chaplains in the marines and infantry units have been placed on alert, but have yet to leave the United States, he said.

Lapp said that if Jewish chaplains did land in the Saudi kingdom, "that would be history," marking the first such deployment in an Arab country.

Lapp stressed that the Chaplains Council wants to be careful of Saudi sensitivities. "We don't want to embarrass them, nor do we want to put ammunition in the hands of Iraq," he said. "The host country has always called the shots."

According to Lapp, roughly 1 percent of U.S. armed forces personnel are Jewish. If that same ratio applied to the contingent of U.S. troops dispatched to the Persian Gulf, that would mean approxi-

mately 200 Jewish soldiers are now stationed in or near Saudi Arabia.

Until the late 1970s, the American military screened out Jews from participation in military contracts with the Saudis, according to Steven Emerson, author of "The American House of Saud."

Congressional hearings in 1975 revealed that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had agreed to Saudi demands that all American military personnel serving in Saudi Arabia submit certificates of religious affiliation and other background material, says Emerson.

"These actions effectively barred Jews from participation in Saudi projects,"

At Saudi Arabia's insistence, American blacks also were not given military assignments.

The Saudis relaxed their policy of excluding Jews, however, in November 1973, when American journalists accompanying Henry Kissinger, a Jew who was then secretary of

Israeli Arabs Stock Up

JERUSALEM (JTA) — While demonstrations of support for Iraq continued in the administered territories, Israeli Arabs were reported to be stocking up with food, in preparation for a possible war with Iraq.

They are also demanding to be issued gas masks in light of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's threats to attack Israel with chemical weapons.

The authorities have responded by assuring the public that there are sufficient gas masks and anti-chemical-warfare kits in stock for the entire population, including the Arab community. Arab citizens will get them when the rest of the population does, civil defense authorities said.

The official timetable calls for distribution to start near the end of the year, first in the Tel Aviv area and in the Galilee town of Safed, then in the rest of the country.

Police Minister Ronni Milo assured the public that there was no cause for alarm over events in the Persian Gulf, because Israel is prepared for any eventuality.

state, made his first trip to the Arab country after the oil embargo.

Offended by the Saudi visa application, most of the journalists refused to indicate their religion. The Saudis, says Emerson, "were forced to look the other way."

Despite that incident, though, scores of American companies — and a few universities — have been weeding out Jews from their projects in Saudi Arabia for years.

In the late 1970s, for example, the Vinnel Corp. in California insisted that no personnel with "contacts or interest in any country not recognized by Saudi Arabia" be assigned to the kingdom. Saudi Arabia does not recognize Israel.

In addition, Baylor College of Medicine in Texas refused to send Jews to Saudi Arabia for its lucrative cardiovascular surgical contract with King Faisal Hospital.

About the same time, how-

ever, the Saudis quietly started ignoring the fact that Americans with Jewish surnames were working on military or industrial contracts in the kingdom.

And starting in the mid-1980's, Jewish members of congressional delegations were allowed in the kingdom.

Nonetheless, the Saudis still maintain they will not allow "Zionists" into the country, and many American companies still comply with the anti-Jewish restrictions.

Things have changed since the early '80s "but not that much," says Emerson. "The Saudis still don't have an open visa policy. If you write 'Jewish' on the visa application, you're asking to be rejected."

(JTA correspondent Howard Rosenberg in Washington contributed to this report.)

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The police are ready for the possibility that "hostile elements" may attempt to exploit the situation, Milo said.

Soldiers meanwhile fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse a pro-Iraqi rally by hundreds of Palestinians in the Nablus casbah.

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Swedish Anti-Semitism: The New, Academic Kind

by Jacob Neusner

ST. PETERSBURG — What would you say about a professor who announces to the world that in Judaism "it is a mitzvah, a Jewish religious obligation, to murder non-Jews?" And how would you make sense of that professor's claim that Jewish law requires Jews to kill non-Jews and the Israeli army, rabbinical authorities, and political power to carry out that obligation?

You'd say the guy is a nut, and you'd dismiss him as a crank and a fraud. But in Sweden's Uppsala University, the now-notorious Jan Bergman, once a respected professor of history of religion, goes around teaching libel and slander of Judaism and the Jewish people and the State of Israel — and in the Swedish universities and courts he gets away with it.

Until now, no one would have thought the man a fraud, a charlatan, and an anti-Semite. But that is what he is. Not only so, but his learned colleagues at Uppsala University defend him, explain him away, identify with him. Ragnar Holte, dean of the theological faculty at Uppsala, said he was "not competent to judge." The University gave Bergman unanimous support and did not dis-

associate itself from Bergman's "scholarship." When Rabbis Morton Narowe and Robert L. Wolkoff, Stockholm and Gothenburg, respectively, protested — both are graduates of Jewish Theological Seminary and studied at Hebrew University and Yeshiva University — the court dismissed them as "academically incompetent," and their criticism of Bergman was dismissed as "unfounded."

So, as Narowe says, "A man who maintains that Jews consider it a mitzvah to kill non-Jews will continue to instruct another generation of religion teachers, researchers and ministers, in Sweden. And those who condemn him for his anti-Semitic statements are intimidated with law-suits."

Bergman admits in court, "I cannot deal with Talmud texts so easily. I can't do that." Indeed he cannot! It is the simple fact that Bergman's opinions are without foundation in the canonical writings of Judaism as these have come down through the ages. Sayings ripped out of context that Bergman cites are misconstrued by him. He himself in court admitted that he is not competent in this area, but Uppsala

University is happy to have him teach anti-Semitism in his lectures about Judaism!

Reading a translation of Bergman's testimony in court is to wade through a mass of simple mistakes in reading the Hebrew language, joined with a consistent bias against the State of Israel and Judaism as well. To give one example among many, he says that the Akedah, the binding of Isaac, is presented in Israeli school books to mean: "Do as Abraham, obey blindly. Be prepared even to slaughter your own son... One would so be prepared to slaughter... Amalek and the Egyptians, the best of the Egyptians or the best of the heathens... and if one has weapons in hand... that this direct application of the biblical word is very common precisely on kibbutzim, which are armed, and in the army, which obviously is armed." This garbage is quite acceptable at Uppsala University. What other garbage they teach there no one knows, but the very standing of the University in the theological area has now to be reexamined throughout the world.

So Bergman says, "For the Jew it is a mitzvah to kill a non-Jew, that is a goy." Lest anyone

suppose Bergman exhibits a trace of scholarly competence in this area, he cannot distinguish, for one thing, the Tosafot, twelfth century Talmud commentators, with Tosefta, a third century complement to the Mishnah he cannot identify Mekhilta Beshalah, which he claims to quote; he alleges that the rabbinic literature says, "You must kill the best among the heathens," but he cannot cite a single passage in which he has found this "quotation." This nonsense is what his dean says he cannot judge! Lest anyone imagine that the man has a conscience, he even admits that, while he does not know of any text that commands Jews to kill non-Jewish children, "still, this could possibly exist."

Of one thing I am certain: the world scholarly community in history of religion, represented by the International Association for the History of Religion for its own good name and the good name of the field will dismiss the fraud and charlatanism of Jan Bergman, who can no longer be regarded as a reputable scholar when it comes to Judaism. Uppsala University has given Hitler a posthumous victory — and the

Swedish courts confirmed it.

A leading TV journalist in Sweden, a critic of the State of Israel, concluded "This Swedish academician and spokesman for rationalism accepts anti-Semitism as a political method."

Sweden: we remember your Nazis in the time of Hitler — pleased as you all were with your blond hair and blue eyes. Sweden: we remember how you sold steel and tungsten to the Nazi war machine. Sweden: all Norway remembers what you failed to do as "your brother's keeper." Sweden, we remember. Sweden: do you remember?

Sweden, have you no shame? Jacob Neusner is Graduate Research Professor of Religious Studies at the University of South Florida, Tampa, in St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Sarasota, and Fort Myers.



The Russians Are Coming

by Ze'ev Chafets

(The following is an excerpt from "Rite on Rashi Street," an article by Ze'ev Chafets appearing in the current issue of Reform Judaism, the magazine of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Mr. Chafets, one of Israel's best known writers and political

commentators, is the author of a number of books and many articles. He served as director of Israel's Government Press Office from 1977 to 1982. A native of Pontiac, Michigan, he made aliyah in 1967.)

Curiously, as Israel becomes more westernized, it is si-

multaneously turning back to its roots in Eastern Europe. The reason is the wave of Soviet immigration now sweeping the country. Immigration, which has already brought tens of thousands of newcomers and may bring hundreds of thousands more, already shows signs of becoming the next national watershed, an event that will move the country out of its post-Yom Kippur War doldrums.

Not long ago, an Israeli historian pointed out a strange coincidence — the Balfour Declaration, granting the Jews a national home in the land of Israel, was promulgated during the same week in 1917 that Lenin came to power. It was a reminder that Zionism and Communism began as rivals for the loyalty of the masses of Eastern European Jewry; and that Zionism, for all its flaws, has won. There is more than a little symbolism in the fact that Leon Trotsky's great-grandson now lives in Israel.

The mass Soviet immigration has more than symbolic value, however: it is providing a desperately needed infusion of Jews. And, with their arrival, many of the country's most intractable problems suddenly seem solvable. For one thing, Russian Jews may well break the decade-long political impasse. Most of the immigrants tend to be right-wing, and they are untouched by any particular sense of guilt over the Palestinian issue. Political observers here believe that if current immigration patterns hold, by the end of the century the more hawkish parties will have a clear national majority. Certainly the primary practical argument against keeping the West Bank — that absorbing its million Arabs would turn Israel into a bi-national state with

nearly equal Jewish and Arab populations — becomes less compelling if the Arabs are offset by a million Jewish immigrants.

