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Israelis Won't Interfere On Wagner Decision

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Neither the Knesset nor the government will intervene in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's decision to perform works by Richard Wagner at a special concert next week, despite raised tempers in Israel.

The Ministry of Education and Culture will issue no desist order to the IPO, Deputy Education Minister Pinhas Goldstein informed Knesset members last week. The Knesset also washed its hands of the matter, saying it was up to the IPO.

The members of Israel's internationally acclaimed symphony orchestra decided by majority vote last week to lift its ban on performing music by the 19th-century German composer, an avowed anti-Semite who became a Nazi icon.

But the IPO's public committee, an advisory group, will meet to consider the decision,

which revived a national controversy of long standing over whether art should be banned because the artist was evil.

Despite the heat generated by the issue, a Knesset debate on the subject was sparsely attended. But emotions ran high among the 15 members present, whose opinions crossed party lines.

Avrum Burg of the Labor Party, Elyakim Haetzni of Tehiya and Reuven Rivlin of Likud spoke out against the public performance of Wagner. Mordechai Virshubski of the Citizens Rights Movement, a German-born refugee from Nazi persecution, argued in its favor.

Rivlin said the decision to boycott Wagner in Israel since the state was founded was "symbolic of national values."

"There never has been and never will be a statute of limitations regarding that decision,"

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Dr. Kissinger Receives Holocaust Award



Dr. Henry Kissinger (second left) accepts the "Holocaust Remembrance Award" from Elie Wiesel (second right) during the seventh annual State of Israel Bonds Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Dinner held on December 1 in New York City. More than 300 Holocaust survivors were in attendance to hear Dr. Kissinger say, "...twelve members of my family died in the Holocaust, and therefore the fate of the Jewish people was always a matter of profound concern to me." Pictured with Dr. Kissinger and Elie Wiesel are Ambassador Meir Rosenne, CEO and president of State of Israel Bonds (left), and Sigmund Strochlitz, general chairman of the dinner and a past award recipient.

Local Survivor Comments On New Count

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Although millions of Jews died during the sadistic Holocaust about 50 years ago, it seems that the event itself has not diminished in the minds of many. That is not only true because it was a nightmare that many Jews had with their eyes wide open, but it is also true as new evidence is constantly being unearthed.

The very idea that the horrendous slaughter is forgotten and not passed on is, to those who survived, unthinkable. To many survivors, the ugly truth must be told to everyone, especially to the young, who can pass it on to even newer generations — always reminding people so that the unthinkable will never happen again.

It was recently reported that the Holocaust death toll is well over 6 million, in fact, over a quarter-million more of our people perished at the hands of the Nazis. New secret Soviet documents from World War II were found which included a Jewish survivor's testimony of Nazi occupation in the Soviet Union, Nazi records and Soviet war chronicles.

Holocaust survivor and second-time Holocaust survivor president, David Newman is in total agreement with the death toll count. He believes it impossible to know the actual count and says that the figure 6 million was a guess.

"I wouldn't be a bit surprised," said Newman. "I don't think any of the countries knew the real count of Jews in their country. I was in Birkenau from 1943 to 1944 (February). I saw mounds and mounds of skeletons outside the crematorium. They couldn't catch up."

Newman also tells of the year 1942 when he was in Wrechno, near Katovitz, working on railroad tracks, adding a second track.

"There were a minimum of 50 cars full of Jews from all over Europe going to Birkenau," explains Newman. "They threw food, flowers, clothes. They asked where they were going. We (the railroad workers) didn't know ourselves until [we] got there. I would agree with the new findings."

Taken away from his family in 1940 at the useful age of 17, he survived the "3 selection" process where the SS men lined

everyone up and decided who was going to die or who was going to do manual labor. Then he went to his first labor camp, Autchnow. On the way to "no where" they went through



David Newman

town dropping people off at each stop.

"There were about 500 people from my city (Seratz, Poland) and 2,000 from several cities. By the time we reached our camp there were about 100 people left."

When Newman was transferred to Wrechno, he worked for a company called Habiler, Crom and Hager. The company was contracted by the Nazis to build a second track to accommodate the overflowing number of Jews being transported. One track was not enough.

After Wrechno, he was then relocated to Birkenau and his final camp before his liberation was Buona, where he stayed only eight months.

Newman says he survived only because he knew how to get along with others. He was always the favorite. He won the people's hearts by pilfering. It was easy enough since he worked on the railroad tracks where trains would stop. When the prisoners were dropped off the "Kenedor" would take their belongings like gold and watches — anything valuable.

"I used to be the volunteer to steal one or two packages and then resell it to the Pollaks who were guards or foremen who came from villages," says Newman. "It wasn't easy; it wasn't 100 percent foolproof. They could have taken the items, then killed me. Very tricky. I sold [the items] for Kielbasa and bread."

Newman became a survivor in 1945, when the Russians and Americans started coming to Bavaria and evacuating hundreds of Jews on trains. He recalls something he says he will never forget: the American Airforce actually mistook their trains as Nazi transportation and began shooting.

"The SS and the prisoners all ran thinking they were going to be bombed. I ran all day with a Yugoslav and stayed in the

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ATTENTION

Due to the New Year's holiday, the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* editorial and advertising deadline for the next week's issue is noontime, Friday, December 27.

Please note that this issue will be delivered Friday, January 3.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

R.I.'s Needy Assured Of Continued Service

Rhode Island's needy population, increasing daily, is more assured of getting basic, essential furniture, basic appliances and new clothing donated by manufacturers, thanks to recent gifts totalling more than \$33,000 to a local organization.

The Neighborhood Furniture Bank, a Providence-based statewide nonprofit agency which operates the Furniture Bank of RI and the Clothing Bank of RI, has been in existence since 1985 to help meet the basic needs of those on public assistance or with incomes just over the federal poverty guidelines.

The Rhode Island Foundation, a charitable community trust serving the people of Rhode Island, provided

\$20,000 to support the Clothing Bank's operations. Ocean State Charities Fund and Citizens Community Foundation provided \$5,000 and \$2,000 respectively to assure that usable furniture reaches the poor throughout the state. The Junior League of Rhode Island made a gift of \$1,000 to help with unexpected repairs to the Furniture Bank's truck, which is on the road daily to deliver furniture to clients and pick up donations from individuals and businesses. Funds from the Johnstone Kimball Foundation will assist with an outreach program to involve retail stores in soliciting used furniture from their customers for the Furniture Bank.

Finally, a recent campaign

organized by students at the University of Rhode Island raised \$2500. These funds will be added to funds previously raised by RI Governor Bruce Sundlun through an initiative to clothe the needy children.

Working with Community Action Programs statewide and with Community Centers in the city of Providence to identify the clients in need, these programs make their resources available to:

- Families needing to be reunited;
- Single parents and children moving out of shelters into their own apartments;
- People who have been burned out of their homes;
- Recent immigrants needing to start a new life;

• New parents needing to provide a safe and warm environment for their families; and many others.

Neighborhood Furniture Bank Executive Director, Anne Honer, commented, "In times of such economic hardships, we are particularly grateful for the support of these organizations and the many individuals who have helped us this year. The community's confidence in us will allow us to meet the increasing need for such basics as furniture and clothing."

For more information about either the Furniture Bank or the Clothing Bank, contact the agency at (401) 467-9220.

Coffee Kids

The Coffee Exchange located at 207 Wickenden St., Providence, will be open on New Year's Day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. to benefit Coffee Kids. Coffee Kids is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and families living in coffee-growing communities. Come and celebrate the start of the New Year at the Coffee Exchange. For this special day, all your favorite coffees and desserts are just \$1.00. Have a good time while helping Coffee Kids. For further information, call Coffee Kids 331-9099.



R.I. Businesses Not Reporting Cash Transactions

The Internal Revenue Service has announced the results of a statewide compliance check to determine whether businesses are properly reporting cash transactions of \$10,000 or more to the IRS.

Malcolm A. Liebermann, IRS

District Director for Providence, said that about 38 percent of the businesses contacted were not in full compliance with the reporting requirements. "We contacted 78 businesses throughout the state and found 38 percent

were not properly advising the IRS when they had large cash transactions," Liebermann said.

Liebermann noted that the businesses contacted were very cooperative during the two-week probe. "Our compliance

teams found that the businesses were very interested in complying with the law and in several instances we were able to conduct brief seminars on the spot for company officials and employees," Liebermann added.

Since 1985, persons who receive more than \$10,000 in cash in connection with their trade or business must file Form 8300 "Report of Cash Payments Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business," with the Internal Revenue Service. The Form 8300 must be

filed within 15 days after the date of the transaction. Agents secured 30 delinquent Forms 8300 during the compliance checks.

Effective February 3, 1992, certain specified monetary instruments such as cashier's checks, treasurer's checks, bank checks, bank drafts, traveler's checks and money orders will be treated as cash if they have a face amount of not more than \$10,000 and are received in a designated reporting transaction.

ESL Classes At International House of Rhode Island, Inc.

International House of Rhode Island, 8 Stimson Avenue, Providence, is announcing its January schedule for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

Evening English classes are offered three semesters per year at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and registration for the winter session (January 7 - March 28, 1992) will be held January 2 and 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Students must register in advance and a class fee of \$45 for the semester is required at that time. The emphasis of the classes is on conversational skills and class placement will be made at the time of registration.

Daytime English language classes are ongoing and students are accepted into the program as long as openings are available. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting January 3. Beginning and advanced beginning classes are held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; intermediate classes are from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; and advanced classes are held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The class fee for these programs is \$30 for two months and is required in advance. Class placement will be made at the first session. The use of the language lab is included in the fee. An intermediate reading and writing class is also available on Thursday mornings from 11 to noon and the fee for this program is \$20 for two months.

International House will also offer a new session of "Preparing for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)," beginning Monday, January 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The 8-week course, taught by English as a Second Language instructor Shelagh Gilmore, is designed to help international students whose native language is not English improve their TOEFL test taking performance, with special emphasis on the Listening Comprehension section. Sample tests and recorded test materials will be used as practice exams and students will be taught test-taking techniques. The fee for the course is \$40 and registration is required in advance. Anyone interested in attending any of the above classes or wanting further information about our programs should contact International House 421-7181 after January 1.

