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Discovery of Policeman's Body Turns Anxiety to Grief in Israel

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Nationwide apprehension about the fate of kidnapped border police Sgt. Maj. Nissim Toledano turned to grief Dec. 15, when his body was found on a West Bank road about nine miles north of Jerusalem.

Toledano, 29, had been stabbed repeatedly and strangled.

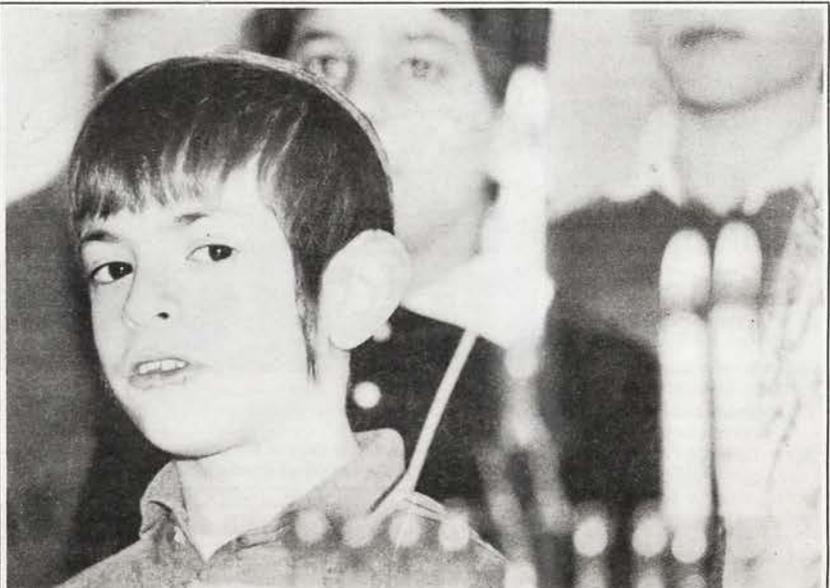
The discovery of his body brought to a sad end two days of tension in which the entire nation seemed to share the

anxiety Toledano's family had undergone since the father of two was kidnapped before dawn Dec. 13 on his way to work in Lod.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, delivering the news to the Knesset, pledged a relentless war against Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement in the territories, which claimed responsibility for Toledano's abduction.

Rabin, who also holds the defense portfolio, said the

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Lighting the Way

Mordechai Shafrin, 8, sings in the light of the menorah Monday at the Emgrove Avenue branch of the Hospital Trust Bank. Students from Providence Hebrew Day School entertained the bank patrons.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Friends Turn Idea Into Reality

by Kammie Kettelle
Herald Assistant Editor

Many people say they would like to take their ideas and turn them into marketable products, but then they don't follow through. That's not the case with Joyce Juda and Greg Schneider, two friends who created "Rhymation," a successful new board game which *The Chicago Tribune* rated one of the top 12 games of 1992.

"You really have to believe in what you do and like your product," Juda told the *Herald* last week. "There is always a different obstacle to overcome. ... If you really like your product, then it's worth it."

Juda, the youth director of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, New England region, grew up in Fall River, Mass., where her family has

been active in the Jewish community and Temple Beth-El for more than 40 years. It was her job at the USY that helped lead

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— Joyce Juda

to the eventual creation of the game.

"I'm a big game player, but I have to make up a lot of games for the kids," Juda said, adding that she has thought up many "icebreakers" for group situations in the past.

Many times, she would think

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Kamentsky Speaks Out Against Jews for Jesus

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter

Ellen Kamentsky, 22, was fresh out of college living in Manhattan and working as an assistant buyer for British American Tobacco, United States. She was making money and living the good life — she thought she had it made. That is, until she slowly saw her life slipping away from her through

disillusionment and lack of spiritual direction.

It was at this low point in her existence when she fell prey to a religious cult called "Jews for Jesus." It was her shocking story that attracted a small crowd to Temple Agudas Achim in Attleboro, Mass., to hear her ordeal at Shabbat service.

Through her personal experience, Kamentsky draws her

audience into the somber world of life in New York to witness the daily squalor of the homeless, the loneliness and indifference she felt from her family, faith and life itself.

Whether by fate or misfortune, Kamentsky was introduced into the cult by a woman she met on a bus, who spoke to her about G-d and her purpose in life. Unbeknownst

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GETTING INTO THE ACT — Temple Am David students let their feelings be known at a puppet show last week that was part of the Chanukah program.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Jewish Community Has High Regard for Clinton's Team

by Cynthia Mann
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish communal professionals have solid praise for the men and women President-elect Bill Clinton has named so far to his domestic policy team.

"These are people who are thoughtful and like public service and want to do good," said Mark Talisman, director of the Council of Jewish Federations' Washington office.

"There is a consensus in the Jewish community that the government needs to play an assertive role in shaping a more just society and intervene to ensure the poorest and least powerful are protected," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

Several of the appointments represent just such a stepped-up role for the federal government, he said.

"What Clinton has signaled by his appointments is his interest in getting a broad base of thinkers, some more conservative and some more liberal," said Diana Aviv, associate executive vice chairwoman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

That could make consensus more difficult, she said, "but it depends on how Clinton draws on them and carves out a direction."

"We're encouraged by the fact that he has appointed competent and prominent women to important posts," she added.

Many of the appointees are

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INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

The year 1993 will mark the 10th anniversary of MADD R.I. Chapter, chartered on May 6, 1983 and founded by Pauline Allard of Woonsocket, following the death of her 16-year-old daughter, Denise, and two other teens, when their car was hit by another during a police chase. Since education is one of the prime objectives of the chapter, a poster/essay contest continues to be an annual event. This year's theme is "What a Wonderful World it Would Be if Drivers Remained Alcohol Free." Deadline for completed entries is Feb. 12. Winning local entries will be forwarded to MADD National for inclusion in the national phase of the contest. For more information, call (800) 242-6233.



United in Song

Dalphna Rabinovich guides her chorus of Alperin Schechter Day School students in a song performed for the seniors at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's kosher meal site Thursday. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

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Students can choose to take Office Practice, Nursing Assistant, Accounting-Lotus I, Word Processing or Desktop Publishing.

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The program is free and open to statewide residents who qualify.

Registration for all classes is held daily, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Cranston Adult Learning Center, 70 Metropolitan Ave. (Cranston West complex). Registration for vocational training courses only will also be held on Jan. 11 and 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cranston Area Vocational-Technical Facility, 100 Metropolitan Ave. (adjacent to Cranston High School West).

For further information, call 785-8166.



The Warwick Parks & Recreation Department will present a new skating program for boys and girls ages 3 to 5 this winter. "Introduction to Skating" will run in two sessions, each running for six weeks on Friday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m., Jan. 8 to Feb. 12, and from Feb. 19 to March 26. The program is run by experienced ice skating professionals who will teach the basic fundamentals of ice skating. Each session costs \$45. Helmets are required. For more information, call 738-2000, ext. 360.

Employees of Rhode Island businesses are invited to participate in "Dress Down For Leukemia II," an annual event raising money for the Leukemia Society's local patient-aid and research programs. Employees are invited to "dress down" (casual) on Dec. 29 for a \$2 donation to the Leukemia Society. Alternate dates may be chosen by the company. Contributors receive an official "I'm Dressed Down For Leukemia" button, explaining the absence of the usual dress, suit or uniform. For more information, call 943-8888.

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FEATURE

Chanukah Friendships

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing
Reporter



"If the menorah has a back strip, Sephardics designed it. If the chanukiah stands straight up, Ashkenazics made it." So says David Gitlitz, principal speaker at the Sousa Mendes Society Chanukah party.

"Iberian Jews came under the influence of the Islamic crescent. 'German' Jews lived under the cross. For the northern Europeans, the festival of lights and the miracle of the oil pointed to the divine hand over scattered Jews. Spanish and Portuguese Jews took over the holiday from Ashkenazic contacts."

The mideastern supper party took place in Professor Gitlitz's home near the URI campus. Guests had to file in small groups through low narrow passageways. "Careful not to bump heads, please," warns the host.

The historic South County homestead fits right into its Yankee heritage, but it strangely recalled the hidden houses of medieval Spain, under the spell of the dreamy club.

The Sousa Mendes Society brings together Christian and Jew, black and white, scholars and gypsies (figuratively speaking, please). President Alvin Rubin, the zesty project planner, is known to gather guests by phoning strangers whose names in the book point to Sephardic origins.

Chanukah also brought together people from all over the world at the new home of Desi and Ed Chernov of West Warwick. They invited some Holocaust survivors, Narragansett neighbors, Providence natives and old pals. A well-mannered gray-muzzled dog greeted guests gently in the vestibule.

"I have a dog story from Russia, where I was born and spent my boyhood," said host Ed. "I brought home a pup,

but Jews didn't keep pets; they were unclean. Well, one day my mother got lost on her way home from the market. Packs of wild dogs used to run in the woods like wolves in winter."

Ed tells his tale like Sherwood Anderson in Winesberg, Ohio, but this one ends happy. "A gang of snarling beasts came after Mom and her supplies. One hound stood firm in front of her to guard and cover her. It was my puppy now grown up. That mutt took quite a beating, but my mother was unharmed. This time we welcomed my dog in our kitchen. Later, the dog ran off and rejoined its own kind. I've always liked dogs since then."

Ed Chernov tells a good story about his life all over the place. His dad brought them to Israel in the early '30s. "We were going to keep a parades, an orchard. But while we waited for the oranges, we saw that the people of Palestine were waiting for good used cars for their empty roads. In those days Jews and Arabs did business together. They lived side by side. Tel Aviv and Jaffa bumped into each other just like Providence and Pawtucket. I hired drivers to deliver American cars shipped to Haifa. The Haifa-Jaffa road was my beat. Israel was a simpler place then."

The Chernov house, tall and proud, holds paintings from Israel, and furnishings from Desi and Ed's prior houses, tables and chairs refinished and recovered. They have refinished and recovered their lives with new things. But they keep their old friends.

Chanukah lights grow like the glow of friendships that warm the chill of the dark winter before us. Time that seems to run out goes on like the cheerful hospitality of the Chernovs.



RHYMATION — Fall River, Mass., native Joyce Juda and Greg Schneider play Rhymation, the new game they created.
Photo ©Jeff Benskin

Friends Turn Idea Into Reality

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that a game she played with the youth group members would be a great board game, and then she would actually see the game in a store. "I always kind of had this idea in my mind."

Juda said that one time, a group of friends including herself and Schneider, a local chapter youth director, played a rhyming game, and she thought it would make a great board game.

"At first we didn't take it seriously, but then we really started working on it," she said.

Schneider said in the past, the only time they got to play games together was during

Shabbat. He noted that the game would not cause any violations during this time because there is no writing involved.

Juda and Schneider soon decided to become partners in the venture of designing, manufacturing and marketing their own game.

"I had never even thought about doing this," said Schneider, who holds a master's in Jewish communal service, adding it wasn't until he actually saw the games Juda talked about creating in the stores that he wanted to work on a project like this.

"It was last December that we started rhyming franti-

cally," he said. They became obsessed with it.

First off, the pair began the long process of making a prototype of their game which focuses on getting your partner to

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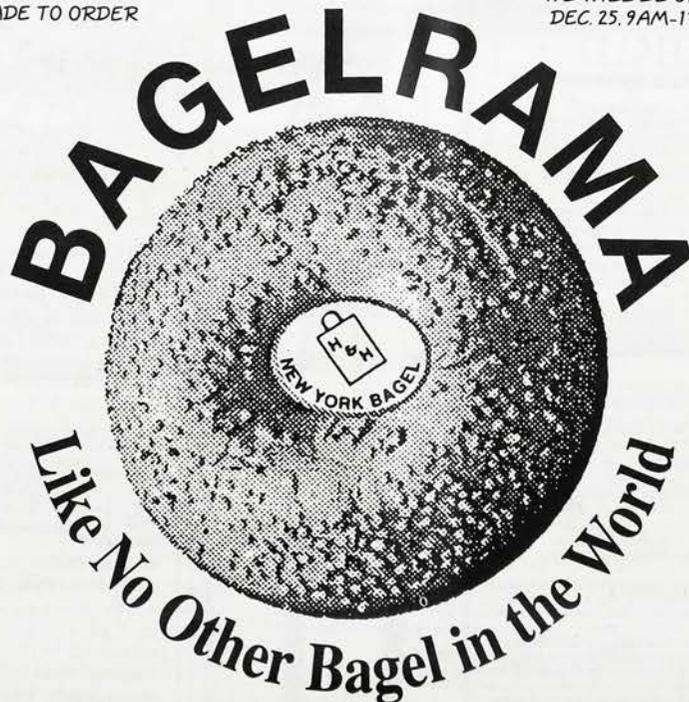
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The Useless Fossils of Jewish Leadership

To the Editors:

I have not written to the *Herald* in quite a while, but now I can't hold it in anymore. The reason is that I must proclaim that we have a worthless Jewish leadership in Rhode Island.

