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Israelis Unwind, But Love The Bomb

NEW YORK (JTA) — The threat of non-conventional warfare has apparently prompted Israelis to offer their Defense Ministry a virtually unanimous endorsement to develop nuclear weaponry. On a wealth of other issues, however, the gap between hawks and doves seems to have widened as a result of the Persian Gulf War.

In a public opinion survey conducted by Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, 91 percent of the respondents favored the expansion of Israel's nuclear capability, up by 15 percentage points from 1987.

The number of people who favored the use of nuclear weapons increased "astoundingly" over the past few years, added Professor Asher Arian, who conducted the survey.

The survey suggested that Israelis were primarily interested in nuclear weapons as a deterrent against the use of non-conventional weapons by the Arab states; they did not seem to think that a nuclear capability was necessary to offset the Arab's numerical superiority in conventional weaponry.

Thus, 75 percent of the respondents said they were willing to abandon all non-conventional weapons providing the enemy did so too. There was far less readiness to accept limitations on conventional forces.

Arian said he believed this attitude reflected confidence in the IDF's capability in case of conventional war. However, confidence in Israel's ability to cope with a non-conventional war has been "shaken somewhat," he said.

The survey, conducted

among 1,130 Israelis believed to be a representative sample of the country's adult Jewish population, also established that the war caused three out of every 10 Israelis to change their opinions on security and political issues.

"That's an enormous figure, but the net effect does not seem to be very great," Arian said, adding that in most cases the war accelerated polarization, causing hawks to become more hawkish and doves more dovish.

While there has been a slight increase in the number of people who would agree to the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, half of the Israeli public continues to strongly oppose the creation of an independent Palestinian state, and to view the Arab population of Israel as being increasingly hostile.

Thus, more than half the respondents supported harsher measures against Palestinians.

On another note, the study illustrated a rise in U.S. prestige among Israelis. Sixty-four percent of the respondents said they believed American security commitments were reliable, up 10 points from last year.

Trust in American Jewry also rose. Seventy-two percent of the respondents said they believed U.S. Jewry strongly supported the Israeli government's policies. Only 58 percent thought so last year.

But can the American Jewry influence U.S. policy regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict? Half the respondents thought they could, the same figure as in last year's survey.

"We Are All Our Brother's Keepers"

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Marion Pritchard, a heroine of the Dutch underground during World War II, was the featured speaker at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island last Monday, May 6. Mrs. Pritchard's speech was part of the center's Anne Frank exhibit, which runs until May 12.

Pritchard, who during the Holocaust rescued Jewish people from Nazi genocide at the risk of her own life, has been honored by many Jewish organizations. She is the recipient of the Righteous Gentile Award



Marion Pritchard

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah At Habonim



Left to right (rear): Linda Klepper, Joyce Zern, Helena Friedmann, Michael Little. (front): Toby Liebowitz, Micki Gold, Pat Buff, Temma Holland, Karen Goldman, Barbara Heller, Hope Zawatsky, Terry Lieberman, Deborah Klibanoff.

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

"Happy are we whose synagogue is small/ because we love each Jew/ because we have to/ because we do./...Happy are we whose house is a shul/ and whose temple is a home." (For the Jews of Bnai Isaac, Aberdeen, South Dakota).

Shabbat services began with this poem last Friday at Temple Habonim in Barrington, as the congregation gathered to celebrate the synagogue's first Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

The twelve adults comprising the Bar/Bat Mitzvah group, spent the early afternoon preparing the synagogue for the evening's honors and celebration. The celebrants had studied under the guidance of their teachers, Toby Liebowitz and Rabbi James B. Rosenberg, for a year and a half. A few of

the honorees had been waiting decades for this day.

On Friday afternoon Barrington was buzzing with excitement. In a flurry, the celebrants drove to and from Temple Habonim with arm loads of flowers, fruits, tablecloths, and glassware. These dedicated, inspiring adults were hard at work setting up for their own Oneg Shabbat.

With infectious smiles and frequent displays of affection, they acted more like family members than classmates. As they pulled together to organize the reception, individuals paused to offer their insight into the process and meaning of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

"I think that a big surprise for all of us is the unity that developed in the group," explained Joyce Zern. "Yes," continued Barbara Heller, "it's the unity

of being Jewish, of belonging to a community." As if to demonstrate their point, the eleven women and one man swirled around this reporter, one finishing the other's sentences, peppering their comments on record with conversation off the record.

Although some of the words differed, most of the comments had a similar focus. All twelve adults were excited and moved by the impending ceremony. They took seriously the significance of the rituals and were ready to participate as committed, informed adults. Their dedication and enthusiasm were truly awesome.

"I'm the oldest one in the group," Hope Zawatsky confided with a broad smile. "When I first joined this group, I wanted to do this because as a young gal, I didn't have the op- (continued on page 11)

given by Yad Vashem for her courage, the Myrtle Wreath from Hadassah and has been honored by the Anti-Defamation League among many others.

Pritchard took the podium at 3 pm and began to relay an amazing story of stealth, cunning and resourcefulness that made the Dutch Underground famous for bedeviling their Nazi captors.

Pritchard explained to a captive audience how it was that she began her crusade to hide Jews from peril.

"I saw a truck outside a Jewish children's home. The chil-

dren ranged in age from about 2 to 12. The Germans were loading them into the truck. The kids didn't move fast enough. They were crying and upset and these (Germans)... just picked up these kids by the arm, by the leg, and threw them into the truck. And I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Two women came from the other side and tried to stop the Germans who simply picked them up and threw them on top of the children in the truck.

"And that was when my decision to do anything I could to frustrate the final solution be-

came truly conscious. And, at last, in that same week (I decided) to take home a little boy for a couple of days until a place was found where he (continued on page 3)

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Inside the Ocean State

Miriam Women Help Patients In Pain

The proceeds of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association's 1991 Equipment Event will be used to purchase five Patient-Controlled Analgesia Machines and a Ventilator for the I.C.U. At our Open Meeting in February, two Miriam Hospital physicians, Steven L. Blazar, M.D. and Charles B. Sherman, M.D., described this equipment.

"High doses of analgesics every four hours translates into

pain for two hours," according to Dr. Steven Blazar, who described the benefits of Patient-Controlled Analgesia (PCA) machines. The patient with a PCA now has control over his pain. Instead of pushing a call button, the button pushed released pain medication directly into the bloodstream. Less medication is needed because the pain has not built up to a great intensity. Gone is the dreaded rhythm of



great pain, sedation, grogginess, relief, new pain build-up. Seventy-five percent of post-operative pain occurs within the ensuing 48 hours. The PCA machine, releasing measured amount of pain medication into the bloodstream when the patient determines it is needed, is extremely successful in providing relief. It was invented in 1984 and is now used in 45% of all U.S. hospitals. Post-operative patients will be grateful that PCA's are now in use at The Miriam Hospital.

The Pulmonary Ventilator purchased by The Women's Association will be one of six in use in the I.C.U. It is needed to

take over the lung's job during respiratory distress. The design is computer driven, state-of-the-art and has an extensive alarm system. Dr. Charles B. Sherman, Director of the Pulmonary Division of the Department of Medicine at The Miriam, explained its use and its importance to our patients.

This event was under the Chairmanship of Suzanne Gilstein and Joanne Summer, and Treasurer Sylvia Brown, who have done an outstanding job in raising these monies.

In Dr. Blazar's own words, "I simply cannot wait to have the equipment available for use in the Intensive Care Unit."

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The Rhode Island Emergency Food and Shelter Board (RIEFEB) announced that an additional \$265,973 will be distributed to 32 R.I. food and shelter programs throughout the state.

A grant of \$225,973 was received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) which based this amount on R.I.'s latest unemployment figures multiplied by the area's cost of living. In addition, the R.I. Department of Human Services allocated \$40,000 to the Emergency Food and Shelter Board for emergency food services. Earlier this year, the Emergency Food and Shelter Board distributed \$576,558 to agencies providing help to people in need, making a grand total of \$841,531 for emergency food and shelter.

"These are very difficult times for people in R.I.," said Rev. Richard Brown, chairper-

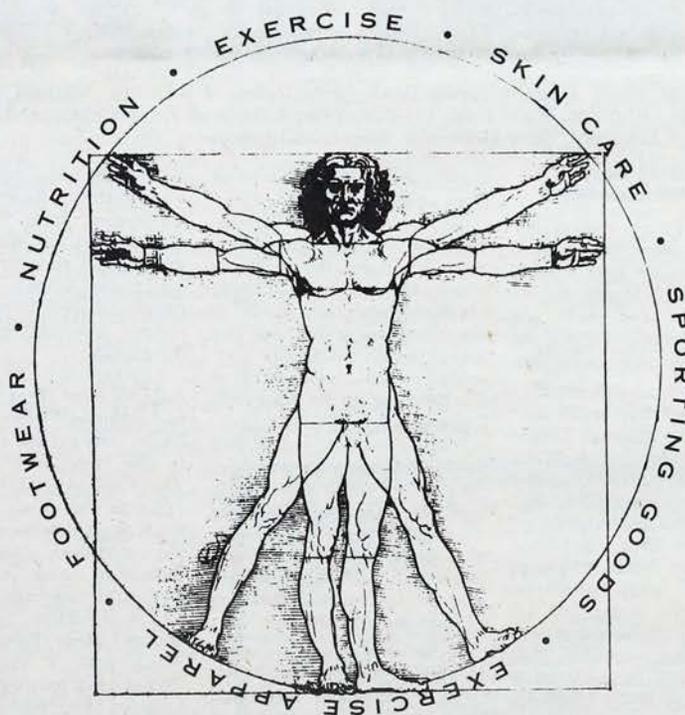
son of the R.I. Emergency Food and Shelter Board. "Emergency shelters and kitchens are stretched to the limits. These funds represent a significant step in the direction of meeting the continuing food and shelter needs in the entire community."

"Many people who were once able to provide a stable home for themselves and their family can no longer do so."

RIEFEB was formed in 1983 by congress under the auspices of the United Way of South-eastern New England. It is composed of representatives from local food and shelter providers.

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2nd Annual R.I. Walk for Heart: Saturday, May 11, Lincoln Woods State Park, 11 a.m. - 5 mile pledge walk to benefit American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate. Rain or shine. Refreshments, prizes for most money raised. Call 728-5300 for further information.

Workshop On Childhood Illnesses

Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island is offering a two-part seminar, "Common Childhood Illnesses, May 14 and 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m."

This seminar will provide parents with basic knowledge of common childhood illnesses, their signs, symptoms and treatments.

Conducted by Denise Fimbel-Coppa, pediatric nurse practitioner, this workshop is part of a series of Parent Connection Seminars designed to provide helpful information on a variety of parenting issues.

Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information, contact the Patient Education Department at Women & Infants Hospital at 274-7410.

Feature

Safed

by Idelle Kaplan

Having spent over a year's time in Israel, I am writing to inform others about the city of Safed. One can easily overlook Safed because it is quite far from the center of the country. But when one tours Israel, Safed would be one of the essential stopping stops. Most tourists prefer either the cosmopolitan Tel Aviv or the religiously intense Jerusalem, but I am in the vocal minority which has discovered and is thoroughly enamored by Safed. I often describe this small isolated city up north as magical and in a higher reality.

Mention Safed, and Israelis find those familiar with the city immediately think of mysticism, the artists' quarter, and the mountains. As for the mysticism, the city is infused with the character of its most famous mystic, Rabbi Yitzchak Luria, or, as he is better known, the Ari. He lived in the 17th century and was the first to teach many the Zohar, the secrets of Torah, after it was

written down in the second century by Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. The Ari had a synagogue and it is still in use today.

Mysticism is still deeply embedded in Safed as evidenced by a copious amount of Chassidic institutions dotted all over the city. Indeed, spiritually inclined people often feel drawn to this northern city where they find expression to their inner needs and awareness. Many can be seen reciting Tehillim (Psalms) at the grave of the Ari, who is buried in Safed.

According to tradition, if one prays by the grave of a tzaddik (righteous person), then the tzaddik in Heaven will persuade G-D to answer the petitioner's prayers.

As for the famous artists' quarter, it resides in the old city of Safed. Small art galleries abound along the narrow winding roads of the old city. These buildings are made entirely of stone and have an appearance of being old and worn. But inside, there are paintings that

capture the essence and beauty of Jewish religious and cultural life. Some familiar themes of these paintings are traditional Jewish communities in Old Europe, famous Jewish figures in their most thoughtful expressions, and artistic representations of Kabbalistic themes. Artists often sit outside and paint in the summer months, almost completely ignoring the tourists while concentrating on their work.

Storeowners are aggressive in attempting sales on either the paintings or their crafts, which usually consist of hand-made jewelry, menorahs, and mezuzah boxes. Tourists walking from gallery to gallery in the hot summer months welcome the box-stands intermittently scattered along the roads, in which Safed residents sell cold drinks and other refreshments. There are many galleries to see and enjoy in Safed. They are certainly one of the city's principle attractions.

Of course, a full description of Safed's attractions would

not be possible without mention of the vast mountain ranges surrounding this small city. Clusters of trees and bushes scatter along the mountain slopes, and Arab villages are in the mountain pockets. These mountains are intensely green and still. They appear majestic against the sunshine during the day. Residents savor watching the sun set over the mountains as the sun slowly changes to orange, then blue-red before finally becoming night black.

Walking along during the day, I would often stop and marvel over the breathtaking landscape. It seemed to suggest that the city and its inhabitants were above and safe from the tumult and troubles occurring in the rest of the world. Indeed, all that seemed to matter was the present, and all concerns would take care of themselves. In fact, the day I left Safed for Jerusalem, I looked wistfully outside, missing the magnificent mountains.

Thus, anyone planning to visit Israel this summer must

remember to go up north and experience this jewel of a city. Its beauty and other worldliness capture the heart and leave one with fond memories.

Idelle Kaplan, originally from Providence, spent about a year and a half in Israel to study in a Yeshiva for women to learn how "to be more religious." This is her first piece printed in a publication. Kaplan plans to become trained in elementary education. Eventually, she hopes to use her training in Israel.



In Memoriam

By Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

He drove up to our house in a neat brown business suit. He parked his black Cadillac on our cobble driveway and got out. He carried a small dark valise or gripper. Neighbors stood on their sidewalks or stared out their windows. What had we done to deserve such an honor? A house call from a family doctor!