The power of the Orthodox rabbis may also be a casualty of the immigration. Experts say that almost a third of the Russians are not "Jewish" according to the halachic definition, and even among those who are, very few are observant. This fact makes any change in the "Who is a Jew?" law all but unthinkable. It also means that the percentage of secular Jews in the population will rise precipitously. Ten years from now the power of the religious parties will be more marginal than at any time since the creation of the state.

The Israeli economy, already struggling toward a less centralized, more technological orientation, will also be revolutionized by the new aliyah. Like previous immigrants, the Russians are arriving penniless. But unlike most of their predecessors, they come equipped with scientific and educational skills fitted to the modern world. At the moment, Israel is unprepared to absorb such people — no country in the world can easily integrate an immigration a third the size of its population — and there will undoubtedly be difficulties. But, by the turn of the century, thousands of skilled Russian computer scientists, engineers, and other specialists will be at work here, and their contribution to the national economy will be enormous.

Finally, the very fact of Soviet immigration validates Israel's raison d'être. The sense of national purpose, so evidently missing in recent years, is growing almost palpably as the Russians arrive. The concept of the ingathering of the

exiles, which had come to seem a bad joke during the four years following the Yom Kippur War, once more seems to be a real possibility.

It is fascinating to watch the immigrants arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, named after a man many have never heard of. They are mostly young people, many with small children. Few speak Hebrew or have any Jewish education. Most have no idea where they will spend the night. A few years ago, hardly any dreamed that they would someday be deplanning in Tel Aviv. And yet, here they are, pale, uncertain but eager to get started on their new lives. A year from now, they will be speaking in the Russian accented Hebrew so reminiscent of the old-time Zionists of the Second Aliyah, and their children will barely remember their native land.

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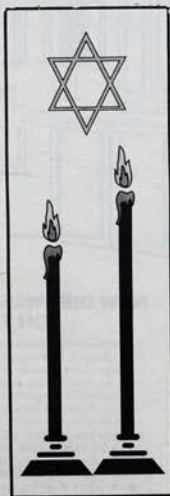
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But now after delay you can read words supposedly directly from Greta herself, adapted by the author from phone chats and confidences supposedly shared during strolls round the block, in the asphalt jungle she stalked in.

"Garbo" tells us she never liked her mom, who shouted abuse at her delicate husband, Greta's beloved dad. On the other hand, Greta adored her sister, Alva, who shared sexual intimacies with her. This set the pattern for the lesbian experiences that recurred throughout her lifetime.

Garbo also lived in great passion for Stiller, her mentor and Pygmalion. Until this volume, there had always been an ambiguity about the nature of their relationship. Gronowicz

spells it out in detail. She also confessed to him her character flaws. Envy, vanity, greed, lust, sloth and avarice all degrade the idealized image of Garbo we held onto.

Politically, Garbo felt debt to the Jewish world of Stiller, Mayer and Lubitsch. They shaped her legend. She planned on shooting Hitler dead. The communists praised her when she declared that the Soviet soldiers who fought Hitler were fine figures.

Even if the text pulls off a total hoax, the image of Greta visiting a Jewish cemetery in Sweden grabbed my eager attention. If Stiller, a Russian Jew, "invented" the Garbo myth, what are the Jewish elements within it? The memory of a rural past, the longing for security, the lonely sense that one has more in touch with the disinherited and with God's world than with any human society — communist, fascist or capitalist — these elements can be deconstructed and viewed as glimpses into Stiller's soul. Garbo needed, but mistrusted, Mayer, just as Stiller did. The director and producer argued in Yiddish over Greta's career.

Richard Schickel adds a Publisher's Afterword in which he states that the Garbo cult came after his own youth.

Hard for him as it will be hard for future generations to get what she was all about. They don't make movies like hers any more. And, he seems to ask, so what?

As a persistent garbomaniac, I found much to resent in Garbo. The unseemly haste with which the publishers rushed to release the debunking of the legend for which she lived. To feed the public taste for the opening of "secrets" that bring down figures of grandeur. Who now is the "real" Greta Garbo, this person concocted by a former "friend" whose stories cannot reliably be verified? Sensationalism marks ordinary, trite thinking, a reduction of complex truths into simple platitudes. The dimension of beauty is wiped away.

We live in an age that wants heroes, but without complexity. We seek answers, not questions. The greatness of Garbo lay in her elegant paradoxes, the mists that disguised her. I add that there are no new pictures of Garbo. The record of her aging face is the tragic, and noble, history of the face that graced the craft of photography, and pens a romantic footnote to Jewish artistic evolution.



Nicole Sullivan, 12, of North Attleboro is ready for school in her new fall outfit.

"The Imported Bridegroom" To Open At Avon

"The Imported Bridegroom," a film based on a story by Abraham Cahan, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward, will be playing September 7 through the 13 at the Avon Cinema in Providence.

"The Imported Bridegroom" is about Asriel Stroom, a widowed landlubber who has amassed a fortune in America. Fearful that his miserly actions have lost him a chance to get into paradise, he returns to the old country and prays at his father's grave for God to wipe away a few of his sins. While

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old world romance begins to while, his lessons from an American tutor include the late-American tutor include the latest in math, English and science. Shaya's intellectual curiosity quickly transports him lightyears away from his Polish village. Caught up in an exciting new world, he loses interest in his pious studies. Flora sees her chance to turn her "imported bridegroom" into the doctor she wants for a husband — so the couple join forces and begin to plot against Asriel's plan for a ticket into heaven. The comedy of assimilation takes off from there, with some surprising twists at the end.

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that stretches your exercise wardrobe to outside the gym.

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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

The seniors at the Jewish Community Center were quick to respond to questions about the administration's handling of affairs in the Middle East crisis.



Jeannette Sloane: "It bothers me that President Bush came to Rhode Island at this time for political fundraising. I don't feel that our American soldiers should have been sent overseas in the beginning at the risk of being killed. The action should have been by the UN because it's their job; we spend millions of dollars to support it. I think it's good now that other countries, including Egypt, have sent forces."



Anna Melamut: "I've been very upset, but today there was a briefing in the news and I was happy to hear that Iraq and the United States were willing to sit down and talk. Everything can come to an understanding if you come and sit around the table and talk with friends and with family. It's the same thing with everybody. You draw conclusions this way. Nobody is perfect. I'm so afraid of wars because I lived through two, and I have children and grandchildren who are eligible to serve. I was worried, but now I feel better because the leaders are intelligent people. If they sit down and talk, they may come to the best conclusion rather than go to war."



Marion Kessler: "I worked for the state for 41 years; I was supervisor of the registry of motor vehicles division. I worked with a lot of governors, both Democrats and Republicans, and I'm very impartial and flexible. I keep up with current events daily by reading the paper and watching the news. We're going through such a terrible crisis in the Middle East. I don't approve of President Bush having been brought here to speak politics when he should be in Washington. With events changing from one minute to another, the president should be in Washington. Although he keeps in touch with his office, that's not enough. He should be sitting right there in his office. That is my opinion and the way I feel. President Bush can be in Maine, but I feel he shouldn't have come to boost politics in Rhode Island with what we're going through in the Middle East. I don't feel it was the right thing to do."

Seniors Mull Middle East Crisis



Photos by Dorothea Snyder



Max Silverman: "I think the president has done the right thing in the Middle East by not delaying his actions. It proves he used good judgment because the rest of the normal world is with him. They all agree with him, or is it because the United States is the strongest militarily among the nations? He worked very quickly to put out the fire. Whatever happens will depend upon what Iraq does . . . if they pull out from Kuwait. Hopefully, a compromise will be made somewhere along the line and peace will be made, but they've got to talk. The more Hussein and Bush talk, the less fire there will be. I believe they will cool the fire because all the nations are pointing to them. I'm happy Israel is on the defensive side. Although Israel isn't saying anything, I believe she is prepared for any eventuality. I can't say there's a tremendous problem there because Israel takes everything to the United Nations. If the UN will agree with our president and offer their voice and opinion, he can act; he doesn't want to act alone. Let the United Nations decide what should be done. It seems that the entire world is united with Bush. Perhaps everything can be straightened out. There's not very much that the little man on the street can do here in America; he's on the sideline. He can voice his opinion, but that's about as far as he can go."

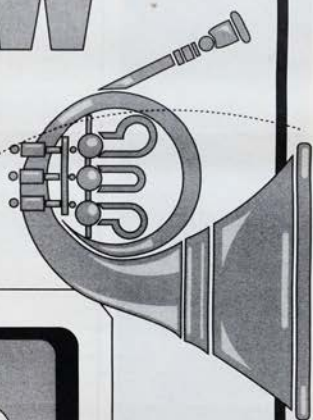



Selda Strumpf: "First of all, if we had waited for the United Nations, they might have done nothing. Second, by the time they would have done something, Hussein would have had as much of the world as he wanted. That's how long it took. I don't think we had time to wait. President Bush was in consultation with all the other heads of state. He didn't do it alone. It's good that he did it at this time and no later, because I think that time was important. Like anybody else, I don't like to think of our boys being hurt or killed, but when it's necessary, your life doesn't count. Lives are taken to save others. For that reason, our president did right. He's showing an easy side of himself by taking care of politics too. I think it can be overlooked that he came to Rhode Island for that reason. The president wants to show us a light side of himself. He doesn't want to sit in Washington and wait for every little bit of news. He's being consulted about everything that happens. It makes no difference whether he's in Washington, Providence or Maine. He'll get the information anyhow."