About a year ago, a Jewish rabbinical student came to America to do research. He was in the wrong place at the wrong time. He was an innocent victim of racist black extremists in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, who were rioting against the Jews. The Rhode Island (and U.S.) Jewish leadership did nothing but sit on their hands while a three-day pogrom took place against the Jews.

They said nothing when a Holocaust survivor leaped to her death from her apartment house window, because she feared the rioters would break into her apartment and finish what the Nazis did not. The leadership said nothing when the killer of the rabbinical student got a non-guilty verdict

from a jury packed with Jew haters. How long will Rhode Island Jewry put up and shut up with this disgrace of a Jewish leadership.

Now, in New York, black Jew-bashing is the "in thing." One congressman from Harlem blames the Jews for the riots. After all, why should they (Hasidim) dress differently than other New Yorkers. It is reported that he has also referred to ex-Mayor Koch as king of the Jews. Of course, the Jewish leadership is silent. If they open their mouths, it might destroy their ecumenical movement (where the Jew is always the loser) and it could cause a "breakup" of the Jewish-black alliance.

I'm willing to debate any left-winger on this or any Israeli issue in the *Herald*. The question is whether the leftists will come out of the closet and release their security blankets (their wealth behind which they hide).

Jerry Snell
Providence

Optimistic Pell Returns from Middle East

by Sen. Claiborne Pell

I have just returned from a trip through the Middle East, where I met with a number of key officials. What I learned leads me to believe there is still reason to hope that peace will come to the Middle East, provided the United States continues to work diligently as an honest broker in the talks.

In Israel, I met with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Both of them stated that various factors are still complicating the peace process — for example, arms proliferation, Islamic fundamentalism and disagreements over water rights — but both believed the talks would succeed.

Prime Minister Rabin even predicted that Israel would sign at least one final peace agreement in 1993, although he would not say with which delegation.

(I should note that I visited Israel just before the kidnapping and murder of an Israeli border guard by the extremist Islamic organization Hamas; this horrifying incident has enraged Israeli public opinion and will no doubt have an impact on the public debate in Israel concerning its participation in the peace talks and its relationships with the Palestinians.)

In Jerusalem, I met with Palestinian leaders who are advising the Palestinian delegation

to the peace talks. There is an apparent lack of cohesion among the Palestinian delegates, which has hurt their effort to negotiate with Israel.

The Palestinians tend also to focus on issues concerning a final settlement with Israel, as opposed to the interim steps contemplated in the framework for the peace talks.

Settlement construction in Israel continues to be a sensitive issue. Prime Minister Rabin has taken significant

"I am hopeful that Israel and the Palestinians can still reach an agreement."

— Sen. Claiborne Pell

steps to curb settlement construction and to phase out incentives for Israelis to purchase housing units in settlements.

These measures have been politically costly for Rabin; the Israeli right wing has organized demonstrations against Rabin's policies. At the same time, the Palestinians point out that settlement construction is being completed in existing settlements, in Greater Jerusalem and in areas that Israel considers essential to its security.

Despite these concerns, both sides expressed strong support for the peace talks and I am hopeful that Israel and the Palestinians can still reach an

agreement. In Syria, I found the leadership to be extremely critical of Israel. While the Syrians profess strong desire for peace, their constant criticism of Israel indicates that negotiations in Washington will continue at a cautious pace, at least until the new administration takes over.

I urged Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara and Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam to give a fair breeze to the peace talks and to take additional steps to improve Syria's human rights record.

During our meeting, I also handed a letter to the foreign minister, which I had signed along with more than 40 senators, expressing our concerns about human rights practices in Syria.

Syria would do well to indicate to the Israeli leadership and people that it is truly interested in peace. This it could do by curbing some of its harsh public rhetoric concerning Israel, and by halting support of the rejectionist groups, such as the PFLP-GC and Hezbollah, operating out of Syria and in Lebanon.

The United States should remain steadfast in its sponsorship of the peace talks. This does not mean that the United States should try to dictate the terms of an agreement to the delegations. Rather, it means that we should be a firm, honest and impartial arbiter, willing to listen to the concerns of all of the parties.

Despite the many concerns and problems that remain, I think that President Clinton, when he takes office, will find a favorable climate in the Middle East peace talks.

By demonstrating continuity in the U.S. policy, I am confident that President Clinton will signal to the parties that the United States is prepared to go the distance in the talks. With that, the foundation will be established for real progress in the talks for next year.

Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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It's Not Over; Deja Vu

To the Editors:

I was both flattered as well as honored to be interviewed by your distinguished publication. Miss Kettelle is charming, efficient and knowledgeable. And I sincerely hope that I contributed a little bit to fight the spectre of hate and bigotry that still exists, almost 50 years after the defeat of the Third Reich. The world believed that with the surrender and the fall of Berlin it was all over. For good.

Not so. Two weeks ago, on Dec. 14, there was a "guest speaker" at the local radio talk show of former Attorney Gen. Arlene Violet at station WHJJ. This guest, stated (1) that the Holocaust never took place, but is a publicity plot by the Jews, (2) that the United States

pays hundreds of millions of dollars to subsidize Israel, that (3) almost every state of the union has a Holocaust museum that is based and built on false statements and on lies, etc.

This went on and on for over one hour. When the hostess asked him if he was a neo-Nazi, he mumbled and stuttered, but never openly stated that he was. Many callers tried to put him on the spot but he was obviously a trained debater and, alas, got the best of many a caller by uttering half-truths, innuendi and sometimes just plain untruths.

As Yogi Berra would have said so eloquently, "It's deja vu, all over again."

Hans Heimann
Cranston

Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

WEEK OF DEC. 25, 1942

Million Dollar War Bond Rally to be Held Sunday

A War Bond Rally, with a goal of a million dollars, sponsored by delegates of religious, civic and fraternal Jewish organizations, will be held Sunday night at the R.I. School of Design auditorium. More than 20 organizations thus far have pledged to invest their surplus funds in War Bonds and each group has appointed committees to solicit individual members for purchases.

Wise Gratified With United Nations Stand

NEW YORK — Gratification with the declaration of the United Nations, condemning Hitler's "cool-blooded extermination of European Jewry," coupled with the hope that the practical steps promised may help to save the Jewish victims of Hitlerism, was expressed last week by Stephen S. Wise in behalf of the American Jewish Congress and World Jewish Congress

Home for Aged Ball Saturday Night

The 10th annual Charity Ball of the Rhode Island Jewish Home for Aged will take place Saturday night at the Biltmore Hotel. David Dwares, chairman, is assisted by the following committee: John Silverman, Benjamin Trinkel, co-chairmen; Herman Swartz, treasurer; Mrs. Howard Schneider and Mrs. Samuel Gan, co-chairmen of the Kiddy Page; and Harry Meyers, honorary chairman.

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OPINIONS

The Message of Chanukah

Chanukah reminds us that the greatest danger to the Jewish way of life lies not in the threat of shutting out or extinguishing its light completely, but rather in the tendency to defile it by feeding unholy oil to its Menorah.

This tendency expresses itself in many ways: in the worship of materialism and material success; in the presentation of certain man-made ideologies and "isms" as the panacea of all human ills; in the idolatry of science and technology and the tendency to measure everything by the yardstick

of human reason. These do not necessarily rule out "religious experience," but either confine it to a narrow domain, or, worse still, produce a pseudo-religiosity, where consecration and commitment are sacrificed to convenience and compromise.

Chanukah teaches us that the sanctity and purity of Jewish life must be preserved at all costs. The external and material aspects of our daily life should not only be precluded from contaminating the purity and holiness of the Torah and mitzvos, but, on the contrary, the Torah and mitzvos should bring sanctity into the material aspects of our daily life, in accordance with the principle: "Know him in all your ways."

Divine Providence saw to it that a cruse of oil, pure and uncontaminated, should be left with which to rekindle the Menorah, and that it should not only hold its own, but should grow and spread, free of the Greek "touch." This episode conveys another message of Chanukah.

What was true in those days is just as true in our age; and what is true of the Jewish people as a whole is true, of course, also of every individual Jew. Under the assault of environmental influences a Jew may find his "sanctuary" — his attachment to and identification with G-d through the observance of the Torah and mitzvot of G-d invaded and contaminated by ideas and more which are alien to the Jewish way of life, incompatible with it and inimical to it.

But in the inner sanctum of his soul there is always a "cruse of oil" that remains pure and holy — that spark of godliness which is his divine

soul, which is indestructible and beyond reach of defilement.

The Jew has but to kindle it, and although it may seem like a tiny light at first and of brief duration, yet it is sufficient to light up one's whole being until it becomes a perpetual light.

However, the Jew must not think only of himself. The commandment "Love thy fellow as thyself" demands the same attitude towards one's fellow Jew. No Jew should ever be given up. It is necessary to kindle in him that pure and holy light, even if it appears to be good only for no more than one day; for even that in itself is worthwhile. Moreover, it will steadily grow from day to day, and gradually illuminate his whole life.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer. Continuation of excerpts from an English translation of an address delivered by Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher rebbe Shlita, on Chanukah 5723 (1963). The address was published by the Rabbi's Secretariat and is entitled "On the Miracle of Chanukah."

R.I. Bar Foundation Offers Scholarship to Law Students

The Rhode Island Bar Foundation's Thomas F. Black Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 1989, is seeking applications from Rhode Island residents who will enroll as first-year students in American Bar Association-accredited law schools.

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A Pardon for Pollard is in Order

by Morris Gastfreund

Recently, the United States Supreme Court refused to hear the case that would have let Jonathan Pollard withdraw his guilty plea for spying for Israel. This effectively exhausted his legal options; he is doomed to spend the rest of his life in an isolation cell in Marion, Ill., one of America's toughest prisons.

A.M. Rosenthal of *The New York Times*, after having visited the prison, describes it as follows: "Men are not sent to Marion for crimes committed outside, but for crimes committed in other prisons: escapes or assaults and murders of other prisoners or guards. The mission is not to rehabilitate but to secure and control the prisoners. Meals are delivered through the bars. If inmates have to be moved anywhere, they walk guarded and handcuffed through emptied corridors."

While no one doubts that Pollard committed a great crime against his country and deserves punishment, the severe punishment is way out of proportion to the crime committed.

Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, in his book, *Chutzpa*, states: "I do believe that Jonathan Pollard's Jewishness and the fact that he spied for a Jewish state are the most important factors explaining the otherwise inexplicable disparity between the sentences traditionally given those who spy for allies and the draconian sentences imposed on Jonathan and Anne Pollard. Though no single prosecutor or prison official may be an anti-Semite or anti-Zionist, the net result of the discriminatory sentence received by the Pollards can be fairly characterized as anti-Jewish."

No American who pleaded guilty for spying for an ally has ever served as much time in prison as Pollard has already served. The lawyers who represented Pollard from the outset arranged a plea bargain under which the case would be disposed of without a messy trial, in exchange for Pollard receiving a light sentence.

A full-blown trial would have been messy, indeed. The government would have had

to declassify much of its secret evidence, and the defendant would have been free to put the government on trial for its duplicity in denying Israel intelligent information to which it was entitled under an executive agreement.

Therefore, it was understood that the sentence would not be more severe than that meted out to other spies for allies of the United States, the maximum of which was five years. But the government reneged on the plea bargain and gave Pollard the maximum sentence of life in prison without parole.

On the day of the Pollards' sentencing, the then-Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger submitted under oath an affidavit to the court, urging this extremely harsh penalty for the defendants. The sentence is far greater than for those who spied for the former Soviet Union.

The sentence was excessive because Pollard cooperated: He pleaded guilty. He provided information only to a close ally with whom the United States was legally obliged to share the most sensi-

tive information. But Weinberger's extreme affidavit sealed the fate of the Pollards; he even told a reporter that Pollard "deserved to be hanged."

Was Weinberger, whose father had been born Jewish, overreacting to espionage committed by a Jew for a Jewish state? Did he lean over backward to show he is a super patriot and there is nothing Jewish about him? It is ironic that Weinberger, the "super patriot," now is indicted for perjury in the Iran contra scandal and expects to be pardoned by President Bush before power is transferred to Bill Clinton.