Who else but Dr. Ezra Sharp? He climbed upstairs

and took a chair beside my bed. I lay low, feverish or even delirious. I get that way in spring. Is this the end? Dr. Ezra would take my hand and time my pulse. "You'll be back at work in three days. No more, no less. Don't bother with aspirin." He wouldn't jab me with a needle or stuff me with pills and powders. I would reach over for my wallet from the cluttered nighttable. Super-

doctor would cruise off into the horizon in his supermobile. Often I would get up at once. His words alone cured me.

My wife and I got married on a May 4, R.I. Independence Day. I first said I do on the day the state I was born in said I do to the Constitution. We're slow to join up, the state and me. Before we got hitched, my fiancée dragged me to Ezra for the blood test, which I dreaded. She didn't want to buy a pig in a poke. What was she getting? Dr. Sharp poked me there and there. He asked a question. "Do you drink?" I panicked. Did he want me off the precious potion? "A drop from time to time," I muttered. "Well, I prescribe wine with your meals. You're too thin!"

The physician used the same word my mom did, Eat! "Take

cake and ice cream for dessert."

Ezra Sharp made me get up and grab hold of health just by looking at me. Some of his medical advice might stun you today. It made good sense only the day before yesterday. They still give shock treatments for youthful depression. But Dr. Sharp would really lay it on the line. "It's time you got married!" Complex chemicals may treat the elderly for melancholy. Dr. Sharp — according to a Pawtucket source — would say, "Go out and buy yourself a corn cob pipe. Your troubles will vanish like a puff of smoke." He had the magic touch. He was the Wizard of Providence.

Dr. Ezra Sharp died last spring. (28 Adar)

Keepers

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could be staying."

Pritchard also explained the "carrot and stick" philosophy that the Germans used to lull the Dutch Jewish community into a false sense of security.

The Nazis summoned local Jewish community leaders and appointed them as members of the "Jewish Council," a liaison between the Nazi occupiers and the Jewish population. The Jewish Council was used to relay the false message to the people that compliance with all Nazi demands would ensure their safety. The council was also ordered to set up a Jewish newspaper so that the Nazis might be more convincing in their propaganda. The community was divided in its view of the council. Some saw it as complicity with the enemy, while some thought it might be a way to maintain some kind of self-determination.

Pritchard, however, never thought that the Nazi's intentions were anything less than evil. The confusion the propaganda caused helped the Nazis to keep resistance at a minimum.

Pritchard told a story of how she had to convince a Jewish couple who were expecting a child to give it up to a gentile couple in order to save its life. Eventually the Jewish couple agreed and the gentile wife faked pregnancy as a security measure. When the child was born, the transfer was made. Unfortunately, the Jewish couple were eventually captured and executed by the Nazis. The child survived.

Pritchard, while in her early twenties, also hid four Jews in

her home as well as found homes and hiding places for numerous Jewish babies. Babies were hauled in garbage cans, laundry bags anything to rescue them from a terrible fate. Of the four Pritchard hid, three have survived. One, now 48 years old, gave birth to a baby boy last year. Another became a cellist; and she has lost contact with the third.

After her speech, an audience member asked what she would tell children today about the past and she replied, "I

hope that they (will) be open-minded and question authority. Germans followed their leaders because of their upbringing. They would receive harsh punishments if they didn't obey. They never thought for themselves. Don't be obedient."

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Dear Editors:

First The Pollards Now The Mannings

Having followed the Pollard case for years, I couldn't help but discover the striking similarities between the treacherous imprisonments of two dedicated Jewish couples, the Pollards and the Mannings.

I set out to visit the Mannings on one Shabbat in April at the Russian Compound in Jerusalem and found this warm, pleasant couple shaken from the trauma of being torn from their beloved children. Coincidentally, this latest injustice came right at the heels of Baker's welcome by an Israeli government of perpetual beggars for money in exchange for peace. The political ramifications of the Manning arrests are many, however legally there is no right to extra-

dition when political motives are concerned.

What we all have to fear is the sudden power of neo-Nazis infiltrating the "respectable" and influential professions in America. Their abuse of power is directed towards ruining the Jewish image by framing Jews in connection with crimes never committed by associating them with "extreme groups." This dangerous insurgence of prejudice by association poses a physical threat to Jews the world over.

Let us speak out on behalf of the Mannings immediately by writing to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Minister of Justice Dan Meridor, The Knesset, Jerusalem, Israel. Urge them to stay the extradition. Israel is a haven to all Jews no matter what the situation. No Jew should be handed over to any foreign government. May G-d's rescuing help come in a twinkling of an eye.

**Karen Dub
Providence
and Jerusalem**

AN OBSERVANT EYE

Episcopalian Rabbis

Were it not so terribly tragic, it would be burlesque. The spectacle, reported locally, was of a rabbi (give him the title; it has long since lost any real meaning) defining — defining — Judaism as "social action." "The ritual," he added, "is not where it's at." The nominal religious leader went on to define *mitzvot* as "good deeds" — i.e. actions smiled upon by politically correct proponents of the current liberal social agenda. To compound the sheer idiocy of removing the *Metzaveh* (Commander) from *mitzvah* (commandment), he also railed against the "narrow-minded mentality of helping strictly one's own people."

Now there is a long, undisputed, tradition of obsequious Jewish behavior in front

AVI SHAFRAN

of non-Jews, and the rabbi in question was indeed speaking at an interfaith conference, but there is little reason to suspect him of dissembling. He simply considers the entire corpus of Jewish law — from the Sabbath and dietary laws to those covering marriage and conversion to prohibitions against adultery or homosexual relations — to be *passee*. He is, of course, entitled to whatever notions tickle his fancy, but he is most certainly not entitled to redefine Judaism.

Though it has happened, unfortunately, often enough. From Korach and his men to the Sadducees, from Paul of Tarsus to Holdheim of Berlin, there has been no dearth of Jews who rejected the authority of the revealed law and sought to belittle the concept of *mitzvah* as divine *commandment*. No dearth, in other words, of those who have sought to de-Judaize the Jewish people. But somehow it is more striking, more tragic, to see someone in our own times, after the Crusades and the Holocaust, after the establishment of the state of Israel and the Middle-East wars, scurrying about trying to chase the divine out of Jewish

consciousness. The "ritual," baby, may not be where you're at, but it is what countless ancestors of yours and of mine went to the torture chamber and the stake for rather than abandon.

Perhaps we should be thankful for his giving the lie to the silliness that the Conservative movement (his affiliation, in presumably good standing) has true concern for the integrity of Jewish law, a contention heard much less these days but not without its stubborn, tough aging, proponents. But the sheer horror of the fact that there are men who, looked to by their unsuspecting congregants, daily mislead countless innocent souls obliterates any satisfaction one can possibly take in the exposure of the emperor's wretched nakedness.

There was a time, still fresh in the memory of many, when even non-Orthodox rabbis played, if not the role we Orthodox wished they had, at least an undeniably *positive* role. They encouraged at least some observance of Jewish praxis, to one degree or another, and stressed the importance of a Jew's concern, first and foremost, for his or her fellow Jews. Many still do. But others, like our rabbi, aspire to different, indeed diametric,

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Gun Control Debate

**Statement of
Rabbi David Saperstein
Director, Religious Action Center
of Reform Judaism**

"The ugly attack on Rep.

Charles Schumer, by a group calling itself 'Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership' is a blatant and outrageous distortion of Jewish

teaching, Jewish history, and Jewish values. The attack on Rep. Schumer, the Anti-Defamation League and B'nai B'rith for their support of the Brady Bill which attempts to prevent criminals and mentally ill people from obtaining guns uses the rhetoric of gutter bigotry, degrades the democratic process and belittles the need for civilized dialogue about vital and controversial public issues.

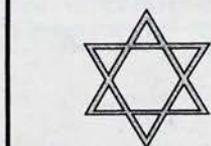
"Furthermore, the injection of religious bigotry into public debate is unacceptable in America. The fact that the attack is launched by Jews does not make it any less anti-Semitic. The 'Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership' have every right to take any position on gun control they wish to argue, but they have no right to use anti-Semitism, character assassination, and abuse of the Jewish community in the process.

"The characterization of members of Congress as 'stupid Jews' and 'pro-criminal Jews' is repugnant.

"The assertion that support for gun control legislation by Jews and Jewish organizations promotes or justifies anti-Semitism is reprehensible.

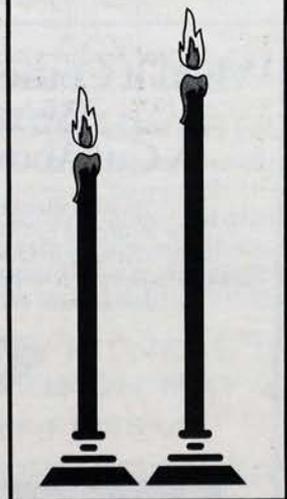
"The fact of the matter is that every mainstream Jewish organization joins former President Reagan and the overwhelming majority of the American public in supporting the Brady Bill, which would provide a seven-day waiting period on handgun purchases. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations commends Rep. Schumer's leadership on this issue and urges swift passage of the Brady Bill."

(The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism is a joint instrumentality of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations representing 850 synagogues with a membership of 1.5 million Reform Jews and the Central Conference of American Rabbis representing over 1500 Reform rabbis in the United States).



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Closer To God

"If you walk in My statutes and keep my commandments and do them; then I will give you rains in their season, and the land shall yield her produce..."

These are the opening words of the second of this week's two Torah portions, Behar and Bechukosai.

One kind of reward for the performance of a mitzvah is mentioned in this verse, "I will give you rains in their season..." Here the material benefits for observing mitzvos are enumerated. To merit the material and spiritual blessings of G-d, we must "walk" in His statutes.

The second reward for a mitzvah is the mitzvah itself. A mitzvah helps a person establish a bond with the infinite G-d. In fact, the word mitzvah has its root in a Hebrew word meaning joined. Every time a person does a mitzvah, they become closer to G-d.

In particular, this verse mentions the specific mitzvos called "statutes." Statutes are the commandments for which we have no explanation. Some commandments, such as those to set up legal systems, or not to steal and murder, can be easily understood. They're logical and societal. Other mitzvos, like celebrating the holidays, serve as reminders. But statutes are decrees which, like the edicts of a king, must be followed regardless of our ability to understand them.

Before doing a mitzvah, we recite a blessing: "Blessed are you... Who made us holy with His commandments and commanded us..." In the end, it is because G-d commanded us, and because we want to be in close contact with G-d, that we do the mitzvah.

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Kurdish Unity And The Negotiations With Saddam

by Moti Zaken

The abrupt meeting between Kurdish leaders and Saddam Hussein stunned many in the West as well as many Kurds. It was not accidental that the Iraqi news agency circulated the particular photograph showing Jalal Talabani and president Hussein kissing each other on both cheeks. Mr. Talabani is the most vocal Kurdish actor in this political drama. Two Kurdish proverbs might be appropriate for describing that meeting. The first one says "if you cannot bite, do not show your teeth." The other says, "believe in neither a pleasant winter nor a smile of an enemy." After the catastrophic Kurdish military defeat it seems that Mr. Talabani is complying with the first proverb, and showing signs of reconciliation. It is not clear yet whether he trusts the ruthless enemy who smiles at him.

In order to analyze the circumstances which brought about this meeting in Baghdad, it is necessary to examine the two chief Kurdish leaders - Jalal Talabani (who attended this meeting) and Masoud Barazani (who did not). Talabani, a lawyer by training, heads the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), while Barazani, whose father Mulla Mustafa was Talabani's life-long rival, leads the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP). In the mid-sixties, Talabani fought the elder Barazani in conjunction with government troops. Masoud Barazani, as his father before him, was a guerrilla commander all his life.

The April 1991 meeting was not the first time Talabani sat with Hussein at the discussion table. In December 1983, during the Iraq-Iran war, Talabani entered peace negotiations with Saddam Hussein. This act was opposed vehemently by the other Kurdish national movements in Iraq. These dealings reminded Talabani's opponents of what they believed were the treasonous events of the mid-60's.

When the negotiations between Talabani and Saddam broke down, in January 1985, hostilities between the two sides resumed. Talabani became the most notorious enemy of the Baath regime. In

Rabbis

(continued from previous page) goals: the unapologetic perversion of Jewish law and the undermining of true Jewish identity and unity.

There is, without doubt, room for pluralism within Judaism, but "within Judaism" is not a silly-putty phrase. Judaism is not whatever any Jew with a title and a following proclaims it to be. Social action and concern for humanity as a whole are certainly part — and an important part — of Judaism, but Judaism is not synonymous with a social agenda, not limited to the possession of a liberal conscience. It is synonymous only with the laws of the Torah — all of them.

Maybe the rabbi should consider putting his affiliation where his mouth is. He could try Episcopalianism. The money's not so good, but I hear the fellow clergy are much less troublesome.

the past he had spoken of mere autonomy for Iraqi Kurdistan, but after his 1985 disappointment he changed his objective to national self-determination leading to an independent Kurdish state.

A unity among the Kurds was slowly emerging during this time. Talabani's PUK gradually shifted its policy toward Barazani's KDP which was allied with Teheran against Iraq. At the end of 1986 the military cooperation between Talabani's and Barazani's fighters resumed after a hiatus of more than ten years. In the years to follow the Kurdish unity remained intact, though this unity was not seriously challenged by external events and powers as might occur now.

Even during this period Kurdish unity was only tenuous. In the past, because of the enmity between the KDP and PUK, it was impossible to have both organizations in the same front. The various Kurdish leaders, including Barazani and Talabani, were forced to bury their differences, especially after the chemical attack against Kurdish civilians in 1987-88. "We couldn't cope with such atrocious weapons" said Mr. Barazani in London back in 1989. All Kurdish leaders adopted a united front. Their military tactics were changed completely; instead of using permanent bases in "liberated" territory and confronting the Iraqi army directly, the KDP returned to its classic insurgency tactics that involved small, highly trained units, targeting specific economic sites such as dams. It may well have been that the shift in Kurdish operational tactics in the late 80's is yet another reason for the Kurdish military failure in March 1991.

