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Senator Pell Honored On Father's Day

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

On Sunday, June 16, Temple Emanu-El filled up with Rhode Island dignitaries, Temple board members and trustees, as well as friends and clergy on Father's Day. The reason for such an esteemed gathering was to pay tribute to a man who, according to one of the speakers, has been a R.I. "political junky" since the mid 20th century. Even his father, Herbert, was a respected R.I. politician in his days.

The State of Israel Bonds presented The City of Peace Award to United States Senator Claiborne Pell, who as chairman of the Senate Committee of Foreign Relations, passed a foreign aid bill assisting Israel.

The award was handed to Pell by The Honorable Zalman Shoval, Israeli Ambassador to the United States who said, "Senator Pell understands that Israel needs America...and Pell understands Israel's position...His role as committee chairman, who passed the foreign aid bill, was of vital importance not only to Israel, but to the U.S. too."

"Pell, like his father, is a true aristocrat. We should never forget his good deeds for our country (Israel) and your country."

Pell is R.I.'s senior Senator, ranking fourth in the Senate. He's the Chairman of the Senate's Joint Committee on the Library and serves on the Executive Committee of the Environmental and Energy Study Conference. The senator, well known for his legislative creation of the Basic Educational



U.S. Senator Claiborne Pell

Opportunity Grants now called the "Pell Grants," was also the senate author of the National Sea Grant College and Program Act. He has sponsored numerous specialized bills within such areas as: environmental education, prevention of elderly abuse, education for the handicapped, and amendments that cushioned the economic impact of severe Navy cutbacks on Rhode Island. His other accomplishments are far too numerous to note.

Seated at the head dinner table were keynote speaker Ambassador Shoval; R.I. Governor Bruce Sundlun; The Honorable Yaakov Levy; Tribute Committee Chairman, Robert A. Riesman; Tribute Committee Rhode Island Campaign Chairman, Arthur I. Fixler; State of Israel Bonds New England Region Chairman, Ralph Kaplan; and Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin.

Palestinians Call For End To Intifada

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — For Palestinians who marked the start of the 43rd month of the intifada this week, the burning issue was self-inflicted wounds.

The popular uprising this past year has become less a struggle against the Israeli presence than a murderous Arab civil war.

Hardly a day passes without at least one gangland-style execution of a presumed "traitor" to the Palestinian cause, so designated by the ubiquitous "popular committees" that control the streets.

Lately the category has been enlarged to include such "nega-

tive elements" as prostitutes and drug dealers. And many a personal score has been settled and blood feud pursued under cover of the intifada.

The situation has degenerated to the point where prominent Palestinians have issued public appeals to end the bloodbath.

Recently, a group of Palestinian journalists, university professors, trade unionists and white-collar workers gathered at the Hakawati theater in East Jerusalem for one of the soul-searching sessions that have become a regular event since the Persian Gulf War.

The message that emerged

would have been unheard of six months ago. It was, in effect, a call to end the intifada, at least in its familiar form.

Dr. Yussuf Abu-Samra of Bir Zeit University suggested a fundamental change of tactics. Shops closed each afternoon to protest the Israeli administration should be reopened. Strike days should be limited to one or two a month, but schools should remain open.

Children under 15 should not be involved in the struggle, Abu-Samra said.

But the most painful issue was the destructive effect the murders are having on Palestinian (continued on page 19)

Family Harmony at PHDS

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

The excited crowd filled the auditorium at the Providence Hebrew Day School last Tuesday evening for the long-awaited appearance of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, the world-famous singer, storyteller, composer and teacher. Extra chairs were pulled from stacks along the wall to accommodate the overflowing audience. In anticipation of the stories and songs, children hummed and danced in the aisles, greeting their friends and relatives.

It was an evening not only for individual families but also for the entire communal family of the PHDS and its many friends.

Prior to the concert, the many young graduates of the Judaic ESL program received their first siddurim (prayer books). According to Devorah Weiner, the director of the Russian program, the New American Jews from the Soviet Union and Hungary have made remarkable progress in their understanding of spoken and written Hebrew. The graduates and audience alike were duly impressed by the joyous solemnity of this special occasion.

The hand-clapping, foot-stomping music soon began, despite the fact that the airline had misplaced Rabbi Carlebach's guitar. With a borrowed instrument and a whole lot of enthusiasm, Rabbi Carlebach wove his musical magic. Rabbi Carlebach's Chassidic stories taught tender and important lessons of respect, faith and wonder. Restless children settled down and shy children sang along, as the evening progressed.

The amazing chorus of young and old voices rang through the hall with strength and passion. It was an incredibly special family evening for everyone.



Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach

Israel Bonds Chairman Meets With Shamir



Left to right: Michael Siegal, State of Israel Bonds National Campaign Chairman; Ambassador Meir Rosenne, President and Chief Executive Officer, State of Israel Bonds; State of Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Siegal and Rosenne recently spent seventy-two intensive hours in Jerusalem assessing the continuing role of the bond program in resettling tens of thousands of Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants.



Graduates of the Judaic ESL program line the stage with their new siddurim.

Inside the Ocean State

Central Parties With Ethnicity

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

As last week held the final days of school (and most students were awaiting their final grades of the semester), most of the rooms were empty except for some persistent hustle and bustle. You could hear the pupil's final activities as you approached classroom Number 2. The noise hit you as teenagers, dressed in bright ethnic costumes, came and went from the room.

On Friday, June 14, Project LEAD (Leaders Educated About Diversity) was holding one of its last National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) funded projects called "Cultural Celebrations Days" at Central High School.

Central students helped prepare a variety of ethnic foods for all to sample, including: Cambodian Eggrolls, Haitian Meatpies (Pate), Italian Pizza, Cambodian Rice, Mexican



Students enjoying the "Cultural Celebration Days" at Central High School.

Guacamole, Chinese Rice, English shortbread and American Chop Suey. The students were also involved in arts and crafts workshops and listened to talks on racial concerns. Then, as Mexican music blared from a boom box, sisters Sonya and Elsa Lopez took to the center of the classroom and showed their ethnic Mexican dance.

The purpose of this student activity (the last of several), came about after a Cambodian student was shot last year during a lunch recess.

Beginning last January, 20 students and two teachers of four Rhode Island high schools — Central High School, Hope High School, Roger Williams Middle School, and Oliver H. Perry Middle School — worked hand-in-hand with two Project LEAD-trained personnel in coordination with the Providence Human Relations Commission to take part in several exercises "designed to reduce racial ten-

sion and help students regain pride in their heritage," said Laura Simmons, Project LEAD Administration Assistant.

First there was a two-day talk on prejudices — both of their own and of other people's. Then, in an effort to promote teacher/student dialogue on racial prejudices, the students prepared a bias-free presentation which they delivered to several classes.

In most schools about 15 student presentations were held.

When asked what benefits these Project LEAD programs offered, Marie Clerjuste, a sophomore who comes from Haiti, said, "I got to meet a lot of kids with the same (racial) problems that I have. It's nice to meet people of other cultures and taste their (ethnic) foods."

Dominican Republic native, Dilania Inoa, of the ninth grade agreed that she got to "meet a lot of people" but found that "everyone's equal."

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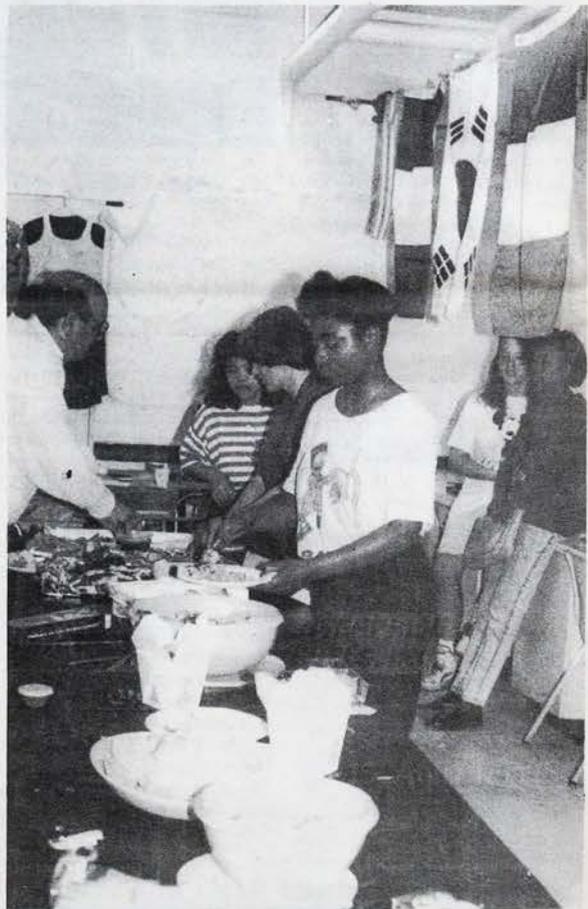
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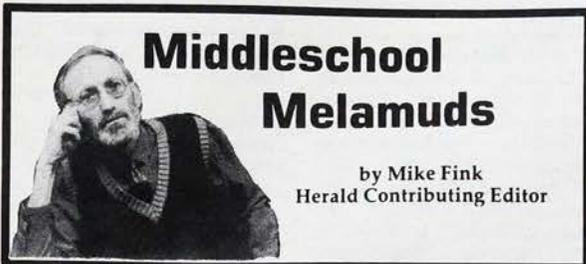


Central student sampling the ethnic foods her schoolmates helped to prepare.

Remembering Dad

In last week's article, "Following In Their Father's Footsteps," by Eleanor F. Horwitz of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association, this photo of Henry J. Hassenfeld was left out due to space restrictions. He was the son of Ozias and Clara (Reich) Hassenfeld. Born on July 15, 1889, Henry migrated to New York City at age 14 and eventually started the family business of manufacturing.





Middleschool Melamuds

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

Doors burst open. Out pour kids. Turn around and look back over the crowd and say thanks to some teachers at Bishop who have made one of work and play for heaven and the future.

A season or so back, Mr. Mark Malin spent a Shabbat evening at our house. In the breaks between courses, jokes and giggles, he told us how his own not so great time in fifth grade shaped his resolve. He would do a better job of sharing joy with kids on the brink of leaving childhood. I never heard a pupil say a word about Mark that was not cheerful. They feel safe and wanted in his homeroom and classroom. If Pan were Jewish, Mark

would make a fine garden statue among the shrubs on the Bishop grounds.

Remie Brown teaches math. He is as exacting as figures with students. As a cantor outside Bishop, he knows that music too exacts work. The result is harmony. I sit with Remmie at the Chased Shel Amess at Lincoln Cemetery. Remmie faces truths pure but not simple.

I run into the charming Mrs. Zexter at a school reunion or at the bakery. She stays as dainty and elegant as the French phrases she instructs. Her schoolroom stands as a cultural corner of France.

A group of Bishop girls spot me through the window at

Michael's and pop in to make me treat them to sweets. They chatter about Mr. Rick Burt. To get to Michael's they walk past Rick's place.

He nests above that kooky house on Morris with the forever unfinished Portuguese inlaid mosaic sidewalk. His balcony holds a Babylonian hanging garden. His parlor keeps intact and in place his grandmother's upholstery and figurines. Each tabletop boasts a tank of colorful fish.

Rick talks about his cichlids. "The father fish fans the eggs, fusses around the hatchlings, stands guard. Dad even teaches school to his tiny ones." Rick's magical minnows may outgrow a tank but they never bellyup.

His homeroom doesn't differ from his own roost. Rick teaches science. Not the morbid messages of yesterday, but a gentler science for tomorrow. He protects and reaches out to lost souls. He even tutors troubled kids afterschool.

A longtime teacher about town who lives in Corliss Landing describes the junior high

years as "a haven outside of time." Anne M. went on, "People claim it forms the worst time for teachers, but really it's Eden. A teacher can give love and get love back."

I told Anne, "I know. The first classes I taught were middle school. The boys and girls stole my heart. But the principal didn't think much of my style. I got kicked upstairs. A college professor is a teacher who has lost the nerve and the verve to handle junior high."

A lot of you folks big or small may not go along on this. You may come across a few bad ones in the basket. But don't bite the apples of knowledge. Our middleschool melamuds make mitzvot.

The Herald sent a small spy to pry some inside info on a pair of teachers. The first question was on attitude.

Do you like what you do?

Mrs. Zexter finds it fun. "They respond. They have enthusiasm." Mark Malin graduated from Bishop in June of 1966. He says, "It helped make me what I am today. The

school shapes kids into better students and citizens."

What's wrong with the system?

Mrs. Zexter says, "The central city administration doesn't allow us to create a true middle school curriculum."

Mr. Malin compares children to sponges. "They should soak up knowledge for the future. Their present will be their future."

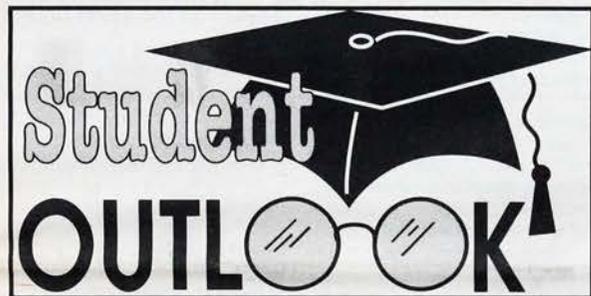
What hobbies do you play after school?