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1990-1991 JEWISH SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 28-29	Tuesday and Wednesday	Back to School	
SEPTEMBER 9	Sunday	Educating the Jewish Family: Zelniker Teacher In-Service Program Registration for Most Schools First Day of School	No School
10-14	Monday through Friday	Rosh Hashanah	
16	Sunday	Yom Kippur	No School
19-21	Wednesday through Friday		
29	Saturday		
OCTOBER 3-5	Wednesday through Friday	Sukkot	No School
7	Sunday	Columbus Day Celebration	No School in most Schools except Reform Congreg.
10-12	Wednesday through Friday	Shemini Atzeret and Simhat Torah	
28	Sunday	UAHC Biennial	
NOVEMBER 4	Sunday	JFS-JCC-BJE-Brown-RISD Hillel Back to School Program at Midrashah Veterans' Day Weekend	10-12 Grs.
11	Sunday		No School in most Schools
21-25	Wednesday through Sunday	Thanksgiving Recess	No School
DECEMBER 12-19	Wednesday through Wednesday	Hanukkah	
21-Jan. 1, 1991	Sunday through Tuesday	Winter Recess	No School
JANUARY 20	Sunday	School will be held — celebrations for Martin Luther King Day will be part of the activities	
21	Monday	Martin Luther King Day	No School
30	Wednesday	Tu B'Shevat	
FEBRUARY 17-22	Sunday through Friday	Public School Vacation	No School
24-March 3	Sunday through Friday	Purim Carnivals	
27	Wednesday	Megillah Reading	No School
28	Thursday	Purim	
MARCH 10-12	Sunday through Tuesday	Melton Retreat	
19-April 2	Tuesday through Tuesday	Private School Vacation	
29	Friday	First Seder	
30	Saturday	First Day of Pesah	No School except Reform Congreg.
31	Sunday	Second Day of Pesah	
APRIL 6	Saturday	Pesach Ends	
11	Thursday	Yom Hashoah	
14-20	Sunday through Saturday	Public School Vacation	No School
21	Sunday	Interscholar Event	
MAY 2	Thursday	Lag B'Omer	
12	Sunday	Last Sunday for Many Schools; Midrashah Graduation; Yom Yerushalayim	
19-20	Sunday and Monday	Shavuot	

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Torat Yisrael "Hands On Tishri" Family Workshop

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There will be a series of sessions facilitated by the faculty and highlighted by a "hands on" art session that will enable each participating family to begin the design and implementation of a special family project, to be completed at home and brought back to the synagogue for Simhat Torah services. Other sessions will focus on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. There will be a complete display of books and learning materials for all of the fall holidays that will be available for purchase and for home use. Workshops will feature interactive discussion, singing, dancing, drama, and there will, of course, be a holiday snack.

A complete kit of goodies and educational brochures and materials will be distributed to every family. Featured in this year's kit will be some home art projects, as well as a series of coupons provided by area merchants for products that will enhance home celebration of the forthcoming holidays.

Be sure to join in for a day to remember, and put your "Hands on Tishri." For further information contact Lonna S. Picker at the school office (785-1890).

Torat Yisrael Adds A Pre-School Service

In order to assure that every child at Torat Yisrael has a positive prayer experience on the High Holidays, and workshops with his peer group or his family, an additional service



Aleph class members Robert Cutler, Daniel Cohen, Jennifer LaRocque, Laura Field, Jeffery Shapiro, Rachel Field, Kayla Monzak, Allison Robin, Leanne Ginsberg and Ruth Wartenberg.

for pre-schoolers will be offered on all three holiday days. On Rosh Hashana and on Yom Kippur there will be a service or program for every child from tot to teen.

Services for pre-schoolers (3- and 4-year olds) will be conducted by Kayla Campbell. Preregistration is required for this service. Children in kindergarten, first and second grade will worship with Judy Nagle. This year a special mahzor designed for young children will be used at this service, and will then be given to every youngster for home enjoyment. Aleph, Bet and Gimel students will worship as a group with Amy Misbin. As has been a practice at Torat Yisrael pre-Bar and Bat Mitzvah students will worship in the main sanctuary with their parents. Junior services are conducted for two hours each day. Children are welcome to worship with their family units before their services begin.

This pattern of worship experiences coincides with the pattern established at Torat Yisrael throughout the year. The family comes to synagogue as a unit and during a portion of the service there is an opportunity for youngsters to join in song, story and prayer, and to learn with their peer group.

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Torat Yisrael Faculty To Participate In U-Step

Pointing out that teacher enhancement is a key component of school improvement, Rabbi Shelley Melzer recently reported that Conservative congregational schools throughout North America have signed up for professional development programs sponsored by the Alex and Rita Rapaport Seminars of the United Synagogue Teacher Enhancement Program (U-STEP).

Torat Yisrael is proud to be a participating synagogue. Rabbi Melzer will be joining their teaching faculty to offer a 12-hour program designed exclusively to meet the needs of the participants. The sessions to be offered on October 28 and 29, and November 18 and 19 will incorporate Judaic content, conservative Jewish

theology, and teaching skills. Some of the topics to be included will be Talking to Our Children about God, Teaching Mitzvah, and "Tzedakah Outweighs all other Commandments." Making Social Action a part of our Students Lives and World View.

"We are particularly fortunate to have many opportunities for staff development and continuing education," stated Lonna Picker, educational director of Torat Yisrael. "Our faculty members have taken advantage of many local study options, and we expect to continue this tradition. U-Step offers us the chance to study as a faculty unit, and to focus our study within the framework of Conservative theology. We look forward to increasing our knowledge as teachers and as individuals, and to growing Jewishly by the experience ahead of us."

Registration At Temple Habonim

Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington, will hold registration for all Religious School classes on Thursday evening, Sept. 6, 7 to 9 p.m.

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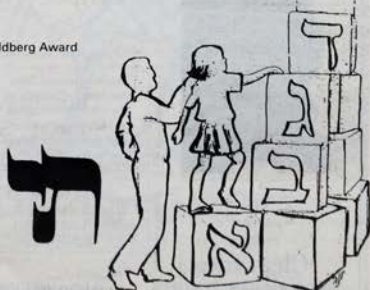
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Jewish Education -

Pediatric or Transcendent?

Family involvement, community respect essential for substantial experience

by John Chadwick

Is Jewish education taken seriously?

Clearly, those who are involved in it aren't so certain anymore. Local educators cite low pay, parent/student apathy and a Jewish community preoccupied with seemingly everything else but learning, as indications that a transcendent tradition is in danger of being made trivial.

Too often, they say, Jewish education — as imparted in supplementary religious schools — is considered "a pediatric enterprise" — something for the young. A lack of family involvement and of positive role models — that is, adults who are still involved in Jewish learning — often reinforce student apathy.

In a visit to Brandeis University last May, Dartmouth College professor Arthur Hertzberg lambasted Jewish community leaders for their lack of Jewish learning. He warned that the community as a whole is digressing into a community devoid of any Jewish substance. It is not anti-Semitism or Israel that makes Jews care, he said, but Jewish learning.

One recurrent problem in the religious schools has been finding and holding on to talented and dynamic teachers. Carol Ingall, the executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, says, "studies show that those who have left Jewish education do so because they were never made to feel that what they were doing was important; they say they were never validated. Parents never came up to them; the rabbis didn't even know their name."

Religious school students often learn an unflattering distinction between their Judaism class and "regular school." Learning done in the late afternoons and weekend mornings competes directly with recreation and social activities.

But the schools remain a valuable resource that cannot be scrapped. According to Jacob Neusner, a graduate research professor of religious studies at the University of South Florida, over 80 percent of Jewish children are not in day schools. "Most Americans

do not want to send their children to parochial schools — whether they (the schools) are good or bad," Neusner said. "And we cannot simply accept an elitist alternative and forget about everyone else."

According to Ingall, there is already a growing rift between day schools and religious schools. "Day schools are making people feel that if you send your child to supplementary schools, there must be something wrong — we're creating this insidious us-against-them in our own Jewish communities."

Supplementary schools were created by American-Jewish immigrants for the second generation, says Lonna Picker, the principal of the Torat Yisrael Religious School. The idea was to offer a resource of Jewish values for their children while becoming acculturated into America.

However, in successive generations, parents became drawn away while more responsibility was placed on the school, Picker says. Without the family involvement, the prospects for an invigorating experience are nil. "We see these kids six hours a week — and Judaism is a way of life," Picker said.

There is sometimes a perception that there are conflicting priorities in the organized community as well. Says Ingall: "We can't save Soviet Jewry and save Israel and keep this community going with the present level of funding. It's perceived as much more glamorous to help Soviet Jews or to help Israel, than to supplement teacher salaries."

Jewish Federation executive vice president Elliot Cohan concedes that the Cohens has run two successive flat (no increases) campaigns recently which impacts directly on Bureau funding. However, he insists that education in the form of allocations to the Bureau is typically the largest or the second largest local allocation.

I agree with her (Ingall); it is considered more glamorous to rally around one issue than the multiple issues of education," Cohan said. "However, Operation Exodus is a rescue mission and without the cake there is

no icing."

The outlook for the future is not at all negative. The Bureau has come up with programming this year which will involve family and the elderly. There are also a number of talented teachers in the Rhode Island area. "I don't think we're doing such a terrible job," Ingall said. Publishing has evolved to where books and other materials are much more sophisticated and effective, she says.

"... We can't simply accept an elitist alternative and forget about everyone else..."