International House of Rhode Island, 8 Stimson Avenue, Providence, presents a special international dinner and cultural experience on Saturday, January 18, at 6 p.m. "An Evening in Israel" will feature an Israeli dinner of hummus, falafel, eggplant and salad, chicken, rice, stuffed vegetables and fruits as well as a slide tour of Israel presented by Ran Oron, a student of architecture at Rhode Island School of Design. Seating is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-paid basis by January 10. The fee for the

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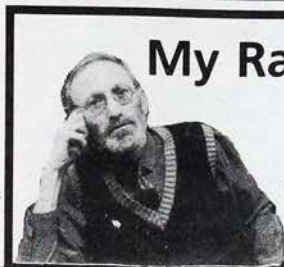
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FEATURE



My Rambling Rose

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

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Martha Coolidge took my course in Freshman English at RISD. If I dug deeply into my trunks, boxes and file cabinets, I bet I could put my hands on her best paper. She did a portrait of her brother and his high school troubles. It burst out with a mix of humor and sadness. It read like a film script. She went on to major in film.

Martha moved to glittering high-rise Hollywood. She made "The Joy of Sex" and "Real Genius." I could spot the same merry jinks and the same blend of pathos and fun, from her author's handwriting into her director's lines and camera angles.

Sitting in a velvet foldup cinema chair to take in her flicks, I would puff up my chest a bit

and bask in a little reflected glory.

Some seasons ago, I flew out west and stopped by to look in on Martha at her residence in Beverly Hills. Her place was built of oak timbers, with good thick dark panelling in the cool parlor. That pre-wars Mission style feels Spanish out there. But if you stepped into a Providence parlor on the East Side boulevard — or a fine summerplace along our coastline — you'd say the fashion came from typical twenties baronial boomtime.

Martha's phone kept ringing. She was hot in Hollywood. I had plenty of time to stare at her walls. Over the mantel a famous studio photograph of George Bernard Shaw in his Hollywood sojourn stared down on me. Irish eyes twinkle

under heavy white brows. The lips smile ironically among the silvery elfin beard.

Across from the bard by the sofa images of my favorite romantic stars, Gene Tierney and Merle Oberon, shine softly, lyrically, lightening the sharper look of the screen playwright.

Above the laden built-in bookcases, original prints from the L. Frank Baum Oz books bring in a mood of fantasy. All these decorative items, solidly framed and set in, fit tight into the peaceful period of the house.

Woody Allen mocks tinseltown. He makes fun of the whole place. No class compared to downtown New York, claims the Manhattan maestro. He won't turn out films there. I beg to differ with Woody. For me, southern California is haunted by marvellous ghosts. The directors, writers and stars of France, Germany, Britain, Hungary set up colonies that made Beverly Hills loom like Hampstead Heath in London: an international studio of the mind. The nearness of Mexico adds in a pinch of Latin flavor. Over the wide Pacific lies the Far East. Something seeps out of the Asian community that

throws a shadow of alluring mystery into the world of studio designs.

Martha's yard curves its paths among thick foliage. It holds that secret lush green look of Los Angeles that makes us easterners breathe deep and sigh. Why fly away back to a grey and brown world, out of this garden cut from jungle?

Martha Coolidge at heart really still comes from the east coast. She's a Coolidge from the family that once lived in the White House. She moves about with the crisp compact manner of that class and caste. Before I took my leave of her small mansion, Martha bade me sit and chat away about the old days at RISD. I also put into her hands a story I had written about my own old times. I wondered if she might make a film about the time and trials of my youth. I once gave another story of mine to Louis Malle when he came east to RISD. But it never works out. Directors are poets. They go their own way, into themselves, not across to acquaintances. But she keeps in touch. She sent me her wedding announcement. By now though she must have outgrown me. I'm like a stage

father, reaching out from coast to coast with a message. "I'm rooting for you, my Rambling Rose."

On the other hand, I have to stick in a footnote. I wasn't crazy about "Rose." I found myself looking back on Martha's earlier efforts, "Genius" and "Sex." They had an irony sadly lacking in this piece. Her frank and forthcoming account of teens refreshes a moviegoer brought up on coverups or overdoings. But "Rambling" just marched to the correct tune of today. The men acted like wimps and spoke that way too. Women mouthed words totally out of the timeset the actresses got stuck in. Their performances suffered and turned one-dimensional. I wanted to like this movie but just couldn't. I thought it went all wrong. I squirmed at the fakeness of both words and images.

I remember that Martha had a group of boyfriends. There's a note of memoir in "Rose," and I wish she'd gone with that, without all the literary and political cant that snuffed out the spirit of truth. Please, cut out this paragraph if you send my column on to the west coast movie capital.

Chayder

by Harold Bloom

While those versed in Hebrew will recognize "chayder" as simply the word for "room," it meant much more than that to many South Providence Jewish children of my day. For us, it was the place where we went, more or less reluctantly, for two hours a day, except for Friday and Saturday, to learn Hebrew, study Torah, and prepare for Bar and Bat Mitzvah — it was our Talmud Torah, our Hebrew School.

In South Providence, our Chayder was, I believe, sponsored by the South Providence synagogues or other local organizations, and it was located in an old house on Chester Avenue between Taylor St. and Broad St.

All of us boys were "encouraged" (rather strongly by my folks, in my case) to start chayder at the age of 7. I don't recall whether girls were equally "encouraged," but I do know that my sisters and some of my female cousins attended the chayder.

The "principal" of our chayder, in practice if not in name, was Mr. Miller, a man so well-respected and so fitted for the teaching profession that I honor his memory to this day. Most of what I remember today about Torah, trop (notes for chanting), and Hebrew vocabulary, I learned, figuratively, at the end of Mr. Miller's index finger or, sometimes, at the flat of his ruler.

The other "melahmed" (teacher) at the chayder, when I went there, was Mr. Schneider. He was a rather portly older man, who usually concentrated somewhat deeply in his book as his pupils studied. That deep concentration, plus the fact that the only bathroom in the building could only be reached by walking through his room, made Mr. Schneider the butt of

many of the pranks we kids pulled during classes. He was a relatively quiet man, and he certainly deserved more respect than we gave him.

Some time after I started chayder, Mr. Rosen was added to the staff. Mr. Rosen was a no-nonsense teacher, tolerated few shenanigans from his classes, and he was a harsh disciplinarian when it came to mistakes in translations or reading. Though gravel-voiced, he was very accomplished as a "Bal Kriah" (Torah chanter). He regularly performed this mitzvah at the Tiferet Yisroel Synagogue on Willard Ave.

Still later in my attendance at chayder, Hannah Ross was added to the staff. Hannah had "graduated" from the chayder a couple of years earlier. Her demonstrated Hebrew skills and her easy way with young children made her a good choice for starting the youngest children on their Hebrew reading. In my mind, I can still hear

their sing-song of the Hebrew syllables, "aw, ah, eh, ee, ... baw, bah, beh, bee, ..." through the thin door that separated Hannah's classroom from Mr. Miller's.

The other important person associated with the chayder was Mr. Tatz. His duty was to collect the 50 cents per month tuition for each pupil. This he did by riding his motorcycle (I remember it had a sidecar) to homes and businesses of the pupils' families and seeking payment. The nation was, however, in the midst of the Great Depression, and even 50 cent amounts were hard to come by. Mr. Tatz would, therefore, accept dime and quarter installments, mark them dutifully in his ledger, and roar off to his next contributor. Since times were tough, there would be months when families could not even pry loose dimes or quarters. In many cases, Mr. Tatz would then simply pass up payment. No child was

denied chayder for lack of tuition.

As for the chayder building, except for a small room on the first floor housing Mr. Rosen's class, the other classrooms were on the second floor. Most of the first floor was a large room that was fitted out with pews, and it was used as the pupils' synagogue.

It was here that we came on Friday nights and Saturday mornings for Shabbes services. Only when I grew up did I realize that Mr. Miller sacrificed his chances to worship in

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Letters to the EDITOR



Dear Editor:

Kudos, and a standing ovation to Rabbi David Rosen for his letter to you, published in your edition of December 12 of this year.

Yes, of course you have a right to publish the controversial ad. And you have also the right to refuse the letter to your board. This is what we fought about in World War II. It was clearly stated in the final bulletin of the Yalta conference between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, when they proclaimed the four freedoms, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, Free of Want, and Free from Fear.

But, come to think of it, such a letter, or advertisement, if you will, could have appeared in the Nazi propaganda paper, *Der Stuermer*, the anti-Semitic rag published by Julius Streicher, who, at Nuremberg, was convicted as a war criminal.

It should have been below the dignity of your esteemed, revered publication, our own *Jewish Herald*, to print it.

I had to object to it, else I forever would have to hold my peace.

Hans L. Heimann

Dear Editor,

Concerning the paid advertisement in your paper on December 5, 1991, entitled "Channuka and Conservative Disinformation" and the responses to it, I would like to make the following comments. I do so in the spirit of the positive commandment of defending the honor of a talmid chom (Torah Scholar) as per the ruling of Rabbi Moshe Maimonides in his Code Hilchot Talmud Torah Chapter 6:11-13.

Rabbi Antelman is an established and recognized scholar both in Torah circles as well as in the field of Chemistry. A published author of several encyclopedic works on chemistry and the holder of numerous patents, he is the Chemical Advisor to the Dept. of Nuclear Physics at the Weizmann Institute, as well as the author of many books and articles on Jewish Law.

Rabbi Antelman in no way made any unsubstantiated statements nor did he insult any group of Jews. In fact he called this group "unsuspecting and sincere lay people." If

one bothered to read his advertisement, he quoted I. B. Singer, Professors Leibes Tishby and Y. Katz as well as Professor G. Scholem.

Rabbi Antelman never described the descendants of Solomon Schechter as "whores and bastards." He quoted the ruling of the Council of the Four Lands - Vaad Arba Aratzot who excommunicated the Frankist cult in 1756 and declared them as such. If anyone takes this to apply to Solomon Schechter it is an admission that Solomon Schechter was indeed a member of the Frankist Cult.

What should have been dealt with in an intellectual and scholarly and unemotional manner is the refutation of Rabbi Antelman's assertion that both Zechariah Frankel and Solomon Schechter were members of the Frankist cult. These charges were made in fact by Professor Gershon Scholem not Rabbi Antelman. There has been no evidence presented to the contrary, only a defamation of Rabbi Antelman.

If these charges made by Professor Scholem are false, let the academics of the "Historical School of Judaism" refute them

with evidence to the contrary. If these charges are indeed true, let the movement founded by Frankel and Schechter proudly admit to the true agenda of their movement.

Let the record show that indeed Yehuda Maccabee was more concerned with the spiritual domination of the Jews by the Hellenists than the physical occupation of the land. Yehuda Maccabee fought against any deviation from traditional Judaism to the point of killing those collaborators who sought to modernize Judaism with Hellenistic ideas.

Rabbi Yitzchok Dubovick

Names: Where We Are, Where We've Been

by Marsha Cohen

(JTA) — "S'hmot," the first parshah of the second book of the Torah, is the Hebrew word for "names." Like other books and parshiyot of the Chumash, this parshah, and the book it begins, known in English as "Exodus," derive their Hebrew title from the first significant word of the opening sentence:

These are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher (Exod. 1:1-4).