When the Pollard story first (Continued on Page 20)



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Then and Now

Just back only a few days from a private peace mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel (center) speaks with U.S. Nazi war crime prosecutor Neal M. Sher (right), who directs the Office of Special Investigations for the United States Department of Justice, about the human rights violations he witnessed during his tour of Sarajevo. The two met with Ambassador Meir Rosenne, president and chief executive of State of Israel Bonds, during the eighth annual State of Israel Bonds International Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Award Dinner held Dec. 6 at the Washington (D.C.) Hilton, where Wiesel spoke to more than 500 Holocaust survivors about the parallels between conditions in Bosnia and the Holocaust. Prominent Washington Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman received the 1992 Holocaust Remembrance Award during the dinner.

Exhibit Mounted Trying To Prove Columbus Was a Jew

by Judith Lew
MADRID (JTA) — In what may be his last appearance of the year, Christopher Columbus is back. But this time he's a full-fledged Jew.

It's true many people have suspected it until now but if Israeli shipping magnate Elie

Schalit has his way, the closing act of Sepharad '92 — which commemorates the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain — will give the final and conclusive proof that the elusive sailor really was a member of the tribe.

"The discovery of America

has been presented as something completely non-Jewish, and that's absolutely ridiculous," Schalit said on a recent visit to Spain to finalize the details of an exhibit on Columbus the Jew, which is being shown in Madrid now until Jan. 15.

Hamas Has Bloody History

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The group claiming responsibility for Sgt. Maj. Nissim Toledano's kidnapping and murder has a bloody history of terrorist activity against Israel.

Its members are linked to the abduction and murder of Israeli soldiers Avi Sasportas and Ilan Sa'adon in February and May of 1989, and the killing of three workers at an aluminum factory in Jaffa in December 1990.

More recently, the Moslem fundamentalist organization has claimed responsibility for ambush attacks on Israeli army jeeps, killing three soldiers near Gaza on Dec. 7 and another soldier near Hebron on Dec. 12.

In an earlier attack, army reservist Shmuel Geresh was killed Oct. 25 while on duty at an observation post at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron. On Nov. 21, a large-scale disaster was averted when police discovered and defused a Hamas car bomb in Or Yehuda.

Hamas was founded soon after the beginning of the intifada in December 1987 by Sheik Ahmed Yassin, now serving a life sentence in an Israeli prison in connection with the murders of Sasportas and Sa'adon.

Under the banner of Islam, it opposes not only Israel but the Palestine Liberation Organization and carries out executions of Arabs suspected of collaboration with Israel.

It is funded by Iran, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states.



INTERNATIONAL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two Israeli army officers have been dismissed and four others disciplined following an exchange of "friendly fire" two weeks ago between units of the paratroopers and the border police that slightly wounded four soldiers. A major and a captain were cashiered by the chief of the Central Command, Maj. Gen. Danny Yatom, after the incident, which took place near Jenin in the West Bank. Both units had been engaged in anti-terrorist operations.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli Cabinet ministers convened for a special session last week to discuss the security situation following the brutal murder last week of an Israeli border policeman kidnapped by Moslem fundamentalists. The ministers declined to divulge what course of action the Cabinet had decided to take. But earlier in the day, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin vowed his government would wage a relentless war against Hamas, the militant group that claimed responsibility for the abduction and murder of Sgt. Maj. Nissim Toledano.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — A half-dozen anti-Semitic incidents recently — including the apparently wanton stabbing of a Hasidic rabbi — has shifted the city's attention from the beating of a black man by Hasidim two weeks ago to fears of a new wave of attacks on Jews in the city. "The calls we're getting tells (sic) us that Jews feel unwelcome in the city," said Harriet Bogard, New York regional director of the Anti-Defamation League.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — Syria has not granted travel permits to Syrian Jews for the past nine weeks, since the eve of Bill Clinton's election victory, according to State Department officials and Jewish activists. But Syrian Jews already holding permits have been permitted to travel abroad during this period, and those seeking to travel have been permitted to submit applications.

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LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal has appealed to President-elect Bill Clinton to take the lead in aiding the victims of the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He said this should include, if necessary, organizing an international coalition to stop the slaughter in the former Yugoslav republic.

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NEWS BRIEFS

INTERNATIONAL

BONN (JTA) — A controversial shopping mall whose planned construction had been the target of large-scale protests of Orthodox Jews, will be built, after all, over the remains of Jews long buried in an old cemetery in suburban Hamburg. Hamburg authorities said two weeks ago that the chief rabbi of Jerusalem, Yitzhak Koltitz, and the developer, Bull & Liedtke, have reached a compromise that will enable the mall to be built without desecrating the remains of the individuals buried there.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Further advancing the fledging relations between Jerusalem and Beijing, China's deputy minister for construction came to Israel last week, with an eye toward signing contracts for joint construction projects.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Religious leaders are going "green." Together, they are working across denominational and ecumenical lines to give environmental concerns new priority. Jewish groups, in concert with Catholic, Protestant and Evangelical organizations, are kicking off a three-year, \$4 million effort to push ecology toward the top of their communities' agendas. The new interreligious coalition is being called the National Religious Partnership for the Environment and its goals are ambitious.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish groups have welcomed a decision Dec. 14 by the U.S. Supreme Court to review a Wisconsin ruling striking down a state hate-crimes law.

Israel Expels 383 Palestinians in Aftermath of Terror Incidents

by David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In an unprecedented move, Israel deported 383 Palestinian extremists from the administered territories to Lebanon last week, declaring them a security risk to the state.

Within moments of a go-ahead from the High Court of Justice, buses carrying the Palestinians, most of them members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement who had been rounded up in recent days, rolled toward the Lebanese border to execute an operation that was expected to draw sharp condemnation from Western governments and the United Nations.

Border police accompanied the convoy of 22 buses Dec. 17 as it crossed into the Israeli-controlled security zone of southern Lebanon. There were indications the deportees, who had been each issued \$50, food and blankets, might be spending the night there before being delivered beyond the zone, where Lebanese authorities warned they would be turned back.

The convoy had waited all day near the Israeli border town of Metulla as the High Court reviewed last-minute appeals of the expulsions filed by two human rights groups.

The expulsions, which, contrary to past practice, are for limited duration, were approved unanimously by the Cabinet on Dec. 16, with only Justice Minister David Libai of Labor abstaining.

The move followed a spate of attacks on Israeli security officials by Hamas fundamentalists, including the kidnapping and brutal murder last week of border policeman Nissim Toledano.

"Sgt. Toledano had no right of appeal on his death," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told a meeting of his Labor Party's Central Committee in Tel Aviv while the High Court was reviewing the expulsion order.

The court, which sat throughout the day in a dramatic special session, decided by a 52 majority to permit the expulsions, even though that would mean denying the deportees the right to appear in person before review boards.

In its decision, the court canceled an earlier interim injunction forbidding the Israeli army to proceed with the deportations.

But the court also issued an order requiring the government and the army to explain within 30 days why they had decided to deport the Palestinians without enabling them to appeal to review boards in the usual way.

The expulsion orders, signed by military commanders in the territories, were issued for periods ranging from nine months to two years. This differed from past practice, in which Israel has deported Palestinian territories from the territories permanently, once all appeals have been exhausted. The Labor government abolished that practice last August, in one of its first moves after taking office.

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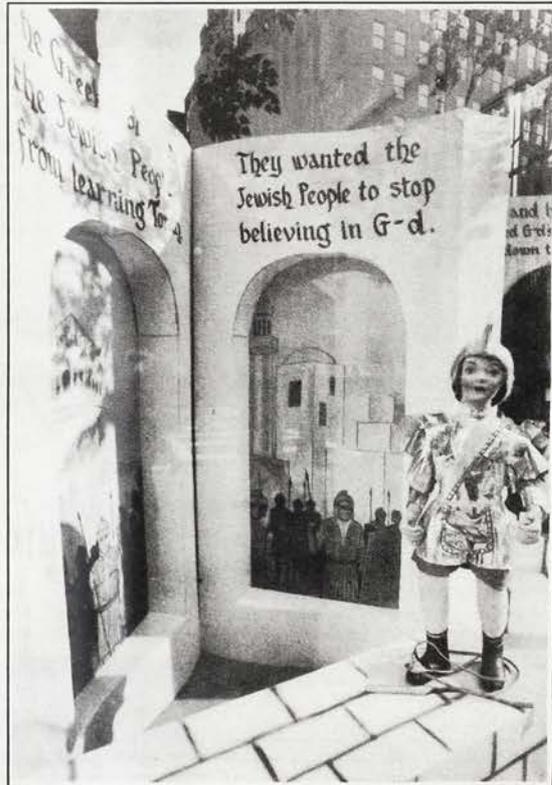
by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Take 260 quartered chickens, 132 pounds of finely chopped onions and 88 pounds of long grain rice, and you have some of the basic ingredients for more than 1,000 portions of Chicken Pilaf, as prepared at the Hirsh Family Kosher Kitchen on Fairfax Avenue.

Cooking starts at 5:30 a.m. every weekday. Three hours later, drivers pick up individual hot meals for delivery to 350 homebound elderly and

disabled, and at noon, ambulatory seniors gather at 12 sites throughout the city for communal hot lunches.

At one of the sites, dubbed the Fairfax Cafe by its patrons, seniors not only get glatt kosher and nutritious dishes at minimal cost, but also a dose of companionship.



Chanukah House

Part of the 50 feet of animated windows at Chanukah House, located at Fifth Avenue and 45th Street in New York. The windows tell the story of Chanukah, while inside children can meet Judah Maccabee himself, see olive oil being made, watch a video, or engage in Chanukah arts and crafts. Chanukah House, a program of the Jewish Children's Museum, opened officially Dec. 14. The animated windows sparkled with scenes from the story of Chanukah, and a modern Chanukah scene.

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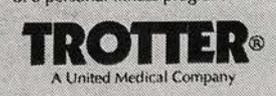
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Around Town Buona Cucina!

STORY BY DOROTHEA SNYDER

"When my first book first saw the light," said Edda Servi Machlin, "the Italian cultural attaché of the Italian Jewish consulate gave an elegant and delightful reception in my honor."

Asked to project the longevity of *The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews I*, she replied, "It will be a great success, and from now on, America will eat better."

That may seem a bit cocky, but the prophecy came true.

Many restaurants across the country have adopted her recipes. The King's Cake dessert found in her book was deliciously recommended by a top purveyor of nonfattening foods.

What intrigued readers and critics wasn't only her traditional recipes and menus. Machlin's historical references and anecdotes were as appealing as her food ideas. So appealing that her culinary public craved seconds.

Curiosity sparked those unfamiliar about the life of Italian Jews.

Enter Machlin's latest book, *The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews II*. This new rendering that touches the heart and stomach brings back the same appetizing mix of Machlin's love of history, family, heritage and fine cooking as her first book.

She believes heightened interest in the history of Italian Jewry has swept through the boot-shaped Mediterranean country, spilling over into other countries, too.

Edda Servi Machlin was born in 1926 in Pitigliano, Italy, to a Jewish family whose ancestors lived in Italy for more than 2000 years.

The introductory chapter, "La Figlia del Ghetto" (Child of the Ghetto), recounts childhood and adolescence in her native village during the years before, during and after World War II.

"By the time I was born," she said, "the Jewish community of Italy had been emancipated, lively and vibrant for almost a century, had disproportionately contributed with valor and blood to the unity of Italy and to the outcome of World War I, and had been totally integrated in every aspect of Italian life."

"A few years hence fascism and human madness brought again destruction and martyrdom."

Machlin survived the ordeal by joining the partisans in the hills of Tuscany. After the war and difficult years readjusting to a "normal" life in Pitigliano, where the Jewish community had dwindled down, her family moved to Florence.

Though the move fared positively, the vibrant Jewish life they had known in Pitigliano had diminished. "The Jewish community of Florence had been decimated. Jewish people were still mourning their losses," she said.

"Jewish young people were looking for companionship. Inter-marriages

were becoming the rule rather than the exception. For my family, the choice was to marry someone who shared our heritage and experience, or remain single.

"In my family, we had a history of mixed marriages that were disastrous, and single people who had lived productive and dignified lives."

For Machlin and her sister, neither happened. Her sister met and married a New Yorker, settling in America.

Machlin followed in 1958, the "beginning of my love affair with America," and a time she recalls with humor and openness.

She eventually married, raised a family, and re-entered school at 43. Machlin received a B.A. from Columbia University, magna cum laude, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

All this from having only completed sixth grade in Italy at the onset of anti-Jewish laws, without intervening formal education, as a result of her autodidactic training.

Dining in many New York Italian food restaurants led Machlin to the stove in her own kitchen. She started to cook

more at home, remembering those wonderful flavors and dishes prepared by her mother, father, aunts and friends back in Italy.

She had a captivated audience around the dining room table. "People began to ask for doggy bags and names of recipes," she said.

Machlin was indeed flattered by their requests for leftovers, but somewhat embarrassed when asked what's her recipe called. Her dishes were nameless.