Mrs. Z. does tennis and bridge and travels. Mr. M. jogs and collects belt buckles. "I have 80 buckles. They are my trademark." He also sings and listens to the music of the fifties and sixties. "Last but not least I live and die for the Los Angeles Raiders. SuperBowl has given me much pleasure."

Our girl at Bishop also asked, *What Jewish values do you express in your teaching at Bishop?*

Mrs. Z. cites "Doing good deeds, special kindnesses toward students without telling the source."

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Feldman's Foibles: The Ethiopian Jews, In Israel, AT LAST!!

by Tj Feldman

Ethiopian Jewry is a cause that I have been very active in and very verbal about. Finally, there is something good to say. In fact just to merely say it is not enough, to shout it from rooftops would be much more appropriate! However, being that I am afraid of heights, I'll write it here.

When I heard that the Ethiopian Jews had been airlifted to Israel I was overjoyed. The day that they and other Jews around the world had been waiting for had finally come.

The Ethiopian Jews are finally being reunited with

their families already in Israel, the struggle of separation is over at long last.

However, the end of one struggle means the beginning of new struggles for these Jews. They still have to adapt to life in Israel, find work, and settle in to the society which is unlike the society they knew in Ethiopia.

They also have to deal with the questions that are often raised by Israel's chief rabbis about whether or not they are Jews. The chief rabbis are in conflict on the subject and for the Ethiopians it is disheartening to be the subject of such

questioning.

A great deal of effort was made to get these people out of Ethiopia, but now an equal effort is needed to help them settle in Israel. More importantly, it should not be forgotten, that there are still two or three thousand Jews in Ethiopia who are believed to be trapped behind enemy lines. For these Jews we must pray that help for them will come soon.

I feel good knowing that I was part of something successful and that the envelopes I stuffed, the lobbies I attended,

and in general the money and time I gave to help the Jews of Ethiopia proved worthwhile. Last fall, I put on a program where an Ethiopian Jew was the speaker. If any one is happier than I about recent events involving the Ethiopian Jews, it is probably he.

I hope that it will not be long before Jews everywhere can come and go freely and that airlifts and secret operations will not be necessary. In the meantime, as free Jews here in America, we must keep working to help those Jews that are not so free.

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Dear Editors:

How is it that Israel, one of the smallest countries in the Middle East, tries to take in its oppressed brethren from Russia, Ethiopia, and other countries - in spite of a poor economy, while some of the richer and larger Arab countries, who complain about their oppressed Palestinian brethren, never offer to take them in and resettle them in their countries?

When the Palestinians complain about their treatment in Israel, the U.S. and the U.N. should pressure Syria, and especially Iraq - along with other Arab countries, to take them in and give them jobs.

Alice P. Mandel
Narragansett, R.I.

Dear Editors:

I think Rabbi Shafran's distinction between an individual and their beliefs is valid.

It means I can disagree with a parent but still love them.

As a Republican I can criticize a Democrat's position on issues until I'm blue and be

considered a great American.

And it means I can criticize my co-religionist for their belief, statements, conduct and still cherish them.

To say that there is no right to criticize any Jew for their expression of Judaism is to champion apathy; but to condemn them just because they are different is to fuel intolerance.

The flurry of letters reminds me of what Yirmiyahu (the author of the Book of Jeremiah) might have encountered had he submitted his prophecies to the contemporary *Herald*. (Yirmiyahu was treated very badly.)

I say this for the following reason. Every Jewish leader must live with his or her decisions on how to lead their flock. Though he or she be as full of good deeds as a pomegranate with seed, it is with these decisions that the community will thrive or perish.

Joshua Pearlman
Providence

"Are You Also A Jew?"

by Hans L. Heimann

I am, as many of you know, a faithful reader of, and writer to (some may think ad nauseam) the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*. Yesterday I received a phone call from the *Herald's* editors suggesting that I write, perhaps, an essay about some of my experiences during the infamous years of the Holocaust.

This put me in a dubious position.

I asked my wife what she thinks I should write about. "Oh, about five or six paragraphs," she said... Easier said than done. I tried to make notes to myself on my tape-recorder. No good. The tape talked with an accent.

So, here goes. I am doing my best to remember something on the lighter side. Too much, alas, has been written already about the dark points of these years of terror. Although I agree with the German author Erich Kaestner, who, because of his outspokenness spent a few years in Dachau. He wrote, I quote him here, "what happened during the Hitler years was indeed unspeakable, yet, one must never stop talking about it." So let me try to recall what comes to mind.

Item: When we were sent to the Camp di Concentramento, we travelled by train. European trains are not like Amtrak, but wagons are divided into compartments, eight seats to each. There were originally six of us prospective "internati" and two carabinieri to escort us. Naturally, we spoke German to each other. Finally the cops got tired of not understanding, they moved to separate compartments, leaving us alone. What they forgot however, was to take their guns with them, leaving them in the luggage racks. No wonder as the Italian joke goes, "Why do carabinieri (the State Police) travel in pairs?" Answer, "One can read, the other one can write."

Item: In the requisitioned hotel on the Adriatic Sea where we stayed, we were supervised by a detective, the only one in the little town. The Commissario, or chief of police, came every other day or so to see us. When we asked the detective who he was, he said he was "the piccolo shamus." And, who comes to see us twice a week? "Il grande shamus," he replied.

Item: After my dad died (natural causes, hospitalization paid for by the Italian govern-

ment), I lived with my mother in a provincial capital. Our mail, incoming and outgoing had to be censored. The "censor" was Signora Adriana Abbruzzese, the teacher of German at the local high-school. When she did not understand the meaning of some words, she called me to translate for her.

Item: Unmarried men were encouraged to visit the "casino," the house of ill repute, to ease our tensions.

Item: There were many women who were separated from their respective husbands. Some of them had affairs, one with the chief of police. Nothing was said about the German "Rassengesetze," the racial laws.

Item: One lady, a Mrs. Kahane decided she wanted to convert to Catholicism. Don't ask me why. Just as Gentiles who want to embrace Judaism have to go to the "cheder," so did she have to go to classes to learn about Christianity. One day someone asked me if she had converted yet, I replied, "I don't know, she still looks Jewish to me."

Item: After the liberation, I worked for the American Joint

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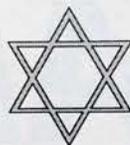
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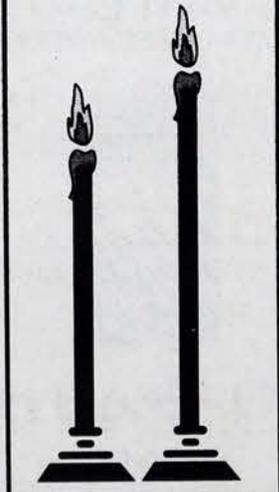
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Candlelighting

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Gardening Tips

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the great English poet of the Romantic period, was once talking with a man who told him that he did not believe in giving children any religious instruction whatsoever. His theory was that the child's mind should not be prejudiced in any direction, but when the child came to years of discretion, he should be permitted to choose his religious opinions for himself.

Coleridge said nothing, but after a while he asked his visitor if he would like to see his garden. The man said he would, and Coleridge took him out into the garden, where only weeds were growing. The man looked at Coleridge in surprise, and said, "Why this is not a garden! There are nothing but weeds here!"

"Well, you see," answered Coleridge, "I did not wish to infringe upon the liberty of the garden in any way. I was just giving the garden a chance to express itself and to choose its own production."

Many people today have the same attitude as Coleridge's visitor about our children's Jewish education. The result is that literally hundreds of thousands of Jewish children around the world are being brought up with a minimal or no Jewish education.

Now, more than ever, we have the opportunity to give our children the solid foundation in their Jewish heritage that they so rightly deserve. Jewish Day Schools and Yeshivas abound, operated according to the guidelines of the Torah. Excellent Jewish schools can be found in every major U.S. city, and in many minor ones, too. Almost all of them boast secular studies departments that can match or top any private school. Graduates of Day Schools and

yeshivas can be found at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, NYU, Oxford, and the Sorbonne. Jewish schools produce roses, not weeds.

We, the parents of present and future generations, need to become gardeners. By firmly planting our most precious, young flowers in the nourishing soil of a Jewish education, we ensure that they will grow to be prize-winning specimens in the future.

Performing Statutes

"This is the statute of the Torah that G-d commanded..." With these words, our Torah portion *Chukat* — also known as "The Red Heifer" (*parshat para adumah*) — begins. This portion describes the special red heifer sacrifice, whose ashes purified those who had become impure through coming in contact with a dead person.



The word "statute" (*chok* in Hebrew), in describing the above-mentioned mitzva, is of great importance. In general, the 613 mitzvot of the Torah are divided into three categories: 1) mitzvot that, according to logic, a person would keep, such as not stealing or murdering, etc.; 2) mitzvot that we ourselves would not necessarily have come up with but make sense — such as eating matza on Passover as a remembrance of our exodus from Egypt; and 3) statutes, mitzvot that don't have any possible, logical explanation — such as that of "red heifer."

It is quite natural for a per-

son to perform the "logical," understandable mitzvot with greater joy and devotion; however, the performance of statutes has an advantage over that of the other mitzvot. When a Jew performs a mitzva that is above his intellect, only because G-d commanded it, he immeasurably strengthens his connection with G-d, by subjecting his intellect to G-d.

This concept, of nullifying one's intellect before G-d's will, is not essential to the other types of mitzvot. For example, in most cases, when a person honors his father and mother, not once does he bring G-d into consideration. Because honoring his parents is a logical and even socially oriented mitzva, he may lose any feeling that it is a G-d-given commandment. However, with regard to a statute, it is impossible to forget that he is only performing it at G-d's command.

Chasidic philosophy explains that the word *chok* is similar to the word *chakika*, engraved. There are two ways in which we may write: by putting ink on paper or by engraving. The difference between them is that when we write with ink we are joining two distinct substances — ink and paper. But, when we engrave on stone, for instance, the letters are not something separate from what they are written on. Rather, they are part of the stone itself.

The same is true when performing statutes. Other mitzvot combine two separate entities, such as logic and faith. Yet the connection with G-d which results from the statutes is not based on anything other than the will to serve G-d. Therefore, the statute is the purest union with G-d which can exist.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.

World and National News

Family Reunification In Jerusalem

by Miriam Weiner

(WZPS) There aren't enough hours in the day to process the hundreds of inquiries addressed to the Search Bureau for Missing Relatives in Jerusalem where each inquiry tells a different story about family branches separated by time, distance and the Holocaust.

The Search Bureau, established by the Jewish Agency after the Holocaust to assist survivors in locating their relatives both in Palestine and abroad, is today run by Batya Untershatz, 46, who immigrated from Vilna in 1971 and began working for the Bureau one year later.

Primarily due to the recent wave of aliya from the Soviet Union, some 600 mail inquiries are received monthly along with another 200 telephone/walk-in inquiries, figures which represent a 400% increase over 1989.

Those seeking services include Soviet immigrants looking for family members, or their descendants, who came to Israel in the early part of the century, Holocaust survivors searching for family members, genealogists and anyone interested in knowing if, perhaps, unknown to them, a branch of their family is living in Israel. Inquiries from the Soviet Union in particular are so numerous that the Search Bureau had to acquire a larger mail box. A typical day's mail brings letters from Jews in Vinnitza, Moscow, Nikolayev, Tashkent, Kursk, Leningrad, Voronezh, Belyty, Irkutsk, Bratsk, Baku, Samarkand, and Minsk.

Nathan S. in Moscow wrote to the Search Bureau looking for his aunt's children, his first cousins, who were born in Odessa and came to Palestine in the 1930's. The original family name was Friedel, but, unknown to Nathan, they had taken Israeli names.

According to Nathan, "One cousin was a famous political figure in Israel and a Member of Knesset while his brother worked on a kibbutz." Batya found the politician, Nathan P., in Jerusalem but his brother had passed away. Both Nathans were named after the same grandfather.

The Israeli Nathan was delighted to hear of his Russian

relatives and provided the name of another first cousin, currently living in Haifa. Batya was then able to provide Nathan in Moscow with all the information he required.

Another letter brought an inquiry from a Michael A., now living in Lynn, Massachusetts, who sent in a search form to locate the descendants of his cousins Yaakov and Rachel Cohen who came to Palestine from the Ukraine in the 1920's. Batya started by searching through the list of 300 Yaakov Cohens living in Israel. She first narrowed down the list to those who were of Russian origin and then further eliminated others by immigration date. The next "cut" was by birth date. That left ten very aged men.

Batya explained the system of identification numbers which are assigned sequentially to family members, thus enabling her to locate Rachel. Next, she identified two daughters of Rachel and Yaakov, both of whom were deceased. However, she was able to trace their descendants and put them in touch with a very happy Michael in Massachusetts.