— Jacob Neusner

Picker adds, "The supplementary schools still have the potential to entice our children into Jewish life." In Torat Yisrael Religious School, she says, "a large percentage" of students are continuing past Bar Mitzvah age and into high school.

Given the time constraints supplementary schools are under, Neusner suggests more educational opportunities must be made of the summer months and vacations. Jewish camping and temple youth groups can be excellent vehicles for imparting values and basic education, he adds.

I temple Sinai Religious School

Temple Sinai, located on Hagan Street in Cranston, extends a warm welcome to all students. Religious School schedule is as follows:

Hebrew School will open on Tuesday, September 11, at 3:45 p.m. Advanced Judaic Studies (grades 8, 9 and 10) will meet the same day at 7 p.m.

Judaic Studies for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3 will be held Sunday, September 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 will meet the same day from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

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Touro's United Hebrew School Expands

The United Hebrew School of Touro Synagogue of Newport is expanding its religious school program by adding a new Sunday School class, announced Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro, the school's principal. The school, which was reorganized last year, will continue to conduct its regular Hebrew school program in addition to the Sunday preparatory program for children five to seven years old. Mrs. Doba Shaver, a member of the staff of the Providence Hebrew Day School, will be the Sunday School instructor. Classes will commence on Sunday, Sept. 9.

The Touro-United Hebrew School program has been em-

phasizing an educational approach of combining the classroom studies with significant synagogue and home experiences. The students are participants in the regular synagogue services and also have activities centered around the home. A school board of outstanding local residents, of whom many are professional educators, headed by Dr. Alan Feinberg, work with Rabbi Shapiro in arranging and coordinating these programs. Also, a parent's group assists Rabbi Shapiro in conducting the various extracurricular events. Registration is open to Jewish children, both synagogue members as well as non-members. For further information, contact the synagogue office at (401) 847-4794.

and Hey is Saturday, September 8, at 9 a.m. Aleph and Chaverim will begin on Monday, September 10, at 3:45 and Sabras on Wednesday, September 12, at 3:45.

For further information, contact Rabbi Benjamin Lefkowitz at the Jewish Community House, 133 High Street, Taunton, (508) 822-3230.

Congregation Agudath Achim serves the greater Taunton area, including the towns of Raynham, Dighton, Norton, Berkley, Middleboro, Lakeville, Rehoboth and Bridgewater.

Smart Stop Tutoring Center

by Edwin B. Gordon

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Edwin Gordon is the founder and Director of Smart Stop Tutoring Center, an independent Rhode Island Learning and Professional Education Service Center. Smart Stop is located at 1020 Park Ave. in Cranston. Call Ed at 943-7110 for more information or to arrange an appointment.



Students are preparing for a bike ride home after a day at Alperin Schecter School.

Congregation B'nai Israel

Congregation B'nai Israel, Woonsocket (401) 762-3651 is pleased to welcome Amy and Michael Westerman from Franklin, Mass., two of their three children will enter our religious school. Also we are very grateful to have added Elaine Krainer and Barbara Jacobson to our staff. Elaine comes to us from Temple Beth Torah (Holliston, Mass.) and will serve as an aide in our Bet/Gimel class. Barbara has had extensive experience in both public and religious school education, and will be teaching our Gan class.

Teachers will begin with an In-Service Program at the Bureau of Jewish Education on September 9 - the topic: Educating the Jewish Family. Hebrew school begins Monday, September 10, religious school classes begin Sunday, September 16 at 9:30 a.m. A warm welcome back to our devoted staff: Diane Brown (Torah tots), Meryl Dziok (grades 3 and 4 combined religious school), Judy Schoenfeld (grades 5 and 6 combined religious school), Rabbi Cherkoff (Hei Hebrew and religious school), Daphna Rabinovich (Cimel-Dalet Hebrew), Cantor Mactaz, and myself (Alef and Dalet Hebrew). Our High Holiday services are open, at no charge, to the community.

Are you celebrating a major event in your life? Let us know about it! Black and white photos welcome.

Congregation Agudath Achim

Congregation Agudath Achim, Taunton, has announced the opening dates for its Religious School. Classes will be held for the following grades: Chaverim (Kindergarten - Grade 1); Sabra (Grade 2); Aleph, Bet, Gimel, Dalet Hey (Grades 3-7, age 8-13); and Prozdor (Confirmation).

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Brown Learning Community Offers Exciting New Courses

The Brown Learning Community continues to offer this fall a broad array of noncredit courses for personal, professional and intellectual development. Courses include a selection of ten different languages, a broad array of writing skill courses (from writing fiction to writing a business letter), to a series of offerings focusing on diverse aspects of Eastern Europe — history, politics, economics, and even cuisine.

Many courses provide the community with special opportunities to enjoy some programs that are unique to Brown. For example, Deborah Newhall, resident costume designer for the mainstage at Brown University, and an active designer for other theatres in New England and for television, will offer a theatre costume class for the "Off-Trinity" designer — *Creating a Successful Costume Shop on a Shoestring*. Jim Conary, chief horticulturalist for the Brown

University greenhouse, offers *Let's Talk About Houseplants* — a short series of classes held in the greenhouse, discussing lighting, watering, humidity and temperature. A few slips from the greenhouse will be available to those who enroll.

Brown's renowned facility for the study of computers, the Thomas J. Watson Center for Information Technology, containing the most advanced microcomputer technology available today, will be the center for a broad selection of computer classes and series of workshops that are open to the public this fall. An *Open House* for these computer programs will be held in the Center for Information Technology on Sunday, September 16 from 2-4 p.m.

Intensive, daytime Professional Development programs in management, organization, projecting a professional presence, and business writing are available, as well as regu-

larly scheduled evening classes on many topics concerned with career development. Public speaking, voice and accent improvement classes are available. *Business Etiquette* and *Dining Etiquette* courses, and even a "hand's-on" course on *Tricks and Tactics for Talking on TV*. Channel 10's Rick Smith, who has also spent 5 years as an Assistant D.A. and 8 years as a trial lawyer, will offer this workshop designed to help the professional in business, education, law, service work and not-for-profits prepare to handle with grace those necessary public interviews before the television or video cameras.

Most exciting are the proliferation of courses for young people that Brown makes available to children and to families. There are courses for children in writing and acting, (even *Editing a Quality High-school Newspaper*), and courses in anthropology and science. Brown's Junior Scientists program is wait-listed year after

years. An evening series on Astronomy allows parents to accompany their children, as does a short but intensive program on environmental studies, called *Not in My Back Yard!* Special programs on college admissions and financial aid are available, as well as strong and supportive courses on study skills.

Reading and discussion groups occur in daytime or evenings, with an *Open House* for the *Brown Book Club* occurring Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a 6-session presentation entitled *An Introduction to Contemporary Poets and Their Works*, in which participants will read and discuss works by noted local and national poets who will be visiting at Brown this year. Participants in this series will be able to attend poetry readings at Brown by these and other writers. Lectures on art are supplemented by trips to local and national (New York) museums. There is

even a course on *Early Rhode Island Gravestones* that includes a field trip, too.

Brown's *American Contemporary Health* series of 13 sessions costing only \$45 in total offers presentations by Brown's noted medical faculty on topics that include hypertension, preventative dentistry, osteoporosis, insomnia, and occupational/environmental illnesses.

The Brown Learning Community seeks to offer to the Rhode Island community at large a distinctive and stimulating array of approximately 180 noncredit courses each semester. Where else, for example, could you still take a course on *Handwriting for Grownups*... (do you remember what a treasure a beautifully written letter can be?) For information or to request a free catalog of the Brown Learning Community's offerings for the Fall 1990, please call 863-3452.

Report From The Harvard Principals Conference

by Lonna S. Picker

I was privileged to be among a group of 30 principals to participate in the BJE, New York Principals Conference at Harvard University in Cambridge this summer.

The conference held annually is housed on the campus of a University known for its graduate school of education, so that professors of note can share current research and help us to apply it to the Jewish educational world. I have attended previous sessions, and

have found them to be among the most stimulating of meetings.

Firstly, it is nice to be a student and to learn from others. Secondly, it is important to meet and greet colleagues and to share in study, as well as in table conversation. It is important to know what is working in schools throughout the country. Participants in this year's conference came from Canada, and the Northeastern States from as far south as Vir-

ginia to Maine.

The topic "Ages and Stages" focused upon faith development and moral development and drew upon the research of Kohlberg and Fowler, and upon the fact that children's moral judgement and faith develops through a series of stages. Each stage is typical of a particular period in one's overall maturation, but these periods are not necessarily correlated with age. Both faith and moral development are learn-

ing processes — they are acquired by stages.

When are our children ready to deal with certain issues? How do we present them in class? How do we teach ethics? When are our children cognitively prepared to deal with moral dilemmas? Can we teach ethical principles through moral dilemmas? These and other questions were uppermost in our minds as we listened to four professors grappling with these same issues,

who shared current research in the fields of faith and moral development.

The subject of the Harvard conference opened many new doors for me. As we enter the new year of 5751, I hope to share some of these findings with my staff, so that together we may apply them to our curricular goals, and challenge both ourselves as teachers, and our students.

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Temple Beth-El Religious School

At Temple Beth-El Religious School, we are looking forward to another exciting year. We will begin our mid-week Hebrew School on Tuesday, September 11, and our first day of Sunday School will be September 16.

In addition to a dynamic curriculum in Pre-School through Grade 7, we are implementing an exciting new curriculum in our Confirmation program (Grades 8-10). Students will explore their personal responsi-

bilities as Jews to themselves, their community and to the world. Learning will take the form of hands-on and experiential programs and mini-courses, and will be led by our new Assistant Rabbi, Sidney Helbraun.