Talabani's meeting with Saddam could be interpreted as an acknowledgement of the Kurdish military failure. He had recognized the inability of the Kurdish fighters to succeed in a full-scale war which goes beyond mere hit-and-run guerrilla operations. The fact was that the Kurds were unable to establish order in the region they captured. As an old clan leader put it "there was no regularized form of cooperation among the clans. They did not know how to operate the tanks, planes and helicopters they seized from the Iraqis. Their army lacked the necessary modern organization and discipline."

Mr. Talabani, in his real politik, probably hopes that with the ally forces still in Kurdistan he might succeed in grabbing the opportunity to insure a Kurdish autonomy. If and when autonomy is achieved, Talabani and the Kurds would then look for a better political climate, preferably without Saddam, in which to achieve their other goals. Talabani tries meanwhile to resort to finding a political solution, despite the Iraqi government history of betrayal.

KDP leader Masoud Barazani, the second main figure in the Kurdish front and Talabani's main rival, did not participate in the Damascus press conference in mid-March. Neither did he take part when the delegation met with Saddam Hussein, instead he sent his twenty-five-year-old nephew Nashirwan, the son of Mahmud, his youngest brother. (Behind the birth of Nashirwan there is a story with an Israeli angle. When Nashirwan was about to be born his mother's life was in danger. At the time, a field hospital, fully equipped and run by an Israeli team, has just been established near the headquarters of Mustafa Barazani. The woman's condition deteriorated and the midwives began screaming and lost their hope. Only after repeated requests by the Israeli physicians from Mulla Mustafa Barazani, was one of them permitted to run to the women's encampment. Just at dawn and after tremendous effort, succeeded the physician, Dr. Uri Frand, to rescue the woman's life and to help her give birth to two healthy male twins, Nashirwan and Doluwan.

Masoud Barazani, usually prefers to remain inside northern Iraq alongside his fighters. It is not accidental that Masoud who is known as a militant keeps low profile in the negotiations with Baghdad. He might not fully agree with these discussions but he does not have any reason yet to back out. At the same time, he has nothing to lose. He will sit and wait to see whether the fruit that Talabani is picking is ripe, before trying to eat it.

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The Herald prints a range of opinions. The editors wish also to express a viewpoint. We hope that Rabbis from all points on the spectrum, to avoid *loshon hora*, will seek not only to respect differences, but even to celebrate the richness of our diversity.

"I Didn't Cry For My Mother"

by Lenka Rose

My mother Hencha was 44-years-old when she and her two younger children Sarallah 11 years and Chavallah 8 years were brutally gassed by the German Nazis in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

With her last breath she must have clutched her children to her bosom to shield them from the incoming gases. These German beasts had a free hand to do as they pleased with the lives of innocent people. They knew the world didn't care and there would be no consequences.

My mother was pretty, gracious, intelligent and an ardent reader, which she instilled in her children. Her complexion was peaches and cream. She had seven children, three boys and four girls. The third child died at home as an infant. The three older children, two boys, Dudi and Benci and I, Leah, survived the treacherous war.

The Nazis ripped us out of our home and we were taken to Auschwitz. Upon arrival the men and women with their children were separated. We were greeted by Dr. Mangelle, his cohorts and dogs. An order came to line up, five in a row. My mother and her four children formed a row. A selection took place. I was pushed to the left and the rest of my family to the right. As I turned to assess my new situation, there was my 14-year-old sister, Rifkallah. "What are you doing HERE?" I asked. "My mother sent me to you as she said 'You shouldn't be alone.'" My mother parented to the last. How my sister got to me is beyond belief as she had to go by the evil Dr. Mangelle. That was my mother, as nothing

would stand in her way when it came to her children. When trouble started I could see how she suffered, not being able to feed us. "I have lived already but what do they want from my children?" After much torture and suffering my sister died at the evil hands of Mangelle in Auschwitz.

Religious life in Carpathia was orthodox. We lived our religion and Mother instilled Yidishkeit in her children. She taught us to be good people, to be sensitive to the needs of others and to respect the elderly. My mother was a real "Balabuste"; she baked her own challas for the Sabbath, coffee Kuchan, filled with poppy seeds, cocoa, nuts, cinnamon, raisins or cheese and the odors would remain in my mind forever. Her chicken soup, homemade lukshen, and many other goodies, produced many happy memories.

Years later, when I was sooo hungry, my mind could recreate those luscious smells, and I could actually taste them. At these times, I longed for my mother, our home. How I prayed to stay alive to tell the world what happened to our people.

When my mother perished, there was no one to shed tears for her. But I did cry. The tears I shed were for me and not my mother. The last months of our mother's life must have been excruciating. Not only her death but to witness the murder of her children. It is beyond human comprehension.

I am bothered to this day. I the elder daughter, Leah, who loved and adored her, did not shed a tear, the day she lost her life. "I didn't cry for my mother."

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World and National News

Anti-Zionists Stage May Day Marches

by Shoshana Levine
 NEW YORK (JTA) — Thousands of demonstrators holding aloft anti-Semitic, anti-Zionist signs were highly visible participants in May Day marches recently, both in Leningrad and Moscow.

The marchers accused Soviet leaders of favoring Jews over Russians.

Demonstrators also claimed that Zionists killed Pamyat leader Konstantin Smirnov-Ostashvili, who reportedly committed suicide last week while serving a two-year sentence in a labor camp for his role in the anti-Semitic attack on a Moscow writers club in January 1990.

Pamyat was the main sponsor of the protests, which in Leningrad lasted several hours. The ultranationalist group was assisted in organizing the marches by Yedinstvo and the United Workers Front, similar nationalist groups.

Among the posters held aloft in Leningrad was one that read "Soviet Army, save us from Judeo-Bolshevik butchers." In that parade, such posters were seen from the beginning of the march.

In Moscow, where one sign called for no ties with "fascist, racist Israel," nationalists began demonstrating toward the end of the parade.

Such manifestations "do not surprise us," said Myrna Shin-

baum, director of the Soviet Jewry desk of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Still, they "highly concern us," she said.

Martin Wenick, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said that both the Moscow and Leningrad incidents are "reflective of the fact that these (anti-Semitic) groups are still active. While not necessarily large in numbers, they are troubling and create an environment which is threatening to the Jewish community."

Shinbaum remarked that "Leningrad particularly has become a hotbed of anti-Zionist activities, especially during the Gulf War."

She noted that these demonstrations illustrate the "latent anti-Semitic sentiment that has existed in the Soviet Union for decades and which is becoming more prevalent today." "Nationalist groups see

Zionism and Jews as the greatest evil to ever befall the Russian Republic," she said.

The rallies show a strange alignment between ultranationalist groups, which are generally anti-Communist, and Communist conservatives, who often profess a similar anti-Jewish sentiment.

Anti-Semitic marchers carried pictures of Joseph Stalin, who was responsible for wholesale purges against Jews.

"It's disturbing that these demonstrations continue to take place," Shinbaum said. "But it's equally disturbing that people don't speak out and deplore them."

Shinbaum pointed out as "the main problem" the fact that "there's been no counteraction in the Soviet Union."

Neither Anatoly Sobchak, mayor of Leningrad, nor his Moscow counterpart, Gavril Popov, publicly denounced the demonstrations, she remarked.



National

NEW YORK (JTA) - Clio Straight, a retired U.S. brigadier general who was responsible for setting up the post-World War II prosecution of Nazi war criminals in Germany, died April 22 of pneumonia at St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware. He was 86.

Samuel O. Their, M.D., president of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and former chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, has been named the sixth President of Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A nationwide campaign to register high school students to vote at the age of 18, by bringing registrars directly into the schools, will be undertaken by members of NA'AMAT USA, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America. Harriet Green of Miami, national president of the organization, said a program in Dade County, Florida, which has met with 98 percent success among eligible high school seniors, will be a model for the campaign.

International

LONDON (JTA) - The War Crimes Bill, overwhelmingly adopted by the House of Commons six weeks ago, was rejected last week by the House of Lords, for the second time in less than a year. But the measure, which would allow British courts to try suspected war criminals living in Britain, is expected to become law despite opposition by the peers.

TEL AVIV (JTA) - Intourist, the Soviet state tourist service, opened its first bureau in Israel last week. The assistant manager, Anatoly Petrushenko, was present for the opening. The Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* quoted him as saying that the office would promote Israeli tourism to the Soviet Union and assist tourists from the Soviet Union arriving in Israel.

Lighting A Memorial Flame



Over 1,000 Holocaust survivors and community leaders recently gathered at a Yom HaShoah commemoration to memorialize the six million victims of the Holocaust. The event's two keynote speakers, U.S. Brigadier General Sidney Shachnow, currently commander of the Berlin Brigade and Knesset Member, Dr. Eliahu Ben Ellisar, who served as Israel's first Ambassador to Egypt are both survivors of the World War II Holocaust. While reflecting on the impact of the Holocaust on their own personal destinies, and documenting the world's apathy to the Jews of Europe under Nazi occupation, both the General and the Ambassador spoke of the recent Gulf War. Pictured lighting the Memorial Flame are (left to right) Dr. Gerald Margolis, Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center; Dr. Ben Ellisar and General Shachnow.

Private Fund Established To Boost Jewish Birthrate

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — While demographers bemoan the low Jewish birthrate, the congregation of Mishkon Tephilo in the Pacific Ocean-front community of Venice is doing something about it.

Mishkon Tephilo, which bills itself as "A Participatory Conservative Synagogue," has announced creation of a \$100,000 trust fund.

Under the terms of the fund, couples bearing or adopting a child during a given Jewish calendar year will share in the 8.25 percent interest earned annually by the fund. Temple members Louis and Dorothy Gold, who put up the \$100,000, view the dividend as "a kind of first birthday present," and hope it will be applied to the infants' future Jewish education.

Remembering Kosinski

by Herald Staff

When you write an obit, you hope the next of kin may be comforted. If the person was a major public figure, you may believe that history should take note of the good or bad. If you are some kind of a mystic, you may even cling to the notion that the soul of the departed may smile at your words in print.

In the case of the suicide last week of Jerzy Kosinski, you just take note of the loss of a leaf out of Jewish life. He was of a special generation. If you share his age, you compare your life to his. They came to us. They rose and sometimes fell among us. We could share their enemies, but sometimes not their friends.

When his book *The Painted Bird* came out, it struck some as a cruel book. Not just about cruelty, but cruel in itself, hammering home its horrors without space among them. Yet before the end, he made it up with Poland. And then he took his own life.

Imagine, he picked up his English and American by studying Poe and Shakespeare. He listened to the romantic whispers of Ava Gardner and spoke with the sharp tang of Humphrey Bogart — in the gorgeous and romantic "Barefoot Contessa."

People in Providence who think about Jerzy Kosinski might keep in mind that his spiritual brothers and sisters live in our neighborhoods. A lovely and friendly Polish lady on the East Side converted to Judaism when she married a Jewish merchant seaman on shore leave in Lodz. Her mother had thrown bread over the barbed wire fence to Jewish prisoners. She made friends with Ray Eichenbaum, once of Lodz, who came to us as an orphan.

Something about Jerzy Kosinski dwells in Rhode Island and haunts us still.

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Israel Tourism Takes Off

by Shoshana Levine

NEW YORK (JTA) — The explosion of the Persian Gulf War in January nearly brought Israeli tourism to a halt.

"This year was the first very bad period of time we've had since 1982," said Rafi Harlev, president of El Al Airlines. "But now we are back to normal. Traffic for Passover was good, with a great deal of tourists from the U.S. and Canada."

Although El Al forecasts do not yet show an increased number of tourists to Israel this summer, the increasing popularity of late bookings has made such forecasts increasingly unreliable.

"Now, as always after Passover and before the summer, it's kind of slow," Harlev said. "But we expect tourism to pick up in the last quarter of June and we anticipate a reasonably good summer."

El Al, Israel's national airline, was the only airline to maintain regular flights to Israel during the Persian Gulf War, underscoring the airline's commitment to maintaining a consistent schedule of flights to Israel despite potential losses.

In anticipation of the busy summer tourist season, El Al is offering its passenger various deals and bonuses. Its frequent flyer program, however, is

relatively weak.

Questioned about this, Harlev explained that El Al has been refused inclusion in other airlines' frequent flyer programs.

"We've been trying to strike up deals with other airlines," he said. "No airline wants to have a relationship with El Al, because they fly to Arab countries and are afraid of losing business. Therefore, our program can be implemented only on El Al routes."

On Jan. 23, one week after the first Scud attack on Israel, El Al began direct chartered flights between Tel Aviv and Moscow. The current 20 weekly flights to and from Moscow, however, are available for tourists and visitors only. Immigrants must now first fly to Budapest, Warsaw or Romania, where they board the El Al planes that bring them to Israel.

"This plan is a political matter and not up to us," Harlev stressed. "If the relationship between Israel and the Soviet Union develops as anticipated, flights for immigrants will develop accordingly."

According to Harlev, El Al has given a commitment to the Israeli government that it will bring all immigrants into Israel within 12 hours of their exodus from their original countries, regardless of the number.

May Day and Lag B'Omer Coincide

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two holidays of vastly dissimilar character coincided this year, bringing together in Israel the celebrations of a completely secular day of observance with a day steeped in religious mysticism.

On Wednesday, May 1, some Israelis observed May Day, the international festival of the labor movement. This year's observances were lower key than usual in Israel, as well as in the Soviet Union, where it was once the year's most important day. Fewer red flags were seen this May Day, and only one "workers march" was held — in Nazareth.

Histadrut, the trade union federation, took out full-page newspaper advertisements hailing its forbearance from strikes and work stoppages so that Israel could deal with the economic burdens of the Persian Gulf War and mass aliyah from the Soviet Union.

Lag B'Omer began at sun-

down. Scores of thousands of Orthodox Jews and Hasidim massed at the tomb of their sage, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, at Meron, near Safed, joyfully and prayerfully observing the miracle that halted a plague which ravaged the country in the Middle Ages.

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AROUND TOWN

Story and photos by Dorothea Snyder

It was touch-and-go weather for the Rhode Island Chabad Lubavitch's Lag B'Omer celebration annually held at Hope High School Field.

Sprinkly rain showers alternated with sunshine and dark clouds. Taking no chances, everyone gathered at the outdoor area of Chabad House where a sudden downpour could hasten everyone indoors.

The skies cleared.

Music, entertainment and a barbecue were enjoyed by adults and children. The youngsters were especially enthralled by the magic and personality of Twisty the Clown.

Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, director,

reflected on the day's festivities. "Joyfully, Chabad House welcomed again new immigrant families from the Soviet Union to our Lag B'Omer festival and to our community. This year's celebration included the Brit Milah circumcision of a Russian Bar Mitzvah boy.

"While enjoying themselves, all children, the guarantors of our Torah, were encouraged to hear the Ten Commandments read in their synagogues on the first day of Shavuos on Sunday, May 19. On that day, Chabad House will provide a big blintz and ice cream kiddush for the entire family with prayers for the coming of the Moshiach speedily in our days."



David Meyerzon and Itta Kaykova hold up the Chabad House welcome sign.



A double celebration for this family who had arrived two weeks ago from the Soviet Union. Pictured are Nina and Aktisanov Genadey with daughter Julia, niece Regina and their grandparents, Israel and Mella Liskovich.



Enjoying the music are Eva Nosovitsky, Inna Zhigalina, Anna Goman, Alina Meyerzon, Polina Freydina. Alina's son, David, beams a big smile.

Chabad House Celebrates Lag B'Omer



Regina Telbouckova with Twisty the Clown.



Isaac Goman, Mark and Svetlana Liberman with sons Max and Paul; Zhanna Firer, Schlomo Vorovitch, formerly with the Soviet Armed Forces and now student at a recently established Chabad rabbinical college in Moscow; Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, who presents a gift of a watch to Max Liberman in honor of his Brit Milah. Max recently arrived from the Soviet Union and will soon be a Bar Mitzvah.



David Magidin volunteered to assist Twisty.



A captive audience delighted by Twisty the Clown's antics.

Arts and Entertainment

City Nights Belts High Energy In "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof"

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Editor
When you climb the flight of stairs to City Nights you step up into an attic of years past and plays seen.

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" brings back the image of Elizabeth Taylor as the Cat, strutting her stuff in a slip, mixing in her MGM whisper with whoops and shouts. And the imprint of Burl Ives as Big Daddy with his easy singer's drawl. Movies could too firmly fix and stamp roles within the faces, forms and voices of the stars. Tennessee Williams' plays zig-zagged from stage to screen.

The fifties in two senses stood for "boom" time. With the war behind us, you had to keep your head down. But we were also bursting out at the seams.

The play in Pawtucket recalls that time and that place, The South, where so many plays, poems and novels were coming from. The troupe does a high energy job belting out the funny words. They deliver



Pictured left to right are Grant Derderian, Lynne Marran, Thomas St Claire, and Marry Mattos in City Nights Dinner Theatre's presentation of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." The production will run Friday and Saturday evenings through May 25 and Thursday evening, May 16. There are Sunday matinees, May 5, 19, 26; Sunday 6 p.m. Early Dinner, May 19. Dinner and show \$18.00. For more information call 723-6060.

the lines with gusto. The audience gave back warmth and good humor. Maybe they overdid the comedy and kept to a slightly shrill level of sound. They had to keep up with the

pitch of today's tastes.

The stage was set with care. But the actors have to pace back and forth among fixed heavy upholstered sofa and chairs that stay put. That

leaves us with just the fancy phrases, jokes and taboos.

"Cancer" was a word not heard in films. Talk about love between men was cut from moviescripts. T.V. glorified kids. Theater countered with plays like "Bad Seed" and "Cat." Blunt and upfront on Broadway, or in Pawtucket.

You must remember the plot. Ailing Big Daddy faces the doctor's dire verdict and writes his will. He has to leave "the finest soil west of the Nile" to one of two sons. The elder has three kids and another on the way. But Big Daddy, like Big Mamma, likes the younger. "Brick" (with a crutch as prop) has moved beyond his great days as football hero. He has turned to the table of bottles, and away from the bed of his wife Maggie. He drinks to get over the death of his best buddy, who loved him ... too much. And yet betrayed him with Maggie ... or tried to.

Dashing stars, winners turned into losers with charm, former beauties male or female, always play the pivot in Williams' play. For him they

embody the fate of the South. The region gave "decadent" comedy and pathos to the smiling postwar world. I used to think that Tennessee's wit would preserve his work and stand the test of time.

But much has dated in this piece. All three married men, Big Daddy and his two big boys, find their wives repulsive. They make love only to keep up the family line. Men bond with each other, not with women. You could argue that the playwright was questioning the values behind our big Boom. But he never preaches Gay Rights.

Instead he tacks on an upbeat close. Dressed like figures in Greek drama or Cocteau farce Maggie and Brick (in scarlet pajamas) hug as lights go out.

At our table a pleasant lady from one of the Attleboros commented gently, "I don't know any couples like those. People I know get along much better." In her plain New England accent, this woman said it all. The play freewheels around like a comic strip.

Poet Dieter Weslowski At Library

Native German poet, Dieter Weslowski, will conduct a free poetry reading at the Rochambeau Branch of the Providence Public Library, 708 Hope Street, on Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m.

Born in Dusseldorf, Germany in 1950, Weslowski moved to the U.S. at age 11 and spent most of his adult years in and around Pennsylvania. He has traveled to Mexico, Italy and Spain where he lived for a short

time in the Basque Region and moved to Providence in 1988.

His first book, *The Bird Who Steals Everything Shining* ('88), won the prestigious Gardner Poetry Award, and his second book, *Candles of Wheat*, is forthcoming.

Weslowski's work has appeared in the *American Poetry Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *Poetry East*, *Caliban*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Puerto Del Sol* and the *Quarterly*, to name only a few.

Trinity Rep Concludes With "Other People's Money," Set In Rhode Island

Trinity Repertory Company, R.I.'s only professional theatre company, will conclude its 27th season with the Off-Broadway hit, "Other People's Money," the saga of a small Rhode Island company's efforts to fend off a takeover attempt by a greedy New York corporate raider. Ralph Waite, well known for his role as the father in the television series, "The Waltons," will make his first appearance at Trinity Rep as owner of the beleaguered firm. Artistic Director Richard Jenkins will direct the play which won three Outer Critics Circle Awards, including the 1989 Best Off-Broadway Play, and has been playing to sold-out houses at the Minetta Lane Theatre in New York since 1989 opening. Danny De Vito is slated for the lead role when it is released as a motion picture next year. "Other People's Money" will play in Trinity Rep's upstairs theatre, 201 Washington St., Providence, from May 10 through June 9.

In "Other People's Money," playwright Jerry Sterner, once a Wall St. stockbroker, brings to life a fast-paced, comedic portrayal of corporate fight for

survival in the 80's. When majority stockholder Andrew Jorgenson learns that shares in his old-line firm are jumping in value, he is curious, not concerned. After all, who could be interested in his debt-free, but profitless, wire manufacturing company and its diversified subsidiaries. Enter Larry the Liquidator, a consummate takeover king with an eye for a bargain and big plans to prove how wrong Jorgenson is. The battle for control begins and company management and their lovely, feisty attorney learn some tough balance-sheet lessons.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Sundays and 2 p.m. selected Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. For ticket information and the exact schedule, please call the box office at (401) 351-4242. VISA and MasterCard are accepted.

R.I. Philharmonic Presents All-Beethoven Concert

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra will present a special All-Beethoven Concert on Wednesday evening, May 22, at 8 p.m. This premiere performance at Veterans Memorial Auditorium marks the Orchestra's official move to its new home at Veterans, and to highlight this event, the Orchestra will perform two of the world's best loved symphonies — Beethoven's compelling Sym-

phony No. 5 in C minor, Opus 67 and his powerful Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, "Eroica," Opus 55. This concert will be departing Music Director Andrew Massey's final appearance conducting the Orchestra, concluding his 5-year tenure with the Philharmonic. This concert also concludes the Philharmonic's "Beethoven Month."

Tickets for the All-Beethoven Concert on May 22 may be purchased at the Philharmonic office only, 222 Richmond St., Providence, either by phone (401) 831-3123 or in person 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Ticket prices for this concert are \$15, \$20 and \$25. Seats in the Loge are available for \$50.

Poetry At CAV

Ada Jill Schneider read a group of her poems at CAV on May Day, L'ag B'Omer. Among them, she created some whimsical occasional verse about a battle between an aging woman and her mirror. In another selection, she compares frying an egg to staring at the moon. Her last piece imagines the fate of a sheaf of her published poems left behind after her death. Will a neighborhood library later sell the slim volume, and will a fond lady like herself buy them and hold them to her cheek?

Smiling gently, wearing a pastel shirtwaist dress and a strand of pearls, (her husband beaming at the front table), Ada Schneider made the pursuit of poetry seem poignantly pleasant, a softened anguish. She had warned the reviewer, he might not like her work "because it's sentimental." Somehow, it wasn't. Maybe it wasn't a L'ag B'Omer bonfire, but it was a glowing candle.

The Players

The Players will present "Follies," opening Tuesday, May 14. The show runs through Sunday, May 19, at Barker Playhouse, 400 Benefit Street in Providence. Curtain is at 8 p.m. except on Sunday, a 2 p.m. matinee. Ticket information is available at (401) 421-2855.

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MOTHER'S DAY

(Reminiscences from the Archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association)

by Eleanor F. Horvitz

The majority of children who were born in the last few decades have grown up in a family with two working parents, or in a home where there is a single working parent.

Our image of the mother of the "olden days" is one who stayed at home and who was concerned solely with the care of her family and all the domestic chores inherent in that care. This is somewhat of a myth if applied to many Jewish mothers who lived in the early years of this century. There were many women who worked full time along with their husbands, literally "minding the store." Often the store was located in the front, the living quarters in the rear of the tenement. There were many cases of the single parent, often a widow, who was loaned a small amount of money to open a variety or grocery store by the Hebrew Free Loan Association. Jewish Orphanage records attest to children whose single mother was

obliged to place them in the Orphanage because of inability to support them. In some instances, this was a temporary situation.

A most unusual lady was Mary (Mrs. Louis) Grant who managed to combine a business (she ran a millinery shop on Prairie Avenue in Providence), raise a family (she had a son and daughter), and help found several charitable organizations. The stories about this woman's energies and beneficial endeavors are many. Her daughter recalled that there were two rows of chairs outside of her mother's shop. Every morning people would wait until she opened the door. They were not customers, but desired to talk to her. Mrs. Grant would listen to them, one at a time, and advise them what to do about their problems.

Mary Grant's name is associated with the founding of the important institutions of Rhode Island Jews. She was organizer, founder and the first president of the South Providence Ladies Aid Association. The first meeting held on

Out Of The Past

February 13, 1902, was held in her home at 257 Willard Avenue with 29 ladies present. She was also one of the organizers of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was described as "organizer of the Miriam Hospital," and as such was elected first honorary trustee of the Miriam Hospital Association in 1941. The hospital had its origins in a 1903 charter under the name of Miriam Society. Their aim was to help Jewish patients.

In addition to the South Providence Ladies Aid Association, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the Miriam Hospital, Mrs. Grant was one

of the founders of the Machzeka Hadas Orphanage in South Providence, which later became part of the Jewish Children's Home of Rhode Island.

On Mothers' Day 1991 we salute these hard working and productive women like Mary Grant, the "Supermoms" of our past.



These "supermoms" made up the committee and board for the Strawberry Festival which raised funds for the Miriam Hospital. It was held on the lawn of Mrs. Charles Brown's home in June of 1937.

Identified as follows: (Seated on lawn r to l) Mrs. Karnovsky, Mrs. Leo Cohen, Mrs. Markoff, Mrs. Nathan Hilfer, Mrs. Abram Halpert. (Seated on their knees) Mrs. Morris Mellion and Mrs. Jacob Horvitz. (Second row) Mrs. David Goldman, Mrs. Hakovsky, Mrs. Louis Grant, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. Harry Rosen, Mrs. Temkin, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Felder, Mrs. Oscar Klemer. (Third row) Mrs. Samuel Ernstoff, Mrs. Jacob Ernstoff, Mrs. Smira, Mrs. Louis Lovett, Mrs. Jacob Leibo, Mrs. Joseph Webber, Mrs. Samuel Kennison, Mrs. Hornstein and Mrs. Benjamin Sass.



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Following breakfast, at approximately 11:15 a.m. there will be a celebration program for Yom Yerushalayim — Jerusalem Day, commemorating the reunification of Israel's Eternal Capitol which took place on this date on the Jewish Calendar in 1967. The program will include a short film clip of the recapture of the Old City, slides of Jerusalem old and new, a Jerusalem singalong and more. Even if you cannot attend the breakfast, please join in for this important celebration. For more information, call the Beth Sholom office at 331-9393. The Synagogue is located at 275 Camp St. (Corner Rochambeau Ave. & Camp St.).

Y GIFT IDEAS

Of Moths And Mothers

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Editor

For years you wore your shoes till the heels were run down and the soles tissue thin. Corner cobblers used "composition" cardboard to keep you on your toes on the march of wartime. Then all at once the time to scrimp and save was over.



1946 and the world was just starting to pick up its pieces and put itself back together again. Dixie Dugan got demobilized in the Sunday fannies and took a job as a stewardess with a passenger airline. It took her longer to get from the airport home than it had to go round the world. Mammy Yokum left Dogpatch and trekked to Noo Yawk to look in on her glamorous sister

essie who lived in uneasy luxury on Park Avenue.

The New Look flew over from Paris and hit Manhattan — with longer skirts and richer hues than khaki. My mother, like a reverse Cinderella, had put away her twenties wardrobe of beaded dresses and slippers to clean the hearth for her man and boys during the Depression. After the Duration my dad went out and bought her a pressure cooker — and a group of Waltham watches for us fellows.

Mom took the train to peer into the shining displays of Fifth Avenue. She planned to windowshop with her sister in the Big City — which was done up in spring colors of green and purple.

By the end of the brief weekend it turned out she had dared to step inside the great department stores. She left her sister's tiny Gramercy Park flat laden with fancy boxes. But she missed the last train out of Grand Central toward New England. She felt like Cinderella stuck with a pumpkin instead of a coach. She called La-

Guardia and dashed off to the airport. The company held a plane to wait for her. She had become a symbol of the courtly era. As she stepped lively up the stairs into the cockpit, vets in uniform whistled at her, the pretty emblem of consumer peacetime.