Another mail delivery brought a letter from an R. Bernstein in Bobroisk who was looking for her family in Israel. Batya was able to locate her aunt, Tamar Bondy, now living on a kibbutz, who was delighted at Batya's call. She knew she had family in Russia, but had not been in contact with them for over 50 years. As a result of Batya's reunion efforts, the telephone lines once again served as the link between Tamar and her niece in Bobroisk.

A representative of the United Jewish Appeal in Jerusalem brought a facsimile he had received from Australia from a Christine L. who was searching for her family. Christine, it seemed, had been raised in a Gentile family, but before her adoptive mother died, she gave Christine a photo of her real parents, identified as Polish Jews from Lvov, provided names and described how they had given Christine to her upon discovering they were to be transported to a concentration camp.

A search through the Pages of Testimony at Yad Vashem produced a page complete in the 1950's by Christine's aunt, Nechama H. (her father's sister), then living in Jerusalem. It took some detective work on Batya's part to locate Nechama, now living in Tel Aviv, but a telephone call resulted in a tearful, but delighted response. "I tried to find my niece in Australia, but the authorities were not helpful and I lost all hope."

The Search Bureau has records on file from 1948 to 1984 which include the name and address of every living Israeli citizen as well as those who have died within the past five years. Records after 1984 are protected by confidentiality laws, although recent name changes can be found.

An additional set of records consists of search requests received at the office, which includes the name and address of the person initiating the request, the parents' names, and, in some cases, the applicant's place of birth.

Further records available to Batya, who is proficient in Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, English and German, include a register of immigrants from as far back as 1919, published survivor lists, community records, telephone books, and records maintained by the burial societies, some dating back to 1839.

The Bureau's numerous success stories have generated much publicity both in Israel and abroad, for who cannot be deeply affected by a reunion with a "lost" relative? Rediscovering family, as many have discovered, is also often the first step to rediscovering one's Jewishness.

Alan Dershowitz To Be Honored By Men's Club Federation

Alan M. Dershowitz, Esq., distinguished member of the Harvard Law School faculty, has been named to receive the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' Distinguished Service Award. The presentation will take place at the FJMC's Biennial Convention to be held August 11-15 at the New Brown's Hotel, Loch Sheldrake, N. Y.

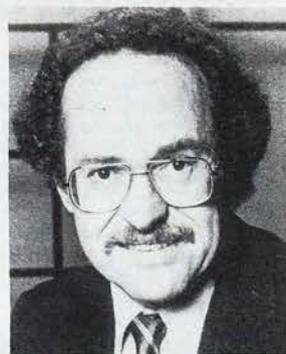
The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is comprised of some 35,000 members located throughout the United States, Canada, and Israel. Its primary goals are to develop leadership for the Conservative Movement of Judaism, to create adult education courses for the movement, and to assist youth groups of Conservative Congregations.

Dr. Burton Fischman of Providence will lead a delegation from the State of Rhode Island's New England Region to the Convention.

In naming Mr. Dershowitz to receive the FJMC's most prestigious award, the Men's Club organization will be adding his name to a distinguished list of former recipients that includes Mr. Justice Thurgood Marshall, General Alexander Haig, Hon. Arthur Goldberg, Simon Weisenthal, Hon. Henry Morganthau, Jr., Abba Eban, and many other noted international leaders.

Professor Dershowitz, whose autobiography called: *Chutzpah* was published recently, was selected to receive the FJMC Award because he is one of America's leading defenders of individual rights. He is one of America's foremost appellate lawyers. A prolific writer, Dershowitz has published hundreds of articles in scholarly law journals and national magazines.

Professor Dershowitz has been active in the American



Professor Alan Dershowitz

Civil Liberties Union and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He was appointed to the Harvard Law School Faculty at age 25 and became a full professor at age 28.

Delegates will hear reports on the FJMC "Yellow Candle" program which commemorates the memory of the six million Jews who died in Concentration Camps of Europe, a report on the Russian translation of the *Passover Seder* book, and a report on assistance to Camp Ramah. The Convention has dedicated a number of sessions to leadership training.

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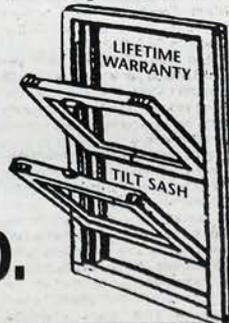
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Reform Loses In Battle For Synagogue

by Charles Hoffman

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The head of the world movement of Reform Judaism has charged that Chabad used underhanded tactics to gain control of a disputed synagogue in Moscow.

"Chabad spread lies and acted irresponsibly throughout this entire affair," said Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, which is based here.

"They are trying to keep the Reform movement from being established in the Soviet Union, but they won't succeed," he said.

But in New York, a spokesman for Chabad called the Reform movement's charges "completely unfounded."

"It displays a degree of desperation on their part and reminds me of the saying, 'When your argument gets

weak, yell as loud as you can,'" said Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, spokesman for the Lubavitcher Hasidic movement.

The dispute, which was resolved by the Moscow City Council on May 7 in favor of Chabad, involves the former Moscow mansion of Eliezer Poliakov, which is a five-minute walk from the popular McDonald's restaurant on Pushkin Square.

Poliakov was a wealthy banker and railroad magnate of the pre-revolutionary era, and his home included a private synagogue. The building was seized before World War I by the czarist government when Poliakov's enterprises failed. In recent years, it was occupied by the All-Union House of Folk Arts.

Late last year, Hineni, the Reform congregation of Moscow, received permission to

use the synagogue, which had been turned into a theater. Reform services on Friday nights drew crowds of several hundred people.

Orthodox leaders in Moscow, including Chabad rabbis and the leaders of the Great Synagogue, objected to this arrangement and pressured the city authorities to keep Hineni from using the building.

Reform and Orthodox leaders fought over the building for several months in numerous meetings with the Moscow authorities.

Rabbi Hirsch, who visited Moscow in April, charged that Chabad "lied to the authorities. They said we were a political and not a religious movement, and that the Poliakov synagogue had belonged to the Hasidic community."

"Chabad acted irresponsibly," he charged, "by making

a public scandal over the building in front of the authorities. This makes the Jewish community look terrible."

But in New York, Krinsky of Chabad said the accusations were "very vituperative, convoluted and distorted." He said the Reform leaders should "really be a little more sophisticated and respectful in their statements."

Krinsky maintained that Poliakov and his family were "very prominent Lubavitch Hasidim who supported the work of Lubavitch in Russia" as far back as the early 1900s.

"Eliezer Poliakov gave the house to Lubavitch Hasidim to pray in before the revolution, in the early 1900s, and they used it constantly for decades," he said. "It was taken away in 1938 or '39, confiscated by the Communists, who changed it into some kind of cultural center."

"The Reform sect never had any Reform temple in Moscow before World War II," he said. "I have no idea why it was given to Reform or taken by them in the meantime. This has nothing to do with the rightful ownership of the building."

But Hirsch said, "We have a letter from the Jewish Historical Society of Moscow attesting to the fact that the building was never a Hasidic synagogue."

The Moscow City Council resolution says that another building will be provided for the Hineni congregation. Chabad is supposed to bear the costs of renovating the Poliakov building and moving the present occupants to other quarters.

(JTA staff writer Debra Nussbaum Cohen in New York contributed to this report.)



National

(JTA) In an effort to prevent further division between liberal and conservative elements in the modern Orthodox movement, the Rabbinical Council of America has reinstated the eight rabbis it had effectively suspended because of their membership in the more liberal Fellowship of Traditional Orthodox Rabbis.

According to a study prepared by the Civil Rights Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the anti-Israel lobby has had only a limited success in its efforts to win support of U.S. policy-makers and public opinion, especially on college campuses, despite its growing political savvy.

(JTA) The Hebrew Free Burial Association last week unveiled 75 headstones recently placed on the graves of Jewish children of indigent families who were buried in unmarked graves between 1925 and 1942. Marking the children's graves will be part of the association's commemoration of its first century.

International

(JTA) The European Community will loan Israel up to \$95 million for industrial development over the next five years. The E.C. has signed trade and financial cooperation agreements with a dozen Mediterranean countries.

(JTA) 50,000 people attended the funeral last week in Jerusalem of Rabbi Yisroel Zev Gustman, 84, head of the Neztach Yisrael yeshiva in the Rehavia section of Jerusalem, whose renown as a Talmudic goan spanned three continents.

(JTA) Strict water conservation measures were announced by Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan in response to Israel's continuing drought. The rules will remain in force through October 1992. The penalty for noncompliance is a fine of up to \$400.

(JTA) The Jewish Agency is sending a team of officials back into Ethiopia this week to arrange transportation to Israel for an estimated 2,000 Jews remaining in that country who missed last month's Operation Solomon airlift.

Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

June 20, 1941

French Jews Second-Class Citizens

Xavier Vallat, Commissioner for Jewish Questions in the Vichy Government, has proved his aptness as a Hitler pupil in introducing the laws which now officially and definitely reduce the Jews of so-called "unoccupied" France to the status of second-class citizens.

Center Camp to Open

Camp Centerland, a summer day camp to be conducted by the Jewish Community Center on its grounds at 65 Benefit Street, will open on July 7. With new and modern facilities, Camp Centerland is offering a complete program to children from 5 to 14 years of age.

New Restrictions Affect Refugees

Presumably intending to keep out of the United States refugees from Germany who might be subjected to Gestapo pressure, the State Department has instructed consulates throughout the world not to issue visas unless the refugee involved has no immediate kin in Germany or any Nazi-occupied country.

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Distribution Committee. One of my tasks was to look for hidden Jewish refugees in monasteries from Rome on South to Calabria, Sicily and even Sardinia. I found quite a few. In one of the cloisters I was introduced to a monk in a black tunic. After talking to him for a couple of minutes, I noticed a thick accent. When I asked him (in Italian) about it, he relaxed and finally stated, "Di bist oichet a Yid?"

Item: After the liberation of Rome, just about this time of June 1944, it was announced that there would be a Shabbat service in the newly re-opened ancient synagogue in the old ghetto. I was with AMGOT, the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories, at the time, working as interpreter. On that particular Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, only a handful of us were assembled. I do not think we had enough for a minyan. The rabbi, a U.S. Army chaplain strode to the bima, pushed back his helmet liner, looked at his wristwatch, and finally said, (so help me, this is the truth), "Jesus Christ, where the hell is everybody? It brought down the house."

I sincerely hope that I brought at least a couple of smiles to the faces of my readers.

Quayle Tours Auschwitz With Holocaust Council Official

WASHINGTON, D.C. — At the request of Vice President Dan Quayle, Miles Lerman, Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council's International Relations Committee, escorted the Vice President and his family on their official visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp on June 6.

Mr. Lerman, a Holocaust survivor, provided a historical overview and background for the Vice President as they, Mrs. Quayle, two of the Quayle children and Auschwitz State Museum Director Jerry Wroblewski toured the site. Silently, the Vice President walked through the infamous gates inscribed "Arbeit Macht Frei" and observed the crematoria, the gas chambers, and the heaps of shoes and eyeglasses expropriated from Auschwitz victims.

The Vice President was visibly aghast as he examined the display of commercial products made from human hair which the Nazis had marketed for industrial uses, and when he learned that more than 14,000 pounds of human hair containing traces of Zyklon B cyanide gas were discovered at

Auschwitz at liberation. As the father of three children, Mr. Quayle was most noticeably moved by the display of baby shoes and socks recovered from the grounds around the gas chambers — mementos of the more than 100,000 children murdered at Auschwitz.

"I was particularly pleased that my children accompanied me on this trip," the Vice President said later. "It is so important, not just that those of my generation never forget the meaning of this place, but that future generations never forget what occurred here." At the end of their tour, the Vice President and his family laid a memorial wreath at the camp's "Wall of Death."

At an earlier meeting with Poland's Deputy Minister of Culture Agnieszka Morawinska in Warsaw, Mr. Quayle accepted several suitcase-artifacts of Auschwitz victims from all over Europe — with the names and addresses of their original owners still attached — as a loan from the Auschwitz Museum to the United States government. As Mr. Lerman noted to the Vice President, these suitcases sym-

bolized the mammoth deception practiced by the Nazis in convincing their victims that they would be resettled in labor camps in the East — only to find that approximately 90 percent of those arriving in Auschwitz would be murdered in the gas chambers.

The Vice President, who was in Eastern Europe for a series of meetings on economic issues with Polish, Czech and Bulgarian leaders, indicated that he would in turn present these artifacts to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum at a formal ceremony in the near future.

"It was particularly fitting that Vice President Quayle, who presides over the Senate of the United States and who personally voted for the creation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, received this historic material," Mr. Lerman commented. "I know that more than any memento of his visit here, these artifacts will teach Mr. Quayle's children, my grandchildren — all American children — of the unfathomable tragedy that occurred in this hellish place such a short time ago."