Family Life Education is always a priority at Temple Beth-El. This year, in addition to our annual Hanukkah, Purim and Passover programs, we will offer three new family workshops. Pre-School and

Kindergarten and their families will participate in a Havdallah workshop, Grades 1-3 and parents will learn about "A Jewish Home," and a Sukkot Workshop is for families with children in Grades 4-6.

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Programs for Elderly and Family from BJE

by John Chadwick

"If adults, parents and grandparents are all learning, Jewish education is a pediatric enterprise," says Carol Ingall, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

And so this year, the Bureau is introducing programming aimed specifically at involving family and senior citizens.

"Educating the Jewish Family," will be a teacher's program on Sunday morning, September 9, at the Jewish Community Center social hall. After an opening lecture with Vicky Kelman, an educational consultant, the group will adjourn into specific workshops.

The goal is to help teachers learn how to empower parents in order to reinforce material covered within the classroom. Some of the programs include "Confronting Anti-Semitism: A Family Awareness Workshop," "Models of Family Education Programs" and "Partners in Producing the Moral Personality."

Autumn programming also includes a first-time, "inter-generational" program. In this program, established by Ruth Page of the Bureau, seventh

grade religious school students will forge a relationship with a senior citizen while writing about that person's life.

The program will begin as the students learn what Jewish sources say about the elderly and relationships with them. Page will be citing sources in the Torah and Talmud. Next, the students will receive a lesson in oral history which they will use to conduct personal interviews with senior citizens. The interviews will focus on that individual's Jewish past. Finally, the students will write up stories based on their research which will be distributed to the senior citizens as a newsletter.

Besides fostering relationships between the young and the old, the program is meant to introduce history as a lively and valid enterprise. Says Page: "The program is really adding to the historical jigsaw puzzle. It's social history, a people's history, it's not as dry as learning from a book."

Also, she says, the elderly will be enriched from seeing their life in the context of the students' writing. "It will be very much a reflective experience for them; it will validate their lives."

What Is A Jewish Education?

by Jacob Neusner

University of South Florida
Tampa

The Jews form an ethnic group, so a Jewish education is learning in anything that our group thinks important. We get our Jewish education anywhere — on TV, in the streets, wherever Jews are. The basic text for a Jewish education is the society in which we live, since that teaches us the lessons of who we are and how we are valued. A Judaic education — an education in the religion, Judaism — is something else. The basic text for a Judaic education is any document that a Judaism, whether Orthodox or Reform, calls

"Torah." To be literate in the Judaic tradition one needs a lifelong commitment to the labor of overcoming ignorance, since there is no finishing school or catalogue of the knowledge that suffices. And no canonical writing is more important than any other: all form part of that one whole Torah. Accordingly, no priorities, no lists of "musts" serve to save us the labor of learning — nor should we want labor-saving devices: the life of learning simply is too much fun, too interesting. The right formula is a different one: always study a text, and always digress. And know there really is no digressing.

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Day Schools Continue to Grow



Elementary students at Alperin Schechter School during recess.

by John Chadwick

Jewish day schools are continuing to attract Jews from the mainstream and beyond who are looking for a viable alternative to secular public school.

In Providence, the Alperin Schechter School, under Conservative auspices, and the Providence Hebrew Day School, under Orthodox leadership, both report solid enrollments this year.

The Schechter (K through 8) School has added 50 students in the last two years, bringing the total enrollment to over 180. Many of the new students this year are newly arrived Soviet immigrants.

According to school dean, Rabbi Alvan Kauner, the Schechter School is now completely accepted in the community after being established in the late 1970s. "Newcomers to the community are often surprised that we're so young," he said recently.

The Providence Hebrew Day School, established in 1946, graduated its largest ever high school class (known as the New

England Academy of Torah) last year. The combined enrollment between their high school and elementary school is approximately 260, says Rabbi Sholom Strajcher, the school dean.

Why day schools?

"Parents are looking to day schools to help them raise moral individuals," says Carol Ingall, the director of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

"I think people felt it was scandalous that some of these inside trade deals were made over Friday night dinner by observant Jews who didn't feel there was any conflict."

Kauner and Strajcher offer other reasons. "The teaching of moral values is significant, but I don't feel there are large numbers of people who have separated the elements out like that. I think they come because they are looking for a total educational package."

Kauner also sees a resurgence in ethnic education. "There's an interest in keeping one's culture and having kids thriving in that culture," he says.

America is Only 14th in Public Education Spending

By Keith Geiger

(NU) — The end of the Cold War and emergence of new political and economic challenges demands new priorities for America. We remain the world's number one military power. But our economy — the undisputed world leader for half a century — is no longer predominant. While the United States and the Soviet Union spent the last four decades battling for military supremacy, Japan — which spends just one percent of its economic output on defense — became the world's economic powerhouse.

It is now abundantly clear that our nation's future depends on creating a substantial "peace dividend" and using it to revitalize our economy. America's military budget — currently \$300 billion a year — has been consuming half of our federal tax dollars (not including social security payments).

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Temple Shalom Religious School

The Samuel Zilman Bazarzky Religious School at Temple Shalom of Middletown announces registration and enrollment for the 1990-91 school year.

Meeting in a beautiful, fully equipped building dedicated to housing students and affording them the development of a positive and joyous identification with Judaism and the Jewish people, the school accepts students from the age of four until the age of seventeen. The approach of the school is one of understanding and sensitivity to the Jewish heritage blended with an awareness of the contemporary needs and concerns of the students and school families. The school strives to create an atmosphere of inquiry which will assist the students in making responsible and informed decisions about their Judaism.

Four- and five-year-olds are enrolled in the TOY Program (Teaching our Young) and meet on Sunday mornings from 10 a.m.-12 noon. The focus of the class is hands-on learning about Jewish holidays and holy days by creating religious artifacts and learning the message and traditions of these

special days.

Six- and seven-year-old students meet in the Pre-School Class which is held on Sunday mornings during the same hours. With a graded curriculum, the students build upon what they have learned previously and begin to master the Hebrew alphabet and key words.

Our weekday department for students ages eight through thirteen meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and are given a well-rounded Jewish education including Hebrew, Bible, Customs and Ceremonies, History, Contemporary Judaism and Current Events. These classes also meet on Sunday mornings during the regular hours.

The Post Graduate Class meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Contemporary Judaism and religious and social problems confronting them as Jewish teenagers in 1990.

The school and its curriculum is designed to help Jewish boys and girls form habits of intelligent participation in worship, ritual and other activities of the Temple as well as

the celebration of the Sabbath and festivals in the home.

The school seeks a partnership with the parents who are requested to re-enforce Judaism in their home.

The school strives to make their students comfortable with their Jewishness, to be informed with insight, to be accepted with joy and to be carried with appreciation. It is the hope of the school to have our students sense their bond of unity with the Jewish people of the world. We want them to look upon their faith both as something to be inherited and also something to be discovered.

The school is gratified to enroll all students for they represent the promise and hope of the future.

For further information and registration/enrollment, please contact the Principal, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer at 846-9002 or at the Samuel Zilman Bazarzky Religious School, Temple Shalom, 225 Valley Road, Middletown.

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The Providence Hebrew Day School



Why are the children in this photograph who attend classes at Providence Hebrew Day School entering Temple Beth El on Orchard Avenue in Providence?

The year was 1959 and the facilities at the original Hebrew Day School on Waterman Street in Providence had been condemned. The condemnation was precipitated by the Providence Fire Department because of a tragic fire in a Chicago Catholic School which had resulted in the death of 90 children. The inspection and condemnation had taken place during the December school vacation. The dilemma of educating 200 children confronted the faculty, the Board of Directors, the parents and all those who were concerned with the Providence Hebrew Day School. The temporary solution was to use the classrooms of Temple Beth El.

The facilities in the Waterman Street building were considered inadequate long before the condemnation as the premises had become much too small. There also was no space for additional grades. Therefore, while classes were being held in Temple Beth El, a \$300,000 building campaign for a new Providence Hebrew Day School was launched.

After a successful campaign, ground-breaking ceremonies for the two-story brick building on Elm Grove Avenue between Sargent Avenue and Savoy Street, was held on June 15, 1960. By 1962 the students left their temporary quarters at Temple Beth El and moved into the new building at 450 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. They were "home" at last.

Written and submitted by Eleanor F. Horvitz, Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.



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Braude Library of Temple Beth-El Gets Facelift

Temple Beth-El's Braude Library is undergoing extensive renovations this summer. The long-awaited facelift will increase the shelving capacity and improve the aesthetic look of the library.

The new look of the library will include a distinct, easily accessible children's area, a new periodical rack, a new circulation desk, a comfortable, open space with two tables to sit and read, a separate work room for processing books, and an expanded stack area in the lower level, with a private carrel for individual study.

The interior renovation of the Braude Library, which was designed by Lamberghini/Feibelman, Architects, is generously supported by Temple

Beth-El's 135th Anniversary capital campaign. Individual items within the library, such as the circulation desk, the periodical rack, etc., are being purchased with funds raised by "The Friends of the Braude Library," an organization of persons from the community who support the library as a valuable community resource. People who might wish to contribute to this organization are welcome to do so at any time, by calling the Temple office at 331-6070.

Although the library is officially closed at this moment, since all the books are packed up and in storage, we hope that everyone will come and visit the revitalized library in the fall.