"Mama was such a great cook. Not only were her festive meals a gourmet delight, but also each and every meal she prepared for the family twice daily. Yet, when we children asked her, 'What's this?,' her reply would invariably be, 'It's eatable stuff!'"

Then, Machlin started recording her creative delights. To satisfy her persistent friends, she gave the recipes names. The result was a legacy to her children.

Close friends caught a publisher's attention. "My secret recipes became public domain," she said.

One section of her book, "Il Segreto della Buona Cucina" (The Secret of Good

Cuisine) is no secret at all, according to Machlin's mother.

"My mother had a persuasive saying, 'Metti buono e cava buono,' which implies that if you use good ingredients, you will end up with a good dish."

Author Machlin maintains that if what we eat satisfies our sense of smell and taste buds, we won't eat in excess.

"If the food is truly tasty, we want it to linger in our mouth so we can savor it longer."

Only once in a while, she said, do we eat more than usual or eat bad foods without feeling guilty or getting sick. That exception is during traditional observances.

"Seldom, if ever, do we eat french fries or any other fried foods, except on the last night of Chanukah when we make a whole meal, from hors d'oeuvres to dessert, out of fried foods.

"We don't get sick when indulging on occasion because I take the precautions of interspersing the meal with cooked leafy vegetables, lots of salads and fresh fruits, skinning the chicken totally before I fry it, and substituting the used oil with fresh oil for each new batch of fried food I make."

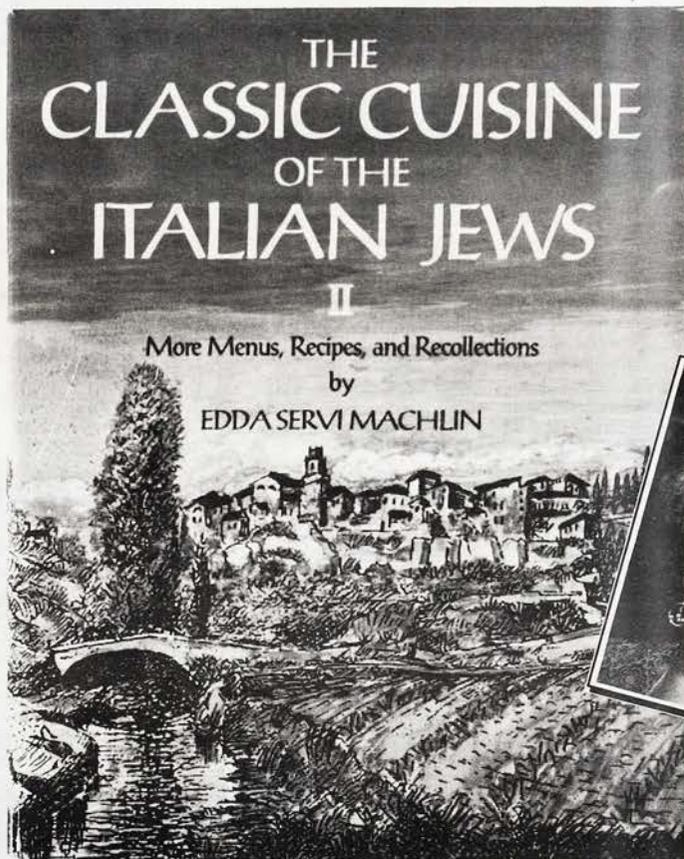
Machlin's Chanukah menu is listed in the chapter "Menu Delle Feste (Holiday Menus)," which consists of Crocchette Di Melanzane (Eggplant Croquettes), Cotolette Impanate (Breaded Veal Chops), Patate Fritte A Tocchetti, Carciofi Fritti (Cubed Fried Potatoes, Fried Artichokes), Radicchio Brasato, Spinaci All'Ebraica, (Braided Radicchio, Spinach Jewish Style), Insalata Ricciolina (Chicory Salad), Frittelle Di Riso Per Chanukah (Chanukah Rice Fritters), Pizzarelle Di Farina Dolce (Chestnut-flour Latkes), Arance, Mandarini, Kiwi (Oranges, Tangerines, Kiwi).

Edda Servi Machlin's book

contains 270 kosher recipes with warm and interesting notations along the gastronomic path.

Her recipes cover an assortment of entrees, beef, veal, lamb, poultry, fish, vegetables, salads, soups, breads, bagels, pizza, desserts and appetizers.

"It is my challenge and privilege to present my new collection of recipes to these new, most sophisticated Americans," Machlin said, "and to all those who can appreciate the legacy of this child of the ghetto."



The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews II, Giro Press, P.O. Box 203, Hudson, N.Y. 10520



Edda Servi Machlin

Photo: Gia D. Machlin

From The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews II

SPINACI ALL'EBRAICA

Spinach Jewish Style

3 pounds small-leaved bulk spinach
Salt

1/2 cup dark seedless raisins
1 cup lukewarm water
6 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 small onion, minced
1/4 cup pinoli (pine nuts)
Freshly ground black pepper
Dash nutmeg

Remove stems and roots from spinach. Rinse in many changes of cold water until any trace of sand is removed. Place in a large pot with a pinch of salt and no water other than that retained from washing. Cook over moderately high heat, covered, for 5 minutes. Drain.

Soak raisins in 1 cup lukewarm water for a couple of minutes, then drain.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large skillet,

add the onion and saute until onion is soft and translucent; add raisins, pinoli, and small amounts of salt and pepper. Sauté, stirring one minute. Add spinach and nutmeg and sauté, stirring frequently, until spinach looks dry and crisp. Serves 6.

FRITTELLE DI RISO PER CHANUKAH

Chanukah Rice Pancake

1 cup Italian rice
2 1/2 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup dark, seedless raisins
1/2 cup pinoli (pine nuts) or slivered almonds
2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon rind
6 eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup olive oil or other vegetable oil for frying
Granulated sugar and cinnamon (optional)

Place the rice in a saucepan with 2 1/2 cups of water and the salt and bring to a boil. Lower the heat to simmer, cover, and cook, without stirring, for 30 minutes, or until the rice is well done and quite dry. Remove from heat, add raisins, nuts, and lemon rind, and stir. Cool for at least 1/2 hour before adding the eggs; mix well.

Heat half the oil in a large frying pan. Drop the rice mixture into the hot oil by the rounded tablespoonful. Fry 2 to 3 minutes, turn and fry another 2 minutes or until frittelle are golden brown on both sides. Transfer to a serving plate lined with paper toweling. Place another piece of paper over them, and keep on stacking frittelle with paper between layers. Add remaining oil as necessary, until the mixture is used up. When you're through with frying, remove the paper toweling and serve hot, plain, or rolled in sugar and cinnamon. Serves 6.

SALSA DI POMODORO E BASILICO

Tomato and Basil Sauce

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 large cloves garlic, crushed
2 pounds ripe, firm tomatoes, peeled and drained or 1 1-lb. 12-oz. can peeled plum tomatoes, drained
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
Dash or two ground red pepper
1/4 cup firmly packed whole tiny or shredded large basil leaves

Heat half the oil in a large saucepan. Add the garlic and saute until golden, then discard.

Add tomatoes, salt, and pepper and cook over moderately high heat, stirring frequently, 5 to 10 minutes.

Add basil and cook 1 minute longer. Remove from heat and add remaining oil.

Yields approximately 2 1/2 cups; serves 6 to 8.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Tutti Confetti by Gary Richman is currently featured at the Corridor Gallery, Fine Arts Center Galleries, University of Rhode Island, in Kingston. The show is on display through Jan. 15.

Julie Garnett, children's music performer, will present a free concert at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, on Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. Sponsored by Global Entertainment Inc., Garnett will perform some of her educational and fun songs.

The Ice Capades, starring Olympian Christopher Bowman, a world medalist and two-time national champion, and 1992 Olympic champion Cathy Turner, will come to the Providence Civic Center on New Year's Eve for seven shows through Jan. 3. Tickets are priced at \$7.50, \$9.50 and \$12.50, with a limited number of \$15 VIP seats available. To order tickets by phone, call (800) 828-7080. For more information, call Ellen Diamond at 331-0700, ext. 159.

Trinity Repertory Company kicks off 1993 with the world-premiere production of "Northeast Local," by new playwright Tom Donaghy on Jan. 1. Performances continue through Feb. 7. Sponsored by Fleet Bank and directed by David Petrarca, the drama chronicles 30 years in the lives of Gi and Mickey, a working-class couple who marry during the Kennedy years. For more information, call Trinity at 521-1100.

"No Sex, Please, We're British," a British farce about a young bride who innocently sends a mail order off for Scandinavian glassware, but receives pornography instead, will be presented at City Nights dinner Theatre, 27 Exchange St., Pawtucket, Jan. 2 through 24. For more information, call the box office at 723-6060.

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces **open auditions** for its March/April show "Maza Suite." Auditions will be held Jan. 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. at the theater. Seven men and five women are needed for roles in this play. For information on what to bring to the audition and to let the casting department know of your intent to audition, call the box office at 723-6060, leaving your name and number. All calls will be returned.

The Trivial and the True

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
Tom Kalin made the third movie based on the infamous Leopold-Loeb murder case. He calls it "Swoon." You may have seen Hitchcock's "Rope," though it was withdrawn for decades till the director's death. He did it in one "take." Or you could have gawked at the girth of Orson Welles doing a comeback as Clarence Darrow the defense lawyer in "Compulsion."



"Rope" makes a case against Nietzschean perversity. "Compulsion" pleads a liberal cause. But "Swoon," made by a gay filmmaker who belongs to the "Queer Cinema" movement, tried a different tack. It goes for the lynch-mob mentality of the Chicago public and press.

I talked it over with a former RISD professor who taught a course on gay-lesbian art. She lives on the West Coast now, but phones in from time to time.

"It's a self-indulgent piece of work," says my source. "Kalin wants to take the side of the gay pair. He makes them look good. They're double victims of prejudice, both as Jews and also as gays. But how can you sympathize once you've watched them kidnap, chloroform and bludgeon and then bury a bar mitzvah boy? This guy bit off much more than he could chew.

"The movie just doesn't work for me. The issues are too complex for the movie. Besides, for me as a feminist, the idea of sex as a power game strikes me as too macho."

"Yes," I agreed over the phone. "What has happened to the gentle part of sex; I mean the tradition of romance?"

"Well, some Lesbian films still try and show affection, not lust."

My co-critic from the movie capital of the world added her footnote: "'Swoon' is beautiful to watch. The love scenes



Up to Mischief

Mr. Martin (Josh Beraha), left, listens to his mischievous son Junior (Judd Schiffman), while Mrs. Martin (Lesley Laramee) stands nearby in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's performance of "Don't Call Me Junior" last week.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

really interest Tom Kalin. But they get in the way of the story."

From a Jewish point of view, the movie distressed me quite a bit, though it held more facts and more irony than earlier versions of this terrible affair.

At the opposite side of the spectrum, Eric Rohmer's "Tale of Springtime" finally hit the Avon. You either like Rohmer or you don't. I do.

This tale hangs on a necklace, an heirloom a divorced dad loaned to a girlfriend, Eve. He took it back to give to his daughter Natasha. It slipped from his pants pocket into a dark closet. Did Eve swipe it? Did Natasha hide it?

Enter a young lady who teaches philosophy in a lycee. Jeanne, the girl who came to dinner, brings a refreshing calm to the table talk. You never heard such fancy chitchat.

In a French film you get to watch a tree up close, or a vase of flowers. Though it's about love and hate, all you see is a handshake. It doesn't sound like much, but it adds up and makes a case.

Movies can mute the action and strive for a low-key subtlety that brings a smile, not a roar. "Tale" will never be a smash hit, but it's as refreshing and calm as Jeanne.

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Could I be the only local

yokel who ever did see "New Faces of 1952," the movie? Everybody buzzed back then about the new French star, Robert Clary.

He sang, "I'm in Love with Miss Logan," a ditty about a boyish crush on a school-teacher. She gets engaged and he finishes the sad ballad, "I don't love old Miss Logan, and I wish I were dead." He sang, in French, a patriotic melody about finding love on the 14th of July, with an urgency that recalled Edith Piaf, the sparrow-urchin.

Most of you know Robert

Clary better as the French chef in "Hogan's Heroes."

When he came out, as a survivor, and made a powerful and frank nonfiction film about his life and his losses in the Holocaust, his image deepened considerably.

You may have read his words in *The Providence Journal* — he spoke at Classical.

I left a note at the Marriott asking him to meet me for coffee or a nightcap.

He called me back, several times, at home and at work. "I'm due at the high school."