Dr. Reamer, Professor At RIC, Featured At Yeshiva University

Dr. Frederic G. Reamer, a noted social worker specializing in professional ethics and liability, was the featured speaker June 10 at the fifth annual Felix and Rachel Kraidman Memorial Lecture sponsored by Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

The lecture, "AIDS and Confidentiality," was held 6-8 p.m. at 2 East 63rd St. (near Fifth Avenue) in Manhattan. The annual lecture was established by Wurzweiler alumnus and Board of Governors member Meri Kraidman in memory of her parents.

Dr. Reamer, a professor in the School of Social Work of Rhode Island College, is author of numerous articles on social work ethics and a forthcoming book *AIDS and Ethics*. He has conducted extensive research on professional ethics and has been involved in several national research projects sponsored by the Hastings Center, the Carnegie Corp. and Haas Foundation.

Dr. Reamer recently served



Dr. Frederic G. Reamer

as senior policy advisor to the governor of Rhode Island and was commissioner of the Rhode Island Housing and Finance Corp. and director of the National Juvenile Justice Assessment Center of the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

He received his doctorate from the University of Chicago

and has served as a social worker in correctional and mental health settings. The editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Social Work Education*, Dr. Reamer has lectured internationally on professional ethics and liability.

Meri Kraidman, who has established a scholarship fund at Wurzweiler in memory of her parents, is the first Wurzweiler alumnus to establish both a lecture and scholarship fund. The Kraidman Scholarship is available to Hispanic or Sephardic students.

Rachel and Felix Kraidman were Russian Jews who escaped the pogroms and traveled to the Caribbean, spending most of their lives in Cuba and Puerto Rico. Mrs. Kraidman died in 1981 and her husband in 1985.

Meri Kraidman was born in

My Name Is RACHAMIM

Jonathan P. Kendall

NEW YORK — The Union of American Hebrew Congregations reports that since Operation Solomon there has been an upsurge in demand for *My Name Is Rachamim*, the first children's book published about Ethiopian Jewry. It tells the first-person story of a Jewish youngster who reaches Israel with his family after a dramatic flight. The text also provides interesting historical and cultural information about this long-isolated Jewish community.

Published in 1987, after Operation Moses — the first major evacuation of Ethiopian Jews to Israel — the 32-page book was written by Rabbi Jonathan P. Kendall, who was active in that earlier rescue operation. The illustrator was Alemu Eshetie, a young Ethiopian now in Israel.

My Name Is Rachamim is for elementary school children and is available from the UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., at \$9.45 a copy, including postage and handling.

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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

He's the boyfriend in Theatre-by-the-Sea's dazzling production of "The Boyfriend!"

Gary Kirsch loves the show and his role as Tony. "It's a very sweet spoof of the Twenties. I'm playing a rich young man, frustrated with the wonderful things about being rich and all the trappings that go with it. He's sincere and wants to settle down into a quieter, simpler kind of life."

He raves about the cast he travels with back in time to the Twenties each performance. "They're great! Everyone's so talented."

Richard Tambellico, who directs "The Boyfriend," was praised early this month for his "fascinating" revival of the 1962 Jerome Weidman-Harold Rome musical "I Can Get It for You Wholesale" by *New York Times* drama critic Frank Rich.

"He's a terrific director who takes the actor into consideration. He wants to make sure you're not uncomfortable with anything he gives you. When the company first sat down together, we read through the script and talked to each other to understand the reality of the time. Though everybody knows it's a spoof poking fun at that period, it's still a basic reality."

Gary grew up mostly in Buffalo where he acted in plays at a private high school for boys and for church youth organizations. He got his B.A. degree in Theatre from State University of New York School at Fredonia near Pennsylvania.

After college, he performed at dinner theatres in the Buffalo area. In between his lines, Gary painted houses to help finance his move to 12-shows-in-12-weeks stint in summer stock at Surflight Summer Theatre near Atlantic City, he went to New York.

"I struggled for a while doing non-equity shows and working in consumer relations for Seiko Time Corporation."

Gary's big break was "The Five O'Clock Girl" at Goodspeed though it didn't fare well in New York. Later, he was cast in Goodspeed's production of "Little Johnny Jones" and toured nationally to major cities throughout the U.S.

The show, which starred Donny

Osmond, previewed in New York for four weeks and closed opening night. "It deserved a chance," he believes. "I think the critics had a field day making fun of Donny Osmond because of his Mormon background and his being squeaky clean... the image from the Donny and Marie Show. They ripped him apart."

Gary danced with Ann Miller in the national tour of "Sugar Babies." The show's dance captain and close friend, Jonathan Aronson, was interviewed on the *Around Town* page when "Sugar Babies" came to Providence a few years back.

The young performer's credits include understudying the leading role in "Mr. Cinders" and "Madame Sherry" at Goodspeed Opera House. Gary portrayed several characters created by cartoonist Rube Goldberg in the ensemble musical "Young Rube" at Musical Theatre Works on Off-Broadway performed at St. Peter's Church.

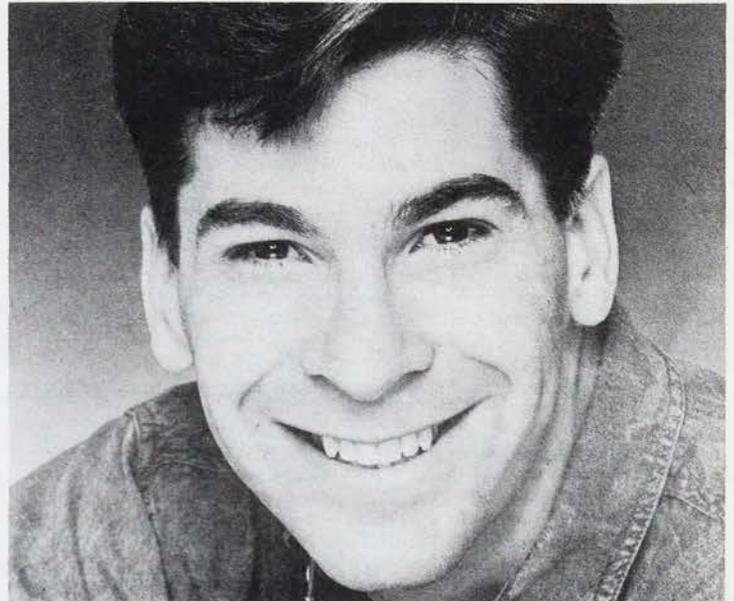
A political cartoonist in San Francisco at the century's turn, Goldberg had a field day satirizing city officials. "He created funny gadgets and even ways of opening a window. To pull up a shade, he'd go through a whole maze of activity with ball drops and hammer to hit a rope."

Off stage, Gary volunteers two nights a week tutoring new adult readers at a New York learning center. "That's one of my favorite things," he says with obvious enjoyment. "Actor's Equity instituted an Actor's Work Program to help displaced actors. The theatre business is going through some changes. It's frustrating for people going to audition after audition, not getting work and looking to be inspired for happiness in a career other than theatre or together with theatre."

"On a lark I went for an interview and learned of a new course in adult basic education being given. Before I took it, I sat in on an English as a Second Language class."

"I was turned on to this learning center, volunteered, and have been doing it ever since. I'm considering teaching in addition to my theatre or if things got to the point where I no longer wanted to be in the theatre business as a full-time alternative." Before Gary came to play in "The

He's "The Boyfriend"



Gary Kirsch stars in Sandy Wilson's "The Boyfriend" on stage at Theatre-by-the-Sea in Matunuck through June 30.

Boyfriend" at Theatre-by-the-Sea, he took a course in teaching English as a Second Language through Baruch College.

His adult readers, he says, are immigrants, native language speakers and "believe it or not, people who got through school or got through, let's say, the second year of high school without the ability to read."

"People come up with a lot of tricks to compensate for not knowing how to read. It's amazing. I think 40 million illiterate adults are in the United States."

Gary initially came to Matunuck for a principal audition thinking it was for "Grease." Theatre-by-the-Sea's next production. The casting crew decided to consider him for "The Boyfriend" as well. Gary is in the middle of rehearsals for "Grease."

As "The Boy Friend," Gary took his role seriously and allowed his romantic side to peek through. "I gave a rose to everyone in the company before we opened. I was going to write up little notes to everyone and just say 'From Polly's boyfriend' or 'From "The Boyfriend"' because I don't perform with anybody else on stage, only with Polly (Pam Clinger).

But I didn't have time.

"At the end of the show when the company waves and I come down the stairs, I'm like well, who are you. I never came across you people. The cast wondered, too, who's that person? Me," he laughs. "I never rehearsed scenes with them, only with Polly."

Everyone loved the roses, Gary says. "My horoscope is Cancer. We're sincere, fun-loving kind of people," which he says reflects the Kirsch family.

When Gary was first told of our interview by Liz Prager, Theatre-by-the-Sea's P.R. person, he was very enthused. "I was inspired by a drama coach in high school and her name, believe it or not, was Dorothy Snyder. She was like an inspiration to me. She directed one of the musicals I was in."

"So when Liz Prager said a Dorothea Snyder was going to talk to me, I saw it wasn't exactly the same name but thought perhaps it was a relative. She had a famous son, Drew, who did the Irish Spring soap commercial a few years back."

No soap, Gary. But it did draw a cascade of chuckles!



A scintillating sojourn back to the 20's with style and sauce savored in this drawing room scene at the Villa Caprice, Madame Dubonnet's Finishing School. Shown are Madame (Susan Flynn), Percival Browne (Richard Bell), and cast in a sprightly number of which there are many. Three sumptuous sets by Jeff Modereger, garnished with Lucy Gentry's elegant period costumes, take the breath away. The tempo doesn't stop under the bouncing baton of Patrick Vaccariello's musical direction or the high-stepping choreographic direction by Richard Sabellico, who also directs this happy and charming show. Don't miss it! (Caption review by Dorothea Snyder)

Arts and Entertainment

Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Exhibit



The Rhode Island Historical Society will sponsor an exhibit by the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association in the Museum of Rhode Island History, Aldrich House, 110 Benevolent Street, Providence, on July 1, 1991.

The display is made up of recently acquired memorabilia relating to the Jews of Rhode

Island donated to the archives of the Association. The exhibit can be seen at the Aldrich House until August 31. It is open to the public.

Creator of this interesting exhibit is Robert A. Kotlen, former President of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

Anne Frank Exhibit At Salve Regina U.

A month-long showing of the internationally acclaimed exhibition "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945" will begin with an opening night gala on June 30, to be held at Ochre Court on the campus of Salve Regina University.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at which time there will be a wine and cheese reception.

The highlight of the evening will be the performance of the concert version of the musical drama, "Yours, Anne." This will be followed by a preview showing of the exhibition.

Admission is a \$25 donation per person and it is open to the

public. All proceeds to benefit the Anne Frank Center and Temple Shalom.

For reservations please call: (401) 846-9002.

Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945 Newport

The exhibit, created by the Anne Frank Center in Amsterdam where the Jewish girl and her family hid from the Nazis — includes 600 photographs from the Dutch and German archives as well as previously unpublished photos from the Frank family collection. The exhibition also contains manuscripts from Anne Frank's workbooks, and a model of the secret annex where she and her

family were hidden by friends from the Nazis.

The exhibit will be open to the public from July 1 through August 1 and will be on display at Salve Regina University in Cecilia Hall on Ruggles Avenue in Newport, R.I.

Exhibit Hours: Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursdays until 8 p.m.

Admission: \$3.50 adults; \$2.50 children and senior citizens.

For more information on the exhibition and The American Friends of the Anne Frank Center, please call (212) 529-9532.



by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

Only The Lonely

"Your father's boss was Jewish. The cheapskate never gave him a raise." Among other ethnic slurs she passes on to her son, Maureen O'Hara says some pretty awful anti-Jewish lines in "Only The Lonely." Still, it's a treat to look at her and watch her face in close-ups. She puts on a stern frown, then lets it softly melt away into a warm smile. Actresses don't have the muscles and features for such detailed transitions. Maureen O'Hara steals the show.

Just a few slight comments on recent mall-type movies to carry us through the season of sun.

What About Bob?

"What about Bob?" Richard Dreyfuss doesn't play Bob's Jewish shrink. He skirts away from it, in the Hollywood tradition of changing Golden Boy from Jewish into Italian. MGM always said Americans didn't want to know from Jews. The Bob of the title, a patient who pursues a psychiatrist, drives the doc nuts and takes over his family and his fortune. Like a bug story out of Henri Fabre, the story starts out gripping. I roared at first, but then lost interest as it belabored and

dragged on. Lighten up, it's going to be a long, hot summer.

Wild at Heart

Walt Disney must have had a very strong personality. His stamp survives him. His ghost haunts the films made in his name. They bear his mark.

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Seen in these terms, "Wild at Heart" reprises and remakes "Snow White."

Based on an autobiography, steeped in nostalgia for the lost depression, the central character rebels against mean females — an aunt, a teacher, a playmate. She takes off. She finds father figures — her prince and her king in a world of brave horses. A helpful elfin friend gets left in the lurch.

Early Disney mixed poetry and American myth. Later Disney kept a "fascist" streak. Wrong to throw around that common term. But his studio products never question authority. They counsel surrender to it. Our heroine ends

up blind, but happy in her work and marriage.