At first glance, "names" seems an unimportant, superfluous word preceding the list of the sons of Jacob, the progenitors of the tribes of Israel, as they head for Egypt and the beginning of their preordained servitude. Could the Torah not have begun more succinctly, "These are Israel's children who went down to Egypt?"

Rashi suggests that the word "names" is there to draw a comparison between Jacob's children and the stars which God brings out each evening, echoing the words of the prophet, "He brings out their hosts by number, calling them each by name" (Isaiah 40:26).

One midrashic explanation of the emphasis on "names" is that the Israelites were eventually worthy of being redeemed from Egypt only because Jacob's sons, even after going down to Egypt, kept their Hebrew names rather than taking on Egyptian names. This explanation jibes with the fact that the descendants of Joseph, who changed his name to

Tzaphnat Pa'neach (Gen. 41:45), became not the tribe of Joseph, but the tribes of Ephraim and Menasseh - named after Joseph's two sons.

The custom of having two names - one for use in the everyday vernacular, and one which is rooted in the Jewish community - goes back at least 2,500 years. Queen Esther, who lived during the period of the Babylonian exile in the sixth century BCE, was "Hadasah" in Hebrew. "Esther," now considered a very Jewish sounding name, was actually her Persian name.



In the Second Temple period, even within the sovereign borders of Judea, it was not uncommon for children to be given Greek as well as Hebrew names. During the Golden Age of Spain, Arabic first names and surnames were freely appended onto Hebrew names. Bachya, the author of the 11th-century classic *Duties of the Heart*, bore the full name Abu Ishak Bachya ben Yosef Ibn Pakuda.

The issue of names comes up each year in the aleph-level, after-school Hebrew class that I teach at a large Reform synagogue. In many cases, my students, beginning the study of Hebrew in the fourth grade, do not know if they were ever given Hebrew names, let alone what their Hebrew names are. In some instances, the parents themselves don't remember

the names, or if any were, in fact, ever given.

So it was with some surprise, and great delight, that I discovered that many of this year's students already knew their names by the second session of class. Red-haired Jennifer raised her hand eagerly.

"Zlatah Leah," she proclaimed proudly. Brooke, sitting next to her, gently responded "Bryna Alissa," with special emphasis on the "Alissa."

"Those are Yiddish names," I pointed out.

While I was deciding how I could translate them into Hebrew, we moved on to other names. Adam ("Avraham") and Dina ("Devorah") were unaware that their "English" names were also Hebrew names in their own right, not just English names that happened to begin with the same letter-sound. Aaron had the same name in Hebrew and English, but wasn't quite certain why I was pronouncing it "Aharon."

I explained to Staci that her Hebrew name, Shoshana, meant "rose," and asked Robert ("Yaakov") whether he knew of a famous "Yaakov" in the Torah. He did! Samantha needed a bit of convincing that "Sarah Ruth," her Hebrew name, needed to be pronounced "Sarah Rut," because there is no "th" sound in modern Hebrew.

Suddenly, I recalled the anguish I had felt when I was first told that my great-grandmother's name - Mirkah - had no place in Hebrew school. It had served me well in the girls' (continued on page 16)

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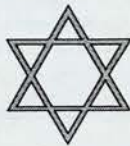
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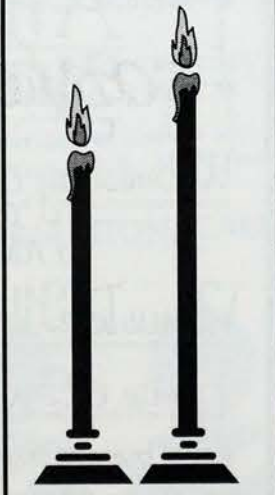
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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

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Waldman Selected to Head Center Membership Drive

Maxwell M. Waldman was named general chairman of the 1942 Membership Enrollment at the Jewish Community Center, according to an announcement made this week by Samuel H. Workman, Center president. Mr. Workman further stated that due to the national emergency resulting in higher cost of operation, the Center Board has voted a slight increase in membership rates, and has established three new classifications, with higher member dues for a voluntary enrollment.

Rabbis To Join in Community Prayer

A Community Prayer meeting for young men in the United States service and for an Allied victory, was held on Sunday at 8 pm at the Ahavath Shalom Synagogue. Participating in the service were Rabbis William G. Braude, Albert T. Bilgray, Morris Schussheim and Carol Klein, while Rabbi Morris G. Klein officiated. Cantors Joseph Schlossberg and David Einstein chanted special prayers.

New Jersey Voids 'Race Hatred' Law

TRENTON - New Jersey's six-year-old law making it a misdemeanor to voice hostility towards any race or creed was declared unconstitutional by the New Jersey State Supreme Court in an opinion reversing the convictions of Wilhelm Kunze, national leader of the German-American Bund, and eight others who are charged with making or promoting anti-Jewish speeches.

AN OBSERVANT EYE

AVI SHAFRAN

Fun With Jewish Statistics

by Avi Shafran

One needn't have taken a course in statistical analysis to have seen through the transparent triumphalism of a recent headline in this periodical. All one had to do was carefully read the article it claimed - erroneously - to encapsulate.

The headline proclaimed "Most Favor Easing Sabbath Restrictions," and the piece's opening paragraph promised that and more: "A majority of Israel's population wants an easing of laws granting Orthodox Judaism monopoly on marriage, conversion, Shabbat restrictions and other matters of personal status and public behavior..."

But when the details of the polls cited in the article are spelled out, no such majority consensus becomes evident. On the contrary, a very different message altogether emerges.

Twenty-six percent of the sample in one study favored easing laws barring transporta-

tion on Shabbat "in areas where there is no heavy concentration of Orthodox residents." Another 23 percent preferred unlimited Sabbath transportation. Nine percent favored stricter Sabbath restrictions still, and 40 percent wanted to maintain the status quo.

Now some rather elementary calculation would seem to yield the result of 49 percent favoring some degree of easing (though, for the clear majority, only in nonobservant neighborhoods), and 49 percent favoring either the maintenance of the status quo or the institution of even stricter Sabbath restrictions (the missing two percent, presumably, had no opinion). Now read the article's headline again.

The article goes on to say that "nearly half" of the same study's sample favored state recognition of nonhalachic conversions. It occurs that "nearly half" might just as accurately be rendered "less than half,"

imparting a somewhat different flavor to the datum.

But the most interesting data by far are, no doubt, those of another study reported in the same article. In that study, 33 percent of the sample wanted the state to recognize Reform, Conservative and civil marriages, 11 percent felt that only Reform and Conservative marriages should be recognized and not civil ones, and another 11 percent wanted only Orthodox or civil marriages to be official. The bulk of the remaining 45 percent, one assumes, feels that the present system, whereby only Orthodox marriages, divorces and conversions are given legal status, is the best.

Now, look at those numbers again, carefully. The 33 percent do not, it is clear, consider the Conservative and Reform movements to be the equals of traditional, halachic, Judaism; they simply would like marriage laws in Israel to be "secularized" entirely. Hence, in the minds of those respondents, a justice of the peace or a non-Orthodox rabbi - same difference, to them - would do just fine. The second 11 percent, those who would permit only civil or Orthodox marriages are even more rejective of the non-Orthodox, considering an entirely secular civil ceremony superior to

A Couple Of Words On Kahane's Trial

"Everything Rabbi Kahane said in his life has come true in his death. America is not a safe haven for Jews. The results of the trial of his assassin have substantiated his words." Larry Dub spoke to the *Herald* on the phone and said, "I think the Rabbi is smiling down with an 'I told you so' expression." As a lawyer Larry Dub had some sharp words of his own for the verdict. "Fifty-four witnesses testified against El Sayyid. Two spoke for the defense. The defendant never took the stand. He had no case. But the jury was stacked against him, all the enemies of the Jews and of Israel."

theirs. Only the first 11 percent in any way equate the non-Orthodox systems, as religions, with Orthodoxy. And the undescribed opinion of the remaining 45 percent of the sample, we may well assume, are happy with the status quo, preferring that traditional Jewish law continue to govern the all-important area of Jewish personal status.

Thus, instead of the article's pompously misleading conclusion, "55 percent of the respondents favored some curbing of Orthodox domination in marriage and divorce matters," one sees, rather, that 89 percent - 89 percent! - of the Israeli populace rejects the Reform and Conservative movements as anything more than prettified secularism. Hardly grounds for Rabbi Eric Yoffe, the Reform rabbi quoted at the end of the piece, to crow about how "these polls show most Israelis resent the Orthodox-dominated system."

What these polls really show, of course, is what anyone who has lived in Israel and spoken to Israelis in the street knows well. Namely, that Israeli Jews do not suffer from the pluralism palsy that has so debilitated American Jewry. The average Israeli may be a secularist, he may have chosen to see the Jewish religion as peripheral to his life. But he doesn't buy the old and repeatedly discredited idea of "multiple Judaisms," either.

He may be uncomfortable with Judaism for himself, but he is blunt enough to admit that changing its definition is not an honest way of dealing with his discomfort. He may not even like Judaism, but he knows full well what it is: precisely what it has always been.

Avi Shafran is a local writer. He has written two books and is in the process of writing a third, which is scheduled to be released in late Spring 1992.

A New Year's Prayer For Peace

by Rabbi David J. Forman

My daughter was born in Jerusalem during the Yom Kippur War. The excitement my wife and I felt at the birth of our firstborn child was tempered by the ravages of a war that would claim thousands of lives, both Jewish and Arab. We almost felt guilty about the unabashed joy we experienced.

At the time of our daughter's birth, we hoped for many things. We wanted her to be healthy, safe and loved. We wanted to bring her up in a tradition whose cherished goals were embodied in the prophetic message of social justice and equality. We wanted her to feel at one with her country and its leaders. But more than all else, we prayed, that as she grew up, the possibility of war would no longer exist; that Israel would be at peace.

Much has happened in the intervening years. For so many in Israel, the Yom Kippur was a watershed experience. The myth of an indestructible Israel was pricked. Faith in our leaders was shattered. Israel was reduced to human proportions. The trauma of the war shook the foundations of the Jewish state, unleashing the incipient stages of a protest movement. Israelis began questioning their country's course in a host of areas that impacted upon Israeli society.

Israel has never experienced calm seas. Both ancient and modern Jewish history play havoc with our emotions. At once, we experience great sadness, total exhilaration, deep shame, abundant pride, and penetrating fear. Our mood swings are the stuff of multiple personalities. We are never at rest.

Because of this, Israel does not allow for a generation gap. Israeli children share countless emotional experiences with their parents. They are nur-

tured on the events of the day; sometimes seeing them through their parents' eyes and sometimes understanding them in their own way. So when the news broke early in the morning that Israel had rescued the Entebbe hostages, my daughter was abruptly awakened to join her screaming parents prancing ecstatically around the house.