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FEATURE



Official Business

Rabbi Elana Kanter and students from the Alperin Schechter Day School accept a citation from Libby Aaron at the Rhode Island Statehouse Friday, where they sang songs of Chanukah.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

The Mitzvah Matchmaker

by Ari Newman
Special to the Herald

What is your disability? Do you walk with a limp? Do you sometimes read words backwards? How's your vision? 20/20? Perhaps you have a hearing problem?

Last December, probably for the first time in my life, I asked myself these questions and more. I was attending a convention and had the opportunity to meet Janet Marchese. To most of us the name means nothing, but for some, Marchese has been a lifeline.

No, Janet is not a doctor. The people she helps are not patients, nor are they sick.

However, they do share two things in common. First, they are all babies and second, they all have an extra chromosome.

Prior to last December, I had heard of Janet Marchese's work with Down's syndrome babies but we were not formally introduced until Danny Siegel, mitzvah expert, did the honors.

"Down's syndrome — what's that?" That's exactly what Janet asked 16 years ago. While awaiting to adopt two Korean girls, the Marcheses were asked to become foster parents for a newborn with Down's syndrome. Three and a half weeks later, against the

advice of social workers (the experts), the Marcheses decided to adopt T.J.

How does T.J. or any other baby end up parentless? For some reason, and perhaps I will never understand why, many parents of babies born with Down's syndrome walk out the hospital door carrying nobody in their arms. Down's syndrome babies are abandoned in hospitals. Why? Because parents want "perfect" children.

Janet, realizing there was a problem, founded the Down's syndrome Adoption Exchange. This one-woman organization, based in White Plains, N.Y., finds adoptive parents for Down's syndrome babies. She now has more than 2,200 successful adoptions to her credit. One woman. No office. No corporate sponsorship. No fee for

The City of Tolerance

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
Marian Marzynski came back to RISD to "crit" senior movie projects before midyear. He taught in the film department a few years ago and created quite a stir. Marian laid big plans to turn Providence into another Hollywood, a culture capital of the world with Marian himself as the global producer. He looks the part — vigorous, forceful, smiling, moving from grand gesture to stage pose.

Marian's mother smuggled him out of the Warsaw ghetto.

He passed, and blended into postwar Poland. He married a Polish Christian and relocated to Providence. They raised a son and daughter on Summit Avenue.

As an artist, Marian has left home many times, but he has also come home again, to his Jewish stem and taproot.

He made "Return to Poland," which was shown on a national network. He also designed a spiritual search on screen at the wall in Jerusalem. He works with a former RISD student, Jean de Segonzac, as
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her services. No way is she going to allow any babies to fall through the cracks, to be institutionalized.

How many actually fall through the cracks? What are the statistics? About 5 percent of the Down's syndrome babies born each year in the United States are given up for adoption. If that statistic isn't startling enough, 40 percent of Jewish babies born each year with Down's syndrome are given up for adoption. Why? For the same reason previously stated: parents want perfect children.

According to Marchese, the statistic for Jewish babies given up for adoption was 85 percent some time ago. However, this number has been reduced because (as Janet wrote to me in a letter last year) "Danny Siegel has helped with those falling numbers. His message has continued to spread the word."

To add to the problem, most of the Jewish babies are being placed in non-Jewish homes. This is certainly not due to a lack of effort by Janet to recruit more Jewish families. No, it is because Jewish families do not want to adopt children with Down's syndrome. Why? It has

already been said.

Janet's letter to me continues, "Even though we have not been able to recruit more Jewish families, at least the number of Jewish children is dropping."

Janet makes the point that recruiting more Jewish adoptive families is not her "main" issue, nor should it be. It is ours. Nevertheless, Janet, who is Catholic, does her best at making the most appropriate matches. Whenever possible, she places Jewish babies with Jewish families. If she had more Jewish families to work with, she wouldn't be forced to place babies across religious groups — a policy she admits sounds controversial — a policy she would love to eliminate if only we could convince families within the Jewish community that perfect children do not exist.

And so what was it about that cold December night that caused Janet to make such an impression on me? She stood in front of 1,000 people and said: "If you have this disability, raise your hand. If you have this limitation, raise your hand. If you have this problem, raise your hand. Like the other 1,000 people in the audience, after the first several questions my hand was up.

Perhaps it was what T.J. said. To a silent audience, young T.J. keynoted at this convention. He primarily listed all of his accomplishments, which were achieved only because 16 years ago, he was blessed and became a member of the Marchese household. He also did what so many of us forget to do — he thanked his parents for making a difference in his life.

Ari Newman is a sophomore at Boston University, originally from Providence. He is a noted mitzvah worker.



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The Trivial and the True

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"I just got back from a dinner." Mostly what I got was the thrill of hearing, "This is Robert Clary speaking." It gave even my phone a ring of truth.

I form my own conclusion. This man is an artist who tries to tell the truth, not the trivial. Even when he did the trivial, he gave it a note of truth. His least gesture holds a hint of truth. "Salut, M. Clary."

FEATURE

The City of Tolerance

(Continued from Previous Page) cinematographer. "I have become a writer. I tell my own story," says Marian.

His current project, "Shtetl," sketches a visual essay on the lost Jewish-Polish neighborhood world vanished into a gray mist. It will be his third film about his Jewish quest.

I walked with a cardboard box of coffees into the studio classroom of the RISD auditorium on North Main Street. Marian greeted me with a wide-armed bear hug and impresario kisses.

He asked me, "What was your image of Poland?"

I answered, "The flowers of July bloomed big and gorgeous, but they grow in a giant Jewish graveyard."

"Would you state that in my new film?"

"Marian, I would do anything to help my honored colleague."

"A youthful Polish historian comes to the train station tomorrow. He will study Jewish-Polish ties with me. You interview him. I will translate."

I came upon the full camera crew at the new station across from the State House. "Take off the hat and glasses," he told me, smoothing my hair. A contingent of Polish professors at RISD play host, guest and entourage for Marian. He likes an audience. We stroll arm in arm among the Sunday travelers with their luggage. I have to improvise a scene with a stranger.

The visiting historian shakes hands, and our three heads loom close to a hand-held camera. I'll sum up our conversation. "What did you think of Lanzmann's Shoah?" I started out.

Friends Turn Idea

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guess the clue words, all of which rhyme. Schneider said they got together with all their friends to go through trial runs to perfect it.

"We had no idea where to turn to next," said Juda, adding that they bought books about how to go about making games, and they ended up subcontracting each piece to different businesses. "I never realized what was involved until now."

The duo then decided they wanted to concentrate on marketing their game to a smaller area such as New England for two reasons: They had a limited budget, and they wanted it to have a more intense introduction. However, in addition to the Providence and Boston areas (because of many inquiries), Rhymation can be found in New York City, Long Island, Chicago, Denver and Costa Mesa, Calif. Locally, the game can be found at Benny's stores and The Game Keeper in the Arcade in Providence.

Eventually, the entrepreneurs would like to see the game in bigger chain stores. They are even thinking of coming out with a junior version because of numerous requests from parents.

"He only showed peasants. They're the anti-Semites, because they're ignorant."

"No," I said to the traveller from Poland, "I'm not satisfied with that. Peasants learn from the soil. They think skillfully with their hands. Their hatred comes down to them from the church and the gentry, not up from the flowers and the cows."

"But the Jews hated Poland. They never even learned the language. They only stayed because of Polish tolerance."

"If you want to study tolerance, you've come to the right place," I told him. "In this city our oldest tradition is welcoming refugees and making Rhode Islanders equally for one and all."

I really missed Morris Gastfreund, Ray Eichenbaum and David Newman. I tried to steer a path between making judgments based on my brief summer tour and letting an academic guest off the hook of truth too lightly.

Marian stayed right on the mark. "America isn't just the land of consumer goods. It's the country of diversity and freedom." We weren't a bad team after all. Mike and Marian.

RISD students have been casting me in their films for several seasons in a row. I'm on a roll. So far I've played a homeless tramp sleeping in a pauper's graveyard by the highway. I've taken the role of a demented poet in Purgatory



FESTIVITIES—The Israeli Folk Dance Troupe entertains a packed house Saturday at the M'laveh Malkah Chanukah party at Temple Emanu-El.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Chasm. I've served as a model for an animated cartoon. For Marian Marzynski saved from ash, I acted out the part of the wandering Jew, the phantom of the shtetl.

"Marian, our roots grow in

our brain, in our memory of childhood, in our veins and arteries. We live our roots." He shook my hand firmly and warmly and marched onward and forward with his Wellesian career.

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Alyson Meister

Lichtenberg and Meister Marry

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lichtenberg of Baltimore, Md., announce the marriage of their daughter, Alyson Joy, to Andrew Scott Meister, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Meister of Providence on Oct. 31 at the Bonnie View Country Club in

Baltimore with Rabbi Mark Loeb and Cantor Saul Hammerman officiating.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Offit and the late Rhona Lichtenberg Hazman and Dr. Moses Lichtenberg. The bridegroom is the grandson of Anne Kuperschmid and the late Irving Kuperschmid and the late Clara and Isadore Meister.

The bride was escorted to the chuppah by her parents. Her maid of honor was Leslie Davis. Bridesmaids included Mindy Berger, Jodi Buckner, Ellen Gottsegen, Stacy Greenstreet, Leslie Lichtenberg, Elyse Meister, Margie Narun, Wendy Peckman and Beth Salzman.

The bridegroom was also escorted to the chuppah by his parents. His best man was Gary Kline. His attendants included Mark Guerinot, Marc Lichtenberg, Myles Lichtenberg, Dale Shelton and Paul Struhsaker.

Also honored in the procession were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Offit, grandparents of the bride.

Following a honeymoon in St. Thomas and St. John, the couple will reside in Randallstown, Md.

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Son Born to Marks

Benjamin Hanna Marks was born Nov. 28 to Katie and Edward David Marks of Mountain View, Calif.

Grandparents are Joyce and John Hanna of Atherton, Calif., and Carolene and Sen. Milton Marks of San Francisco. Carolene Marks is the former Carolene Wachenheimer of Providence.

Great-grandparents are the late Cordie and Harry Wachenheimer of Providence.

Otlin, Kortick Wed

Deborah M. Otlin and Michael Kortick, both of Columbia, Md., were married Oct. 25 at Ohr Kadesh Congregation in Chevy Chase, Md. The bride is the daughter of Samuel and Sheila Otlin of Columbia. The bridegroom is the son of Carl and Janet Kortick of Cranston.

Rabbi Lyle Fishman and Cantor Edwin Gerber officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception, also at the congregation.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Galina gown with long lace and pearl sleeves. The gown had a V neck in front and back and was adorned with a pearl bow on the bustle. Her bouquet consisted of white roses, stephanotis, baby's breath, white carnations and coral roses.

Lori Sacher was maid of honor and Ilene Fox was matron of honor. Other attendants included Suzanne Otlin and Heather Otlin, sisters of the bride, Elizabeth Von Stein and Marcine Friedman. They wore V-neck straight-line dresses with jackets. The maid and matron of honor were in coral tones, while the other attendants wore jade. All carried coral and pink roses with carnations.

Steven Kortick was best man for his brother, Joel Kortick, brother of the bridegroom, Steven Greenwood, Howard Blustein and Douglas Steele served as ushers.

Following a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple made their home in Columbia.

Son Born to Malins

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Malin of North Kingstown announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Alexander, on Oct. 25.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Swanson of Farmington, Conn. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Myer J. Malin of Cranston.

Benjamin was welcomed home by his sister, Lauren.



Lisa Kaufman

Cohen and Kaufman Are Married

Lisa Gail Cohen and Alex H. Kaufman were united in marriage on Oct. 25 at Chez Josef in Agawam, Mass. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan D. Cohen of Pittsfield, Mass. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold N. Kaufman of Providence.

A reception at Chez Josef immediately followed the ceremony.

Amy Cohen served as maid of honor for her sister, while Stacy Kaufman, sister of the bridegroom, served as bridesmaid. Michael Fenster and David Manuel were best men.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of the University of Hartford. She is currently employed at Johnson and Wales University. The bridegroom is a 1983 graduate of Boston University.

Following a wedding trip to Spain, the couple have made their home in Providence.

Son Born to Mehlman

Lynne and Jeffrey Mehlman of North Andover, Mass., announce the birth of a son, Jacob Ross, on Dec. 8 at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

He was born at 1:10 a.m., weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Janet and Walter Bono Jr. of

Glastonbury, Conn. Paternal grandparents are Lesley and Edwin Mehlman of Barrington.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ruth and Alan Holmquist and Ann and Walter Bono Sr. of Glastonbury, Conn. Paternal great-grandparents are Louis Lunin and Sol Mehlman of Providence.

Yoken Receives Service Award

Dr. Mel B. Yoken, professor of French at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Service Award, the highest accolade presented by the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association at the annual conference in Sturbridge, Mass.