Semiotically, does this spell out that a girl must quit looking for her own truth and her own self in order to fulfill her dream?

Mister Johnson

"Mister Johnson" helps his white colonialist boss build a road in Africa. It promises profit. But it brings no good, only grief. The trouble with this tragedy is, Bruce Beresford (who did "Miss Daisy") never lets us see the problems of progress. We only hear about them.

Iron and Silk

"Iron and Silk" tells a gentle story of a Jewish Yalie's year in China. It deserves credit for challenging formulaic conventions of moviemaking. Mark cares as much for his teacher, his guide, and his students as he does for the pretty girl in the silken shawl. His romance is with learning. The only missing facet is — his Jewishness.

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Books in Review

What Is A Jew?

(A guide to the beliefs, traditions, and practices of Judaism that answers questions for both Jew and Gentile).

by Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer

Foreword by Leo Rosten

(Collier Books, Macmillan Publishing Company: New York, 1978. Fourth Edition).

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

Undoubtedly, this well-known book has been doomed to failure since its first printing in 1953. It purports to explore Judaism and provide explanations and answers to commonly asked questions about Jews and Judaism. The question in the title, however, is at once the most basic and the most complex one asked about ourselves and others.

What is a Jew?

Every Jew ever born probably would be able to answer that question. But if two Jews could be found who responded with the same words, the foundation of Judaism might crumble beneath our feet. After all, debate and vibrant examination of what came before and will come after in our traditions and religious applications ensure the survival and growth of Judaism. The strength and richness of the Jews as a people are grounded in our diversity and breadth of understanding.

So, why bother with a paperback book that has all of the answers? Sometimes answers are more comfortable than questions.

What *Is A Jew* does, indeed,

claim to "answer over 100 of the most commonly asked questions about Jewish life and customs." It includes chapters like: "What are the principal tenets of Judaism?" and "Are American Jews returning to religion?"

Rabbi Kertzer supports his responses with passages from midrash and Talmud. He draws on contemporary writings of other rabbis. In general, his choppy chapters are fairly open-ended, allowing some room for alternative explanations. To his credit, the chapters often include some traditional answers and attempt to appeal to the broadest audience possible. Despite his apparently unbiased platform, however, Rabbi Kertzer's positions are actually quite strongly affiliated with the less religiously traditional elements of American Judaism.

Probably the most refreshing thing about *What Is A Jew* is its readability. For all of us who need a little refresher course in Judaism or who need a sounding block to play our own opinions off, *What Is A Jew* is a comfortable alternative to some of the more cumbersome, academic treatises on the shelves

of our synagogue libraries. Its simplicity, however, can be a shortcoming as well as an asset.

For instance, in answer to the complicated political question "Does Israel Hope to Expand Its Territory?," Kertzer concludes that most Israelis are not at all concerned with expanding the boundaries of their country.

"There is little interest in quantity. In the words of Professor Heschel, Judaism has always been more concerned with Time than with Space." In light of the national, geographic and political tensions in the Middle East today, this assertion seems simplistic and naive.

Sometimes, however, simplicity is exactly what we crave.

Two days before my wedding, the officiating rabbi, Dr. Martin L. Goldberg, handed my fiancée and me this little book. For years we had been over and over our ideas of religion, Judaism, ritual. We had some answers, sure, but the big one, the question people always ask was still unanswerable. What is a Jew?

Finally, as we sat in the rabbi's study at Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo, New York, we held the answer in our hands. It felt great at that momentous crossroad to stop worrying and wondering, to put debate and argument behind us.

I've read the book. I've gone back through it. Funny, it seems I have more questions than ever. And, by the way, does anybody know...What Is A Jew???

by calling the Box Office at (401) 863-2838 during business hours Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets for Senior Citizens 65 and over and students with a valid id are \$8. Tickets are by reserved seating and very limited, especially for Friday and Saturday evenings, so it is best to purchase early. Standing room tickets for sold-out performances are \$5 and will go on sale at 7 p.m. on the evening of the sold-out performance; reservations are not accepted for SRO's.

"Eastern Standard" by

Richard Greenberg relates the story of when a bunch of jaded, bored, and frustrated yuppies tangle with a waitress and a bag lady at a Long Island beach home which causes comic sparks to fly in an atmosphere of self-realization tempered by the specter of AIDS. This second play of the 1991 Brown Summer Season will be directed by Ross Wassermann. The cast of "Eastern Standard" is Anne Brady, Darcy Brown, Florencia Lozano, Joseph Meisner, Bob Montgomery, and Sam Trammell.

New Book Published Honors All Italian Jewish Deportees

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — A new book which names and traces the fate of every one of the 8,000 Italian Jews deported or imprisoned by the Nazis in World War II was honored here recently.

The ceremonies drew a standing-room-only crowd of diplomats, intellectuals and religious and community leaders of all faiths to the magnificent Palazzo Giustiniani in the heart of Rome.

The keynote address was delivered by Giovanni Spadolini, president of the Italian Senate and a former prime minister.

The diplomats present included the ambassadors of Germany and Israel and the charge d'affaires of the Polish Embassy. The Vatican was represented by Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, formerly secretary of the Holy See's Commission on Religious Relations with the Jews.

Among the dignitaries present were Italian Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff and Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities.

The guest of honor was Liliana Picciotto Fargion, editor of

the vast work of research, titled *The Book of Memory — The Jews Deported From Italy 1943-45*.

Published only weeks ago, its first edition has already been sold out.

Other speakers included Nazi-hunters Simon Wiesenthal of Vienna and Serge Klarsfeld of Paris. Klarsfeld remarked that Fargion's book gave breath to each person as a human being and not just a number.

"Naming the shadows already brings them out of the darkness," he said.

Jews were not deported from Italy until the Nazis occupied the country when Mussolini's fascist regime collapsed after the Allied invasion in the summer of 1943. Most went to the death camps and others died in Italian prisons.

Spadolini, a vocal friend of the Jews and Israel, referred to Israel as the "state which arose out of the ashes of the Holocaust."

For that reason, he said, "the entire West, including the Soviet Union, must show its firm determination to guarantee the historic borders of Israel and the safety of its population."

Soviet Refugee Art Show

Five Soviet refugee artists, who have been living in America for about one year will show their artwork during a two-week exhibit scheduled to run from June 27 through July 12 in the Rhode Island College Bannister Gallery. A public reception, including music by two of the artists and refreshments, is planned for a 7 p.m. opening night.

The free exhibit was organized cooperatively between Ronald M. Steinberg, chair of the Department of Art, Dennis O'Malley, Gallery director, Lenore "Lee" D. Collins, associate professor of graphic arts and director of the College's Project Graphic, and Karon Dionne, coordinator of

refugee training for the Project.

A member of the "5 RUSSIANS" exhibit, Andrew Krichak, who recently graduated from the Project Graphic Program offered through the College's Center for Industrial Technology, assisted in bringing together the relocated Soviets.

"All of the artists' works represent themselves," said Krichak, who is also a poet. "But all of our art is influenced by our Russian culture."

One of the reasons Krichak said he began thinking about staging the event was because "it is difficult to get involved. This will, maybe, become a network for us, and make people closer." Anxious to meet other people of their own nationality and to build a following for their artwork, Krichak said he and the others will regularly be in attendance at the Gallery to speak to visitors.

Besides Krichak, who was born into a family of artists in Kiev, in the Ukraine, Igor Khoroshev, an artist and composer, of Moscow, who trained under modern Russian artists such as A. Kostromin and E. Belakova-Serbinaar will display his works.

Also pianist and organist, Irina Bykova of Moscow, who is the choir director of Haven Methodist Church in East Providence will show her works, along with Yury G. Prokhorov, who created and developed his own technology and technique of engraving on ceramic tiles and Alex Ivanov of the Ukraine, who was a professor of painting in Industrial Arts School of Kharkov before immigrating to the U.S.

The exhibit is open to the public and can be seen at Bannister Gallery Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. For further information, call 456-8054.

Brown Summer Theatre

"Eastern Standard" by Richard Greenberg will be shown from Tuesday, June 25 - Saturday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 2 - Saturday, July 6. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in the Isabelle Russek Leeds Theatre, 77 Waterman St. (at the marquee) on the Brown University campus.

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Milestones



Tcath Weds Schiff

Mr. and Mrs. Moris A. Tcath of Hamden, Connecticut, announce the marriage of their daughter, Pamela Faye to Barry Jay Schiff. The groom is the son of Mrs. Bencel L. Schiff of Pawtucket, and the late Dr. Bencel L. Schiff.

The wedding was Saturday, May 4, 1991, at Temple Beth-El in Providence, Rhode Island. Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman officiated.

The bride is a 1983 graduate from Hamden High School. She is also a 1987 graduate of Johnson and Wales College. She is the paternal granddaughter of the late Jacob and Gertrude Tcath of Providence. She is also the granddaughter of William Hendel and the late Lillian Hendel of New London, Connecticut. The bride's sister, Laurie T. Sterling of Chicago, Illinois, served as matron of honor. Her bridesmaids were Amy S. Glassman of West Haven, Connecticut, Dana C. Tracy of West Hartford, Connecticut and Camille Mattuchio of Saugus, Massachusetts. The bride's father escorted her down the aisle.

The groom is a 1977 graduate of the Moses Brown School, and a 1981 graduate of Clark University. He is the President of Schiff European Automotive Literature Inc. in Pawtucket. He is the maternal grandson of the late Harry D. and Minne Jagolinzer of Providence. His best man was Gil P. Stern of Baltimore, Maryland. Ushers were Paul Bourcier of Madison, Wisconsin, Jerrold N. Kameron of Needham, Massachusetts and Jason M. Zorfias of Waban, Massachusetts.

After a two-week honeymoon in Europe, the couple set up residency in Cranston, Rhode Island.

Kaufman Receives Degree

Ari Kaufman, son of Rabbi and Mrs. William E. Kaufman of Fall River, recently received a Master of Science in Accounting degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

He received an Accounting Excellence Award from the School of Management's Accounting Department and was elected to the Delta Nu chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the National Accounting Fraternity. He served as both Teaching Assistant and Lecturer of Financial Accounting.

A 1989 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, he made the school's Dean's List for the academic year 1988-1989.

Gertzes Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Gertz joyfully announce the birth of their son, Jeremy Austin, on May 26, 1991.

Maternal grandparents are

Fishbein Weds Sebestyen

A friend's garden in Pawtucket, R.I., was the setting for the marriage of Leslie Fishbein, M.D., and Thomas Sebestyen, Esq., on May 26, 1991. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Elan Adler of Stamford, Conn., a longtime friend of the bride. The niece and nephew of the bride, Briana and Matthew Fishbein, served as ring bearers.

The bride is the daughter of Stanley Fishbein, a principal of Wine Marketing, Inc., of Exeter, R.I., and Anne Fishbein of Pawtucket, a psychiatric nurse. Parents of the groom are John G. Sebestyen, M.D., an ophthalmologist, and C. Susan Sebestyen, M.D., and internist, of Newton, Mass.

Mrs. Sebestyen, who will retain her maiden name professionally, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She will complete a residency in psychiatry at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. Mr. Sebestyen, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the Boston University School of Law is an attorney in private practice in Cambridge.

After a wedding trip to Costa Rica, the couple will live in the Boston area.

Whites Announce Birth

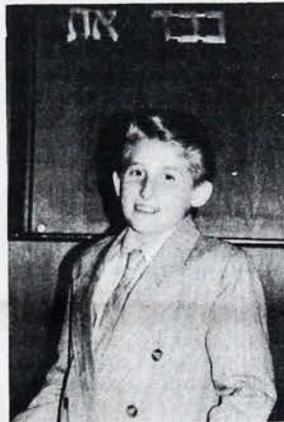
Rabbi H. Scott and Civia White joyfully announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Samuel White (Ya'akov Yerucham-Shumuel). Born on May 26, 1991, Jacob is the grandson of Helene Ainspan of Albany, N.Y. and of Iris and Stephen White of Kansas City. Great-grandmothers are Frances Ainspan and Mildred Godfried. Jacob is named in loving memory of his maternal grandfather Robert S. Ainspan.

A Special Shabbat

On Sunday, June 29, at 9:30 a.m. Jason Aron Forman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, to chant his Haftarah portion "Balek." This is a very special day for Jason as he will be honored to have Rabbi H. Scott White and Cantor Steven W. Dress officiate at this occasion. As the Cantor said: "I have watched Jason grow up throughout the years here at Temple Am David; he was one of the first children I saw when I first came nine years ago."

Also the entire Friday evening service at 7:30 p.m. will be conducted by Jason with an Oneg Shabbat following services. All are welcomed to attend these services.

Jason will be attending Winman Junior High School in September and plans on entering Harry Elkin Midrasha Hebrew High School in the fall. He is also a member of the Warwick Chapter of USY. Jason is an active member of Temple Am David Boy Scout Troop 10.



Jason Aron Forman

Jason is the son of Bleama and Barry Forman, brother of Deann, of Warwick, R.I. Maternal grandparents are Dubby and Sidney Younger of Tamarac, Fla., formerly of Sharon, Mass. Paternal grandparent is Helen Gereboff Forman of Providence, R.I., and the late David Forman.