Now, Providence at that time had cinemas and hotels — The Narragansett, Crown and Dreyfus as well as the Biltmore. But our downtown didn't sparkle like the great Gotham imprinted on us by wartime fannies and films. And our own house held a dark parlor with beige wallpaper and dim amber lighting fixtures. Against a coal fire our mom undid the packages with their fabulous labels. Splendid things came tumbling out. She tried on the Dior finery like a young Queen. Silver sequins spilled over the shoulders and bodice of a dazzling violet suit. She pulled on long jade gloves dyed emerald on one half and jet on the other. A crooked lightning line of gilt beads zigzagged up to the elbows. Hildegard would have gone

green at the sight. Mom looked like a lovely witch.

She put on a Kelly green floor length dressing gown in soft wool flannel with a giant gold button at the waist. It went with the green and gold platform boudoir mules. But for brunch at home? She lifted the lid from hatboxes with shapes that Garbo as Ninotchka would have locked away in safe deposit storage. The feathers alone would have put Mom under Audubon Society house arrest.

The trouble was, Rhode Island night life for my folks meant Eileen Darling's for a late cabinet or Howard Johnson's for pie and coffee. After that twilight when she had tried out these items, my mother hung them away upon

a secret rear rack of the cedar closet in the upstairs hall.

Many years later, decades ago by now, I dug them out. Moths had done their damage. Like the sequins of the dough-boy aftermath of World War I in our attic, the sequins of the splendor of post war II all hung upon threads. They had gone bleak and blind.

Even so, I like to think back to that season of high hopes and good cheer. Maybe the present postwar quest for peace brings back those few glittering days in a spring of longago.

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At Habonim

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portunity, and now I have an adult perspective. And as I'm doing this, I can almost understand in my older mind what the teenagers think about, the teenage excitement, the exuberance."

Michael Little, the lone man in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah dozen, joined Toby's class in order to share more actively in his daughter's Bat Mitzvah experience. "I got interested in the process by watching her start out. But when she needed help, I couldn't help her.

"I began with Toby for the functional course. My daughter and I studied together and her performance improved almost immediately. I led by example. There were two things that influenced my decision to have a Bar Mitzvah — my daughter and also the feeling that fifteen years ago when I converted I felt that it was a less than transformational experience. I feel like I'm more a part of the faith now and that I'm part of the tradition."

Toby Liebowitz, who led the weekly class, outlined the initial impetus for setting up an adult education program. "A lot of kids were coming here and saying that they couldn't do their homework, because their parents don't know Hebrew and can't help them. The classes began as a Hebrew study group and evolved into a Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, when the students requested more information. So, after the ten-week crash course, we had another class and then got into grammar. And they said, we're not really into grammar, but what we do want is a Bar Mitzvah!

"This Bar Mitzvah class started a year and a half ago. At the second class I looked at them all and said, 'I want you

to look around, because the odds are that at least ten percent of you will not be Bar Mitzvahed next May.' And I was so shocked. Each one looked so determined. It was as if they were thinking: 'I know I'll be there, but what about you?'

"Then four weeks later, instead of ten, we had two more! And they came every Tuesday night. No one left. It was very difficult for some of them, they really worked hard."

"The Rabbi beams every time he has walked through our

classroom," said a joyous celebrant. "The synagogue has a tremendous commitment to adult education!"

Helena Friedmann, a Columbian Jew with an Orthodox background, explained her motivation for spending long hours learning about holidays, rituals and Hebrew, as she planned to become a Bat Mitzvah. "When I got the chance, I grabbed it!"

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They have received acceptances at the following colleges: Arizona State University, Barnard College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, Columbia University,

Evergreen State College (Washington), Harvard University, Ithaca College, Miami University of Ohio, New York University, Ohio State University, Rhode Island School of Design, Smith College, State University of New York at Binghamton, SUNY Buffalo, Syracuse University, University of Chicago, University of Hartford, University of Massachusetts, University of Pennsylvania, University of Rhode Island, University of Rochester, and Yale University.

Their decisions for next year are:

- Rachel Alexander - Brown University
- Dorie Fain - Ohio State

- University
- Elie Kaunfer - Harvard University
- Saul Metnick - Arizona State University
- Ari Newman - Boston University
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The community joins in congratulating Schechter's first graduates and in wishing them continued success.

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Levin Weds Glick

Cheryl Joyce Levin of Warwick and Stanley Richard Glick of Cranston were married November 4, 1990, at the Providence Marriott where the reception was also held. She is the daughter of Norman and Sylvia Levin of Warwick and he is the son of Herbert and Elaine Glick of Cranston. The ceremony was conducted by Rabbi George Astrachan and Cantor Remi Brown.

The bride was given in marriage by both of her parents. Dana Haggard was the matron of honor while Karen Levin, sister-in-law of the bride, Jill Pollack, Lisa Skuce, and Barbara Cohen were bridesmaids. Larry Glick, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Harvey Levin, Mitch Levin, brothers of the bride, James Pagano and Lee Miller, cousin of the bridegroom.

The bride's grandparents are Fay Hassenfeld and the late Charles and Mildred Levin. The grandparents of the groom are Edith Linder, the late David Linder, and the late Henry and Sophie Glick.

The bride is a graduate of Pilgrim High School and of the University of Rhode Island where she received a B.S. in Early Childhood Education. She is currently enrolled in a master's program at URI and is a preschool teacher for the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island in Providence.

After the bridegroom graduated from Cranston High School West he attended the University of Rhode Island and received a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He is presently the President of Complete Landscaping Services of R.I., Inc.

After a wedding trip to Aruba the couple resides on Scituate Avenue, Cranston.

Touro Celebrates Its Heritage

On Sunday, May 12, 1991, at 4 p.m., Touro National Heritage Trust will present noted folk singer, Judy Frankel, in a program of songs and stories from both East and West. This unique presentation will mark another step in the Trust's effort to CELEBRATE THE HERITAGE symbolized by America's oldest synagogue.

Touro National Heritage Trust, a nonsectarian, non-profit organization, was founded in 1986 by leaders of Touro's congregation in response to a growing demand for knowledge about Touro, its founders, and its significance today. The Trust's primary goal is to fill an existing void with regard to knowledge of the

early Jewish experience in the Americas. It also works for better understanding between Jewish and Gentiles through a constructive exchange of ideas and cultures.

Judy Frankel is a gifted, seasoned virtuoso. She studied medieval and renaissance music at Harvard and has soloed with the San Francisco Consort, the St. Helena Ensemble, and the UC Berkeley Collegium Musicum. She has also been a resident musician for Mt. Zion Medical Center in San Francisco and was a founding member of the Golden Goose Vocal Quartet. Ms. Frankel has performed in cities from San Francisco to New York, and even to Hawaii; her

crystal-clear, beautiful voice enchants and delights audiences, no matter what she sings. The presentation at Touro Synagogue will include songs in Ladino and Yiddish — providing a taste of both the Sephardic and the Ashkenazic. Everywhere, this talented artist wins the adoration of her audiences, Jewish or Gentile.

Touro National Heritage Trust cordially invites everyone to celebrate Mother's Day by sharing in this unique experience. Admission is free, so mark your calendar now and plan to CELEBRATE THE HERITAGE with us on Sunday, May 12, at 4 p.m. — and to stay for the reception afterward.

NCJW To Hold Annual Luncheon

Shades of pink flowering plants will decorate the Grand Ballroom of the Providence Marriott when Rhode Island Section National Council of Jewish Women holds its 14th Annual Community Service Award Luncheon on May 15.

This year's honoree is Irma M. Gross, community volunteer and humanitarian. A founder of Lippitt Hill Tutorial Program, Mrs. Gross presently heads the Alliance for Better Nursing Home Care. She has served in major positions with the League of Women Voters, Volunteers in Action and was the president of Rhode Island Section National Council of Jewish Women where she also chaired the Child Care Handbook Outreach Project published in four languages.

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Irma M. Gross

NCJW Community Services and Scholarship Program which offers financial assistance to college students and camperships to needy children. More than 90 women are working on the affair.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling 521-2932 or 273-6117. Categories are: Donor \$25, Sponsor \$35, Benefactor \$50, Angel \$75, Special Gifts \$100 and over.

Co-chairing the event are Judith Litchman and Hinda Semonoff. Members of their committee include Bonnie Goldowsky, Barbara Long, Abigail Leavitt, Sheri Singer, Marion Goldsmith, Joan Abrams, Ardean Botvin, Shirley Lichtman, Beth Weiss, Evelyn Gompertz, Gertrude Gordon and Mardelle Berman.

Founded in 1893, National Council of Jewish Women is the oldest national Jewish

women's volunteer organization. Its 100,000 members in 200 sections nationwide are active in the priority areas of children and youth, women's issues, Jewish life, aging, Israel and constitutional rights. The Rhode Island Section has over 500 members.

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National Leaders To Address Day School Event

Dr. Alex Mandel, president of the Providence Hebrew Day School/New England Academy of Torah, announced that Rabbis Pinchas Stolper and Joshua Fishman will address the institution's annual scholarship event honoring Rabbi Sholom Strajcher, the school's Dean, on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Korn Auditorium, 450 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, R.I. The guest rabbis represent two of this country's largest Jewish synagogue and school organizations.

Rabbi Stolper is the Executive Vice President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America is the central spokesman of North America's Orthodox synagogues serving the Jewish community with its Kashruth supervision program, its publications and adult programs.

Rabbi Stolper served as National Director of the Orthodox Union's Youth (NCSY) which he built from its infancy to its present status as one of the world's largest and most effective youth movements, reaching over 30,000 teenagers throughout the United States, Canada and Israel. Rabbi Stolper has worked closely for many years with lay and rabbinic leaders in communities throughout the United States and Canada, both in organizing, leading and promoting local and regional NCSY programs, and in dealing with wider problems facing the Orthodox community. In the course of his duties, he visited scores of communities in the United States and Canada, some on scores of occasions.

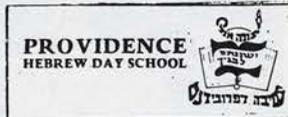
Rabbi Stolper has personally edited and written over 100

books and manuals on youth work and on the fundamentals of Jewish faith. Many of Rabbi Stolper's publications deal with "difficult" topics which are usually avoided by other Jewish writers such as "Responsible Jewish Adulthood: Jewish Insights into Love, Sex and Marriage." Through his writings and personal visits, Rabbi Stolper has directly influenced the development of virtually every Orthodox Jewish community in North America.

A graduate of Brooklyn College, with a graduate degree in Political Science from the New School for Social Research, Rabbi Stolper was ordained by the Rabbinical Mesivta Rabbi Chaim Berlin and the Gur Aryeh Institute for Advanced Research in Brooklyn. He has extensive experience in Jewish education on all levels, including the pulpit rabbinate, chaplaincy and college teaching. He was adjunct professor of Jewish Studies at Touro College in New York.

Rabbi Stolper's writings have been widely published in the Anglo-Jewish press, including *Jewish Life Magazine*, *Jewish Parent*, *The Jewish Observer*, *Olomeinu*, *Intercom*, *Young Israel Viewpoint*, and *Jewish Youth Monthly* which he edited. Excerpts from his book on marriage were published in Russian and a Hebrew edition of *Responsible Jewish Adulthood* was published in Israel.

Rabbi Joshua Fishman serves as the Executive Vice President of Torah Umesorah - The National Society for Hebrew Day Schools. Rabbi Fishman was ordained by the great Talmudic scholar and thinker, Rabbi Isaac Hutner, of blessed memory, who was the Rosh Yeshiva of the Mesivta



Rabbi Chaim Berlin. He studied for several years in the Kollel of Gur-Aryeh in the post-graduate division of Mesivta Rabbi Chaim Berlin as well as in the Chevron Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Fishman was an instructor in the Hebrew Institute of Long Island. He later assumed the post as Principal of the Crown Heights Yeshiva of Brooklyn, and later was appointed Dean of the Mesivta Gur-Aryeh High School.

Rabbi Fishman joined the staff of Torah Umesorah as Educational Consultant and as Executive Secretary of The National Conference of Yeshiva Principals. He has been its Senior Executive Officer of Torah Umesorah since January 1983. Torah Umesorah is the organizational body which represents over 600 schools throughout North America and Canada which contain an intensive educational program which includes both religious and secular studies within the overall curriculum of the school. It is estimated that well over 100,000 Jewish children are enrolled in such institutions.

Rabbi Strajcher is being honored for his contributions to Jewish education and service to the community. He is a past national president of NCSY and serves on the Board of Governors of the Orthodox Union. In addition he served as president of the National Conference of Yeshiva (Day School) principals and currently is a member of its Board.

For additional information contact Mr. Michael Weiner (401) 331-5327.



by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

They came in ones, twos, threes, and more! They were tall, short, big, small, silly and intent. They wore sweats, skirts, shorts and wonderful new tee-shirts. Some had beards, others sucked their thumbs. They came in all shapes and sizes, spanning the years from infancy on upwards. But all came for one reason...

The races were soon to begin. As anyone who gathered on Elm Grove Avenue on Sunday morning can verify, the Twelfth Annual Providence Hebrew Day School "Torah Freedom Run" was a huge success!

The serious stretchers and dedicated dashers got ready to run the three- and five-mile courses at nine a.m.

A few minutes later, the sound of small shoes pounding the pavement shattered the still morning air, as tens of children set off sprinting. The Mini-Mile race for those five years old and younger roused the spectators, who clapped and cheered, as the kids whizzed down the road.

The final race was the one-mile open road race. Together, adults and children crowded the starting line. Like a great wave, the racers were off at the

word "Go!"

Proceeds from this event benefit the expanding athletic program of the Day School. The sponsors of the races were: Insurance Underwriters, Inc. and Northeast Fitness & Sports Superstores.

Those who deserve special mention for the Twelfth Annual "Torah Freedom Race" include: Russell Raskin, Sharon Mintz, Aharon Afsai, Rabbi Mordecai Fried, Rabbi Yechiel Pinsky, Michael Mitchell, Bessie Nochomowitz, the many volunteers, and the Seventh Grade of PHDS, who organized the race in the school.

Approximately one hundred runners and friends took part in the races. Everyone did a terrific job and had a wonderful morning. Congratulations to the winners, the runners and all those who came to cheer!