The award "for exceptional and meritorious service to the foreign-language profession in the Commonwealth of Mas-

sachusetts" is given annually to one foreign language teacher who has consistently shown outstanding achievement in the areas of community service, leadership and teaching.

In his acceptance speech, Yoken stressed the great importance of and need for foreign language study, "which promotes close, personal relationships between individuals, nations and different cultures."

He also spoke about language teaching over the years, and praised his colleagues for devoting themselves to "such a satisfying and stimulating profession."

Professor Yoken, a native of New Bedford, Mass., has been teaching at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth since 1966 in the Department of Foreign Literature and Languages.

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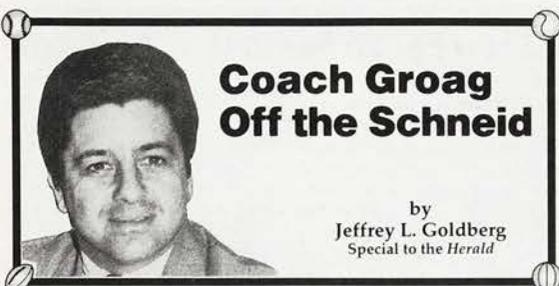


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Coach Groag Off the Schneid

by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

Coach Steve Groag had his squad break into the win column with a convincing 64-52 victory over Coach Paul Formal's squad last week. Lou Pulner scored the nets with 27 points including four 3-pointers.

Teammate Zeus Barrios contributed 11 points and everybody on the squad made a contribution in seizing their first win this season.

Steve Litwin and David Baskin scored 19 and 17 points in a losing effort. Litwin buried two 3-pointers but had free-throw woes once again going 1-3.

The nightcap featured Coach Jon Weitzner's undefeated squad going head to head

with Jamie Cohen's team. Weitzner's team prevailed with a 50-48 win.

Rookies Dan Stone and Kevin McCabe took up the scoring with 14 and 9 points. Dave Malkin scored 8 points while veteran Steve Abrams had an off night.

Weitzner must be pleased that his lineup can get points from the unexpected. Sure makes things a lot easier when you don't have to rely on your veterans all the time.

Veteran Gary Greenberg (Mr. Consistent) turned in another strong game with 15 points and veteran Joe Cohen "I don't need Grecian Formula" put up 9 points in a losing effort.



The Spirit of Chanukah

Children from the Providence Hebrew Day School sing at the Elmgrove Avenue branch of the Hospital Trust National Bank on Monday. Rabbi Mordechai Freid accompanies the group on guitar.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Children's Show, Guest Speaker Set at Chabad House

A children's Chanukah show featuring juggler Benjamin Elfant from the "Moscow Circus" is set for Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. at Chabad House, 360 Hope St.

Admission is free. Dreidel

games and refreshments will also be featured.

The program is sponsored in memory of Golda Rechel O'H Laufer, whose yartzheit is the same day as the event.

Meanwhile, Chanukah guest speaker Rabbi Shlomo

Mjeski will give the Golda Rechel O'H Memorial Lecture on Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Chabad House.

"Lights" a glimpse into the future — "The Jewish meaning of the resurrection of the dead," will be discussed.

Majeski is principal of Machon Chana Women's Institute and a renowned teacher and lecturer.

For more information, call 273-7238.

Standings Through Week #5

Team	Wins	Losses
Weitzner	5	0
Cohen	2	3
Formal	2	3
Groag	1	4

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Player	Games Played	Average
Dave Baskin	4	24.5
Lou Pulner	5	22.6
Steve Litwin	4	18.25
Gary Greenberg	5	16.20
Dave Malkin	5	11.60

Player of the Week: Lou Pulner 27 points.

Rookie of the Week: Dan Stone.

Patience and Perseverance Coach: Steve Groag.

Top Five Bowlers Hold Positions

by Jeffrey Goldberg
Special to the Herald

Week #15 for the Beth-El bowling league saw the top five bowlers hold their positions: Rick Dressler, 188.2, Benny Diaz, 184.7, Mike Sugerman, 181.1, Sy Brooks, 175.5, and David Robinson, 175.4.

Last week's high scores were as follows: first Jason Blank, 238, scratch, individual high game; second Mel Fleischer, 236; first Rick Dressler, 570; second Jason Blank, 551, scratch individual high series.

The Beth-El league will now

enjoy a two-week vacation during the holidays. President Myer Jarcho appreciates the fine support and welcomes any newcomers.

Call 245-2288 if you are interested in joining.

The following won liquor at the annual Nocky Rappaport holiday season drawing: Rick Dressler, Mike Sugerman, Rich Fain, Jeff Goldberg, Brian Ackerman, Joe McConagly and Peter Klein.

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Team Standings	Won	Lost
1. Baker Furniture	35	21
2. Trinkle Design	35	21
3. Halperin & Lax	30	26
4. Come Screen With Me	30	26
5. Tooth Faries	30	26
6. Nathan Kaufman Co.	27.5	28.5
7. Howie's Hammers	27.5	28.5
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10. Shamrock's	25	31
11. Standard Glass	25	31
12. Oakland Mobil	18	38

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Trivia Time

1. Name the first Celtics coach to get the franchise off the ground during the 1946-1947 season and into the team's first playoffs in 1948.

2. This coach preceded legendary coach Red Auerbach in the 1948-49 and 1949-50 seasons. His losing record was 47-81.

3. This Celtic great was remembered for his dribbling and passing skills. He also averaged double figures in scoring over his 13-year career. Name the player and his scoring average.

4. The Celtics are the winningest franchise in basketball history. How many titles have they won? When did they win their last championship and who was the coach?

5. Name this basketball player who broke all scoring records at Brown University in the early 1980s.

6. Past recipient R.I. Jewish Athlete of the Year. Played tennis at Wheeler and later starred for Clemson.

7. R.I. Jewish Athletic Hall of Famer. Past president of R.I. JBC and last Jewish bowler to have rolled a perfect game.

8. Former basketball star for St. Dunstan's and later played for Springfield College.

9. R.I. Jewish Athletic Hall of Famer. Current high school and women's college basketball referee.

10. Responsible for helping to organize the current PGA Senior Tour. Also a R.I. Jewish Athletic Hall of Famer.

The answers to this week's trivia questions will be published in the Herald.

Business as Usual at Kosher Meal Site

Following the Chanukah activities, this week will be business as usual for the seniors' kosher meal-site program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., in Providence.

VCR programs and movies will include Part 2 of "Victor Borge: Then and Now," at 11:15 a.m. on Dec. 25; "Hollywood and the Stars," at 11 a.m. on Dec. 27 and to start the New Year on Jan. 1, Part 1 of the popular movie, "Hester Street," to be shown from 11 a.m. to noon.

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's kosher meal-site program invites seniors to join in a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon weekly, Sunday through Friday. 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.

Seniors can try their hand at bridge on Monday afternoon from noon until 3:45 p.m.

On Tuesday, a women's forum is held from 11:15 a.m. to noon and a bingo game runs from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, the Men's Group meets from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

"Friend to Friend" meets Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon, and bingo is played from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

Shabbat traditions are observed on Friday.

Sunday begins with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs.

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A Show For all Seasons at Am David

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

When the cruel Syrian King Antiochus threatened to take Jonathan, the poor shepherd boy, and tie him up, a chorus of outrage came from the crowd. Luckily for the king, it was all part of a puppet show dramatizing a spiritual lesson about Judaic history. The program was brought to Temple Am-David by Myra Blank, program chairwoman, and Principal Ethan Adler who served as peacekeepers between the excited children and the evil king.

In fact, the puppets were so lifelike in their movements and dialogue, one could almost envision such a character appearing out of the pages of history.

Thanks to professional puppeteer and comedian Mark Kohler, the audience got more than they bargained for, as each puppet captivated their attention.

David Weiss, a father who's really a big kid at heart, thought the show was great and so did his daughter who sat mesmerized by the puppets.

The story was conceived by Kohler, who believes that it's impossible to recognize Christianity without acknowledging the wisdom of Judaism.

Adler said that the show helped the children understand the struggle Jews overcame to unite in the face of insurmountable odds because their faith was real.

The only mistake Kohler made was underestimating the enthusiasm of Brian Zimmer and friends who playfully tried to see who was under the goat's head; but it was all in the name of show business. As the children assembled on stage to partake of a concert, a weary yet contented puppeteer said, "All's well that ends well."



HOW DO YOU DO? — Leslie Finstein shakes hands with a giant goat puppet at Temple Am David's Chanukah program last week.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

New Brochure Is Guide To Jewish Scouting In R.I.

A new brochure that serves as a guide to Jewish Scouting in Rhode Island is available from Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Produced by the Jewish Committee on Scouting, the brochure describes the various scouting programs and what boys at the different levels can do to achieve the religious awards.

They include the Maccabee for Tiger Cubs, BSA, Aleph for Cub Scouts and the Ner Tamid and Jewish Scouting Award for Boy Scouts and Explorers.

In addition to preparing the scouts for the Jewish awards, Jules A. Cohen of North

Kingstown, chairman of the Jewish Committee on Scouting, says the program is designed to "stimulate interest among Jewish scouts to better understand their heritage."

The brochure contains a section on the Temple of the Ten Commandments at Yawgoog Scout Reservation in Rockville, which is under the direction of a full-time Jewish chaplain during the summer season. There, the scouts participate in Jewish services and programs leading to the Jewish awards.

The scouts also have use of a growing library of Jewish history, religious and general reading books, which was made possible by gifts from the Touro Fraternal Association.

The brochure, *A Scout is Reverent*, is available by writing to Ian Lilien, adviser to the Jewish Committee on Scouting, Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, 175 Broad St., Providence, R.I. 02903, or by calling him at 351-8700.

Today's Jewish Issues Examined in Dialogues

by Julian N. Jablin

Better than 60 years ago, a book titled *Heavenly Discourse* by Charles Erskine Scott Wood was the talk of the day. The premise was intriguing: What if some of the great thinkers of history had gathered in some heavenly dell to discuss the issues of the mid-1920s? The result was a thought-provoking tour de force.

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That is what *Dialogues in Judaism* is all about. Rabbi Berkowitz has assembled a stellar gallery which runs the gamut from Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz and Dr. Cecil Roth, through Henry Kissinger and Elie Wiesel, to Isaac Bashevis Singer and Sam Levenson to talk about what each knows best.

For the thoughtful Jew seeking personal answers about his or her own place among our people, the pages of *Dialogues in Judaism* provide some guide among perplexing questions.

Various facets of Judaism are probed for their meaning for today's Jewish man and

woman. World-famous figures discuss the dimensions of Jewish practice; the relationship of Judaism to psychiatry; Yiddish literature and Jewish humor; the Jewish past and future; the meaning of the Holocaust; the place of Israel in the Middle East and the world.

This is a book that actually has a dual function. It can be

(which have numbered in the high hundreds) might want to pose himself or herself.

It must be a gigantic task — selecting appropriate speakers who have relevance to matters of the day or to basic issues of the times. Then, the interviewer must be well-prepared, with adequate general background and specific information about his speaker's current activities to raise the appropriate questions. Rabbi Berkowitz apparently fills the bill on all accounts, as this excellent book bears witness.

Julian N. Jablin is a Chicago-based free-lance writer who has had a long career in Jewish communal activities.



read cover to cover, so that the ideas and ideals of Judaism unfold in progression as the "cast of characters" expound on their individual viewpoints and relate their experiences.

It is also an excellent resource, giving the reader the opportunity to check into the specific concepts developed by particular individuals, or check into the actual factors surrounding an event.

The entire body of 28 contributors did not assemble at one time on one platform, of course. They appeared individually, on a one-on-one relationship with Rabbi Berkowitz, in a series of lecture-discussions which over the years has become one of the outstanding educational and cultural endeavors offered in New York City.

In the course of each program, Rabbi Berkowitz interviews the speaker, asking questions which any informed member of the audience

Kosher Kitchen

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Kosher Kitchen in late October was one of the few bright spots at a time when the Los Angeles Jewish Federation Council has been forced to slash its social and community programs drastically.

The kitchen project, run by the Jewish Family Service, has been struggling for years to provide meals to its clients under the modest government subsidy pegged to the lower cost of preparing non-kosher food. The situation got so bad two years ago that non-kosher food was substituted, eliciting strong protests from the rabinate and forcing hundreds of steady customers to drop out.

Salvation arrived earlier this year, when businessman Stanley Hirsch and his family donated \$600,000 to install what its sponsors hail as a state-of-the-art kosher kitchen, capable of preparing 2,000 meat meals daily. With additional equipment, the kitchen hopes to increase this figure to 5,000 meals a day.

Operation of the program is underwritten by federal and local government grants, the federation and private donations. Clients are encouraged, but not required, to donate \$1.75 per meal, about half the actual cost.