"Treasures In Your Attic: Old And Rare Books" - Topic To Be Discussed At Newport Library

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the nationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston, will speak at 7 p.m., Monday, September 10, at the Newport Public Library, 300 Spring Street, Newport, R.I.

Mr. Gloss's talk is entitled, "Treasures In Your Attic: Old and Rare Books." "New England homes are treasure troves for old and rare books that have increased in value over the years," says Gloss, "and we're inviting those attending to bring any volumes they want to know about to the lecture for a free verbal appraisal."

The Brattle Book Shop is the successor to America's oldest continuously operating antiquarian book store. Kenneth Gloss succeeded his late father, George Gloss, a well-known figure both in Boston and in national antiquarian circles.

Kenneth Gloss had worked in the store since childhood and elected to go into the book business rather than pursue a doctorate in chemistry. He became the sole proprietor upon his father's death several years ago. "I found that books were in my blood and that I would never be really happy if I abandoned the business."

Kenneth Gloss is a member of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, the New England Antiquarian Booksellers Association, the Bostonian Society and the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Antiquarian Booksellers. He serves as a member of the advisory board of the U.S.S. Constitution Museum and is a member of the advisory committee of the Boston Public Library.

Recently Kenneth Gloss was

A Note from a Young Couple About a Young Couples Club

"What's this invitation? Jewish Young Couples Club at Temple Am David in Warwick? But, I'm not a member there."

"Oh, the invitation says the club is open to all Rhode Island Young Jewish Couples regardless of Temple affiliation."

"Why not go? For only \$25 per couple, a complete dinner and live entertainment, let's do it! I'd love to meet new young couples."

So that is how we began. On a beautiful Saturday evening, June 30, we entered a candlelit room at Temple Am David, where we were warmly greeted, given name tags and table assignments with a couple we didn't know, because the point was to meet new friends. The tables were set up coffee-house style, with floral arrangements and candles. We saw some familiar faces and met new young Jewish people.

Later, a sumptuous banquet buffet was presented with bagels, lox and cream cheese spread, traditional Jewish foods such as tahini and lefelafel.

Alpine Country Club To Host Davinci Center Golf Tournament

On Monday, August 27, 1990, the DaVinci Center for Community Progress Inc., will hold its 4th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament at the Alpine Country Club in Cranston.

The \$95 entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart, full Italian Buffet Luncheon, cold hors d'oeuvres, prizes, and a chance at winning a 1990 Honda Accord provided by Majestic Motors and valued at \$15,900. For a \$100 donation, companies or individuals may purchase a professionally laminated Tee-Ad which will also include a sleeve in which to place business cards. In addition, companies purchasing Tee-Ads will also be listed on a sponsor sheet included in each golfer's registration packet and will be listed on a sponsor board to be displayed the day of the tournament.

Anyone interested in participating in the tournament or in purchasing a Tee-Ad should call Susan Oldrid at the DaVinci Center at (401) 272-7474 before August 21, 1990.

All net proceeds from this event will benefit the DaVinci Center for Community Progress Inc., a nonprofit agency providing social services to residents of the North End Community and surrounding areas.



Pearl Holloway, Jeff and Beth Salk, Gail and Craig Adler and Brad Holloway participate in Temple Am David's Jewish Young Couples Club in Warwick.

pita bread and a variety of other foods. As we ate, Laura Berkson performed Israeli and American music for our listening pleasure. Her singing captivated and charmed us. After her first set, the group mingled, had the opportunity to meet several new young couples, and to make plans for future get-togethers.

As Laura Berkson began her second set of music, we chose our desserts from a delightful assortment of delicious baked

goods. The food was catered by Izzy's Kosher Catering.

We were surprised to hear our name picked from the basket for a terrific raffle gift. What an unexpected treat! Raffle gifts were generously donated by Miller's Delicatessen, Sweet Creations, AAA movie tickets, and a fruit basket from Spicuzza's Market.

Future events are planned and we certainly plan to attend the upcoming Jewish Young Couples Club events.

Annual Picnic For Survivors

The Rhode Island Holocaust Survivors of R.I. will hold the first annual picnic scheduled for September 2, 1990. The picnic will be held at Goddard Park off Rt. 2 in R.I. at sites 12 and 13. All survivors and their families are cordially invited, as well as second generation survivors and their families. We will meet at noon and will continue as long as weather permits. Feel free to bring

along any sports equipment.

Food will be provided by Marty's Kosher Meats. However you may wish to bring along supplementary items (paper cups, napkins, plates, drinks). We hope that you and your family will attend in great numbers. If you would like to volunteer, please call Edward O. Adler at 521-3050. Hope to see you there! For more information, call 521-3050.

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Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30 a.m., and for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:45 a.m. Minchah for the week is at 7:25 p.m.

Local Artist to Exhibit Landscape Paintings at Art Gallery

Local artist Ida Schmulowitz will exhibit her paintings at Providence College's Hunt/Cavanagh Art Gallery from September 3 through September 30, 1990.

Ms. Schmulowitz's paintings are of detailed landscapes in

brilliant colors.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For more information, contact PC's Art and Art History Department at (401) 865-2401.

Eden Garden Club Of Temple Beth-El Holding Luncheon

On Thursday, August 23, (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE), the Eden Garden Club of Temple Beth-El will hold lunch at noon at Bess Lindenbaum's home on the lake.

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Cranston-Warwick Special Gifts Luncheon

Shirley Schreiber, president of the Cranston-Warwick Chapter of Hadassah announced plans for the "Special Gifts Program." Co-chairwomen are Norma Friedman and Dorothy Kramer. Members serving on the Committees are as follows:

Luncheon Arrangements: Muriel Davis, Norma Friedman, Fran Sadler. **Publicity:** Dorothy Kramer. **Reservations:** Muriel Davis, Shirley Schreiber, Evelyn Wasser. **Invitations:** Barbara Goldberg. **Secretarial:**

Evelyn Wasser. **Telephone:** Betty Adler, Ruth Snyder, Sylvia Taubman. **Program and Special Arrangements:** Shirley Schreiber, Fran Sadler.

The "Special Gifts" luncheon will be held at the Ledge-mont Country Club on Sunday, October 21, 1990, at noon. Invitations will be mailed to all members. For more information or reservations call Muriel Davis 942-7352, Shirley Schreiber 738-0934, or Evelyn Wasser at 739-6642.

Dwares Announce Birth

Kevin and Barbara Dwares of 60 Packard Street in Cranston, R.I., are pleased to announce the birth of their second child and son, Jacob Gold Dwares. He was born on July 31, 1990, at 3:46 a.m. He has a brother, Max Gold Dwares, 7, and his maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Gold of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Shirley Gold Dwares of East Providence, R.I., and the late Robert Joseph Dwares.

Goldbergs Announce Birth

Robert and Shira Goldberg of Seekonk, Mass., are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Ari Micah, named after the late Abraham Ziller of Arizona and the late Dr. Milton Plezur of Buffalo, N.Y. Proud grandparents are Mildred Ziller and Judith Goldberg Alcares both of Buffalo. Ari joins his two older sisters, Noa, 6, and Elana, 4, and their dog, cat and 11 rabbits.

Boochevers Announce Birth

Rachel Charlotte Boochever was born the second child and first daughter of Patricia and Stephen Boochever.

Patricia is the daughter of George Levine and the late Charlotte Gertsacov Levine; the granddaughter of Rebecca Levine and the late Robert Levine; and the late Irving and Rita Gertsacov.

The Boochevers reside at 4210 Ingomar Street, NW, Washington, DC 20015.

Free Membership at Mishkon Tefilah

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Cranston-Warwick Hadassah

A continental breakfast will precede the first regular meeting of the Cranston-Warwick Chapter of Hadassah on Monday, Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. to be held at the Warwick Police Station, 99 Veterans Blvd., Warwick. (Please phone Shirley Schreiber, 738-0934, if you need directions.)

Shirley Schreiber, delegate to the Hadassah National Convention in New York last month, will present her report on the various sessions held.

Many Rural Schools Are Underfunded; They Have One Fourth of All Students New Tax Formulas Should Be Found to Equalize Funding To Improve Rural Facilities and Teacher Quality

By Keith Geiger

(NU) — We like to think of ourselves as an urbanized, high-tech nation supporting large, modern school systems. However, one quarter of all American students attend rural schools which in general have less first-class equipment, less academic variety, and less well-paid and highly qualified teachers.

Almost one in 10 of our children attend schools with fewer than 100 students. America still has well over 100 one-room schoolhouses operating, most of these in Nebraska, Montana, and South Dakota.

Teenagers in isolated rural communities often find it difficult to understand how education relates to their lives—and so drop out before finishing high school. More academically inclined students are often frustrated because their schools don't offer advanced math, science, and language courses. Rural schools have even greater difficulty than city schools in finding math and science teachers.

Many Schools Antiquated
Today's rural schools often make those in our inner cities look plush. Textbooks, equipment, and facilities in rural schools usually lag far behind their big-city counterparts, and many for other classroom supplies is scarce.

Consolidating several small schools into one is often impossible because of distance. Consolidation can also be an emotional issue, because the school is the center of community life.

But there is a bright side. Small schools have an inherent flexibility to be creative, to try new approaches to education. Teachers know their students, their aspirations and problems. And there is the great advantage of intense parental involvement in many rural schools.

What these schools need is for federal and state governments to find new and creative approaches to funding education in rural America. Raising property-based taxes, in these areas where people are often property rich and income poor, is clearly not the answer.

Equalize School Funding

School financing must be equalized. In areas with small school populations, maybe it's time for revenues to be allocated not on a per-pupil, but a per-program basis. The current disparities between urban and rural school funding are another way of discriminating against children because of where they live.