Beth-El Religious School

First Year Hebrew Class Siyum

Fifteen students have completed their first year of Hebrew study at Temple Beth-El. To celebrate this occasion, a special program was held to honor the students. On Tuesday, May 7, the students participated in a Siyum to mark the completion of one book of "Torah" and the beginning of another book. The congregation congratulates the following students and their parents: Harley Block, Shannon Boucher, Thomas Carroll, Lynn Ducoff, Jeffrey Galli, David Jacober, Seth Joseph, Ilana Kahn, Robert Kinnane, Joseph Lurie, Michael Phillips, Joel Rosenberg, Geoffrey Sherman, Sabrina Shore, and Elizabeth Sigal.

High School Graduation Service

The 59th Post-Confirmation High School graduation will take place during the Sabbath eve service on Friday, May 10, at 8:15 p.m. Six students who have successfully completed a full twelve years of religious studies, including participation in a Religious School teacher's training program, will be honored. We expect these graduates to serve us and other communities in the years ahead as informed, committed Jewish leaders and teachers. Please join us in honoring: Sara Coen, Hilary Gordon,

Elizabeth Gutterman, Rebecca Harrington, Noah Landow and Paul Phillips.

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Cranston-Warwick Hadassah



Pictured are some of the entertainers who will be featured at the Donor Dinner of May 13, 1991. Shown from left to right: Eva Tagoe from Ghana, West Africa, Ahron Afsai from Israel, Rena Werber from Israel, Sela Panapasa from Fiji Islands, and Benjamat Chongcharoen from Thailand.

The annual Donor Dinner and Installation of the Cranston-Warwick chapter of HADASSAH will be held on Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson & Wales Motor Hotel on 2081 Post Road, Warwick, R.I.

The theme of this year's event, which benefits the Hadassah Medical Organization, is "HADASSAH AROUND THE WORLD." Hadassah International promotes medical interchange between countries around the world and Hadassah Hospital. Based on the international theme, the program will feature dancing and music from far away lands. The entertainers are Benjamat Chongcharoen of Thailand, Sela Panapasa of the Fiji Islands, Eva Tagoe from Ghana West Africa, the four Israeli dancers - Ahron Afsai, Rena Neiger, Kanti Patel and Rene Werber who will be performing are members of a larger group and meet weekly for recreational

Israeli folkdancing at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.



Left to right: Rene Werber and Ahron Afsai who will be performing with other dancers from foreign lands at the Cranston-Warwick Hadassah Donor Dinner on May 13, 1991.

Goldie Greene, Frances Sadler, and Shirley Schreiber are coordinating this year's donor dinner with the help of the following committee: Invitations, Hope Mellion; Reservations, Irma Silverman, Estelle Winograd, and Doris Jacober; Telephone, Sylvia Taubman and Edna Gilstein; Publicity, Dorothy Kramer; Chapter Treasurer, Norma Friedman. A program and ad book is being prepared under the chairmanship of Lorraine Webber.

The installation of the new officers for 1991-1992 will be conducted by area Vice-President, Susan Smoller.

Membership is required to become a Donor. All paid-up members of Cranston-Warwick are welcome to participate. Cost for attending the Donor Dinner is \$30. A Sponsor pays \$45 and an Angel pays \$60.

Miriam Women Hold Meeting, Installation

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association will hold their 1991 Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers and Board on Thursday, May 23, at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Massachusetts. The slate is headed by Patricia A. Hairabet who has served as Co-President with Patricia G. Cohen for the past two years. Her Vice Presidents will be Suzanne Gilstein, Terry Lieberman and Joanne Summer. Past President Ruth Triedman, M.D. will serve as installing officer for the Officers and Board of Directors for 1990-1991.

Highlights of the meeting include a tribute to the sell-out success of the Association's nationally known cookbook, *Simply Delicious*. All the women who participated in the three printings of the cookbook (1975, 1978, 1983) will be honored. Chairperson Harriet Samors will present a check representing proceeds of the cookbook to the Hospital for the purchase of medical equipment for patient care.

Monies from the 1991 Equip-

ment Event, chaired by Suzanne Gilstein and Joanne Summer, will be contributed for the purchase of vital medical equipment. Additional gifts will be made from The Women's Association's general treasury.

Lillian Zarum, recipient of the eighth Annual Recognition Award, will be honored for her many years of dedication to The Women's Association as an active board member.

This 94th Annual Meeting is being co-chaired by Susan Weingeroff and Dee Dee Witman in honor of their mother's receiving The Women's Association's Recognition Award. Decorations are being arranged by Lillian Zarum; Publicity is by Patricia G. Cohen and Dee Dee Witman. Barbara Rosen is Reservations chairperson.

Anyone who wishes to attend the noon luncheon and subsequent Annual Meeting may obtain further information by contacting The Women's Association's office: 274-3700 Ext. 2520.

Alperin Schechter — What's New In Grade Two

Spring has sprung; there's joy in the air; and wonderful things are happening at the Alperin Schechter Day School.

Some time ago the second grade sent an "information box" filled with information about our school and community to the Schechter school in Dallas, Texas, and ever since that time we have been anxiously awaiting their response. It has finally arrived and we have jumped enthusiastically into the materials they sent. Among the treasures are a book they made with facts on Texas, maps they made of the school and area, leaves of plants indigenous to their area, seeds of their state flower as well as recordings of Texas songs sung in English and Hebrew. In our "Texas center" we also have children placing cities and states on a blank map of Texas. They must read a road map of the state in order to do this properly.

Our reading program is rich and varied. All the children are currently reading the novel *Skinnybones*. They will also spend some time on choral poetry. ZYLAR time (Zip Your

Lips And Read) includes personal reading with daily reports which are actually mini book reports. In the newspaper center, each child investigates a newspaper in order to answer questions on task cards. Questions must be answered in all sections of the paper, from the front page to the classifieds.

We will also be looking at other ways we communicate: braille, sign language, semaphore and morse code. A box of materials on communication from the Boston Children's Museum has arrived with a Tibetan prayer wheel, examples of Egyptian and Sumerian hieroglyphs, a braille version of the Boston Red Sox game schedule, and a piece of cross-sectioned transatlantic cable.

Things to come include a science unit on plants, a look at the solar system, a visit (in imagination only) to Mexico, and a field trip (in reality) to the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*. We are excited about what we have been doing in second grade, and the students are too!

South Kingstown Farmers Market

KINGSTON, R.I. — The South Kingstown Farmers Market kicks off its 10th season Saturday, May 11, at 9 a.m. in the Keaney Gym Parking Lot, Route 138, at The University of Rhode Island.

Featuring locally grown produce, plants, honey, nursery stock, and baked goods, the South Kingstown Farmers Market is one of the oldest and largest continuously operating farmers markets in the state.

All goods are picked or preserved on the day of sale. Some of the produce is organically grown. "You can't beat the price and freshness," adds Lucille Dickinson, Market Master.

Available in May are bed-

ding plants, eggs, honey, nursery stock and baked goods. Early vegetables are sold beginning in late June. By July, a variety of vegetables and plants make their appearance.

Located on Route 138 five miles west of U.S. 1, and two miles east of Route 2, the market is an easy drive from anywhere in Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut.

The South Kingstown Farmers Market is a tradition in South County attracting visitors from throughout the region, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. Come to the market and meet the grower.

Hours are Saturdays, 9 a.m. until noon, May 11 through the end of October.

Eden Garden Club

Cranston Garden Club has invited you to join them to be one of the first to open GARDEN IN THE WOODS this year. The garden contains the

largest collection of native plants in the Northeast.

Date: Thursday, May 16, 1991.

Place: Garden in the Woods, Framingham, Mass.

Time: Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Woodridge Congregational Church parking lot. We expect to return about 2:30 p.m.

Price: \$22.00 includes bus transportation, entrance fees, guided tour, and lunch at Tom Foolery's in Westborough, Mass.

For further information, contact Jan Friedman, 306 Spring Green Road, Warwick, R.I. 02888. 463-7858. Seating is limited.

What You Need To Know About Cancer

Check up on cancer. Know the warning signs. See your doctor if symptoms last more than two weeks. Besides being alert to symptoms of cancer, both women and men should have regular physical exams. Many cancers in their earliest, most curable stages do not have any symptoms or pain. That is why it is important to have regular medical checks for cancer. Early detection of some cancers is possible with tests for individuals who have no symptoms of disease. Even before symptoms of disease appear, a doctor may be able to detect cancers of the colon, rectum, mouth, skin, breast, cervix, prostate, and testicles. For a free booklet listing of the cancer tests for men and women call the cancer information service 1-800-4-CANCER. Ask for "What You Need To Know About Cancer."

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Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, May 10 - (Eight days to Kabolos Hatorah) IYAR 26. Candlelighting is at 7:33 p.m.

Saturday, May 11 - (Seven days to Kabolos Hatorah) IYAR 27. The Pashas today is B'HAR/B'CHUKOSAL. The Torah reading is concluded with "chazak chazak venis' chazeik." Also we will be blessing the new month, SIVAN, which falls on Tuesday (May 14). The Molad (the appearance of the new moon, local time, Jerusalem) falls on Tuesday morning, early, at 12:06 a.m. and 47 seconds (or 14 chalokim). Morning services (Shacharis) are at 8:30 a.m. followed by kiddush. Mincha service is 7:50 p.m. followed by the Third Meal. Ma'ariv service is 8:35 p.m. Shabbos ends 8:42 p.m. Havdalah service is 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, May 12 - (Six days to Kabolos Hatorah) Morning service is at 7:45 a.m. Also, today is Mother's Day, and Yom Yerushalem.

Tuesday, May 14 - Rosh Chodesh SIVAN - (Four days to Kabolos Hatorah) Morning services are at 6:15 a.m., as the service is more than one hour in length. Please cooperate and come on time.

Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30 a.m., and for Wednesday and Friday at 6:45 a.m.

Mincha for the entire week is at 8 p.m.

Starting Shabbos Early

According to Halacha, one may begin Shabbos and say Ma'ariv and Kiddush 1 1/4 seasonal hours before sunset. This time is called Plag HaMincha. In the summer when sunset is late some people have a custom of beginning Shabbos early. However, a problem arises concerning the breaking of Mincha and Ma'ariv. It is not permitted to say both Mincha and Ma'ariv in the same time frame, i.e. both after Plag HaMincha and before sunset. Otherwise it would be a contradiction, for you would be treating this period both as "day," by reciting Mincha, and as "night," by reciting Ma'ariv. Therefore, if one wishes to start Shabbos early it would be necessary to say Mincha before the time of Plag HaMincha and Ma'ariv after Plag HaMincha. By arbitrarily beginning Mincha at 7 p.m., as is done in many locations, and saying Ma'ariv immediately afterwards, one would be saying both Mincha and Ma'ariv in the same time frame most weeks.

These are two important Halachic considerations when starting Shabbos early. The first is that if all of the syna-

Jewish War Veterans Meeting

An Executive Board Meeting of the Jewish War Veterans State Department of Rhode Island will be held at State Department Headquarters, 83 Park Street, Providence, R.I., on Monday, May 13, at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend this meeting.

If an obituary you would like published does not appear in the paper, please forward a copy of it to:

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gogues in town start Shabbos early, then all the Jews in the town, even those not attending services, must start Shabbos at the same time as the synagogues do. The second is that, even if there is a synagogue that does not start Shabbos early, still if the head of the household has started Shabbos early, the entire family must start Shabbos early, then for example, candles may no longer be lit. Thus, the wife must be sure to light candles and finish all other preparations before the husband has said Kabbolas Shabbos.

Intifada Killings Continue

The INTIFADA continued to take brutal tolls on Palestinians living in the territories in 1990. The number of Palestinians killed in clashes with Israeli troops or civilians fell from 314 during the intifada's second year to 133 through the end of 1990. Contrasting, 156 Palestinians died at the hands of their fellow Arabs during the intifada's third year. Many were murdered with knives and axes, and in some instances victims were tortured.

Arab residents of the territories, Tulkarm and Nablus, carried pictures of Saddam Hussein and Yasir Arafat, showing strong support, and chanting slogans of support. Thousands participated almost daily. In Jenin, Palestinians urged Iraq to use chemical weapons during their missile launches.

Intifada violence surged in the wake of the October 8, 1990, Temple Mount riot in which 17 Arabs died. The PLO and the intifada leadership exploited that tragedy, with Arafat's Fatah organization putting out a death list containing names and addresses of Israelis and Arabs to be killed for revenge.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad - both terrorist groups comprised of Islamic fundamentalists - have vied with the PLO for leadership of the insurrection. The situation has intensified with no real prospect for solutions. Despite the tense situations, the Israeli government continues to work to improve the atmosphere for peace talks.

R.I. Jewish Television Program

Recipes for "Quick and Easy Campus Foods" are being featured on the R.I. Jewish Television Program during the month of May.

Although entitled, "Quick Campus Foods," this program will be of interest to anyone who is searching for simple nutritious recipes that are low in calories.

Rabbi Richard Marker is joining Eenie Frost, hostess of "Eenie's Kitchen" as guest chef. The award winning Jewish cooking program, "Eenie's Kitchen," was originally produced by WJUF in Chicago and is sponsored on R.I. Cable TV by the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of R.I.

Former RISD and Brown

University students may remember Rabbi Marker as a previous director of Hillel on the Brown University campus.

Rabbi Marker finds relaxation and enjoyment in his kitchen by creating low calorie nutritional menus. He enjoys sharing his culinary skills with students and faculty.

Included in this program are 2 salads: a different pasta salad and an interesting spinach leaf and hearts of palm salad.

For his main dish Rabbi Marker selected Northern Mediterranean Chicken Breast with Cous Cous. A delightful light lemon chiffon pie completes this meal.

Rabbi Marker is currently director of Hillel's College Aid

Youth Services (CAYS).

CAYS develops interesting and innovative programs for Jewish students and faculty at all major universities and responds to the needs of other institutions of higher learning.

CAYS programs are designed to give students a deeper understanding and appreciation of Jewish educational, religious, cultural and political events.

You can enjoy Rabbi Marker's visit with Eenie Frost every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. on Cable TV Channel 49 during the month of May. All Heritage Cable subscribers, however, must turn to Channel 57 at the same time as above.

Events At The JCCRI: May 10-16

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, will be holding activities and events of interest for people of all ages during the week of May 10-16, as detailed in the following list. To sign up or to obtain further information, please call the Center at 861-8800 and ask for the person specified in the listing.