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HAWING G-D — Ellen Kamentsky, author and lecturer, is seen with her book last week at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro, Mass. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

M'laveh Malkah Party Kicks Off Chanukah

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

Temple Emanu-El was the scene of a joyous evening of feasting, singing and dancing Saturday as hundreds of Rhode Island Jews observed the first night of Chanukah at the M'laveh Malkah party in the temple hall.

As Shabbat wound down to its end, a chorus welcomed in the new week with Havdalah designating the end of the Sabbath. Shortly after the benediction, Sheila Alexander was one of many Jews who participated in lighting the first Chanukah candle as scores of children gathered around her to witness the dramatic spectacle of lights.

Events of the evening moved so rapidly that it was near impossible to speak with the organizer, Sam Shmoon, who was kept busy by the demands of his position. Nonetheless, everyone sat in harmony to partake of latkes, kugels, challah bread, Israeli salad and doughnuts.

While parents socialized in one hall, all the children assembled in the Bohnen Vestry to work on a huge puzzle of Jerusalem. Wendy Garf-Lipp retold the story of how Jerusalem had been divided for almost two decades because of the Jordanians until Israeli soldiers fought valiantly to reclaim it in 1967. It was for this reason that the children were asked to work on individual puzzles that would eventually form one large one. For the Rotenberg brothers and David Rodporbart, it seemed like an exercise in futility.

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SING-ALONG — Seymour and Ceil Krieger lead the Leisure Club in a sing-along Sunday at Temple Emanu-El's Chanukah party. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

Kamentsky Speaks Out

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to her, the woman was slowly cultivating her into accepting Jesus and subtly rejecting Judaism.

Jews For Jesus is a religious organization founded by a former Baptist minister, Martin Rosen, who aims to convert mostly young Jews to accept Christ as their savior or face the wrath of hell.

Their sponsors are comprised of Christian fundamentalist groups, private individuals and converted Jews. Their tactics are to appeal to anyone they can attract to their meetings by using Jewish terms to deliberately disguise Christian terms.

Usually they saturate an individual with a wide variety of information, prayers, readings and studies that draw them to depend on them instead of self-analysis.

Once she became indoctrinated into the group as a "zombie," one who's entirely devoted to street proselytizing, her life became theirs for the taking. After she spent time in Boston as a missionary, she was deliberately sent to Los Angeles for more advanced training and to remove her from her family. Life meant learning how to "code-call," perform handouts and cultivate new followers for the organization.

Eventually, after three years of separation, her mother invited her to speak with a friend about her beliefs. Upon her return home to visit her nephew, she was introduced to a "deprogrammer" from Cult Awareness Network whom her mother had contacted to save her.

Through a set process of logical introspection and truth, Ellen Kamentsky finally realized what she wanted and needed in life. She called her superior in California and told them the bad news — that she no longer believed and wouldn't be returning.

In order to warn others of her harrowing experience, she

decided to write a book, *Hawking G-d*, which tells explicitly what Jews For Jesus is all about.

Although Jews For Jesus hasn't received as much mainstream publicity as the Unification Church, Hare Krishna and Jonestown, its intent is basically the same — control.

Several patrons, who asked not to be identified, had admitted knowing a member of the cult who lived nearby, but hadn't realized they used entrapment to acquire members. This fact in itself along with Kamentsky's warning proved to be a night to remember.

Bronfman Fellowships Applications Are Available

Applications are now available for the 1993 Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel.

The fellowships, now in their seventh year, offer an opportunity for 25 students entering their senior year of high school to spend five weeks in Israel this summer.

Fellows will be chosen on the basis of character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities. In the competitive selection process, merit, not financial need, is the standard for selection.

While living in Jerusalem, the Bronfman Fellows participate in seminars and dialogues with a diverse rabbinic faculty, representing a wide range of Jewish perspectives.

They explore Jewish text against the background of Israel's land, culture and cus-

oms. In addition, Fellows will meet with some of Israel's prominent political and literary figures to examine contemporary issues in light of Jewish history and tradition.

The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel is a program of The Samuel Bronfman Foundation Inc., of which Edgar M. Bronfman is chairman.

The Bronfman Youth Fellowships program begins on July 11, 1993, with a two-day seminar in New York City. The students return from Israel on Aug. 18, 1993.

All meals will be kosher, and Sabbath activities will be in the spirit of the day. All expenses are covered by the program, including round-trip international transportation, room and board, travel in Israel and incidentals.

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THE FIRST LIGHT — Sheila Alexander lights the first candle for Chanukah Saturday night at the M'laveh Malkah Chanukah party at Temple Emanu-El. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

Touro Fraternal Assoc. Sets Coming Events

Touro Fraternal Association's annual Chanukah party is scheduled for Dec. 27 at 1 p.m.

The group will meet Jan. 27 at the Providence Bruins game. On Feb. 24, the group will

conduct its annual "hot February" meeting.

And March 10 is "two for dinner" at the West Valley Inn with M. Charles Bakst.

Call 785-0066 for more information.

Task Forces Shape Future Plans at BJE

by Kammie Kettelle
Herald Assistant Editor

Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, split the bureau's board into task force groups this summer in the hopes of improving the institution's strategic plan for the future.

The bureau, which provides educational planning and services to Jewish schools and organizations in this state, is also available as an informational resource for the entire community, according to Samlan.

Board members hope to address a shift in educational priorities in the new plan, while they stay within budget restrictions.

"We are called upon from various institutions," he said, including nursing homes, children's programs and educational programs.

The members of the board at the bureau — Minna Ellison, educational services coordinator, Toby Rossner, media coordinator, Evelyn Brier, secondary education coordinator, Ruth Page, Israel desk and adult education coordinator, and Barbara Zenofsky, special education coordinator — went out into the community and met and interviewed people with a list of questions on formal and informal education.

He said the board members hope to address a shift in educational priorities in the new plan, while they stay within budget restrictions.

In the process, they will examine what things may work that they haven't tried and what aspects currently may not be working.

Concerning budget restric-

tions, Samlan said, they are asking themselves, "How do we know that with budget restrictions we are providing the best and most effective services?"

The rabbi explained that three years ago, a brilliant, optimistic long-range plan was created before the recession hit its peak. However, this plan envisioned that the bureau would continue to grow.

The past two years, however, have put a damper on the plan, he noted, and a new study was needed. The board is still very optimistic, but it is taking the fact seriously that for everything they take out, something will have to go, he said.

"Given the harsh realities of these times, what is the most effective way to go about doing this?" Samlan said, is a question they have to keep asking themselves.

Demographics are playing a part in the way they are looking at things, he noted. Samlan said they just learned nationally there is a 51 percent intermarriage rate, and he spoke of changing numbers in the Jewish schools.

"We know that as a community, we are about to see a downturn in the number of children in elementary school," he said.

Balancing its many duties — including educating children and young adults, adult education and teacher training — is something the bureau strives for, according to the rabbi. "We see a lot of different roles for ourselves to be playing out there."

In the future, Samlan sees more growth in informal education and adult education. He also envisions the bureau working more with other agencies.

Families Are Invited to Touro Party

Touro Fraternal Association will meet Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. at Touro Hall, 45 Rolfe Square in Cranston.

Entertainment will start promptly at 1 p.m.

The party is open to all members, their children and grandchildren.

Hot dogs, dessert and soft drinks will be served. Entertainment will be provided and gifts will be handed out to the children.

Israeli Mission Set for Nurses

The third educational mission to Israel sponsored by the Hadassah National Center for Nurses Councils will be held from Feb. 28 through March 11.

This mission is designed for the nurse, who will learn about kibbutz nursing, army nursing, nursing in a development town, public health nursing and nursing in Hadassah's Medical Center.

The nurses will obtain an overview of the entire health care system of Israel. This will be a unique opportunity to meet their Israeli colleagues, both formally and informally, and still have plenty of time for sight-seeing with expert Israeli tour guides.

The R.I. Nurses Council recently held its first meeting of the season, and plans are now being formulated for the next meeting scheduled for Jan. 27. For information, call Betty Levitt at 724-7186.

Gladstone Lends a Hand to JFS Program

According to Joe Gladstone, volunteering for JFS's Lifeline RI is a way to make friends and reap the pleasure of helping people in need. The rewards far exceed the time commitment and energy expended, he said.

He has been a volunteer since the program began in the summer of 1986. According to coordinator Maxine Richman, he has become an inspiration to other Lifeline RI volunteers and to her as well.

Volunteers for JFS' Lifeline RI program install the emergency personal response systems in the homes of subscribers, connecting the small unit to their phone lines. Additional time is spent demonstrating the machine, getting to know the subscribers and helping them to understand how the system works.

Gladstone said that the program does not take much time out of his busy schedule, which also includes volunteering at The Miriam Hospital and working part-time at his family-run company, Enterprise Fuel. JFS's Lifeline RI volunteers choose the hours and times that suit their schedule.

For more information about Jewish Family Service's Lifeline RI, contact coordinator Maxine Richman at 331-1244.

Koach Conference Set in Boston

"Uncreasing the Kippah, Increasing Kavanah: Conservative Ideology in Action" will be the theme of the third annual Koach kallah, which will be held Feb. 4 to 7, in Boston.

At the conference, Rabbi Neil Gillman, chairman of the philosophy department of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and author of *Sacred Fragments*, will lead a discussion on "Emet V'Emunah," the statement of principles of the Conservative movement.

The kallah provides a unique opportunity for Jewish students from all over North America to participate in activities such as a panel discussion on pluralism on campus, a Tu B'Shevat Seder, student-run sessions on a variety of campus issues and a complete Shabbat experience. Though the conference is based at Boston University, sessions will also take place in other campuses in the area.

Entertainment will be provided and participants will be encouraged to discuss matters of mutual concern.

"We have found that students come back from these

conferences with renewed enthusiasm and commitment," states Koach Director Richard Moline.

According to Alan Tichnor, International President of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, "By maintaining a presence on college campuses, we can provide a Jewish identity for these collegians during their transition years."

Rabbi Jerome Epstein, Executive Vice-President of the organization, states that "The United Synagogue tries to reach every age group and explain the Conservative Movement's principles not only in theory but also in practice. This conference is a special way of living the Conservative Jewish lifestyle."

For further information or for an application, contact the Koach office at (312) 726-1802, or local campus Hillel Foundations.

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School Beat



STRATEGY — Hai-shuo Shue, 7, from the JCCRI's chess team, makes a move during the center's first Children's Invitational Chess Tournament held Dec. 16. *Herald photo by Kammie Kettelle*



DEBATING — Shlomo Friedman, 5, from the Providence Hebrew Day School and the JCCRI's chess team, ponders the situation during last week's tournament. *Herald photo by Kammie Kettelle*

Children Match Wits at Chess Tournament

by Kammie Kettelle
Herald Assistant Editor

Children from grades kindergarten through five used their skill and determination last week at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's first Children's Invitational Chess Tournament. The competition pitted four teams against each other.

"I think [chess] really helps them to develop thinking and helps in learning foresight."

— Roger Bonin,
chess coordinator
at Baldwin School

The teams were from the JCCRI, made up of students from the after-school Kidspace program (grades kindergarten through three) and the Pre-Teen Connection (grades four and five), Baldwin and Cunningham Schools in Pawtucket, and the Henry Barnard School in Providence. The competition was done round-robin style so all four teams, split up into the primary division (grades kindergarten through two) and the elementary division (grades three through five), got to match wits against each other.

Roger Bonin, chess coordinator for the Baldwin School, where the tournaments started two years ago, said he feels there are many important advantages children gain from learning how to play chess.

"I think it really helps them to develop thinking and helps in learning foresight," he said, adding it also aids in developing analytical skills.

Alisa Yanow, youth coordinator at the JCCRI, said first-through fourth-place trophies were given to the winning teams for their schools. However, every student who participated received a trophy for doing so.

The winners are as follows for the primary division: first place, Cunningham School; second place, Baldwin School; third place, the Henry Barnard School, and fourth place the JCCRI. Winners for the elementary division are: first place, the JCCRI; second place, the Henry Barnard School; third place, Cunningham School, and fourth place, the Baldwin School.

Yanow said she felt the event went over very well, and they will make this an annual tournament.

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The competition culminates in Kansas City, Mo., on March 31 and April 1, during the 41st annual convention of the National Science Teachers Association.

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Families who are interested in discovering a new culture or in sharing our culture with someone from another country can do so by becoming a host family for a foreign exchange student.

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These students speak fair to good English at the time of arrival, have excellent medical/accidental insurance and bring their own spending money.

For more information, contact the nonprofit Youth Exchange Service, 4675 MacArthur Court, Suite 830, Newport Beach, Calif. 92660, or call (800) 848-2121.