Keith Geiger is president of the National Education Association.

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Essay

The Great Spirit Of '45 — An End To War And Boyhood

by Michael Fink
Special To The Herald

I spent the summer between grammar school and junior high at Hundred Acre Cove. In grammar school WPA artists had come to tell us that the Great Spirit hovers over the landscape. Muralists taught us to draw like cave dwellers and native Americans. We shaped sacred animals upon the blackboards. During the war posters proclaimed, "Stand by your yards, grow your food, don't leave your post."

Our own narrow inlet of Hundred Acre Cove grew a garden patch of eelgrass. When you dug in with your toes, clams would squirt up. Plump khaki minnows throbbed at the edge of the tide. If you laid a glass milk bottle on its side with a bit of breadcrumb near the lip, it would fill in minutes with a small school of mummies, a few tiny see-through shrimp among them. Careless kids would let the bottle stand in sun too long. Fish floated up. At full moon the cove

would rise and flood our lower terrace and leave a mulch of seaweed.

August dogdays lay hot and muggy upon our parlor. All you could do was sit. Time stopped. The war against the Jews had ended in May. But the duration dragged on. My folks brought home the evening paper. It carried a huge headline, "Jap Radio Says Bomb Sears Every Living Thing to Death." In the days that followed, photos showed giant deformed orchids in twisted bonsai pots. I went down the steps to our little beach. I thought the world was now breakable. Step on a crack, break your mother's back.

Caterpillars covered the trunks of our oaks. My dad burned them off with his lit cigarette. They would writhing and go black. I would bike to the dump that smelled of scorched earth, rust, rubber and a pungent odor of bad orange. In the core lay a bit of pond, just a foul puddle, its

surface disturbed by too many trapped sunfish. Put down a string with a bright pin. Lift out a dazed beauty the shape of a pumpkin seed.

I carried one home and kept it in a tin tub to make a pool among the flowers. Next day I biked it back to face its fate in its own lair.

A boy next door caught among the eelgrass a "monster-fish." It reared an ugly head with horns and wide fanged mouth. Us kids were the wicked ones. We put it in a sandpit and poked it with sticks, hit it with stones. Since that summer I've never been able to hook a worm, or fish. It was the season we read signs that said, We could not swim. The beach was closed because of the new word, "pollution."

To heal my portion of space, I wanted to take over a parcel of land behind the garage and make my own toy farm. I grabbed hold of ancient tools from the closet. I dug up weeds and vines. I thought I could make up for my sins against a

kind, stern nature. But next dawn I woke and could not open my eyes. They were sealed shut with the ooze of poison ivy. Rash spread between toes and fingers, round eyecocks — and — between thighs. Soil and foliage were taking revenge. The sun joined in to help punish. Heat hives and a burn blistered neck and back. Summer promises soft safety from hard recess years. Not this time. I used to collect bird nests and eggshells, when husks are left among the trees. This August of '45 a farmer's son gave me a goose egg. I put it in a bureau drawer. One lunchtime it exploded with a stink that burst through the rooms. I dreamt my mother died and was buried in a piece of garden beside the back door among the irises.

At Hundred Acre Cove we had a neighbor named Mrs. Weitz. An Irish kid who crossed himself before he swam, and gathered clams and quahaugs in grey buckets, presented a large can to Mrs.

Weitz. She accepted with a broad grin and served a chowder at her picnic table. I was shocked. I cried out, "Mrs. Weitz!" Right and wrong, the order and sense of the world had closed, within and without.

After the death of Hitler and Roosevelt in spring, the bombs of August struck me almost as an anti-climax. But they ended both war and boyhood. We would turn devices of defense against sea and land. We would go against the elements of life — earth, air and light. Pave over farms. I still go to garden for pardon. We will with hands and soul. The cricket in the bush, the horseshoe crab in the river, the butterfly among the herbs, the goldfinch at the sunflower come to forgive, like figures in folklore. The rocks we handle act as magic healing crystals. We drink tea with the rubythroats at the bee balm.

Food From Heaven

"... He fed you the Manna which you did not know, neither did your fathers know, etc. ... These words are found in the Torah.

What a difference there was between the "bread from heaven" — the manna that fell from above for the Jews during their forty years in the desert — and ordinary bread "from the earth." To produce bread great effort and hard labor is required — ploughing, sowing, reaping, grinding, kneading, baking, etc. And the finished product, in common with all other physical foods, cannot be totally absorbed and utilized by the human body; part of it is rejected by the body as waste. But manna, the "bread from heaven," did not require any labor for preparation and contained no waste whatsoever.

Who was able to eat this noble, almost spiritual food? All Israel — the righteous, the average and even the wicked. Moreover, the manna did not

become debased and lose its special qualities when digested



by an evil person; even within their bodies it had no waste. On the contrary, it had a refining, elevating effect on them.

Torah is called "bread," and within Torah wisdom we may also discern two kinds of "bread." The revealed parts of Torah — the Oral Law, the Bible, Mishna, Talmud, etc. — is called "bread from the earth" because of the toil and labor associated with the question-answer, challenge-

refutation method of study. The inner aspect of Torah — Kabbala, chasidic philosophy, the mystical teaching, etc. — is called "bread from heaven."

Who may partake of this noble food? Who may study this refined and esoteric wisdom of Torah? There are some who claim that these teachings, as embodied in Chasidism, are only for the select few, that

special preparation is required in order to participate in such studies. But such a claim is similar to the claim of years ago when the validity of Chasidism itself was questioned. Today, however, as we approach the dawn of the coming of Moshiah, the claims against chasidic teachings have disappeared. Instead, there are claims that the esoteric wisdom

of Chasidism is too refined for the masses, etc. But the inner aspect of Torah, the "bread from heaven," is for all and may be ingested, like the manna, by every Jew no matter at what level he or she finds himself.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe by A Thought for the Week (Detroit).

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Obituaries

Unveiling

An unveiling in the memory of Masza Suchodolski will be held on Sunday, August 26, 1990, at 10 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Unveiling

An unveiling will be held in the memory of Merrill F. Revkin on Sunday, August 26, at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

HAROLD Z. BECKELMAN

WARWICK — Harold Z. Beckelman, of 1403 Warwick Ave., died Wednesday, August 15, 1990, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Bessie (Blatt) Beckelman.

Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Abraham and Anna (Benzion) Beckelman. He was a resident of Warwick for the past 10 years, previously living in Providence for 50 years.

He was the founder and proprietor, for 30 years, of the former City Construction Co. until retiring in 1975. He was a member of Temple Am David in Warwick and a member of the congregation Sons of Abraham.

Besides his wife, he leaves one daughter, Toby Robinson of Lawrenceville, N.J.; one son, Allan M. Beckelman of Bethesda, Md.; one brother, John Beckelman of Providence; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, August 19, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ANNE COHEN

CRANSTON — Anne Cohen, 74, of Pontiac Avenue died Tuesday, August 7, 1990, at South County Hospital. She was the wife of Samuel "Red"

Cohen.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Rose (Levin) Pedlikin, she lived in Cranston for 35 years.

Mrs. Cohen was a member of Temple Am David, Warwick and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Cranston Hadasah, and the Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans Post #284.

Besides her husband she leaves a sister, Sylvia Schoenberg of Cranston and Narragansett.

A graveside service was held at the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Squeezing Institutions

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stituent organizations.

A state review board later overturned the earlier decision, concluding that the federation serves "legitimate subjects of charity through its disbursement of funds to other charitable organizations."

The ruling was important, not only because it saved the federation about \$4,000 a year, but also because it affirmed that federations are indeed charitable institutions entitled to tax exemptions.

A ruling to the contrary would have established a dangerous precedent, said Daniel Tannenbaum, the Reading Federation's executive director.

Jewish organizations are also having to contend with an increasingly dense web of regulations regarding fund-raising activities.

The laws generally require charities either to register their solicitors or to account for funds that they raise, forcing Jewish groups to spend more money on their accounting operations.

Forty states have such regulations on the books, 17 of which have been strengthened since the start of 1989, said Betsy Hills Bush, director of governmental affairs at the American Association of Fund-Raising Council.

The 17 states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida,

Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

The laws came largely in response to public demand for regulation of charities in the wake of various fund-raising scandals, including those involving several prominent Christian television evangelists. State legislatures began passing laws requiring that charities provide various information to the state government.

But in 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned one state's attempt to require charities to provide information to prospective donors, including the portion of their budgets that actually goes to the needy.

In the case, Riley vs. North Carolina Federation of the Blind, the court ruled that such requirements infringed on the right to free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution.

As a result, states turned to other ways of regulating charitable institutions.

"It's just frustrating," said Irving Ginsberg, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Palm Springs-Desert Area, Calif. "The requirements that the state puts on you take its toll on the accounting office."

While most of the "direct hits" Jewish institutions have suffered in recent years have occurred at the state or local levels, there is some concern about potential congressional action at the federal level.

One of the biggest concerns is that Congress will impose various types of unrelated business income taxes, or UBITs, on tax-exempt groups as a way of generating new revenue to reduce the federal budget deficit.

The options, under review for more than two years by the House Ways and Means subcommittee on oversight, include taxing a group's travel packages; sales of clothing, jewelry, furnishings or common consumer items; or advertising revenue on publications.

UBITs previously approved by Congress have affected Jewish groups only minimally. Harold Hogstrom, vice presi-

dent for finance at Long Island Jewish Hospital, for instance, said that current UBITs "don't adversely affect us."