Years later, during the Lebanese war, after watching a TV show about Israeli children explaining what it was like to lose their fathers in war, my daughter walked into our bedroom, where my wife was resting, and said, "Abba is going to be killed"; expressing the same fear that my wife felt as I sat on the Beirut-Damascus highway.

We were on sabbatical in the States when Israel and Egypt signed the peace treaty. That day my daughter wore blue and white to her school, telling her teacher that "today my country made peace." Ten years later to the day, she accompanied me on a visit to the territories to hear Palestinian youth testify to alleged human rights abuses.

She went with a school delegation to Poland, standing at the gas chambers of Auschwitz, only to return home to huddle in familial closeness in our own gas sealed room. No sooner did she leave the sealed room, when she joined us in greeting Ethiopian Jews on that great Shabbat morning that unveiled Operation Solomon.

Children in Israel walk hand in hand with their parents through moments of pain and joy.

But now, as I examine my wish list that accompanied my oldest daughter's birth, I reveal a mixed bag. She is healthy, safe for the most part, and loved. She is sensitive to the suffering of others, recognizing that social progress and fairness are the key elements in safeguarding the democratic and Jewish character of Israel. She has a healthy skepticism regarding Israel's leaders.

Yet, it would seem that my wife's and my ultimate prayer upon our daughter's birth, a prayer for peace, somehow has escaped us. For in matters of war, she has seen it all. Her eighteen years have been overwrought with the emotional tension that on one hand stems from murderous stabbings, Intifada, and scuds; and on the other hand, from a Lebanese invasion, a Jewish underground, and a sometimes aggressive occupation. Her vocabulary has been peppered with such varied concepts as "a greater Israel," "piece for peace," "Judea and Samaria," "occupied territories," "transfer," and "Alahu Akbar."

My daughter, born during the Yom Kippur War, entered the army on October 6, the war's anniversary. That same day, I received word from my reserve unit that I would be hanging up my army boots for

good. Yet the sadness of the Yom Kippur War, a sadness that tempered our exultation at our daughter's birth, may be giving way to a new reality. While wearing the paraphernalia of war, my child will hopefully listen to talk of peace.

Perhaps then, with all the ups and downs that have engaged us during these past eighteen years, our original prayer for peace, that ushered our daughter into the world, will be granted fulfillment.

Rabbi David Forman submitted this article for the approaching New Year. He is the Director of Israel Programs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), Jerusalem as well as for Human Rights, a non-political organization of over 100 Israeli rabbis from all streams in Judaism.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Repeal Of Measure Means Healthy U.S.-Israelis Ties

by Larry Yudelson

NEW YORK (JTA) — The repeal of the U.N. resolution branding Zionism as racism "demonstrates that relations between the United States and Israel are friendly," Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy said last week, a day after meeting with President Bush in Washington.

Levy told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that conclusion of the peace talks in Washington recently was as originally scheduled and did not indicate that the talks were in a state of crisis.

Levy said he told the president that the Arabs must not "delude themselves into thinking the longer they stall on procedure, the greater the chance of the United States intervening. This is how they are acting, and they must be told this is not the proper course of

action, and that the U.S. will not intervene.

"We are doing all we can to promote the talks and overcome the obstacles," said the Foreign Minister. "It is our initiative, and Israel sincerely wishes for peace."

What is not compatible with the peace process, Levy said, is Syria's continuing support for Iranian elements in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, who are training Hezbollah members for terrorist attacks on Israel.

Levy said he had "no doubt" that the president will transmit this message to the Syrians.

With regard to the issue of Israeli MIAs, Levy said he recounted to Bush Israel's role in the release of Western hostages.

"We felt as if they were our sons as well. We did our part and they were reunited with their families. We expect the same feeling to be demon-

strated here.

"The president says he feels the same way, has done what he can do and will continue to speak out," Levy said.

Levy, still jubilant over the U.N. vote two days earlier, told the Conference of Presidents that the victory demanded celebration, not attempts to analyze motivations or speculate on American motivations.

He said Israel was pleased that six Arab countries did not vote and that Egypt's failure to vote for the repeal, or even actively abstain, was no disappointment.

On the contrary, said Levy, who revealed that shortly before the balloting he received a message from Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa saying that Egypt had decided not to participate in the vote in order to position itself to lead the nonradical Arab states.

ADL Seeks Survivors

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League is seeking to locate certain Holocaust survivors in response to a request from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Special Investigations (OSI).

Both English-speaking and non-English-speaking witnesses will be welcomed.

Such persons should communicate with Elliot Welles, director, ADL Nazi War Criminals Task Force, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, or Kenneth I. Misrok, Trial Attorney, Office of Special Investigations, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, Attention: Universal South, Room 1025 (Telephone [202] 673-3878).



National

New York (JTA) - Advocates on both sides of the debate over the legitimacy of homosexuality in the Conservative movement say important steps were taken to further their respective positions in a key meeting last week of the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Law and Standards. While the committee failed to resolve the issue, observers say that the major arguments were aired and that the debate demonstrated "the Conservative movement at its very best," in the words of one Jewish Theological Seminary official.

New York (JTA) - A new U.S. law giving patients a greater say in the type of medical treatment they may accept or refuse has prompted Jewish religious groups to prepare a range of guidance materials to help their members face such decisions. The law, which went into effect Dec. 1, enables patients to refuse specific medical treatments, even if they are incapacitated, by putting their wishes in writing while they are able.

International

Vienna (JTA) - Simon Wiesenthal, the world-famous Nazi-hunter, was honored Tuesday in Berlin. He will receive the coveted Otto Hahn-Friedens Peace Medal bestowed by the German Society for the United Nations. The only past recipients have been Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and Sandro Pertini, former president of Italy.

Jerusalem (JTA) - A Hasidic member of Knesset unleashed a furious reaction when he told a television talk-show host that he would prefer women would not be elected to public office because their place was in the home. In fact, he would also deny women the right to vote. Rabbi Moshe Ze'ev Feldman, a yeshiva dean and Gerer Hasid, represents the Agudat Yisrael party, one of the three Haredi, or ultra-Orthodox, parties in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's coalition.

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Syrians, Angered By Klarsfeld, Postpone Dumas Visit To Damascus

by Michel Di Paz

PARIS (JTA) — Foreign Minister Roland Dumas's official visit to Syria was postponed indefinitely last Wednesday, a day before it was to take place.

Although the Foreign Ministry gave no reason, the Syrians announced suddenly that Presi-

dent Hafez Assad would be out of town.

They appear to be irked by a number of factors, including the brevity of the French minister's visit.

Dumas was to have spent only a few hours in Damascus enroute from Amman, Jordan

to a European Community meeting in Brussels. But according to informed sources here, the Syrians were most disturbed by the fact that he planned to raise two embarrassing issues - the condition of Syria's 4,500 Jews and the presence in Syria of Nazi war criminal Alois Brunner.

French Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld was expelled from Syria on Dec. 10 after protesting outside the Justice Ministry in Damascus against the haven granted Brunner for more than 30 years.

The Syrians apparently felt insulted when Dumas received her and her Nazi-hunting lawyer husband, Serge Klarsfeld, at the Foreign Ministry on last Tuesday.

The insult may have been compounded by Mrs. Klarsfeld's admission she had entered Syria with false papers. She told reporters she had not expected the Syrians to respond to her protests against Brunner or their treatment of Syrian Jews.

The purpose of her trip was to remind Dumas to raise those issues in his talks with Syrian leaders, she said.

Dumas's intention to comply further angered the Syrians, French sources said.

The 79-year-old Brunner, who commanded the Drancy internment center near Paris where Jews were herded for deportation to Auschwitz, is one of the last major Nazi war criminals still at large. His extradition has been sought in vain for years by both France and Germany.

Brunner has lived under the alias Georg Fisher in a villa on George Haddad Street in Damascus. On Oct. 15, the Syrian authorities moved him to a less conspicuous location. According to some reports, they would like to ease him out of the country to improve their image with the West.

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AHA Announces Research Awards

Kenneth LaBresh, M.D., President of the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate has announced the recipients of the AHA's local research grant awards for 1991-92.

Three research applicants were awarded Grants-In-Aid, Beginning category: Diane Lipscombe, Ph.D., Brown University, \$15,000 - Regulation of Voltage-dependent Calcium Influx in the Sympathetic Nervous System; Richard B. Terry, Ph.D., Miriam Hospital, \$15,000 - Diet Caloric Level and Blood Lipid Control; and Peter L. Tilkemeier, M.D., Miriam Hospital, approx. \$14,000 - Andenosine Levels with Pacing Before and After Angioplasty.

Six researchers also received Grant-In-Aid Standard awards. They are: Linda Lee Bauserman, Ph.D., Miriam Hospital, \$20,000 - Role of Hepatic Lipase in the Metabolism of Plasma Lipoproteins; Henry Gewirtz, M.D., Rhode Island Hospital, \$20,000 - Teboroxime for Myocardial Imaging in Presence of a Coronary Arterial Stenosis; Gary V. Heller, M.D., Ph.D., Memorial Hospital, \$20,000 - Theophylline and Adenosine in Myocardial Ischemia; Paul D. Levinson, M.D., Memorial Hospital, \$20,000 - Obstructive Sleep Apnea, Fat Distribution, and Cardiovascular Risk in Obese, Middle-aged Men; Eric M. Mazur, M.D., Miriam Hospital, \$20,000 - Molecular Control of Megakaryocyte Endoreduplication; and Robert L. Rodgers, Ph.D., University of Rhode Island, approx. \$20,000 - Cardiomyopathy of Diabetes in SHR. Effects of Antihypertensive Therapy.

LaBresh noted that "Rhode Islanders can be proud of the high quality of research that is being funded in our state. In addition to what we fund locally we are also part of funding national research through the AHA National Center. Taken as a total organization, the AHA is the single largest supporter of cardiovascular research, second only to the federal government. We, at the Heart Association in Rhode Island are proud to be able to report back to our supporters that 40% of every Rhode Island dollar contributed to us goes directly to funding cardiovascular research.

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The American Heart Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary of helping Rhode Islanders to prevent heart disease through research, education and community programs.

Meister Weds Salzman



Temple Beth El was the setting on the evening of October 12 for the marriage of Beth Jodi Meister to David Morris Salzman of Burlington, Vermont. Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Melba and Herbert Meister of Providence and granddaughter of Anna Kuperschild of Pawtucket (formerly of Fall River). The bridegroom is the son of Bernice and Otto Salzman of Montreal, Quebec, Canada and Waitsfield, Vermont.