Shaulson Receives Degrees



Joseph H. Shaulson

Joseph H. Shaulson of Cranston received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, cum laude, and his Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania on May 21, 1991. He served as a member of the Moot Court Board and was a head resident adviser for the past three years.

Joseph received his Bachelor of Science degree, magna cum laude, from the Wharton School of the University of

Pennsylvania in 1987, majoring in Insurance and Entrepreneurial Management and was the recipient of the Elias B. Cohen insurance prize for academic excellence. In 1983 Joseph graduated from Cranston High School West with honors.

This summer, Joseph will reside in New York City where

he will be taking the bar exam. In September, he will be joining the New York law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom.

Joseph is the son of Gerald and Sheila Shaulson of Cranston and the grandson of William and Etta Gerstenblatt also of Cranston.

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Furman Weds Silverman

Miriam Furman was married to Dr. Stephen Silverman on March 16, 1991, at Temple Am David in Warwick, R.I. Rabbi Scott White officiated, assisted by Cantor Steven Dress.

Miriam is the daughter of Benjamin and Temma Furman of Warwick, R.I., and Dennisport, Mass. Stephen is the son of Norman and Irma Silverman of East Rockaway, N.Y., and Boca Raton, Fla.

Ivy Kolb, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Harry Leonard was the best man. Honor attendants were William Kolb and Michelle Leonard, sister of the groom. Elliot and Rachel Leonard were junior attendants.

The bride, a graduate of Simmons College, Boston, is the editor of *Designer Specifier*, a magazine for interior designers.

The groom received his M.D. from New York Medical College. His practice is in Great Neck, N.Y., where the couple resides.

Morrills Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrill (Cindy Kaufman) and brother Eric joyfully announce the birth of Rachael Kayla on May 29, 1991.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marty Kaufman. Paternal grandparent is Mrs. Connie Morrill.

Rachael is named after her maternal great-grandmother Faga Kayla. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Portentos.

Schechter Grads On Classical Honor Roll

Mazal Tov and Kol HaKavod to the graduates of the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School who attend Classical High School and have been named to its Honor Roll:

- Ninth Grade Honor Roll - Noah Borenstein, Michael Gereboff, Oren Kaunfer, David Mangiantine and Rachel Roseman;

- Tenth Grade - High Honors: Jeffrey Martin, Jonathan Sadler; Honor Roll: Zev Alexander, Scott Bromberg, Daphna Gutman, Samuel Kaplan and Alan Mizrahi;

- Eleventh Grade Honor Roll - Elizabeth Roseman and Joshua Schiffman;

- Twelfth Grade - High Honors: Elie Kaunfer; Honor Roll: Rachel Alexander, Saul Metnick, Steven Miller and Lynn Singband.

Congratulations and continued success in all you do!

NCJW Award Winners



Recipients of the National Council of Jewish Women's Scholarship awards from left to right: Ilene Mendelowitz, Shifra Jakubowicz, Celia E. Adler Scholar; Alyssa Klein, Karen Block, Clara Rosenhirsch Scholar; Richard Cohen, Saul Wilk, Celia E. Adler Scholar. Not present was Beth Vilker.

PHDS Students Recognized Nationally

The Johns Hopkins University Center for the Advancement of Academically Talented Youth of America has announced that five students from the Providence Hebrew Day School have achieved distinction for scores achieved on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) taken in January. These students were awarded certificates recognizing their extraordinary achievement. These students qualify for special courses to be taken during the summer. The students are Chana Gibber, Leead Gottlieb, Ernest Mandel, Cheryl Mizrahi, and Feivel Schafer.

Meisters Announce Engagement

Herbert and Melba Meister of Providence are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Beth Jodi Meister to David Morris Salz-

man, son of Otto and Bernice Salzman of Montreal, Canada, and Waitsfield, Vt.

Beth resides in Providence and is public relations manager at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island. She is an alumna of the School of Public Communication, Boston University, where she graduated magna cum laude. Her fiance,

David, resides in Burlington, Vt. and is president of Inter Trade Sales Company. He is a graduate of Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

Beth is the granddaughter of Mrs. Irving (Anne) Koperschmid of Pawtucket (formerly of Fall River, Mass.)

An October wedding is planned.

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick accidentally omitted in their upcoming schedule the following items:

Sunday, June 30 - Installation of Officers.

For 1991-1992 - Ernest Coleman, chaplain; Ettie Greenfield, historian; Freida Bezen, visiting sick.

The Social Seniors of Warwick have trips planned for 1991-1992:

October 3 - Matunuck, "I Do - I Do"

November 13 - Trip to White's

December 9 - Chanukah luncheon

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May 20 - Gloucester House and river trip

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regards it all as a "miracle!"

This summer she will make her first trip to Israel and will enroll at Hebrew U.-Intensive Hebrew Language Ulpan for eight weeks. At last she will be able to study freely that which was prohibited in the USSR. The Gumnitskys have joined their daughter in America and live in Pawtucket.

Field, a freshman at Northeastern University School of Nursing, plans to observe that field of medical care and training in both the civilian and military installations throughout the country. Since she is in the Army R.O.T.C. at college, and the University does enjoy a joint study program with several hospitals in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and the Negev, the contacts will enable her to study the role and methods of the Israeli nurse in the acute care field.

Rachel is a granddaughter of Ethel Liebmann and the late Joseph Liebmann of Fall River, a great grandniece of the late Mrs. Caesar Misch, a great granddaughter of the late Solomon Field, both of Providence, and a daughter of Victor Field of Ludlow, Mass.

There have been twenty-seven recipients of the awards since its inception, providing financial aid for visits to study in Israel and is available to high school students and college undergraduates in the greater Fall River area and Rhode Island.

We wish them Godspeed.

Hope Reunion

Hope High School, Class of June 1941 will hold their 50th reunion, Saturday, September 21 at Johnson & Wales Airport Hotel.

Class members who are interested in attending, and who may know the addresses of other classmates, may contact Zeld (Banks) Feldman, 944-0484 or Edwina (Donahue) Collins, 821-0493.

Local News

Miriam To Co-Sponsor Neighborhood Basketball League



Standing left to right: Frank Dobbs, basketball coach, Brown University; Joshua Fenton, Providence City Council; Kenneth Brown, Mt. Hope Neighborhood Association; Barnett Fain, chairman, The Miriam Hospital; Cedric Huntley, the governor's office.

Seated left to right: Rick Barnes, basketball coach, Providence College; Wilbur Fleming, the Providence mayor's office; Riley Hood, Executive Director, Mt. Hope Neighborhood Association.

The Miriam Hospital announced earlier this week that it will co-sponsor the Mt. Hope neighborhood's first youth basketball league. The Billy Taylor Summer basketball league, which will be formed in June, is made possible through the joint efforts of the hospital, the Mount Hope Neighborhood Association, City Councilman Joshua Fenton and the Providence Recreation Department. The hospital is providing a \$5000 grant for the league.

"The Miriam Hospital is pleased to help make this worthwhile effort a reality because it offers us an opportunity to contribute to this community," said Steven D. Baron, president of The Miriam Hospital.

The league will be comprised of boys and girls of two age groups: 9-13 years of age and 14-17 years of age. The league will start in late June and continue through August. Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Billy Taylor Recreational

Facility on the corner of Camp and Cypress Streets.

"We are most grateful to The Miriam Hospital because their grant represents a positive step forward for the neighborhood," said Vincent Brown, chairman of the Mount Hope Neighborhood Association. "This league will allow our neighborhood youths the opportunity to learn about sports, teamwork and competition while at the same time provide a much needed outlet for them."

Schechter Students Hold Mock Trial

Virginia Yanyar, fourth grade General Studies teacher at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School, has initiated an exciting and thought-provoking mock trial program into her curriculum.

Using a book of actual law cases entitled "You are the Judge," students in Mrs. Yanyar's class focus in on one case and read it thoroughly. Then they discuss the case as a group: Does any side seem clearly right or wrong? Has any responsibility been abdicated? Have any laws been broken? What does the law have to say about the issues in this case?

The next step is role-playing. Students volunteer to play the various principals in the case, the lawyers, witnesses, judge and jury. Over the course of the year, three or four cases will be examined so everyone will play different roles and will thus get a sense of what is involved in each facet of the legal system.

The entire class helps the lawyers develop their case and their principle arguments. They suggest lines of inquiry, possible defenses, etc. Then, finally, the case is ready to go to trial.

According to Mrs. Yanyar, "The mock trial stimulates logical thinking, group cooperation and discussion. Students develop debating skills, test their powers of persuasion and public speaking, and learn to think on their feet. We have found that it is also valuable as part of our reading program.

The cases stimulate critical thinking and encourages the student to look (and think) beyond the printed page."

Earlier this year the class focused on cases involving first amendment rights. Most recently the class has been working on a very interesting entrapment case. They are busily collecting newspaper clippings on similar events or cases that occurred recently.

This program was developed as an outgrowth of a Law Education course Mrs. Yanyar took

which was given by the Law Education Society of America in order to advance the study of law in the American constitution.

Rabbi Alvan H. Kaunfer, School Director, says: "It is very unusual for students in the fourth grade to participate in this kind of program. I was most impressed by the professional way the students had prepared for their cases and then by their ability to improvise as needed."

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Brown Professor Addresses Yeshiva Graduates

Dr. Lewis P. Lipsitt, executive director for science of the American Psychological Association and faculty member at Brown University, addressed graduates of Yeshiva University's Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology in New York City. Dr. Lipsitt was keynote speaker at May 29 post-commencement ceremonies for the school, at which graduates were hooded and diplomas were distributed.

On the Brown faculty since 1957, Dr. Lipsitt has been a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University and visiting scientist at the National Institute of Mental Health. He received the Nicholas Hobbs Award for Science in the Serv-



Dr. Lewis P. Lipsitt
ice of Children at the 1990 Convention of the American Psychological Association. Yeshiva University, America's oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices, is in its 104th year.

Cranston-Warwick Hadassah

At the first all-New England Conference of Hadassah, the Western New England Region presented to the president of Cranston-Warwick Chapter, Shirley Schreiber, 10 awards on its behalf. The Conference, held on May 5 and 6 at Boston Park Plaza Hotel, recognized Cranston-Warwick for its accomplishment of reaching its fund-raising quota for the year.

In addition, one of the major

highlights for this Chapter was the honor of being named the outstanding Chapter for 1990-91.

A beautiful Silver Bowl was presented to the award-winning group.

There are many plans being formulated by Mrs. Schreiber and the officers and the Board that will further enhance the activities of the Cranston-Warwick Hadassah Chapter.

Department Of Veterans Affairs

A veteran and his or her spouse should be aware of the location of the veteran's discharge and separation papers.

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Events At The JCCRI: June 21-30

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 June 21-30, 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.m.. A Women's Group meets every Tuesday morning from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played Thursday from 12:45 p.m. 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, June 21 - "The Road to Dignity: Personal Tzedakah," projects from Israel — a slide show 11 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, June 23 - VCR Program, The Sunset Gang in "The Home," 11 a.m. to noon.

Friday, June 28 - Maureen

Maigret, Director of the Department of Elderly Affairs, will speak to the seniors on issues of concern to elderly and will join us for lunch, 11:15 a.m. to noon. Bring your questions.

Sunday, June 30 - Peter Ustinov in China. The actor travels to Beijing, Hong Kong, and Tibet, 11 a.m. to noon.

Call Sandy Bass for more information.

Volunteer Help Needed For The Mealsite

Kitchen volunteer help is needed for the JCCRI Kosher Mealsite. Help is needed for food preparation and service and Meals on Wheels. No cooking is required. To inquire, call Sandy Bass.

May Brown Bag Club Roger Williams Park and Zoo rendezvous.

On Tuesday, June 25, at noon, Brown Bag Club members will enjoy a brown bag lunch then see the new African exhibit. At 1:30 p.m., participants will meet a guide for a tour of the Greenhouse. Those planning to attend are asked to meet at the entrance to the zoo at 11 a.m. Admission to the zoo is 50¢ for senior citizens. The Greenhouse tour is free.

The Brown Bag Club is for people free for lunch. For details on either Brown Bag day, call Evy Rappoport.

Summer Dungeons and Dragons Class

The Youth Dept. will again be holding its summer Dungeons and Dragons class with Dungeon Master Phil Hiron. Six sessions will be held on Wednesdays, July 3 - August 14 (no class will be held on Wednesday, July 31) from 1-3:30 p.m. The class is open to children and youth entering grades 4-12. Registration is now open, \$48 for Full members and \$85 for Supporting members. Five participants is minimum for each class; ten participants is maximum. For more information or to receive a registration form, call Evy Rappoport.

Singles Outing to FantasyLand Miniature Golf

Join the JCCRI Singles for 18 holes at the new FantasyLand Miniature Golf on Route 6 in Seekonk, MA on Sunday, June 23. Participants will be leaving the JCCRI at 1 p.m. The cost per person is \$5. For additional information, call the Center or Laura at 941-7640.