But Hogstrom said that any UBITs on the hospital's parking or cafeteria services would make a "significant impact."

Among Jewish institutions, museums have been hit the hardest in recent years by various congressional tax measures.

As part of the 1986 tax reform act, donations of artwork and securities began to be taxed based on their appreciated value. Previously, they were taxed at their original purchase price.

Seymour Fromer, executive director of the Judah Magnes Museum in Berkeley, Calif., said that as a result, his museum has received substantially fewer donations of paintings and antiques in recent years, while cash gifts have continued at about the same level.

Recognizing that the tax change was having a devastating effect on charitable institutions, the Senate last fall approved a one-year moratorium on the law. But in the end, the moratorium was removed from a larger bill, along with President Bush's proposed cut in the capital gains tax.

Mark Stern, legal director of the American Jewish Congress, lamented the increasing financial pressure on the not-for-profit sector, observing that charitable institutions are "one of the things that's kept government in check in this country, particularly in delivering social services."

"Now the government's making it very difficult to keep that private sector," he said.



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Lawmakers Say
Invasion Is Gain

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Specter took the occasion to praise Syria for earlier this year saying it would attend an international peace conference on the Middle East under U.S.-Soviet auspices.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.), however, said he objects to creating a "good guys" image of Syria. Though he noted Syria's help earlier this year in arranging the release of some Western hostages in Lebanon, D'Amato warned against being "lulled" into thinking Syria has become a more moderate country.

"Any enemy of my enemy is not my friend," the senator said, disputing the old adage about alliances in the Middle East.

Levine took a stab at Jordan, which has refused to join the chorus of Arab criticism of the Iraqi invasion. He said the United States should no longer consider it a "moderate Arab country."

Jordan's policies have been "sadly wanting over the last several months" and its recent behavior is "not within the definition of moderate," Levine said.

Of particular concern to pro-Israel lawmakers would likely be any administration move to frame its Middle East policy as "Israel versus oil."

Any U.S. move toward placing greater emphasis on oil at Israel's expense, Levine said, would be "every bit as intolerable as any movement toward Saudi Arabia will be."

"Israel's unquestionable friendship contrasts so sharply with what we see throughout that region," he said.

But D'Amato and Specter suggested that a more likely scenario than any U.S. policy change is that Saudi Arabia and Israel may move closer together, because, as D'Amato said, they both realize they "are open to attack" from Iraq.

"The Saudis recognize it as a long term advantage to have an Israel that is strong to deal with the radicals, who have no love for them," D'Amato argued.

"I think that with Iraq's action there would be a response by the rest of the Arab world to come closer to the United States and perhaps inferentially to Israel," Specter said, "but it's hard to predict what the Arab nations will do next."

"On the arms front, Frank said the invasion will have 'mixed' implications for future U.S. sales to Arab countries. It

"probably strengthens the Saudis," he said.

But it creates a new burden on Kuwait's fellow smaller Arab states trying to defend the wisdom of U.S. sales, that "you better be careful, because weapons you sell to regime X may end up next week in the hands of regime X minus," Frank said.

Levine said he has been told that, as a concession to Saudi Arabia for allowing U.S. forces to be stationed there, the administration has agreed to send Congress a request next year to sell top-of-the-line fighter planes to Saudi Arabia, presumably F-15s or F-16s.

Such planes, which have the capability of reaching Israel, are among the few items in the tens of billions of dollars in prior U.S. proposed sales to the kingdom that pro-Israel lawmakers have attempted to block.

Levine refused to spell out under what condition he would support future sales to Saudi Arabia, short of having U.S. troops in the kingdom. He said the kingdom needs to agree on the need to "rely on combined forces," but declined to call for a mutual defense treaty.

D'Amato predicted that Congress will support sales to the Saudis of a range of weapons systems, "given their land mass," which makes swift capture by Iraq unlikely as took place in Kuwait.

He called on the United States to work toward a "mutual security" pact with Gulf states or an agreement that "the whole world will come to the defense of those countries."

Dole Backs Away
from Aid Cut

While not seeing any long-term diminution in administration pressure on Israel regarding the peace process, the lawmakers said there will be stronger support for not cutting the \$3 billion in annual U.S. aid to Israel, which is coming under various budget-cutting pressures.

One such signal was sent by Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.), who backed off halfway from his proposal to cut foreign aid to the top U.S. recipients by 5 percent across the board.

Dole, speaking to reporters in the U.S. Capitol Building, said it "wouldn't be a time to reduce military aid to either Egypt or Israel."

"But foreign aid, like every other spending program on the economic side, has to be looked at," he added.

The ABC's of Back-to-School

The lazy days of summer are over and the back-to-school race is here.

Running to school in the morning or from school in the afternoon, children run the risk of injury.

"Head injury is among the most dangerous of injuries, especially for children," according to Dr. James Wasco, medical director for the New Mexico Head Injury System. "Any injury to the brain can significantly impair a child's ability to learn, concentrate or remember information and this can have a damaging effect on a child's development."

Before you send your children back to school, outfit them with a few safety reminders.

Walking to School

Most pedestrian accidents are the fault of the walker, not the driver, according to the National Safety Council, so:

- Be sure to allow enough time for your child to get to school without rushing.
- Plan your child's walking route to minimize the number of street crossings.
- Teach your child always to use sidewalks and to cross at crosswalks. Where there are no sidewalks, have your child walk

facing traffic, so the child can see oncoming cars.

Riding the School Bus

Although school buses are much safer than family cars, statistics indicate that 40 students die and 7,000 are injured each year in school bus accidents. The majority of these accidents occur outside the bus, when students are boarding or exiting.

- Have your child wait for the bus to stop completely, then board carefully, using the handrail.
- Tell your children to take their seat quickly and stay in that seat for the entire ride — never putting head, arms or hands out the window.
- Teach your children to cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus so the driver can see them.

If you need more information about head injury and rehabilitation, call the New Mexico Head Injury System at 1-800-CARE TBI, ext. 3070.

"Going to school without parents is a sign of a child's independence," said Dr. Wasco, "but children must learn that practicing safety is a prerequisite for independence."

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Mazon — A Jewish Response to Hunger A New Breed of Jewish Philanthropy

by James David Besser and
Ron Ostroff

This is an excerpt from
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Jewish Times.

There is a new breed of Jewish philanthropy whose strong selling point is that it maintains a direct connection with the programs it funds, exemplified by Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger. It is the "micro" approach to giving, according to writer, lecturer and long-time Jewish activist Leonard Fein, who adds that "the general culture seems to prefer the 'micro' to the 'macro.'" Fein helped found Mazon in 1985.

"There is something attractive about smaller and more directed philanthropies," the Mazon founder said. "While federations are having a hard time, specific Israel-related philanthropies [are said to be] doing quite well. Project Renewal, which sent federation money to specific Israeli cities was an enormous success, because it focused in on one palpable element in the federation bag."

Mazon's uniqueness has to do with the way it is attempting to turn the American Jewish consciousness to the issue of hunger. Mazon (for the Hebrew word for food) urges Jews to contribute three percent of the cost of celebrations — bar or bat mitzvahs, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays — as "offerings" to combat the problem of hunger.

A Symbolic Connection

There is a thoroughly Jewish element to such contributions, according to supporters. It also personalizes the process of giving in a way that few other philanthropies can. The symbolic connection between "taxing" one's own celebrations and feeding the hungry is inescapable.

It is also a potent fundraising technique. This year, the group expects to distribute about \$1.1 million — a dramatic increase from the \$20,000 doled out in 1986 as the group's first grants.

Sonya Goodman, a nurse gerontologist from Owings Mills, Md., was introduced to Mazon in the summer of 1986 when she was getting remarried and wanted guests to give a donation to charity in lieu of a gift. Beth El Congregation's Rabbi Mark Lieb, a Mazon board member, suggested Mazon.

"It's called a Jewish response to hunger," Goodman said. "It was important to me that their money does not go just to Jew-

ish people. I believe I am my brother's keeper."

Goodman's suggestion brought more than \$5,000 to the young charity.

"I see some of these people and they tell me Mazon still writes to them and they send something," Goodman said. "So I have perpetuated something."

Mazon provides grants to a wide range of programs, from food banks to advocacy and social action groups focusing on the issues of hunger and homelessness. A typical grant is this year's \$5,000 to the Pomona Valley Council of Churches in California to purchase powdered milk and canned tuna for the group's hunger program.

Most of the groups funded by Mazon have little connection to direct services to the Jewish community — a fact that reflects another trend among the new generation of Jewish philanthropies.

Jewish life, Fein argued, swings back and forth between "particularism and universalism."

"During the Reagan years, during which these new groups got started, there was a belief that the community had become overly concerned with its own issues, not with the welfare of society in general," he said. "Groups like Mazon represent a recalibration of that balance."

Younger Contributors

Because Mazon provides money to a wide range of organizations that deal with a visible problem in American society, it has galvanized many younger contributors and volunteers.

"Every day, I see the homeless around me," said David Orbach, a trial attorney for the Justice Department who has become involved in raising money for Mazon. "I'm very involved with the UJA and with the local JCC. But by being involved in Mazon, I feel better because it tries to alleviate a very immediate problem. It allows me to do something



U.S. President Bush greets Blinded Veterans Association President Henry Berube and Mrs. Jane Berube at a recent world affairs briefing. The Blinded Veterans Association is chartered by the U.S. Congress to represent veterans with severe vision loss or blindness. (Official White House photo)

with a non-Jewish population that maybe another Jewish organization would not do."

Recently, Orbach delivered a check for \$7,500 to "Bread for the City," an inner-city hunger project.

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