Elyse Meister, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Emilie Jessula was flowergirl. Best man for his brother was Dr. James Salzman. Ushers were Andrew Meister, brother of the bride, Jon Pivnick, Mark Borts, Mark Holzman, Dr. Irwin Kreisman and Barry Faigel.

The bride graduated from Shea High School and is a magna cum laude graduate of the Boston University School of Public Communication. The groom is a graduate of Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

The couple honeymooned with a Caribbean cruise before making their home in Vermont.

Katzman Weds Wilner



Miss Gayle Iris Katzman and Mr. Edward Paul Wilner, both of Tarzana, California, were married on October 12, 1991 at an 8:30 p.m. ceremony at Temple Am David, Warwick. Rabbi Bernard Rotman officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Paula and Harry Katzman of Warwick. The bridegroom's parents are Mina and Henry Wilner of Los Angeles, California. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and the bridegroom was given in marriage by his parents.

Nancy L. Katzman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaid was Debra Resnick, also a sister of the bride. Flowergirl was Allison Cottrell, niece of the bridegroom.

Best man was Howard Wilner, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Gary Katzman, brother of the bride, and Brian Fink.

The couple plans to reside in Tarzana, California.



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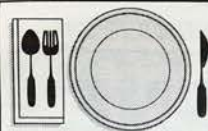
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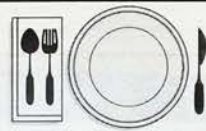
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by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

When you go out for dinner at **Barnsider Mile & A Quarter** in Providence, expect to get treated like royalty. The restaurant's warmth will fill you with rapture when you come in from the cold. A pleasant maitre d' will greet you, then seat you in the spacious dining quarters. Throughout the evening a waiter or waitress will be at your beck and call, managing to inquire about the quality of your meal at the most appropriate times.

It's obvious that the specialty of the Barnsider is satisfying the most sophisticated palate's standards as each evening a full dining room of guests awaits the finest service, atmosphere and food. This American Bistro is even more harmonious as it pipes out pleasant classical music while you enjoy their American/Old New England cuisine. You're satisfied with the place before you even take a bite.

The appetizers and accompaniments are prepared with the care and artistry of a main dish. Mushrooms come baked stuffed or sauteed. Chicken appetizers run from Chicken Fingers with honey mustard sauce to Buffalo Wings with Louisiana hot sauce and bleu cheese dressing. We opted for the Veggie Nachos smothered with melted cheeses, chopped red onions, tomatoes, lettuce, Serrano peppers and garnished with a dollop of sour cream. For soup there is French Onion Gratin and Fish Chowder. After ordering, one is obliged to visit the salad bar. This is a salad bar that leaves all others lacking. Besides almost every vegetable and dressing under the sun, this salad bar also features a variety of breads and cheeses. You have to be careful not to overload your plate.

The list of entrees is enormous, with much to please the palate. Let's start with seafood. The Norwegian Salmon comes broiled, grilled or Cajun style accompanied by

Dill Hollandaise. The Swordfish comes grilled or arranged on a Swordfish Kabob skewered with onions, peppers, zucchini, tomatoes and mushrooms, lightly marinated and served on a bed of rice pilaf. Also available is Baked Had-dock, Baked Scrod and the Catch of the Day.

As for meats, the Barnsider operates their own butcher shop and the quality cannot be surpassed. I opted for Loin Cuts of New Zealand Lamb with mint jelly that was mouth watering. Steaks come in many styles: Top Sirloin, Teriyaki Sirloin, Steak Dijonnaise and many more. My companion chose the Filet Mignon Bernaise; a beautiful cut of beef with Bernaise Sauce on the side. Portions come in two sizes: regular, which is very generous, or petite. They are priced accordingly, as is the "smaller appetite" menu.

The dessert menu is also quite extensive, featuring ice cream prepared in many ways,



Barnsider's Mile & A Quarter

apple pie alone or a la mode, chocolate walnut pie, cheese-cake or a fresh fruit parfait that gives you a fun, low-cal alternative. Also available are hot coffee specialties, liqueur parfaits and a selection of brandies, cognacs and ports.

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Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday noon to 8 p.m.; and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. The Siskind Center, which houses the Museum's photography collection, is open by appointment at (401) 454-5367 or 454-6519.

Resist Dyeing in Asian Textiles - Through January 12. The technique of patterning a textile by resist dyeing has a long and important history in

Asia, and many methods have been developed over the centuries. In *ikat*, threads are dyed before weaving to form a pattern on the loom, while in *batik*, *plangi*, and stencil printing, areas of the finished cloth are patterned with tied and sewn thread, wax, rice paste, or other materials that prevent the penetration of the dye.

European Painting and Sculpture, ca. 1770-1937, in the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design - Through January 26. This exhi-

bition celebrates the publication of the Museum's collection catalogue by the same name, with highlights from the outstanding collection of Neoclassical, Impressionist, Victorian, and Cubist painting and sculpture, brought together in the Main Gallery. The 288-page catalogue edited by Daniel Rosenfeld, curator of painting and sculpture, includes 85 in-depth entries set off by 16 color reproductions and 85 black and white photos as well as an illustrated and annotated checklist of the Museum's entire collection of paintings and sculpture from the period.

Through the Collector's Eye: **Oriental Rugs from New England Private Collection** - Through February 9. For centuries, Eastern carpets have exerted a particular fascination on the Western imagination. Oriental rugs represent one of the greatest art forms of the Middle East and one that has been highly prized in Europe since at least the 14th century. Today's collectors and museums are still discovering important and valuable pieces of this rapidly disappearing woven art. Approximately 50 weavings recently acquired by 17 New England collectors will be included in the exhibition. Anatolian, Caucasian, Persian, Turkman, Baluch, and Chinese weavings, ranging from the 18th to the 20th centuries as well as examples from the Museum's collection of early classical Persian and Anatolian fragments will be included. After opening at RISD's Museum of Art, the exhibition will travel to the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C., where it will be on view from March 20 to May 3, 1992.



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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

R.I. Philharmonic Presents *Tosca*



Geraldine McMillian (*Tosca*) and Robert Brubaker (*Cavaradossi*).

The Rhode Island Philharmonic will present the New York City Opera National Company in their fully staged production of Puccini's great operatic masterpiece "TOSCA," for one performance only, on Tuesday evening, January 14, at 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. Set against the political strife of Napoleon's conquest of Italy, "TOSCA" tells the tale of a beautiful singer, Floria Tosca, her lover, Mario Cavaradossi and Scarpia, a corrupt official who lusts after her. First performed in Rome in 1900, the opera is a provocative melodrama replete with jealousy, intrigue and betrayal. It is noted for its unforgettable music, passionate encounters and powerful climaxes.

Tickets for the New York City Opera National Company's production of "TOSCA" are available now at the Philharmonic office, 222 Richmond Street, Providence, by phone (401) 831-3123 with Mastercard or VISA, or in person 9-5 Monday-Friday. Ticket prices for the opera are \$15, \$25, \$35 and \$55 with a \$2 discount for senior citizens, students and disabled upon presentation of valid identification. Groups of 10 or more receive a \$1 discount and groups of 20 or more receive a \$2 discount off the regular ticket prices. Tickets to the opera include admission to the Rhode Island Philharmonic's pre-performance presentation "Tosca Talk" on Sunday, January 12, at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Led by URI faculty member Gary Glaze, "Tosca Talk" is an informal and informative presentation about opera in general, the composer Puccini and the opera "TOSCA."

If any tickets remain, they will be available at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Box Office at the "Tosca Talk" on Sunday, January 12, and on January 14,

the day of the performance from 5 p.m. until curtain time at 8 p.m. The box office phone number at VMA is 277-3150.

The Rhode Island Philharmonic presentation of the New York City Opera National Company's production of "TOSCA" is supported in part by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

Kibbe Reilly Joins Trinity Rep As Director of Development

Dennis Conway, General Manager of Trinity Repertory Company, announces the hiring of Kibbe Reilly as Director of Development for the 28-year-old Tony-award winning theatre company. Ms. Reilly comes to Trinity Rep after a successful tenure as Director of Public Affairs at The Miriam Hospital, where she was responsible for all public relations and marketing activities. While at Miriam, she was the recipient of the 1991 MacEachern Award from the Public Relations Society of America and two Lamplighter Awards from the New England Hospital Public Relations and Marketing Association. She also served as Chairman of the Public Relations and Marketing Section of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island.

Before moving to Rhode Island, Ms. Reilly worked as a television journalist in Dallas, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York and Boston. She has taught reporting and writing at Columbia University's School of Journalism, and is the author of a non-fiction book, *The Genuine Texas Handbook*, a humorous look at her



Kibbe Reilly

native Texas.

Ms. Reilly earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Rochester, and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. She resides in Providence with her husband, Tom Reilly, a native Rhode Islander and tax lawyer in private practice.

RISD Event

Tuesday, December 31 - **First Night**. As 1991 draws to a close the Museum ushers in the new year with special drawing workshops for children and their parents at 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4 and 4:30 p.m.; 2:30 - 6 p.m. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence.

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Barrington Public Library

Two film programs for children will be held during the holiday week. On Friday, December 27, three films will be shown at 3:30 p.m. "Ralph S. Mouse," "Owl Moon," and "Disney's Wonderful World of Winter."

On Monday, December 30, at 10 a.m., another selection of three films will be presented: "The Cricket in Times Square," "The Snowboy" and "The Tender Story of Cinderella Penguin." Each grouping will last one hour and is suitable for children over the age of four. Admission is free.



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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

Judaica For The Next Generation

Michael Strauss, who went from passionately collecting antique Kiddush cups to retailing, buying a Manhattan silversmith business under his own name.

"Now, I'm doing it for the whole world. I am a child of survivors. Regretfully, during the Holocaust the Germans stole most of the rich Jewish heritage the past generation had. If we don't make it available, it's just going to die. When it comes to giving wedding and Bar and Bat Mitzvah presents, people should give something Jewish and traditional that will have meaning for the next generation. It's easy to make a lousy reproduction but to reproduce it in the way it was done by hand hundreds of years ago is what it's all about. It's important for the next generation."

It Breathes Life Into Me

Karen Kessler, who starred in an original musical, *Genesis: A Divine Musical Comedy* presented by the Pawtucket Arts Council. The week of our interview, she was given the lead in an industrial film.

"My father died 10 years ago. It was a very difficult period for me. I was really shaken up. It took a long time to get over that in my life. When all the good things happen like my graduation and marriage, I say, 'Dad, are you seeing this?'"

What Camp's All About

What would summer be without a trek to Camp Jori and a talk with its ebullient director, Marshall Gerstenblatt, surrounded with smiling kids!

"It doesn't take much to keep kids happy. Good food, activity and counsellors who care about the kids!"