The winners, accompanied by their parents and science teachers, will be presented with their awards and congratulated by an audience of media representatives, educators and scientists.

Entrants must design and build a battery-powered device which runs on any one or a combination of Duracell® batteries — AAA, AA, D, C, 9-volt or lantern size — and submit a written description, a wiring diagram, and a photo of it by Jan. 22. Entries are judged on creativity, practicality and energy efficiency of the device, and on the clarity of the written description.

To enter, students must complete a form available from science teachers or they may write to: Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition, 1742

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Administered by the National Science Teachers Association and sponsored by Duracell U.S.A., the competition is judged by a group of scientists and science educators, headed by Dr. Arthur Eisenkraft, a physics teacher, presidential awardee, and Disney Science Teacher of the Year. Judging for the competition is the sole responsibility of the NSTA.

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OBITUARIES

EDWARD DOBREIN

PROVIDENCE — Edward Dobrein, 94, retired president of M. Dobrein & Son, a Boston shoe wholesaler, died Dec. 12 at the Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Martha (Pritsker) Dobrein.

Dobrein was born in Boston and had been a longtime resident of both Newton and Brockton, Mass. He moved to East Providence 3½ months ago.

He was a graduate of Boston University and a member of its varsity football team.

For 60 years, Dobrein was affiliated with M. Dobrein & Son, the shoe wholesale and distributing company founded by his father. He retired as president 12 years ago.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Marian Andrews of Downers Grove, Ill.; three stepchildren, Sybil Simon of Warren, Alan Blackman of Brookline, Mass., and Lenard Blackman of Westport, Conn.; a brother, Herbert Dobrein of Newton, Mass.; 13 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was also the husband of the late Bertha (Stone). He was brother of the late Benjamin Dobrein, Anna Goldstein and Freida Pearlstein.

Graveside funeral services were held Dec. 13 in the Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MARY H. FINK

WARWICK — Mary H. Fink, 72, of 121 Pilgrim Drive, a bookkeeper for the King Auto Parts, Central Falls, for 25 years before retiring in 1985, died Dec. 16 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Harold I. Fink.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late William A. and Mary (Riley) Raleigh, she moved to Warwick 43 years ago.

Fink and her husband were founding members of the former Temple Beth Am, now Am David, and she was a mem-

ber of its Sisterhood. She was a past president of Sackin-Shocket Post 533, Jewish War Veterans, Ladies Auxiliary. She was a member of Hadassah, the Miriam Hospital Women's Auxiliary, the Majestic Senior Guild, the Cranston Senior Guild and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Sanford E. Fink of East Greenwich, and Harvey A. Fink of Syracuse, N.Y.; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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

SADIE HARRIGAN

WARWICK — Sadie Harrigan, 97, of 25 Arthur St., died Dec. 20 at Pawtuxet Village Nursing Home. She was the widow of Frank Harrigan and of Hugh Gailey.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Morris Glazer. She lived in Warwick for more than 60 years.

Harrigan was a member of a women's auxiliary of a veterans' organization.

She leaves two grandchildren, Donna Land of Lansdale, Pa., and Ronald Gailey of Mansfield, Mass., and two great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Dorothy R. Harrigan and Ernest Gailey.

A graveside funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

FAY MARKOVITZ

PROVIDENCE — Fay Markovitz, 84, of Charlesgate South, 20 Randall St., died Dec. 20 at South Nassau Hospital in Oceanside, Long Island. She was the widow of Israel Markovitz.

Born in Montreal, Canada, she was a daughter of the late Simon and Pauline (Etscovitch)



Miriam Seminar

Deborah Benik, trustee (from left), Benjamin Paster, chairman, The Miriam Hospital Foundation, Jane Nelson, chairwoman, Development Committee, Scott Fithian, keynote speaker, and Alan Gilstein, trustee, were present at a recent Planned Giving Seminar sponsored by The Miriam Hospital and held at Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank. Attendees participated in a discussion on "Successful Methods for Accumulating and Distributing Retirement Assets." For more information on planned giving opportunities, call The Miriam Hospital Development Office at 331-8500, #2025.

Photo by Constance Brown

Sigler. She lived in Providence since 1938.

Markovitz was a member Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood.

She leaves two daughters, Macia Raskind of Oceanside and Florence Mendenhall of Algonia, Wash.; two sisters Jean Cohen and Estelle Schwartz, and three brothers, David Sigler, William Sigler and Hy Sigler, all of Montreal, and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was Dec. 23 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SARAH WEINSTEIN

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Sarah Weinstein, 93, of the Haym Solomon Home for the Aged

died Dec. 18 at Long Island College Hospital. She was the wife of the late Harry Weinstein.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Abraham and Leah Gilstein, she lived in Brooklyn for 50 years. She previously lived in Providence.

Weinstein was a packer for the Zion Knitting Co. for 20 years before retiring in 1977.

She leaves three sons, Saul Weinstein of Rohnert Park Calif., Arthur Weinstein of North Hollywood, Calif., and Burton Weinstein of Rockaway, N.J.; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Dec. 21 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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Dec. 25: Open house, bagel brunch, use of pool and gym. Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI), 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence. RSVP Gerry, 331-1524; 11 a.m.

Dec. 30: Celebrate New Year's one night early at Bugaboo Creek Steak House (a taste of Canada), Jefferson Blvd., exit 15 off 95. RSVP Mark, 463-8455; 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 3: Night on the town at Freddie's Lounge, Holiday Inn at the Crossings, Warwick. RSVP Cheryl, 453-6414; 7 p.m.

Jan. 5: Italian Buffet at Mama Chiello's, 549 Quaker Lane, Route 2, West Warwick. RSVP Mark, 463-8455; 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 9: Poke fun at Rhode Island politics with the Ocean State Follies at Periwinkle's comedy Club, Richmond St., downtown Providence. Free parking. Call Gerry, 331-1524 for more information.

Jan. 12: Meet at Archie's Tavern, 47 Mendon Ave., Pawtucket. RSVP Cheryl, 453-

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A WORK OF ART — Robyn Furman eyes her daughter Deborah's work at the puzzle event at Temple Emanu-El Saturday. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

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Jan. 14: Walleyball at the JCCRI. Mark your spot by calling Gerry at 331-1524; 7 p.m.

Jan. 17: Road trip to Brookline, Mass. Lunch at Cafe Shalom, Ruben's Deli, then shopping. Carpool from JCCRI. RSVP Cheryl, 453-6414; 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 20: Chinese buffet at Chinatown Restaurant, 1035 West Shore Road, Warwick. Salad bar and all-you-can-eat Chinese specialties. RSVP Mark, 463-8455; 6:30 p.m., \$6.95.

Jan. 24: Bagel brunch at

JCCRI. Guest speaker David Leach, chairman of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Community Relations Council Domestic Task Force, will speak on current concerns. RSVP Gerry, 331-1524; 11 a.m., \$6.

Jan. 26: Movie night at the Meadowbrook Cinema, 2452 Warwick Ave., Warwick. Call Mark at 463-8455; 6:30 p.m., \$1.

Jan. 28: Golden oldies at Sh-Boom's, South Main Street in Providence. RSVP Cheryl, 453-6414; 7 p.m.

Jan. 31: Brunch at The Governor Francis Inn, 1251 Warwick Ave., Warwick. RSVP Mark, 463-8455; 10 a.m., \$6.95.

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well known to the Jewish community, including Robert Reich, who has been named secretary of labor; Donna Shalala, named secretary of health and human services; Carol Browner, tapped to head the Environmental Protection Agency; Robert Rubin, who will fill a new top economic policy post, and investment banker Roger Altman, designated to be deputy treasury secretary.

Of these, Reich and Rubin are Jewish; Shalala is a Lebanese American with close relationships to some Jewish organizations.

"The fact that so many Jews have been appointed to prominent positions already makes this [incoming] administration feel significantly different from the Bush administration," said Rabbi Saperstein. "It is far more inclusive of the Jewish community."

"The fact that there will be so many Jews sitting around tables" where decisions are being made "ensures there will be voices sensitive to Jewish concerns," he added.

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Discovery of Policeman's Body

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murder proved the kidnapers had no intention of negotiating over release of the border policeman and confirmed the government's wisdom in insisting on evidence that Toledano was alive as a condition for entering into any dialogue.

He said the government had been "prepared to hold contacts" with the kidnapers.

But in Amman, Jordan, a spokesman for Hamas said the Israeli government had never seriously intended to negotiate, only to buy time. At the same time, the spokesman said the decision to kill Toledano had been made by the group that kidnapped him, not by Hamas leaders outside the country.

Rabin said 1,200 Hamas leaders and activists throughout the administered territories had been arrested since the kidnapping. He urged Israelis to demonstrate maturity and restraint, and avoid panic and violence.

But in Lod, police wrestled with Jewish demonstrators, led by out-of-town radicals of the extremist Kach movement, who sought to attack Arab inhabitants of the town.

Toledano's body was found by a Bedouin woman named Fatima from a tribe encamped just off the main road between Jerusalem and Jericho. She ran back in fear to the camp, and her husband, Nasser, with the tribal chief, drove to the nearest Israeli Civil Administration office to inform the authorities.

Toledano was bound at the wrists and still wearing his green border police uniform.

A Pardon for Pollard

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broke, the Jewish people, and especially their leadership, were frightened and defensive, scared of being accused along with the Pollards of double loyalty. There was a resounding public silence from the Jewish community, frozen by fear that everyone will think that all the Jews are potential spies for Israel and that anti-Semites will come forth to blame the Jews for dual loyalty in the Pollard case. Yes, Jonathan Pollard committed a crime against his country and deserves punishment for spying, but not more than others who spied for a hostile power like the former Soviet Union before the demise of communism.

"A Jew alone is in danger. His security lies with the community which helps him survive," wrote Elie Wiesel.

It behooves the Jewish leadership to approach President-elect Clinton, when he assumes office, to plead for a pardon on behalf of Pollard — because as of now, he has served in the harshest prison longer than others who spied for countries hostile to the United States. No one doubts that Pollard committed a crime and deserves to be punished, but he should not be given an excessive punishment because he was a Jewish spy and spied for a Jewish state.

Police pathologists declined to give a precise time of death, but indications were that it had been on Dec. 13, some hours after his kidnapping.

On Dec. 13, the kidnapers had left a message at an office of the International Red Cross, demanding the release of the imprisoned Hamas leader, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, by 9 p.m. that night as their condition for Toledano's return. Yassin himself went on Israel Television to urge the kidnapers not to kill their victim.

"Neither Ahmed Yassin, nor Ahmed Jabril, nor Yasir Arafat will move us from here — we are here to stay," a somber-voiced Rabin told the Knesset. "We will suffer setbacks, bite our lips and carry on. Neither stones nor bullets will make us move. Terror has no chance against us."

Rabin said the army and security services had been instructed to conduct a "merciless" war against Hamas and its accomplices "within the framework of the law."

There should be no question of "interpretation" regarding the resoluteness of the instructions given to the army, the premier said, clearly anxious to ward off criticism by the right-wing opposition that the government and the army had been too soft or too slow in cracking down on the rising wave of shootings in the administered territories.

The territories were sealed off from Israel proper Dec. 14, and there was no sign by Dec. 15 that this measure would be eased imminently.

Rabin, nevertheless, was attacked by David Levy of Likud, the former foreign minister. Referring to Rabin's announcement that 1,200 Hamas activists had been rounded up, Levy asked: "Where have you been till now? Why haven't you done this before now?"

Opposition leader Yitzhak Shamir, recuperating at home in Tel Aviv after cancer surgery, asserted Dec. 14 in a televised interview that the security situation had degenerated since Rabin came to power beyond anything experienced under the Likud.

That assessment was challenged by Labor ministers, who cited intifada statistics for the years 1990 and 1991 to argue they were worse.



THE GLOW OF CHANUKAH — Michael Wollport, 6, and Adam Cable, 6, bask in the glow of Chanukah's first light Saturday at Temple Emanu-El. Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Contest Winners To Be Honored at Herald Party at the JCCRI

Winners of the Rhode Island Jewish Herald's 10th annual Chanukah Art Contest will be honored at an Awards Party on Dec. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the lobby of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

Prizes for first-, second- and third-place winners in three age groups will be awarded, as well as honorable mentions. The party will feature the winning artwork on display and tasty kosher snacks for everyone.

For more information, call the Editor at 724-0200.

Clarification

A story in last week's Herald referred to the ICRF. The acronym stands for the Israel Cancer Research Fund.

Corrections

Dave Dudek, 13, and Kayla Monzack, 11, also entered drawings in the annual Chanukah contest. Their names were inadvertently left out of last week's Herald.

Also, Robin Halpern's name was misspelled in a story on Page 16 of last week's paper.

We regret the errors.



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