Kosher Mealsite

Seniors are invited to join in a variety of activities and to enjoy a hot kosher meal at noon at the Kosher Mealsite at the Center. The mealsite is open at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby until 11. Exercise is

scheduled on weekdays at 11:15. A Women's Group meets every Tuesday morning from 11 to 11:45. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played Thursday from 12:45 until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins served at 10 a.m., followed by interesting programs. The schedule includes:

Friday, May 10

VCR Program, "A Mystical Journey through the Hebrew Alphabet," 11 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, May 12

VCR Movie, "African Queen" With Humphrey Bogart, 10:30 a.m.

Call Sandy Bass for more information.

May Brown Bag Club

RISD Art Museum Tour

The Brown Bag Club will meet at the Rhode Island School of Design Art Museum lobby (224 Benefit Street) at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, for a guided tour. In addition to the regular exhibits, there will be a special exhibit on the costumes and textiles of the '60s and Court Robes from India. Admission is \$1.50 for senior citizens.

The Brown Bag Club is for people free for lunch. For details call Evy Rappoport.

Dvorah-Dayan Club Na'Amat/USA

Dvorah-Dayan Club of NA'AMAT/USA will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:45 p.m. at the home of president Florence Silver, 27 Taft Avenue. (Please note change of date from our usual Monday evening.)

Guest speaker will be Paul Segal, Executive Director of Jewish Family Services who will discuss "Emotional Impact of Being Jewish in Today's World" with reference to anti-Semitism, Israel, and intermarriage.

Reserve Monday, June 17, for our Annual Dinner to be

held at the home of Geraldine Foster.

We turn to you, members and friends of NA'AMAT/USA, and ask that you remember us as we gather saleable items for our GIANT YARD SALE. We have not had as good a response as we had hoped and at the present time we cannot plan to have this fund-raising project without your assistance. We must have merchandise to sell and we urge you to ask your family and friends to gather household items and call us for pickup if you are not able to

deliver them yourself. Please call Ceil Krieger at 351-2139, who will be delighted to collect any and all gift items, furniture, children's clothes (no adults, please), books, jewelry, etc. We are counting on your help if we are to schedule this one-day project and we are grateful for any help you offer.

Shalom Chapter

Shalom Chapter will hold its next meeting on May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Garfinkel.

We will be having a Pizza Party and Penny Social. Please plan to join us!!

Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

May 9, 1941

Vicious Talk in Congress

Washington. Congressman John E. Rankin of Mississippi made one of the most anti-Semitic speeches ever heard in Congress. Warning "international Jews" that they "are making the greatest blunder since the Crucifixion" in attempting to push the United States into war, Rankin accused the "international Jews" of war-mongering.

Bell Heads Charity Campaign

Joshua Bell was this week named chairman of the Rhode Island drive for funds for the United Charities of Jerusalem, it was announced by Rabbi David Werner. George Samperil is treasurer. Rabbis Goldman and Waldman are being assisted by a local committee.

Balkan Jews Fear Nazi Hate Tactics

Zurich. Hitler's anti-Semitic policies marched deeper into the Balkans this week, close on the heels of the Nazi war machine, which was consolidating its conquest of Yugoslavia and completing the invasion of the Greek mainland. The reign of terror against the Jews in the Macedonian province of Greece was organized by the terrorist leader, Ivan Mihailoff.

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Focus

Facing The Past And Future

by Peter S. Lowy

Last week, I had an experience that was unlike anything I had ever had — I came face to face with my family's past. To fully comprehend what happened, I need to put my life in perspective.

I am 32 years old, married and have two small daughters. I was born in Australia and am currently living in California. My father was born in Czechoslovakia and my mother in Australia. My father and my wife's father are both Holocaust survivors. I grew up in middle to upper middle class Australia and most of the kids I grew up with had similar backgrounds. As far as religion was concerned, we were what I would call "traditional Jews." Friday nights were spent together, we attended synagogue on the major holidays and some other times during the year. I was educated at a non-Jewish school, but attended religious school three times a week until my barmitzvah. After that, my religious education stalled. My wife comes from a more religious background. After our marriage and then the birth of our child, a need to live a fuller Jewish life has become a priority for me. It was mainly due to this that my chance meeting was able to occur.

While growing up, I had some idea of what my father and others like him had been through during the war, but since we had never really been

told about his experiences, my knowledge about what happened to his family was extremely limited. It was not until I was in my mid-twenties that my father decided to tell us about what had happened to him during the war. One day, he called my two brothers and me together and proceeded to tell us his own story of survival during the Nazi occupation of Hungary. Naturally, this was an extremely difficult and emotional time for both him and us. Amongst a number of stories, he told us when he last saw his father. It was the morning of March 20, 1944, which I think was a Monday. My father and his family were in Budapest at the time and had decided that since the Germans had moved into Hungary the day before, they would return to their hometown of Fulek, located in the countryside near the border between Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

My grandfather went down to the main train station in Budapest to buy tickets for his family to return home and was arrested when he entered the station. After spending a number of weeks in a holding camp, he was then sent to Auschwitz where he, along with millions of other men, women and children perished.

I, like (I would assume) most of the children of survivors, listened intently, let the facts sink into my memory and then

went about my life, until the week of Pesach which will be forever etched in my mind. Having no family in town during Pesach and being away from our home in Sydney, we decided to go to a "kosher le Pesach" resort in Palm Springs. On the second morning of Pesach, I happened to go into the hotel store to get a newspaper. In front of me was a man in his mid 60's also waiting for his paper. When the shop assistant asked for his name, he answered "Lowy." As he had a Hungarian accent and thinking that we might be related, I introduced myself also as a "Lowy" and asked where he was from. As it turned out, he was from Hungary, but from a different town than my father's. Although we were not related, he asked me where my father and his family were during the war and what had become of them. I told him that they were in Budapest during the war and that most of the family had survived except for my grandfather.

Mr. Lowy then inquired as to whether I knew what had happened to my grandfather and where he was arrested. I then recounted the story my father had told me, but I did not remember the date that he was arrested. My Lowy interrupted me and told me that he was also arrested at the station and that a Lowy from Fulek was arrested with him at the same

time. He also mentioned that this man was a traveler or salesman of some kind (my grandfather was a traveling salesman), and that he was trying to buy tickets for himself and his family to go home.

It was becoming clear that this Mr. Lowy, standing in front of me, had been arrested with my grandfather 47 years earlier, and had in fact spent six weeks in the holding camp. My mind was racing with questions. I was confused and not sure what to do next.

Later that day, after talking to my father by phone, telling him what had happened and checking some facts, we confirmed that Mr. Lowy was indeed arrested with my grandfather. It was also the first time since my grandfather left his house in 1944 that we have found someone who was actually (physically) with him and could tell us exactly what happened - at least over that six-week period. Mr. Lowy's son and I are planning to document his memories of those six weeks. Mr. Lowy told us that he and my grandfather were separated when they arrived at Auschwitz, because as they were leaving the train my grandfather reached back into the boxcar to retrieve his tallit and tefillin, and as he was doing this, he was beaten by the guards. Mr. Lowy is not sure whether my grandfather survived the beating, but he suspects that he did not.

At first, after meeting Mr. Lowy, I was quite emotional. It was the first time I had come face to face with anything connected to my grandfather other than my father and his family. It was as if the past had stuck out a huge hand and grabbed me by the neck. Now that several weeks have passed, I am still not sure what it means or what I should do about it. To meet Mr. Lowy, for me, has opened up more questions that it has answered and some of these may never have an answer.

I feel an anger growing inside of me about what happened, about never seeing my grandfather, about traditions and lifestyle that were simply wiped out. The dilemma I currently face is on two levels, one religious and the other moral. The religious side, I believe, I will in time work out, but it is the moral questions that I fear will never be answered.

Writing from an Australian viewpoint, most of my generation has been blessed with at least a comfortable way of life. We had wonderful educational, cultural and sporting opportunities. To date, a large part of our lives has been spent on furthering ourselves, and while we worry about our local Jewish community and Israel, for most of us, this is either a financial or time commitment — but it really does not divert us from our main goal.

Israel and its survival is, I believe, the strongest protection we have against another Holocaust. This evidence is currently staring us in the face with the plight of Soviet Jews. If not for Israel, where would they go? If not for Israel, who would stand up and fight for

their freedom and rights as Jews? What would happen to them if not for Israel? The answer for us is not just in history books, but is with our parents who survived the Holocaust.

This chance meeting with my past has made me look at myself and ask, should I and others like me do more? I currently work with and donate to Jewish organizations, but in the end always return back to the same lifestyle. There is the dilemma - as our generation, born out of such adversity slowly moves away from the past and while we involve ourselves in our community, we never really make a commitment - for us life goes on.

This meeting with Mr. Lowy has made me stop and think about the quality, not just quantity, of our lives, of other generations whose presence has been denied us and of future generations whose heritage we must protect and preserve.

The enormity and tragedy of the Holocaust is difficult to grasp, but when it touches you personally, its impact is dramatic. While we did not live through it, we were always reminded, but were to some extent protected by our parents from their worst memories, and only now can I begin to understand what my father went through.

In spite of my confusion, I believe there are a number of lessons to be learned from my experience. The parents of my generation must tell their children as much as possible, no matter how difficult it may be. The time for this is short - within 10-20 years the generation of survivors may no longer be with us. For my generation, we must know how to apply the lessons from the past to the future. Soviet Jewry currently faces grave danger and those who are waiting to emigrate to Israel must be helped. If the USSR disintegrates and there is Anarchy or Military rule, the lives of the Jews of Russia will be in great jeopardy. It is our duty to ensure that situation cannot occur where in 30-50 years the son of a Jew who survived a second Holocaust meets a man who was with his grandfather in a camp somewhere in Russia.

I will end by presenting some interesting facts. Mr. Lowy was 18 when arrested in March 1944, my grandfather was in his 40's. Mr. Lowy moved to the U.S. in 1945 or 46 and currently lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. My father went to Israel in 1946 and arrived in Australia in 1951. I temporarily moved to California in 1990 and until then had never left home at Passover. My Lowy decided to go to Palm Springs for Passover the first time this year, he usually spends Passover in the Northeast. It was 47 years and 11 days from the date Mr. Lowy and my grandfather were arrested (March 20, 1944) until the day we met in the hotel store (March 31, 1991).

The above article, written April 9, 1991, by Peter S. Lowy, was submitted by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Time Out

Street Names Reflect Jerusalem's History

by Ehud Katz

(WZPS) The Street of the Valley of Ghosts, the Street of the Prophets, the Tribes of Israel Street, the Way of the Righteous - these are just a few of Jerusalem's exotic street names.

Biblical Names

Many of the street names reflect the biblical roots of the Jewish people: King David, King Solomon, the Hasmonean kings, all have streets named after them. Even more recent celebrities, such as the 19th century Anglo-Jewish traveller and philanthropist Sir Moses Montefiore, are sometimes honored in a biblical fashion. One of the neighborhoods which he founded, and a street in it, are called Ohel Moshe ("Moses' Tent").

The British mandate also left its mark in King George V Street, a main thoroughfare in the city center. People working or shopping in the Mahane Yehuda open-air market could be forgiven for thinking that Pri Hadash ("New Fruit") St. referred to the produce on sale. In fact it is the name of a book, a commentary on the Shulchan Aruch, written by the 17th century Sephardi sage Rabbi Hezkia da Silva.

This is also true of Mesilat Yesharim ("Way of the Righteous") St., named after a work by the 18th century mystic Rabbi Haim Luzatto: Most names in this category appear in religious neighborhoods, where the book is often known to the residents and the author all but forgotten.

Famous Jerusalem Streets

In the Jewish neighborhoods built immediately after the Six Day War, many street names reflect areas conquered by the Israel Defense Forces such as Golan Heights, Red Sea, Sinai Desert, etc. On the dividing line between the Jewish and Arab sections of the city, Aqabat el-Manzel (Arabic, meaning roughly "the Slope which Descends") was changed to Paratroopers St., after the paratroop brigade which broke into the Old City, ending the division of Jerusalem.

By and large, however, the city council decided not to change the street names in the Arab neighborhoods. Arab and Moslem heroes such as Salah e-Din (Saladin), Haroun al-Rashid, the most famous Caliph of Baghdad, and the Caliph Omar Ibn el-Khatib, who captured Jerusalem from the Byzantines in the 7th century but protected the Christian holy places, are all commemorated.

The most famous Christian street in the Old City is, of course, the Via Dolorosa (the "Way of Sorrow"), through which, according to Christian tradition, Jesus carried the cross on his way to Calvary.

Choosing Arab Street Names

When the city was reunified in 1967, the municipality was surprised to find that entire Arab neighborhoods had no street names at all. Some of them were villages such as Silwan, A-Tur or Issewiyeh, where such trappings of modern civilization had not been

considered necessary. Everybody knew everyone else, and if you were looking for Mahmoud the blacksmith, you just asked.

The municipality decided, however, that the neighborhoods were entitled to modern

services, running water, electricity, telephones, and regular postal services, and for these purposes the streets had to be named and the houses numbered. In order to choose the names, mayor Teddy Kollek coopted onto the municipal street names committee a veteran Arab municipal worker, Salah Jaralla, who

had served in the East Jerusalem municipality under Jordanian rule.