A Kitchen Table Book

Culinary expert Leah Loeb Fisher of "Mama Leah's To Go" take-out shops in New York and author of "Mama Leah's Jewish Kitchen," a compendium of recipes from blintzes to borscht, kugel to kasha, and feelings to feelings.

"The important events of my life took place around the kitchen including my late husband's proposal. The kitchen table always provided a place to talk, cry or laugh about those events. My book isn't a coffee table book. It's (you guessed it!) a kitchen table book. I like to picture you, the reader, sitting at your kitchen table as you read it, as you use it."

Reaching 25 Years of Service

About a tradition begun 25 years ago by members of Plantations Unit 5337, B'nai B'rith.

Larry Waldman, together with his brother Marty, said, "We began this tradition 25 years ago because we wanted to do something special for the police department." That "something special" was to relieve police personnel in the Communications Department so they could spend time with their families on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Knitting Tradition Continues

About the devoted women who knit for the Jewish Home's Women's Association with comments by Dorothy Lippman.

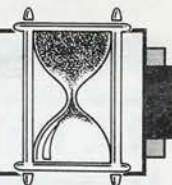
"Not all the knitters are local. One woman, who moved to Arizona, mails everything she makes to us. Yarn is mailed to all the Florida snowbirds who send back their strips or finished afghans. Projects go on even if the people leave town. It's a creative enterprise with variety. There's a woman who makes a sweater in the same pattern without ever making it twice the same way. There's such variety in design and size that could never be found in a pattern book."

A Whole Lifetime

Pen and ink artist Cara Schwartz, who specializes in custom designed notecards of residential, commercial and marine portraits, theatres and historic landmarks, genre scenes, and houses of worship.

"I have a love for my religion. If there is beauty in ceremonies, beauty in our tradition, this came from childhood. I have to credit my mother for this. She proved I had ability as a youngster. It was my mother's appreciation and desire to show beauty in Jewish art that Friday night stands out in my memory. The table was always a beautiful work of art. . . . The house smelled good. I remember the prayers being said. It was a time when the whole family was together. It was the flowers and the way the linens, the crystal and silver looked. It was a time to be renewed and to be together. It is something of the holidays I have taken away with me. When I go to do a congregation or building, this is what I carry within me. I think this is something for which I can thank my parents. It has taken me a whole lifetime to get to this point!"

RETRO '91



A Court Sensitive To People's Needs

Remarks to the 400 people who attended the robing ceremony of Lauren Levy Miller as the newest Dade County Judge during her investiture at the Eleventh Judicial Court of Florida in Miami.

"There's one person who helped me make the entire dream possible, my 24-hour-a-day campaign worker and adviser. He was always there for our children and for me. Buddy isn't only my husband; he's my best friend. The other avenue that led me here started in Providence where I was raised by my loving and supportive parents, Dorothy and Irwin Levy. They have taught me the importance of education, honesty, and hard work. As a judge, I will try to create a court that is sensitive to people's needs while respecting our county's legal tradition. The awesome responsibility of county court judge is one I regard with the utmost reverence."

I Still Believe In the Goodness of Mankind

The steps leading to the videotaping of Hans Heimann's life during the war years in Italy at the Holocaust Memorial Museum and a personal account of those years.

"Here began the saga of the good Italians, one that should live in good memory forever just like December 7, 1941. The day of infamy should always be remembered. . . . In conclusion, please let me say thanks to the good Lord for saving my life and for granting me to live through what I have described. I want to end this epistle with the same words as Anne Frank in her famous diary: 'I still believe in the goodness of mankind.'"

Art And Music Are My Soul

Nicole Kogut, artist representative

"Some people will go to New York to buy but won't buy the equivalent here because it's Providence. I think it's a shame. We must have those artists stay here. We must support the art community. We have all the talent here. Why go to another place where things cost 30-50% more? That's how I started. . . . by buying artworks myself. It evolved into a business. I went to galleries here and saw a lot of different shows and thought my goodness, this is wonderful! We have a wonderful art community here. Thousands of artists are in Rhode Island. It's amazing. We should support them!"

Kindness Towards All Beings

Debra Mann, keyboardist/vocalist/songwriter, who has her own group "The Debra Mann Jazz Trio." At the time this story was written, Debra was performing at the Animal Rights Coalition at the CAV.

"As a humanitarian and one who believes in kindness towards all beings, I can't turn my head away from horror stories I've read and pictures I've seen. I don't like it. Most people don't consider animals should have rights. That upsets me the most. I have a lot of passion about animals and the environment. I believe animals are an important part of the eco-structure in this world. We're just knocking down forests to raise cattle and build roads. It's a mess all documented. There are a lot of horror stories associated with circuses and zoos. Zoos are the future seed banks for animals because of so many extinctions. We're going to have only a few left of each species and many animals don't survive in captivity."

Secrets Of The Dead Sea Scrolls

Nancy Porter, Emmy winner for her "Zoom" series, who wrote, produced and directed "Secret of the Dead Sea Scrolls" film for Public Television.

"Presently, the scrolls are being viewed from a broader perspective. They're really a portrait of ancient Judaism, which we didn't know much about. Until this point, we had pottery shards, and here we have a library of 800 manuscripts. More Jewish scholars are involved now that the scrolls are open. No secrets are left, but we really don't know."

Memories

A trip down Memory Lane to the Fifties booked by D.S.

"Where else should it be but a humongous rock to chronicle the four of us in black and white checkered wool lumberjackets. Without the easy maneuverability of sneakers, we accepted the challenge and climbed the proud rock of youth and togetherness with lightness of heart! Ah memories, especially at High Holiday time. They ripple like rivers flowing into the ocean of life."



LOCAL NEWS

A Family Circle Is Made Whole



Aaron Trachtenberg (far left) is joined by a branch of his family he met for the first time last month. Cousins (from l. to r.) Alla, Vladimir, Raisa and Boris arrived from the Soviet Union in November.

Ellen Steingold's crowded office at Jewish Family Service stands like a cultural crossroads. She speaks to a teenage girl in French. Aaron Trachtenberg, a local businessman, speaks in Yiddish. Tamara Berezin, JFS resettlement staff member, speaks to a woman in Russian. A young boy sits quietly listening to it all. The languages fill the space between families and generations that only last month stretched from Rhode Island to Minsk to World War II Poland. Sitting in this office are first cousins who have finally linked arms, bringing closure to a family's struggle to be joined together.

The circle begins with Aaron Trachtenberg's father, Samuel, who lived in pre-war Poland with three brothers and a sister. As Eastern Europe became more entrenched in war and destruction, Samuel fled to Russia. His brothers were conscripted and disappeared into the Russian army. After the war ended, Samuel travelled throughout the bordering countries, looking for any members of his family who may have survived. His wife and children had been extinguished in the Holocaust. In 1945, his search led him to a cousin, whom he married. Samuel, his new wife and their son, Aaron, born in a displaced persons camp in Germany, came to the U.S.

Relatives in Rhode Island were their link. Samuel began to rebuild his life, never knowing about his siblings but never forgetting. Then, through an act of serendipity, his oldest brother was located. A friend who had visited the USSR had found him and passed on the address to Samuel. A war and thirty years later, the two brothers were reunited through their letters. Words and sentences were insufficient and plans for a visit to the U.S. were initiated. After years of working through a paper-laden bureaucracy, the USSR finally granted permission for the visit. The brothers would truly be reunited. But in June, 1973 Baruch Trachtenburg suffered a fatal heart attack as he stepped onto the plane, leaving

a wife and children.

Samuel continued to write to his brother's widow over the years, until yet another tragedy left its mark. A man who had been able to escape the Holocaust and rebuild his life, could no longer bear the pain meted to him. "When my brother Sandy died, it was too much for him," says Aaron. "He was saying *kaddish* for his father and his son. His heart was broken." In 1984 Samuel Trachtenburg died.

Although the brothers had died, the link between the families had been forged. Aaron's mother, Janice, continued to write to the family in Russia, until the correspondence abruptly ended. Letters went across the Atlantic but went unreplyed, until Aaron received a letter from his aunt two years ago. The Yiddish words spoke of the hard times. Would he please help her and her children come to the U.S.?

Aaron began the emigration process, writing letters to congressmen, senators to help this family - his family. The denials came, based on the premise that they were not "first line relatives." Aaron, with the persistence that kept his father alive, continued his campaign - phoning, writing.

One year ago, the Trachtenberg family file was reviewed by the Washington Processing Center. Given the circumstances and hardships they had endured, the family was granted refugee status. As with her husband, America was just beyond Bascia's reach. As she and her family prepared to emigrate, Bascia Trachtenberg became ill and died. After years of delays brought on by agencies and bureaucrats, one remained. A headstone needed to be placed at this matriarch's grave.

As his cousin disposed of his personal property in Minsk, Aaron continued to make arrangements for his family's arrival. He began meeting with Ellen Steingold regularly. "She was very patient with me, helping me to see clearly what was happening. She always had an encouraging word for me, and the interaction was always positive," he comments. "She was so un-bureaucratic."

On November 4, Boris, Alla, Raisa and Vladimir Trachtenberg arrived in the U.S., completing a journey begun by a previous generation. When congratulated for the outcome of his efforts and determina-

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Open House At ASDS

On Thursday morning, January 9, the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, 85 Taft Avenue, Providence, will host its annual Open House from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Bohnen Vestry of Temple Emanu-El.

The Open House will begin with coffee and pastries and a welcome by school director, Rabbi Richard Israel. Throughout the vestry curriculum materials and student projects from all grade levels will be on display.

Admissions Director Penney Stein will present a slide show highlighting the Schechter program and Assistant Director Jennifer Miller will discuss the General Studies curriculum. Judaic Studies Coordinator Rabbi Elana Kanter will outline the goals of the Judaic Studies curriculum and the possibilities offered by a Day School education.

Tours of the school building will be conducted and parents will have a chance to see regular and specialty classes in action. After the presentations and tours, parents are invited to return to the vestry for some coffee and danish and the opportunity to speak personally to the administrators.

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Those who are considering a Jewish Day School education for children in primary and upper grades as well as in kindergarten, are most cordially invited to attend the Open House.

For more information call Penney Stein, Admissions Director, at 751-2470.

WANTED: YOUR OLD WEDDING PHOTOS

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald is busy preparing its 1992 Bridal Issue. We're interested in your old wedding photos. If you'd like to help, please send your photo to the Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940. We'd prefer photos that reflect how much bridal fashions have changed over the years. Please include your name, address and phone number, along with the date of your marriage.