Schechter Cultural Enrichment Program Ends On A High Note

Two special programs, a presentation by "Dance of the Earth" and a visit by Starlab Planetarium, brought to a close this year's extremely successful Cultural Enrichment program at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School.

Dance of the Earth is a theatre/dance performance piece which dramatizes the life of our planet Earth. It is designed to teach Earth Science in a fun and surprising way, through dynamic choreography, humorous characterizations, poetry and music, and visually stunning sets. There is even a section on roller skates!

The audience watched, entranced, as the earth's structure and cycle of change was dramatized before their very eyes. The Dance of the Earth cast used music and rhythm, song and dance, interactive discussions, and humor to involve the students and introduce concepts such as the theory of Plate Tectonics and Continental drift, why volcanoes and earthquakes are necessary for building the earth, and the forces which constantly erode the earth.

The final performance in this year's Cultural Enrichment series was a visit by Starlab Planetarium, an inflatable 30-foot dome that allowed students to experience the science of Astronomy in a new, exciting way. Each class had its own presentation, a tour of the stars in the Northern Hemisphere as well as a view of the Greek constellations with the myths and legends that go with them. Using slides and lasers and a solid dose of humor, the Starlab master educated and entertained the students who truly enjoyed the experience. "This was the best one yet," observed a Middle School student, while a second grader



Dance of the Earth enlists help from students.



Dance of the Earth

said, "This was even better than a visit to a museum planetarium!"

The Starlab planetarium visit was also held in conjunction with Alperin Schechter's "Reach for the Stars" reading incentive program which is drawing to a close. The Cultural Enrichment Program,

chaired by Liz Goldberg, has brought several wonderful performers to the Schechter school this year, among them: Peanut-butterjam, musical group; Keiko Nabb, artist-in-residence; John Belcher, rhythmologist; and Nancy Garcia, Narragansett Indian.

Jay Charbonneau And Richard Beretta Headline Evening Of Comedy To Benefit The Women's Center

Jay Charbonneau, star of the film "A Complex World" and one of the nation's up and coming young comics, teams up with the equally funny Richard Beretta for an evening of superb comedy to benefit the Women's Center of Rhode Island.

Cafe Pardes II "An Evening of Comedy," will be held at 8 p.m., on Saturday, June 29, at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., in Providence.

Jay Charbonneau has headlined at some of the country's top comedy clubs, appearing with Robin Williams, Rodney Dangerfield, Steven Wright and Pat Paulsen. Richard Beretta, a local favorite, has also shared the stage with some of the country's top comedians and works the most popular New England clubs and Universities.

The show will be hosted by



Richard Beretta

one of the radio personalities from WRX RADIO.

The performance will benefit the Women's Center of Rhode Island. Founded in 1974, the Women's Center has sheltered, fed, and encouraged more than

8,000 battered or homeless women and their children, and has provided telephone counseling to thousands more. Located in Fox Point, the shelter employs 12 full-time staff members who provide advocacy, support, and advice for women and children referred by the court and various social-service agencies.

Cafe Pardes II "An Evening of Comedy," is the second in a series of entertainment events sponsored by MATIV (a group of young professionals). Tickets for this fantastic event are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call 331-6070 for tickets. Refreshments will be available. There will be no smoking and no ties!



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Our outstanding entertainment will be performed by Bela Miller, who arrived in the United States from Latvia in 1979. She graduated from a College of Music from the Latvian Conservatory of Music. She has worked as a pianist, piano teacher, and concert master. During 1990 she was music director for the Cabot Street Playhouse.



Bela Miller

Cecelia Rodi, vocalist, has appeared as soloist in opera, oratorio and recitals throughout New England. She was a winner of the second annual

Annamaria Saritelli scholarship and is contracted to sing the role of Tosca in the summer of 1993. Ms. Rodi performed with groups at Cabot Street Playhouse, Brown University, R.I. College and R.I. Civic Chorale, etc. She holds a B.S. degree in Music Education.



Cecelia Rodi

Shoshana Feinstein, vocalist, was a voice major at Boston University and received a Bachelor of Music and theatre from Roger Williams College. Besides teaching voice she composes music. This June she will perform the role of Musetta in La Boheme with the R.I. Bel Canto Opera Co.

The elected officers for 1991-1992 are: Etta Swerling, President; Dorothy Dickens, Vice President; Harold Gordon, Treasurer; Jack Dinin, Recording Secretary; Pearl Stayman, Corresponding Secretary; Joe Dickens, Corresponding



Shoshana Feinstein

Secretary; Max Miller, Sargent of Arms; and Ernest Coleman, Chaplain.

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Committee Chairpersons are: Dr. Donald Bernstein, Publicity; Beverly Manekofsky, Ways & Means; Bertha Gershman, Program; Simon Chorney, Charities; Francis Dress, Telephone; Pauline Kaufman, Sunshine; Ruth Kimel, Hospitality; and Ida Woled, membership.

Be sure to attend so you can enjoy a most delightful and entertaining afternoon.

Due to the Jewish Holiday, the trip to the Goodspeed Opera on September 23 has been cancelled.

Hadassah Convention In Jerusalem

Mrs. Shirley Schreiber, President of the Cranston-Warwick chapter of Hadassah, has been named a delegate to its 77th National Convention to be held in Jerusalem from July 22-29. The convention theme is "United in History, United in Destiny."

It is expected that the convention will draw the largest number of delegates of any Hadassah convention held in Israel. The gala opening ceremonies at Jerusalem's Convention Center will coincide with the Congress of Hadassah International which will bring representatives from 22 countries to Israel. Convention delegates will participate in festivities marking the 30th anniversary of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem. They will also witness the ceremony

marking the start of construction of Hadassah's new Children's Pavilion. The group will also see firsthand the newest medical equipment and diagnostic tools at the University Hospital at Mt. Scopus. They will travel to the Hadassah College of Technology to observe retraining of immigrants and to view their facilities.

A dramatic service at dusk will follow a visit to the new and moving Valley of the Destroyed Communities and the Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem.

The National Office of Hadassah has indicated that by attending the Convention in Jerusalem, delegates will demonstrate their moral and financial support — and most important, delegates will express their commitment by their physical presence in Israel at a challenging period in history.

Local Family Sought For Semester Student

"I am very pleased to go to America, because I want to get to know the culture and also the lifestyle of America, to see the differences between America and Germany and that, what is the same." So says 16-year-old Nicole Verbeeten of Mulheim, Germany, who has her dream on hold because a host family has not been located. Nicole plans on coming for the semester from August to January.

Ron Normand of No. Attleboro is the local area representative for ASSE International Student Exchange. He has complete information on Nicole which he hopes to share with a local family. Nicole will attend local public high school, share everyday life with her family, and participate in community activities.

If a local family might be interested in hosting this young woman, they should contact Ron Normand, 263 Hoppin Hill Rd., No. Attleboro, MA, 02760 at 699-5805 or call tollfree 800-333-3802.

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Adler New Principal Of Am David Religious School

Ethan Adler of Cranston, R.I., has been appointed Principal of the Temple Am David Religious School. Temple Am David, a Conservative synagogue located in Warwick, is extremely proud and pleased to announce this appointment.

Mr. Adler brings over twenty years Judaic teaching and administrative experience in Rhode Island and New Bedford. In recent years, he has been the spiritual leader of Temple Beth David in Narragansett, R.I., teacher at Torat

Yisrael and the Harry Elkin Midrasha high school.

The Am David Religious School achieved Bureau of Jewish Education accreditation during this current school year. Using the successful curriculum in effect, as well as offering his own refinements, Mr. Adler looks forward to creating a fun and meaningful learning atmosphere at the Temple.

Next year, the religious school sessions will meet conveniently on Tuesday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. and on

Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children from 4 years old to 6 are encouraged to be enrolled in the Eunice Zeidman Pre-school program, which meets on Sundays from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Free babysitting will be provided for EZ program children with older siblings in the religious school.

For additional information about programs and fees, please contact the Temple office at 463-7944.

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Department of Veterans Affairs

If you are planning to enroll in school this fall using VA education benefits, John Montgomery, Director of Providence VA Regional Office, has a checklist to help keep those benefits coming regularly:

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Hebrew Free Loan Installation

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The new slate is composed of the following members: first row left - Elliot F. Slack, Past President; Samuel Rotkopf, Treasurer; Rennie J. Brown, President; William Melzer, Secretary.

Second row left - Kenneth Resnick, 1st Vice President, Murray Gereboff, 2nd Vice President. Not present Joseph Connis, Custodian.

Young Volunteers In Action

Over 180 Young Volunteers in Action (YVA) participants have been invited to a "thank you for volunteering" party to be held at the Providence Animal Rescue League on June 21 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The program includes a behind the scenes tour of the animal shelter and the pet shed where they are cared for. Students will also learn about animal rights and welfare. After a pizza and soda lunch, Diane DeCosta, Assistant Vice President in Human Resources at Fleet Bank, will present a workshop offering advice on interviewing for jobs or college.

Teens who enrolled in the YVA program between June 1990 and May 1991 may attend by special invitation only. Others who are interested in participating this summer are encouraged to call Young Volunteers in Action at 421-6547 in Providence, 847-4447 in Newport County, 789-9194 in South County, and 762-0679 in Woonsocket. YVA helps high school students, ages 12-18, volunteer successfully. Personal interviews, appropriate placements, and recognition in the form of certificates and sweatshirts are provided to teens who care.

Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, June 21 - Nine days in TAMMUZ, candlelighting 8:04 p.m.

Saturday, June 22 - Ten days in TAMMUZ. The Parshas today to be read is CHUKAS.

Shacharis is at 8:30 a.m. followed by kiddush.

Mincha is at 8:15 p.m. followed by Se'udah Shelishis and Z' mirot (the third meal).

Ma'ariv is at 9:10 p.m. Shabbos ends at 9:16 p.m.

The Havdalah service is at 9:20 p.m.

Sunday, June 23 - Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. Next Sunday is the Fast of Tammuz (postponed, as 17 Tammuz fell on Shabbos).

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

Mincha for the entire week will be at 8:20 p.m.

All Sides Are Not Equal

Secretary of State James Baker's trips to Israel and consulting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was a positive step toward peace. First it demonstrated America's close relationship with its one democratic ally in the region. Second, it showed a desire to

work with Israel. Third, it gave Baker an opportunity to see first-hand the geography that influences Israel's concerns for security.

The Secretary's visits and President Bush's plan to follow later, have raised expectations that a solution to the Arab-Israeli relations can somehow be achieved. In Israel, Baker found reason for optimism, but the Arab's message was less encouraging.

Baker met with eight Arab foreign ministers and told reporters that he heard evidence of "new thinking" regarding Israel. Afterward, however, the ministers only restated old positions calling for an international conference and Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories (This land was taken from the Arabs when they attempted to eliminate Israel through complete war aggression!).

The Arab states were called upon to take a number of confidence-building measures, including the end of the boycott of Israel and supporting efforts to rescind the UN libel against Zionism and the Jewish people. None of the leaders Baker spoke to said they were pre-

pared to take such steps. Instead they repeated their familiar demand that Israel withdraw from all the occupied territories without offering anything in return.

The Palestinians Baker met with in Jerusalem were equally intransigent. Instead of taking that opportunity to show a willingness to negotiate with Israel, they insisted they were speaking on behalf of the PLO, and its traditional demands. The PLO has actually lost credit after siding with Iraq. President Bush has stated this!

Israel has already taken several confidence-building measures. They did not retaliate for Iraq's SCUD missile attacks, which is the most notable one. The problem with setting up tests for each side of the conflict is that it assumes both are equal — they are not. The Arab states, not Israel, refuse to negotiate peace. It is the Arab states that maintain a state of war and threaten the existence of Israel.

A wise man said: "There are two sides to every question."

"Yes," said the fool, "and there are two sides for a sheet of fly paper, but it makes a difference to the fly which side he chooses."

Multiple Sclerosis Society's Tour For A Cure

On June 22 and 23, over 1,000 cyclists from around New England are expected to pedal 150 miles through parts of Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts during the fourth annual MS 150 Bike Tour, presented by Bull Worldwide Information Systems.

The MS 150 is a national event sponsored by Multiple Sclerosis Chapters around the country. Last year, the Rhode Island tour involved over 730

cyclists who raised over \$230,000.

The tour is open to cyclists of all ages and abilities. Each participant must raise a minimum of \$150 in pledges and pay a \$25 registration fee. The fee covers all meals and overnight lodging. Cyclists receive full support, including rest-stops every 10-15 miles stocked with high energy snacks and beverages, first aid, professional bike mechanics,

safety vehicles and lots of TLC from more than 200 volunteers.

The tour will start at Bryant College, Smithfield, R.I., at 8 a.m. on June 22 and end at the college in the afternoon of June 23.

For a tour brochure or additional information, contact the Rhode Island Multiple Sclerosis Society at (401) 738-8383, 535 Centerville Road, Warwick, R.I. 02886.

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It will be held at the Halifax Wholesale Floral Supply Company, 395 Promenade St., Providence, R.I.