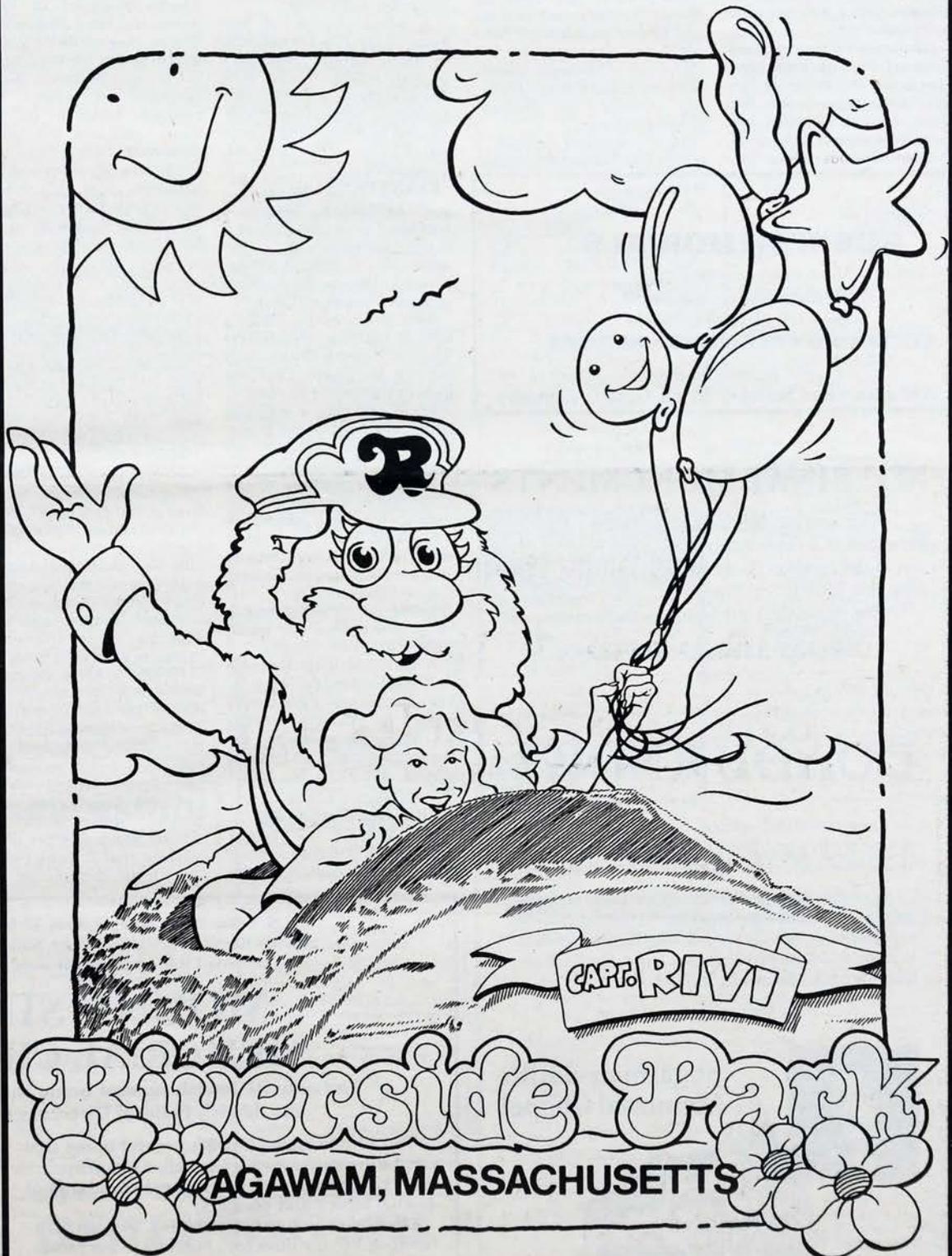
Among the names chosen were Raghi bin Nashashibi, after one of the mayors of East Jerusalem under the Jordanians. He was an engineer and is remembered for the public works he initiated. Also

honored is a relative of Salah Jaralla, Sheikh Hassan Jaralla, a teacher of Sharia (Islamic law) and Grand Mufti under the Jordanians. In the new street names, Arab scholars, poets and authors predominate. A typical choice is Arazi St., named after a famous Arab physician.

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Obituaries

WILLIAM BOSLOVITZ
WOONSOCKET — William Boslovitz, 70, of 218 Pond St., manager of various Cumberland Farms stores in Woonsocket and other New England areas for over 25 years, died Sunday, May 5, 1991, at the Landmark Medical Center-Woonsocket Unit.

Born in Pawtucket, a son of the late Joseph and Rose (Shapiro) Boslovitz, he had lived in Woonsocket 20 years.

Mr. Boslovitz was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Woonsocket Lodge of Elks 850, and had been chairman of its House Committee. He was a member of Parkview Club. He was a volunteer at Woonsocket Hospital and a member of its RSVP Program.

He leaves a daughter, Carol Ziman of Warwick; four sisters, Ann Ettine of Providence, Bertha Boslovitz and Ida Boslovitz, both of Cranston, and Dorothy Masover of Warwick; a dear friend, Ida DiSalvo of

Woonsocket; and a grandson.

Funeral services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial services took place at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

EUGENE R. BROWN

RENO, Nevada — Eugene Robert Brown, 81, died Wednesday, May 1, 1991, at Manor Care Nursing Center of natural causes. He was the husband of Beatrice Brown of Reno, Nevada.

A native of St. Louis, he was born Nov. 27, 1909, and had been a Reno resident for the past 35 years, coming from Brockton, Mass.

Mr. Brown was a real estate broker, owner of Gene R. Brown, Realtors and founder and former president of Temple Sinai. He attended the University of Michigan, Boston University, and Boston University College of Business Administration.

He was a former member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge 597, Hidden

Valley Country Club, Prospector's Club, National Institute of Real Estate Brokers, Commercial and Investment Division, vice president of the Commercial and Investment Division of the Reno Board of Realtors and an associate member of the International Council of Shopping Centers.

He was an executive committee member of United Jewish Appeal and a past chairman of National Conference of Christians and Jews and a recipient of its Brotherhood Award.

Besides his wife he is survived by a son, Stephen L. Brown of Boston; a brother, Harold Brown of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; a sister, Blanche Wilson of Tamarac, Florida; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Friday, May 3, at Temple Sinai in Reno, Nevada. Graveside funeral services took place Sunday, May 5, at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

KENNETH DAVID CHAK

WILLOWDALE, Ontario — Kenneth David Chak, 32, of 4 Forest Laneway died Saturday, May 4, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Susan (Homonoff) Chak.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, a son of Bernice (Nobleman) Chak of Toronto, Ontario, and the late Leo Joseph Chak, he lived in Toronto for 12 years.

Mr. Chak was a highway design engineer for the Ministry of Transportation of Toronto for eight years.

He was a graduate of the University of Toronto in Engineering. He was a member of the Association for Professional Engineers of Ontario, and the Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves a brother, Howard B. Chak of Kingston, Ontario.

A graveside funeral service was held Monday, May 6, 1991, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

REGINA EISENBERG

PROVIDENCE — Regina Eisenberg, 81, of 61 Woodbury St., died Tuesday, April 30,

1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of A. Edward Eisenberg.

Born in Baltimore, Md., a daughter of the late Morris and Anne (Berkowitz) Bernstein, she moved to Providence in 1951, before moving to Pawtucket 23 years ago. She returned to Providence in January.

Mrs. Eisenberg was a member of the Plantations Unit of B'nai B'rith, and a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

For many years Mrs. Eisenberg was a volunteer worker at the Jewish Home for Aged where she coordinated the bingo games.

She leaves two daughters, Sandra Waldman of Providence and Bette Dubinsky of Roslyn Heights, N.Y.; a sister, Evelyn Bishoff of Washington, D.C.; two brothers, Sidney Bernstein of Essex, Md., Howard Bernstein of Boca Raton, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Thursday, May 2, 1991, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

DR. A.S. GOODMAN

WARWICK — Albert S. Goodman, D.D.S., 69, of 83 Foxridge Crescent, died Sunday, May 5, 1991, at 40 W. Greeley Circle, Warwick, where he had been visiting. He was the husband of Marge (Taylor) Goodman and the late Ethel (Waxman) Goodman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Harry and Evelyn (Margolis) Goodman, he had lived in Warwick since 1950.

Dr. Goodman was a graduate of the University of Louisville, Ky., and its dental school. He opened the first dental office in Apponoag in 1948, and later moved to Warwick in 1980. His current offices were located at 3411 West Shore Rd.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a dentist. He was vice president of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Academy of General Dentistry, and a past president of the Rhode Island Dental Pediatrics Society. He was a dental consultant at the Ladd School, and a member of the teaching staff at Tufts University Dental School. He was

awarded a certificate from the Albert Einstein School of Dentistry for Periodontal Disease, and was awarded a certificate from Begg Study & Straight Wire Orthodontics. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the Rhode Island and New England Dental Societies. He was a member of Green Peace, the R.I. ACLU, the East Greenwich Animal Protection League and the Coalition 2:1.

He was a member of Klan Watch Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center. He was a member of Potowomac Country Club and the Edgewood Yacht Club. He was a founder of Temple Sinai and served as its first president from 1958-1960.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Joyce Goodman of Cranston; two sons, Elliot Goodman of Groton, Conn., and David Goodman of New York City; two sisters, Zita Manson of New York City and Sonya Margolin in Ohio, and a brother, Dr. Sanford Goodman of Forest Hills, Long Island.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 7, 1991, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park, Johnston.

BENJAMIN LEWIS

WARWICK — Benjamin Lewis, 73, of 303 Greenwich Ave., a pharmaceutical sales representative for several companies in Rhode Island for 30 years before retiring 10 years ago, died Wednesday, May 1, 1991, at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Lillian (Shushansky) Lewis.

Born in Central Falls, he was a son of the late Joseph and Rose F. (Erenkrantz) Lewis. He lived in Providence before moving to Warwick four years ago.

Mr. Lewis was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, the Touro Fraternal Association, the Majestic Senior Guild and the Cranston Senior Guild. He was a past president of the Traveling Men's Auxiliary of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Martin Lewis of Spencer, (continued on next page)

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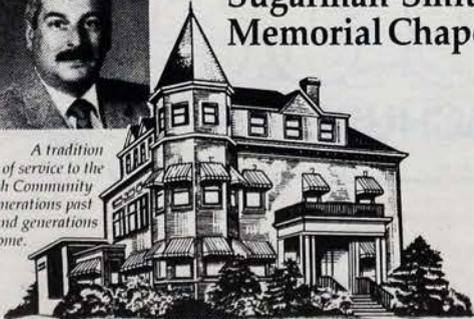
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Mass.; two daughters, Joyce Tobkes of Jericho, Long Island, N.Y., and Helene Goldstein of Cranston; a sister, Sophie Lewis of Coventry, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Thursday, May 2, 1991, at the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

WILLIAM D. NEWMAN

NEWPORT — William D. Newman, 83, of 17 Arnold Ave., died Wednesday, May 1, 1991, at Newport Hospital. He was the husband of the late Rebecca (Fineman) Newman.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Morris D. and Annie (Cohen) Newman, he lived in Providence before moving to Newport in 1938.

Mr. Newman had owned the former Tobak's Soda Co. and Tobak's Ice Cream Parlor, both in Newport. He also was a salesman for a liquor distributor before retiring in 1976. He was a member of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

He leaves a son, Joel Newman of Newport, and a sister, Florence H. Norman of East Providence. He was the companion of Bella Werner.

The funeral service was held Thursday, May 2, 1991, at the Hoffman Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Newport, and



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ELIZABETH P. ROSENBAUM

CHICOPEE, Mass. — Elizabeth P. Rosenbaum, 72, of 119 Lukasik St., died Tuesday, April 30, 1991, at Holyoke Hospital, Holyoke, Mass. She was the wife of the late David Rosenbaum.

Born in Champlain, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late William F. and Delia Jarvis.

Graveside funeral services were held Friday, May 3, 1991, at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford, Mass. Arrangements were by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SELMA RUBIN

PROVIDENCE — Selma Rubin, of 490A Angell St., died Saturday, May 4, 1991, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Morris and Minnie (Dauer) Rubin.

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Private funeral services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MORRIS SHATZ

PROVIDENCE — Morris Shatz, 84, of 120 Pinehurst Ave., a jewelry salesman for Cathedral Art Metal for more than 10 years before retiring 20 years ago, died Monday, April 29, 1991, at the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was the husband of Hazel (Kushner) Shatz.

Born in Toronto, Canada, he was a son of the late Isaac and

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Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Edwin J. Shatz of Warwick and Marshall S. Shatz of Cambridge, Mass.; and three sisters, Janet Pollack of West Palm Beach, Fla., Tillie

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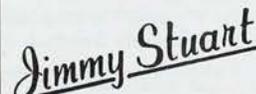
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by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

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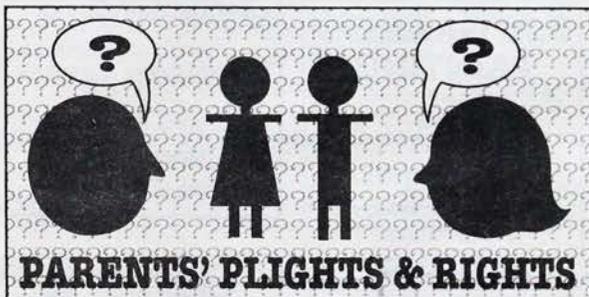
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Dear Dr. Imber:

I don't know where to begin. My nine-year-old son seems to have the winter blah blues. School has never been his favorite pastime but by this time of the year he's in a groove. I met his teacher at open house and she seemed nice enough. I was impressed with her concern for children and her organization. Work completion has been a problem for some time, but this year he seems to be stuck in the tar pits. I don't know what to do and he could care less ... or so it seems. Your thoughts would be appreciated.

Concerns Abound

Dear Abound:

Let's face it. We all have good days and bad days. It is a rare person who is able to perform successfully with little variation. However, your description of the presenting problem appears to go beyond "normal fluctuations" of performance. For most students, school is work ... hard work. Nevertheless, many students look forward to school each day. Oh, they won't admit it, not even under intense questioning. When a child is persistently unenthusiastic about school for weeks at a time, when a child loses his appetite for academic achievement, when a child loses confidence, it's time to communicate.

Some parents are sensitive about "bothering" their child's teacher. Usually, teachers appreciate concerned parents, provided that parents are sensitive about schedules and are requesting to meet for constructive rather than destruc-

tive purposes. Schedule a meeting with your son's teacher. Send her a brief note or initiate a short phone call to summarize your concerns. Then, schedule an appointment to gather information about his attitude, interactions, behavior, and work completion and accuracy. Determine the teacher's expectations for homework completion and test preparation. Consider this meeting a first step to addressing the "problem." Consider that your son may appear un-

enthusiastic about school when he's home but may behave differently at school. Usually, when things are amiss, there are no simple answers. Rather, a combination of factors influence a problem. It is important to determine the degree to which your son is able to meet his teacher's expectations. Is the level of the work too difficult or too easy? Is the amount of work too much or too little? Does his behavior vary significantly from activity to activity or from morning to afternoon? Does he show interest in particular subjects or classmates?

When a parent and teacher can agree on "the problem," with close communication and cooperation, a plan can be developed, implemented and monitored.

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