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Kosher Mealsite At The JCCRI: Week Of Dec. 27-Jan. 2

Seniors are invited to join a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon at the JCCRI Kosher Mealsite at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence. The doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour. Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. Regularly scheduled activities include: bridge on Mondays from 12:30-3:45 p.m.; Women's Forum every Tuesday from 11-11:45 a.m.; Friend to Friend on Thursdays from 11 a.m. until

noon; Bingo on Thursdays from 12:45 p.m. until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs.

Friday, Dec. 27: VCR program, "Mexico Journey to the Sun," 11 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29: "Citizen Kane, Part I, 11 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 2: GAC Board Meeting at 1 p.m.

For further information, please call Ben Eisenberg at 861-8800.

Congregation Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

Friday, December 27 - Twenty days in TEVET. Candle-lighting at 4 p.m.

Saturday, December 28 - Twenty-one days in TEVET. (Next Saturday, January 4, 1992, we will bless the new month of SHEVAT. Rosh Chodesh will be one day, Monday, January 6, 1992.)

The Torah reading today is PARSHAS SHEMOS. Morning services are at 8:30 a.m. followed by our customary kiddush; given by Mr. George Labush, from his winter Florida home!! Shabbos is over at 5:08 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:10 p.m.

Sunday, December 29 - Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. followed by the installation of officers and board of directors. Let's see some increased attendance!!

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

HONOR

According to our sages, the great Mitzvah of honoring parents applies both in their lifetimes and after. By observing the year of Mourning, Yahrzeits, Yiskor, and Kaddish, we demonstrate our appreciation

for what they did for us during their lifetime. This honor helps the souls of our parents attain a higher place in Gan Eden (the World to come).

Further, when, after a parent's passing, a child resolves to follow the Torah more carefully and attempt to live a more intensely Jewish life, he brings untold merit to this parent's soul, for his renewed sincerity and devotion to a Jewish way of life reflects on the parents who brought (him/her) into this world!

To share in the learning of Torah is a mitzvah of infinite worth. To attend services is unmeasurable - how many times, due to not having a quorum (ten male adults), is the kaddish not recited?? Our synagogue has names of beloved parents, grandparents, whose children are no longer living in the nearby community. This is no reason to forget "their shul." More than 500 names are on our memorial plaques - we see that they are lit the four times that Yiskor is said during the year. Wouldn't it be conscious for the children to observe - just to see that someone - somebody cares. Some of our most successful businessmen

and women originate from the North End of Providence. Come in, see what's going on!!!

To support those who dedicate their lives to Torah is a great mitzvah. A contribution to a synagogue or charity of your choice is also most important when observing the memory of a beloved parent - this carries a merit of immeasurable proportions, a Zchus for all eternity.

Our synagogue can also insure that kaddish and Mishnayos are properly said for a departed parent so that, in the event one is unable to do so, you have the peace of mind that the mitzvah is properly fulfilled on your behalf.

Most importantly, however, come into the congregation and reacquaint yourselves with a synagogue that your parents gave so much to. What an honor to give in their memory. How proud they were, and would be to take you by the hand and once again enter for Sabbath and Holiday services. Remember!!

We certainly hope that our attendance will increase! That has been the purpose of writing commentaries for the last there and one-half years. Results are very poor!!

Congregation Ohawe Sholam

Congregation Ohawe Sholam - Young Israel of Pawtucket invites you to join us for a series of three Glatt Kosher Gourmet Dinners. Bring your friends and join us for great food, culture and companionship. For those of you with young children, here's an opportunity for an "adults only" night out!

When: Saturday, January 11, 1992, Chinese Night; Saturday, February 8, 1992, Italian Night; Sunday, March 22, 1992, Russian Night.

The price for one dinner is \$22.50 per person or any two dinners are \$42.50 per person. If you subscribe to all three dinners before January 1, 1992, your discounted price is \$60 per person. After January 1, tickets may be purchased up to 14 days prior to the evening for \$22.50 per person. For reservations or further information, contact Nita Pliskin at 725-3886 or Marianna Engel at 726-4040. We look forward to seeing you!

JCCRI Singles

January 7: Tuesday

Game Night. Our last game night was such a success, we've decided to have another one. Munchies will be available.

Time: 7 p.m. Cost: \$2.

January 12: Sunday

J. Wales Restaurant. 2099 Post Rd., Warwick. (Seafood/pasta). Call Diane 739-1885 for reservations.

Time: 5 p.m. Cost: varies.

January 25: Saturday

Sirloin Station Restaurant. 30 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick. Choose from a wide selection - beef, poultry, seafood, Italian. Call Laura to reserve your space.

Time: 5:30 p.m. Cost: varies.

For further information call the person indicated or Laura (5-9 p.m. please) at 941-7640.

In case of inclement weather, please call to ensure the event isn't cancelled.

Reservations at all restaurants are made in the name of JCC Singles.

During the winter, transportation will be unavailable from the JCCRI to an event (unless otherwise noted).

If you have any ideas for events or would be interested in attending a Planning Committee Meeting, please call Laura.

Annual Hospital Volunteer Project

As a service to the local community, the following people have volunteered for Touro Synagogue's annual project of volunteer service at Newport Hospital to relieve the permanent Christian volunteers for their holidays: Sheila Duncan, as Chairperson of the project, Phyllis and Samuel Friedman, Sylvia Greenbaum, Enid Levinson, Sharon Margolis, Ruth Meierowitz and Shirley Waterman.

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Adoption Choices

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People who are considering adoption should be aware of the various choices that are available. A clear understanding can help make decision-making easier. Two options that are available are the agency-assisted Identified Adoption and private adoption. Although there appear to be similarities on some points, the differences between them are significant.

Private Adoption

In a private adoption, the birth mother and the adoptive parent(s) find each other through a variety of means, such as word of mouth or advertising. They then make arrangements through an attorney as to the degree of openness, payment of medical and legal expenses, etc. No home study is required in a private adoption, which means that the adoptive parents have received little preparation or education around adoption issues. It also means that the birth mother may not know

much about the adoptive family — their motivation to adopt, level of education, lifestyle or readiness to parent.

Because there is no agency support, counseling may not be available to either the birth or adoptive parents to help them work through the many issues inherent in adoption. In a private adoption that occurs in Rhode Island, the birth parents have up to six months to terminate their parental rights. There is the risk that the adoption may fall through.

Agency-Assisted Identified Adoption

In an Identified Adoption, the birth and adoptive parents find each other with attorneys involved to monitor the legal aspects of the adoption. Unlike a private adoption, there is agency involvement, with comprehensive services offered to all parties. Ongoing counseling is available to both the birth parents and adoptive family. Emotional and practical support is also in place, to help adoptive and birth parents negotiate the emotional ups and downs of this period. The

agency conducts a home study to determine the readiness of the prospective adoptive parents to be a family. Through the home study, the adoptive parents become more knowledgeable and prepared about adoption. The birth parents, then, can have peace of mind about their decision to place their child with this particular family.

The agency can act as a link with the physicians and hospital. And once the baby is born, birth parents can terminate their parental rights after fifteen days. At that time, JFS becomes the child's guardian and places the child with the identified family. In an Identified Adoption the period of legal risk is minimized and the chances of the adoption collapsing are reduced. Jewish Family Service provides comprehensive adoption services. For those who have made the decision to proceed with adoption or for those exploring the process, JFS can provide information, counseling and assistance. Call the agency at 331-1244 for further information.

JFS Services to the Elderly Provide Support and Peace of Mind

According to Jewish Family Service's executive director, Paul L. Segal, winter vacations can pose a dilemma for adult children who have taken on the role of their elderly relative's caregiver. "Many adults, who have looked forward to the time in their lives when they can winter in warmer climates are conflicted about leaving, fearing that their loved ones will not be well cared for. JFS' services to the elderly can help," he says. "Our programs can offer peace of mind for those leaving and direct support for the elderly who remain."

JFS is able to hook up the elderly to numerous resources. The JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston offers a hot lunch as well as a variety of programs and activities five days a week,

JFS' trained and licensed Home Health Aides provide assistance in light household tasks, such as marketing or food preparation, for those elderly who need help to remain living independently. JFS administers Lifeline, an emergency medical response system that brings medical help in moments. JFS also acts as a referral source to other programs that are not agency sponsored, such as those offered by the Department of Elderly Affairs.

JFS is also able to arrange regular support for the isolated elderly. During the weekends, when most agencies and offices are closed, JFS provides a telephone assurance program. At a predetermined time on Sunday, a volunteer from the Rhode Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women calls

an elderly client participating in the program. A JFS staff member is on call in case there is an emergency.

"The benefits to the elderly are numerous and serve to maintain a quality of life for those living at home. The benefits to the adult caretaker are more subtle, but just as important. Adult children, many of whom are retired themselves, can still take their vacations. They can leave with the knowledge and confidence that someone is in regular touch with their loved one and that they would be contacted in an emergency," according to JFS staff member Toby Galli.

For further information about JFS' Services to the Elderly, call the agency at 331-1244.

True Kindness

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

On December 15 at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Cemetery the Chased Schel Amess held its 80th annual meeting and election of officers.

President Ralph Rottenberg was sworn in. The 1st vice president is Sheldon Blustein, the 2nd vice president is Murray Gereboff. Treasurer is Remmie Brown, and Financial and Recording Secretary Stanley Grebstein, ex-officio Louis Bloom.

Other officers of the board include Max Kerzner, Phil Rosenfield, Irving Zaidman, Rubin Zeidman, Ernst Schleifer, Sidney Schaeffer, Herb Wagner, Jack Temkin, Richard Goldfine, Mike Fink, Gladys Kapstein, Samuel Eisenstadt, Herschel Smith, Simon Chorney, George Labush, Abe Ponce,

Phil Simon, Harold Silverman, Louis Rottenberg, Louis Brown, Irving Leven, and Jack Mossberg.

President Ralph Rottenberg in his address singled out Phil Rosenfield (a World War II vet) as the long-term Chased Schel Amess board member, whose help he has relied on "even just to pay the bills at the drugstore and save small change in postage."

"Philip" means "lover of horses."

At the collation following the installation of officers, Phil told this reporter the story of his family background on the East Side.

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Touro Synagogue's United Hebrew School students concluded the first semester of this school year in fine fashion by conducting a Youth Shabbat service in Touro Synagogue on Saturday, Dec. 21. The children were a choir, as Rabbi Shapiro led the "Musaf" Shabbat service. The children's participation in this service also in-

cluded solo and semi-solo performances in the concluding part of the worship service. Rabbi Shapiro's sermon "Blessing Our Children," prepared for the event, was also a feature of this 9 a.m. service.

The children will be having a mid-term recess, and resume their classes in January.

GOT AN AMUSING WEDDING STORY?