Registration of \$5 per person will be paid at the door between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

All artisans, crafts persons, affiliates and general guests can attend.

Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes.

The Trade Fair will be featuring many artists and craft exhibitors and there will be a floral designer working with dried material and silk arrangements.

For further information call the Executive Secretary at (401) 943-6445.

The United Crafters Group is a nonprofit group which contributes annually to the Meeting Street School and the Arthur Trudeau fund.

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

Your Community

RISD "Designs For A Better Bay"

"Designs for a Better Bay," a three-month travelling exhibit showcasing environmentally sensitive real estate development, is on display at Rhode Island School of Design, the Bayard Ewing Building (231 South Main St.), through June 28. The exhibit includes three award-winning projects that employ innovative techniques to protect and improve water quality. Selected as part of the "Designs for a Better Bay" awards program, the winning project teams recently received distinguished awards from Rhode Island Governor Bruce Sundlun at an Earth Day ceremony during which he announced the results of the awards program.

Launched last fall by a group of twenty organizations under the leadership of the Narragansett Bay Project, the Land Management Project, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program, "Designs for a Better Bay" proposes to help change the way we think about development.

The award-winning projects include two distinguished award recipients in the "New Approaches to Land Development" category: "Central Park Master Plan," developed by Searle and Searle Landscape Architects and the Town of North Kingstown; and "Trim's

Ridge," developed by the Manitou Company. The "Emerald Square Mall-Stormwater Management System" was presented with a distinguished award in the "Innovative Approaches to Stormwater Management" category. This project was developed by the team of IEP, Inc., New England Development, GZA Geoenvironmental Technologies, Inc., William Walker, Jr., Anderson-Nichols, Inc., and Sumner Schein Architects and Engineers.

Cosponsors of the awards program were drawn from across Massachusetts and Rhode Island and include: the Rhode Island Builders Association, Save The Bay, the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council; the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Coastal Zone Management Program; the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects; the Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut Chapters of the American Institute of Architects; the Boston Society of Architects; Architects for Social Responsibility; The Successful Communities Program of the Conservation Foundation & World Wildlife Fund; the Boston Society of Landscape Architects; the Boston Society of Civil Engineers; and others.

Tikkun Olam

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Editor

"There's more than enough oil for centuries to come. Garbage? Plenty of space. Junk it in the sea, in the swamps, in empty fields." Roommates said these things in bullsessions decades ago. Disposal and recycling never made hot topics. We live in a land for doers, not dreamers, young or old. Wait for the emergency, then call in the experts.

Drive to the Johnston landfill, the dump as we used to call a trashheap. Cruise on past Sweet City to Green Hill Road. Go by the old farmhouse with the barn and the patch of left-

weigh in and then weigh out. Refuse that can't be put to use piles up on the other side of the mountain. At day's end earth covers up the stuff." Craig used to work over on that hillside. "We do a good job, careful job." His wife expects their first child in August.

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As a reporter you can't muck-rake either. They do the best they can, trucks and men. A methane gas plant sucks

chemicals like an ore out of the ziggurat. Every society has to deal with the ends of things, not just the making of goods. But it goes against our grain. We toss out our past and look forward. The silence of the Johnston landfill holds some ghosts that whisper. The spirits of all the objects we throw away haunt the landscape and disturb the stands of small scrubtrees.

A Jewish question: In the name of tikkun olam, could we not stress in kashrut the use of dishes instead of plastic containers? Should we not keep the whole earth kosher?



Middleschool

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Mr. M. recalls his mother's words. "Do your best and behave yourself." He tells his students that schools open doors to nice things in life. But you have to work for them. You have to take pride in school and show respect for teachers as well as parents. He adds, "If children want respect, they must give it. It's a two-way street."

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Cranston/Warwick Hadassah

The Cranston/Warwick Hadassah will hold its first Board meeting on Monday, June 24, 10 a.m. at the Ramada Inn. Mrs. Shirley Schreiber, newly re-elected president, will preside.

Frances Weisman, who is both assistant treasurer of Western New England Region and fund-raising vice president of the Rhode Island chapter, will conduct a special board briefing.

A Dutch Treat luncheon will follow the meeting.

over orchard. A convoy of trucks will bear down on you. Garages for repairs line the trail.

A great mound of raked sand rises at your left under the blue sky. At the top an antenna-like fence keeps back wastepaper from blowin' in the wind. Without the barriers, meaningless messages might float down from this Mt. Sinai.

If you roll past you will bump into a row of small country houses with sturdy stone chimneys. Windows are boarded. It is a dead end. Back up.

A pleasant young man holding tools steps out from the shade of his cavern in mechanic's coveralls. He deals with a few questions. Cheerfully he explains landfill operations. "Those trucks line up to

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Obituaries

DR. F. BARRY ABRAMS

DETROIT, Mich. — Dr. F. Barry Abrams, 48, an osteopathic physician and surgeon with offices in Detroit since 1973, died Thursday, June 6, 1991, of acute septicemia and massive shock after recent surgery. He was the husband of Connie Abrams.

He was the son of the late Eli Abrams and the late Anne E. (Goldberg) Abrams-Kolodney. He was also the beloved stepson of Harry J. Kolodney of Pawtucket.

He was a graduate of Washington University and the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was a native of Pawtucket and attended public schools in this area.

He was a member of several medical associations, local and national. He served as a member of the Franklin Village Council since 1983 and was council president pro tem for this term. He served with pride

as a member of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department.

Dr. Abrams was a founding board member of Congregation Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield. A wing of a new Temple building in process of being built will be dedicated and known as the Dr. F. Barry Abrams Wing, upon completion.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Eric Abrams and David Abrams, two daughters, Elissa and Kerri, all at home; and a brother, Ronald P. Abrams of Warwick.

Services were held in Southfield, Michigan, followed by burial at Franklin Cemetery.

FAE I. BAZAR

WARWICK — Fae I. Bazar, 75, of 38 Cedar Pond Drive, Apt. 4, died Thursday, June 13, 1991, at her home. She was the wife of Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Clarence M. Bazar.

She was born in Worcester,

Mass., a daughter of the late Louis and Rose (Katzoff) Weiner and had been a resident of Warwick for the past 15 years, previously residing in Cranston for 25 years.

She was a member of Temple Sinai and its sisterhood, a life member of Women's Association of Jewish Home for Aged, Women's Auxiliary of Jewish War Veterans Post #23, Pioneer Women, and the Potowomoc Golf Club of East Greenwich.

In addition to her husband she is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services took place Friday, June 14, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence. Burial took place at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ALFRED E. GUTMAN

TAUNTON, Mass. — Alfred E. Gutman, 74, of 206 Winthrop St., former president of the Harodite Finishing Co., Dighton, where he was associated for 45 years before retiring five years ago, died Saturday, June 15, 1991, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence. He was the husband of the late Ruth (Fried-

man) Gutman.

Born in New York, a son of the late Louis and Esther (Luretkin) Gutman, he lived in Taunton for 45 years before moving to Providence a month ago.

Mr. Gutman was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Agudath Achim, Taunton, and the Rotary Club. He was a board member of Morton Hospital, and a past trustee of the Bay Banks of Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Columbia University in 1936, and received a degree in chemical engineering in 1938.

He leaves two sons, Dr. Joshua Gutman of Providence and Jonathan Gutman of Mamaroneck, N.Y.; a daughter, Judith Mannis of Carmichael, Calif.; a brother, Daniel Gutman of New York; a sister, Edith Socolow of Eugene, Ore., and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sunday, June 16, at the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SOL HAAS

CRANSTON — Sol Haas, 71, of 200 Hoffman Ave., foun-

der and owner of the former Capitol Building Co., Cranston, for 20 years until 1971, died Sunday, June 9, 1991, at the Kent Nursing Home, Warwick. He was the husband of Jean (Friedman) Haas.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Julius and Fannie (Seltzer) Haas, he lived in Cranston for eight years. He previously lived in Providence for many years.

Mr. Haas attended Brooklyn College, New York. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He later purchased the Rhode Island Security Company and operated it until 1982. He had been a licensed real estate broker in Rhode Island and Massachusetts since 1959. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Redwood Lodge F & AM, and the Jewish War Veterans, Post 439.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Donna Reitzas of Warren; a son, Frederic Haas of Livingston, N.J., and a grandson.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, June 11, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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Palestinians

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ian society. Abu-Samra called the killers "fascists." If the intifada does not change, he warned, it will not last out its fourth year.

As television cameras from the Israeli and foreign media recorded the scene, speaker after speaker urged the Arab intelligentsia not to abandon the struggle to "the youths in the streets." Some claimed the masked youths terrorizing the population are criminal elements not interested in politics.

It was also charged that some are even provocateurs of the Israeli authorities.

There were many suggestions, including a two-month "freeze" on the activities of the violence-prone popular committees and an end to the frequent strikes and boycotts of Israeli products which hurt Palestinians more than Israelis.

No answers were given at the meeting and no new directives were issued. The consensus was, however, that the intifada should take a new tack, comprising less violence and more civil protest.

Also proposed were the fostering of local institutions

for the benefit of the population and special efforts for the advancement of education.

Basically, the call was for a new leadership to seize the initiative from the streets. But that leadership must be able to enforce its authority. It can expect no help from the Israeli authorities whose attitude is "a plague on both your houses."

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A Closer LOOK

BUSINESS PROFILES

The Name of the Game is Honesty

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Last week, on the evening before this interview, three estates had gone through the doors of D & M Antiques, located on North Broadway in East Providence. The furniture pieces left almost as soon as they came, says owner Marvin Rubin.

Due to the frequent handling of estates, and constant shopping for resellable items, this collector carries everything from solid Honduras mahogany furniture to double plated silverware. When estates "go through" his place, Rubin says, he literally finds himself stocked with everything the former owner had. This means that besides antique pieces, he'll receive "used furniture" or "good custom-made furniture." Other than receiving the odd set or two from estates sales, Rubin chooses not to buy used furniture. Instead, if someone approaches him with a used dining set, he'll refer the seller to an appropriate used furniture dealer. But he does accept custom furniture.

Other services that Rubin offers are refinishing and reupholstering at reasonable prices. And as far as consign-

ments, he says, he would rather buy and sell.

Business is good, since most of his customers are repeaters, says Rubin.

"I have such an abundance of customers — like yesterday I had 21 paintings come in and I sold 19 in one day," explains Rubin. "The only reason 21 didn't sell was because I kept two for myself. I have people that call every day to see if I've got anything new in — not only regular people, but dealers, too."

According to Rubin, antiques are technically at least 100 years old.

Besides buying and selling this "tell it like it is" dealer believes educating his customers on shopping for antiques is the way to keep customers coming back for more. So, being an amateur antique shopper, this reporter asked, "How can you tell a good antique from a replica?"

Well, as the old adage goes — practice makes perfect when it comes to shopping for antiques. Although, there's no surefire way to tell the difference between fakes and originals, says Rubin, it helps to "have a trained eye." Rubin admits that even he can be fooled at times, but very rarely. An-

other tip is to develop a good relationship with a dealer.

If one were comparing the dissimilarities between roltop desks, some of the variances that a trained eye can catch are the details — the more intricate the piece the higher the quality; the more inside drawers the better; the more engraved pieces the better, etc. The owner recommends that buyers shop around, compare prices and quality, and ask a lot of questions.

"Some antique dealers get top dollar" for their items, warns Rubin. But, that could be due to their high "overhead" or, more often than not, it's greed.

When a regular customer enters his business, Rubin speaks of his good relationship with him and others.

"Here's someone who I think I can speak for," says Rubin. "When I tell him I've found something he'd like, he'll buy from me over the telephone and not have to look at the piece. He trusts me. I always steer him in the right direction. I taught him how to shop for good pieces and now he's almost an expert."

History

Rubin, a collector for almost twenty years, opened his present store about seven years ago. He shares it with Beverly Chalko Antiques, which sells mostly country furniture and primitives. Before relocating to East Providence, Rubin worked out of Warwick for nearly three years.

His interest in buying and selling antiques originated from his hobby days. The pieces he would buy he placed in his home and were fre-



Marvin Rubin, proprietor of D & M Antiques, with a handsome antique roltop desk.

quently updated. After many revisions he realized that buying and reselling proved a worthwhile profit-making venture.

"I would buy a certain amount of things for my own house," said Rubin. "Then, if I saw something I liked better I'd upgrade it and then, of course, I would sell the other piece. When I found I made some money I decided to go into it full-time."

Before getting into antiques Rubin worked in his family's large trucking business of 55 years.

Rubin's company has grown

to twice its original size since he first opened it in East Providence. With furniture filling his rooms from wall to wall, Rubin's business has proved to be unrestrained by the poor economy that straps many companies.

"The demand for good furniture is great and a lot of business comes from Providence — the East Side," says the owner. "I feel that it's almost a shame that people buy furniture in furniture stores of less quality, when they can buy better quality for less money at antique stores."

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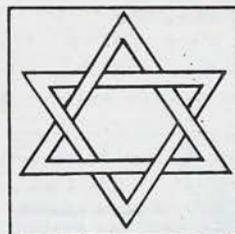
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