Everyone strives for, and hopefully achieves, the perfect wedding. But that may not necessarily always be the case. So, in view of this, we at the *Herald* are in search of funny wedding stories to publish in our special 1992 Bridal Issue. We invite the Jewish community to share with our readers amusing marital "bloopers"-type circumstances. For those interested, please send your story (no more than 250 words, typed, double-spaced) of that odd yet amusing occurrence to the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940. Please include your name, address, and telephone number. Photos are also welcome. All material may be edited for space restrictions.

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OBITUARIES

STEPHEN M. KAUFMAN

ATLANTA, Ga. — Stephen M. Kaufman, 21, of 85 Crest Drive, Cranston, died unexpectedly Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. Born in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Dr. Donald G. and Anita (Levy) Kaufman, of Cranston. He was a resident of Cranston most of his life.

He was a senior student at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. and was a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and the president of the Emory University Sailing Club.

Besides his parents, he leaves two brothers, Michael L. Kaufman and Jason T. Kaufman, both of Cranston, and his maternal grandmother, Jeanette Levy, of Cranston.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Stephen M. Kaufman Memorial Fund, c/o Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. 02905.

DOROTHY LEACH

BAL HARBOR, Fla. — Dorothy Leach, 88, of 10275 Collins Ave., died Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Miami Heart Institute. She was the widow of John Philip Leach.

Born in Europe, a daughter of the late Harry and Gussie (Licht) Alprin, she had lived in Cranston for many years before moving to Florida 20 years ago.

Mrs. Leach was a Gray Lady during World War II.

She leaves a son, Ronald M. Leach of East Greenwich; a daughter, Nancy Leach Entin of Hallandale, Fla.; a brother, Judge Jacob Alprin of Boca Raton, Fla.; five sisters, Bertha Kaplan and Celia Fishman, both of Miami Beach, Fla., Gladys Berns of New York, Ann Wineberg of Warwick, and Shirley Richards of Providence; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson. She was the mother of the late Irving I. Leach and Robert S. Leach.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Dec. 22, at Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

LEWIS N. SALK

CRANSTON — Lewis N. Salk, 60, of 360 Magnolia St., died Sunday, Dec. 15, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Barbara (Gertz) Salk.

Born in Providence, he was a son of Frances (Shapiro) Salk of Providence, and the late Gabriel Salk.

Mr. Salk was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a licensed constable in the State of Rhode Island for 25 years. He was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves three daughters, Shari Roberti of East Providence, Kari Letourneau of Attleboro, Mass., and Lori Pagliarini of Burke, Va.; a brother, Stephen D. Salk of Providence, and a granddaugh-

ter.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

NATHAN WEXLER

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Nathan Wexler, husband of the late Gertrude (Berger) Wexler, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

He leaves two sons, Donald Wexler, of Cranston, and Jerome Wexler of Boca Raton, Fla.; two brothers, Albert Wexler and Harry Wexler, both of New York; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandsons. He was the brother of the late Sidney, Maxwell, William and Rose Wexler.

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True Kindness

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That part of Sixth doesn't exist any longer. But when I was a kid the whole region was open land, farm, pasture. My dad was in the cattle business. We kept cows and grazed horses. They slept in the barn. They roamed the land all around us. One of our cows gave birth to a three-legged calf. The event got written up in the papers. Such a freak of nature isn't kosher, you know. So we just let it play around and romp like Ferdinand. Another time I got kicked by one of our young horses. It was just a colt, kicking up its heels. But it hit me in the gut and knocked me out. Like a miracle, it didn't do me any damage at all. I had to be a tough kid back then. I had to fight for myself, I was the only Jewish boy on the hillside. My dad came here from Central Falls.

You never met such an agreeable fellow as this Phil. He brings the same cheer and buoyancy to the Chased. "After all, this cemetery, too,

was farmland and orchard, like the whole state." I asked, "Where did your people come from before they were Americans, Rhode Islanders?" "We came from Russia," "I bet your great-grandparents lived there pretty much the same way you did over here. Now the Russians are coming to the same piece of land all over again. But their lives won't be like yours, and the space isn't the same either."

"You're telling me. Do you know, we just used to drink the most wonderful sparkling water from a spring that flowed at the corner of Highland and 3rd street?"

"I think there's still a strip of that territory, a no-man's land that nobody pays any attention to, a living reminder of your boyhood. I wish we could make a garden out of it. A memorial to a Jewish outpost. A real chesed shel emess."

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Touro Announces New Adult Education Program

After completing its most ambitious and successful Adult Education Program for the fall term, Touro Synagogue of Newport announced that registrations for its new Winter-Spring term program are being accepted. The new program will commence on Monday, January 6, 1992, at the Touro Community Center (corner of Touro and Division Streets). The Monday evening group will feature two classes. The first, to start at 7 p.m., will be a follow-up Bible course, entitled "Bible Writings II." This course will survey the following Bible texts: "Proverbs," "Daniel," "Ezra," "Nehemiah" and the five "Scroll" texts. The 8 p.m. course entitled "The Sephardic Odyssey," will discuss the history and culture of the Sephardic Jews who founded Touro Synagogue. It is part of the yearlong commemoration of the quincentennial of the Spanish Expulsion of Jews in 1492.

On Wednesday evening, starting January 8, the second term of an advanced conversational Hebrew class will be conducted, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Also, a free Intermediate Hebrew Reading Crash Course will be conducted, for six sessions on Wednesday mornings. All of these classes will be conducted by the congregation's spiritual leader, Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro.

For information on these courses, registration or other information, contact the synagogue office at 847-4794.

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Chayder

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peace with his peers in order to guide the guidance for the sometimes restless children's services.

For such services, we pupils performed all of the chanting. In my day, the top pupils who carried out this mitzvah were Sam Buckler, Jack Pearl, and Leo Zefel. There was also a second tier of performers, among whom I immodestly count myself. Because this was before "womens' lib" in Judaism, girls played no role in leading these services even though pupils such as Shifrah Spolter were well qualified to do so.

The "main event" of our services occurred on Saturday morning. Was it some special chant? or a singular prayer? No, it was the distribution, at completion of services, of ... cupcakes!!!

Prior to completion of services, Mr. Miller would detail one or two attendees to run down to my uncle Sam Bazar's Modern Sanitary Bakery, about 4 blocks away, to bring back frosted cupcakes for the worshipers. Distribution of these donated goodies insured devoted attendance to services week after week.

Aside from the "cupcake caper," there were two big events associated with the chayder - the Hebrew School picnic, and the services we presented at one of the local synagogues.

Our annual picnic was a community affair. Businesses from all over South Providence donated food and drink, ice and firewood, decorations and noisemakers. Mr. Hodosh loaned his tall, barrel-carrying trucks for the chayder pupils to ride on, and the trucks, followed by an entourage of family cars, would wind through the streets of South Providence in a noisy parade before heading out to Goddard Park.

Once there, there would be feasting and games for the whole community, as well as impromptu entertainment. Two such performances I remember - the younger of two Feldman brothers, who had a beautiful voice, sang Yiddish

songs, including "Dee Greeneh Cuzeeneh"; — and my 5 foot 6 inch father, Henry, in a boxing exhibition with his 6 foot-plus cousin, Hymie Bloom.

The second big event, though not, as I remember, annual, was one in which Mr. Miller demonstrated his pupils' skills at a synagogue. The complete Friday night/Saturday morning program was carried out by the chayder pupils. Not only did we perform every bit of the services, including all the Torah reading, but we also read sections of Hebrew literature appropriate to our age levels. In one such session, performed at the Rushishe Sheel when I had completed my first year or two of chayder, I read the children's story *Yossie Pessi*. When I finished without an error, I looked up and saw my Zaydee Lubin beaming with pride.

Once we pupils successfully accomplished our Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, we generally were ready to stop our chayder training and pursue our secular activities. In many cases, as in mine, fathers, grandfathers, and Mr. Miller applied strong persuasion to convince us to continue with chayder. In my case, such persuasion was effective for about a year, and then the pressure of high school, the need for part-time work, and the restlessness of youth overcame their logic, and I put chayder behind me.

Mr. Bloom is currently engaged in compiling a family history. Members of his family maintained businesses and homes on Willard Avenue for many years.

Family Circle

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tion, Aaron understates what he helped bring about. "In a way, it was for very selfish reasons I did it. This is my only living link to my past and I want them to be with me. I want somebody that is one of my bloodline." He continues to put this family's arrival in the perspective of time. "If my father could have embraced his brother, that would really have been an accomplishment far greater than this."

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Israelis

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he said. Virshubski observed that while Israelis do not boycott Volkswagen and Mercedes cars, both "pungent symbols of the Nazi regime," they are willing to boycott Wagner because it requires no material sacrifice.

Goldstein explain that the Education Ministry does not interfere in the decisions of artistic and cultural institutions. He noted that the IPO has a public committee with the right to advise members how to conduct themselves.

"It has decided to convene and will make a decision in accordance with its prerogatives and without any dictates from the ministry, which would violate the principles of freedom of choice," the Education Ministry official said.

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In addition to his attainment of the Chartered Life Underwriter and the Chartered Financial Consultant designations, Mr. Watkinson has also earned a certificate in Advanced Estate Planning from the American College. He recently served as president of the Estate Planning Council of Rhode Island and is a frequent participant on estate planning panels.

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yeshiva where I had begun school, but as for the suburban synagogue supplementary school I was subsequently enrolled in it was out of the question.

And so Miriam I became, and Miriam I remained, even as I battled the switch from the Ashkenazic to Sephardic pronunciation that swept enlightened American synagogues in the 1960s. In my teens I went to Zionist summer camps, then to Israel, and the sibilant syllables of Ashkenazic Hebrew slipped away, as they began to sound foreign, and eventually irritating, to the ears of thoroughly modern Miriam.

And I recalled a conversation I had had, seven or eight years ago, with the erstwhile rabbi of the very same temple I was now teaching in. He complained to the teachers that the

children of the congregation, like their parents, seemed to lack even the most basic Hebrew vocabulary. "They need to actually use the words, which they don't," I suggested naively. "On Friday nights, perhaps you could say, 'Please open your siddur,' instead of saying 'prayerbook,' or use the word 'brachah' instead of

'blessing.' People would get the idea."

The rabbi glared at me sourly. "First we'd have to make sure people stopped saying 'siddur' rather than 'seedor,' and 'brah-chaw' instead of 'brah-chah.'" And so, "prayerbook" and "blessing" retained their antiseptic hold on the service, lest they be dis-

placed by the yiddishisms corrupting the sacred Hebrew tongue.

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woods for eight to ten days. We got into a farm house. One person from the main house went to the outhouse and caught us. To our luck they were French forced workers.

"After explaining who we were, the Frenchmen took care of us and kept us in a farm house. We went down to greet American soldiers. The soldiers thought we were spies... From then on it was paradise. This was my liberation."

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