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Israel Digs in Heels as Court Refuses to Overturn Expulsions

by Gil Sedan and David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has dug in its heels against the return of 415 Moslem fundamentalists it expelled from the administered territories two weeks ago, insisting that the peace process will continue despite international condemnation of the unprecedented move.

In a demonstration of that resolve, Israel last week boosted its forces along the edge of the no-man's land in southern Lebanon where the deportees are camped.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's tough stance received a strong boost of support Dec. 22 from the High Court of Justice, which refused to order the government to backtrack on the expulsions. In a unanimous decision, the court said the Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists expelled by Israel two weeks ago were now under Lebanese sovereignty and control.

The ruling came after the Israel Defense Force chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, told the court the men were physically safe in their present location between Israeli and Lebanese army checkpoints in southern Lebanon.

Barak told the bench it was "impossible anyone could have been hurt" Dec. 21 when troops of the Israeli-allied South Lebanon Army began shelling several hundred yards

away from the deportees as they walked toward an Israeli checkpoint, attempting to cross into the Israeli-controlled security zone.

They took the walk at the instruction of the Lebanese (Continued on Page 19)

Orthodox Federation Votes for Religious Education

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

The board of the Rhode Island Federation of Orthodox Jews Friday voted unanimously to allot \$1,000 per student for private education tuition. Parents will choose which school the students will attend.

Comparing the state of education in America to Rhode Island's water system, Thomas Pearlman, a Rhode Island lawyer, recounted the story of

how Rhode Island Hospital built additional wards to counteract an epidemic of typhoid and diptheria created by an unsanitary water system.

Hundreds of Rhode Islanders perished in spite of these measures until Rhode Island formed a water-supply board that literally became a model sanitary system heralded throughout the country. He likened this analogy to what is

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Pro-Israel Policy Anticipated Under New Clinton Appointees

by Cynthia Mann
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As President-elect Bill Clinton selected the key members of his foreign affairs team last week, Jewish leaders expressed confidence the U.S. commitment to Israel would remain strong under this administration.

Their confidence, however, was less a function of the individual appointees than the strong pro-Israel tone and policies they expect will be set by

the future president and Vice President-elect Al Gore.

Jewish organizational leaders were careful to laud the foreign policy experience and skill of Warren Christopher, who was named Dec. 22 as Clinton's secretary of state; Anthony Lake, named national security adviser, and Samuel Berger, Lake's designated deputy.

But it was clear several of the Jewish leaders were trying to put the best face on the fact that all three appointees

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LENDING A HAND — Myron Winoker stretches to light the menorah candles last week with help from Mendel Lipskier at the Chanukah party at the Warwick Mall.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Shoppers Stop, Stare and Stroll by Chanukah Party at the Mall

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter

When Myron Winoker looked up at the huge metal menorah poised before him, he wondered how in the world he'd be able to reach its candles unless he grew 2 feet taller. But Mendel Lipskier came to his rescue with a folding chair and a steady arm for him to lean on. This was only one of many touching scenes taking place at a Chanukah

party sponsored by the Chabad Lubavitch of Rhode Island.

Rabbi Lazer Levy of the Warwick Chabad offered the benediction and asked a remembrance for the Lubavitcher rebbe of Crown Heights who suffered a stroke nine months ago and is recovering.

As hundreds of shoppers stopped, stared and strolled by to see what was happening, the rabbi expressed optimism (Continued on Page 20)

A Lesson in Judaism Taught at Beth Shalom

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter

Of the two "miracles" that occurred for Judah and the Maccabees, it was the miraculous eight days of light provided on a day's supply of sacred oil that was more significant, Rabbi Chaim Marder maintained last week. For it was the oil that kept the light glowing, allowing the Jews to make more oil.

Lessons revealed to those who attended Temple Beth Shalom's basic Judaism class in concepts and beliefs conducted by Rabbi Marder Dec. 23.

Before anyone could indulge in a plate of hot latkes, the rabbi asked the students why they are eaten during Chanukah.

Whatever is fried in oil is considered lawful, barring meat or dairy products, a stu-

This was only one of many (Continued on Page 10)



And the Winners Are...

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald Chanukah Art Contest winners at the JCCRI.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Legislators Topic of Cable Show

"Freshmen Legislators — Part V" will be the topic of this week's Capitol Roundtable, a weekly cable television public affairs program that will air on Jan. 3, at 9 a.m.

The panelists will be Rep.-elect Charlene Lima (D-Dist. 13) of Cranston and Providence, Sen.-elect Mary A. Parella (R-Dist. 45) of Bristol and Warren, and Rep.-elect Thomas A. Palangio (D-Dist. 8) of Providence.

The 30-minute program, which is produced by Capitol Television, the cable television unit of the Rhode Island General Assembly, will be carried on TCI Cablevision (Channel 57), Westerly Cable (Channel 7), Dimension Cable (Channel 32) and four other cable systems, (Channel 49).

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To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Jan. 31, 1993.

RIC Winter Commencement Scheduled for Jan. 17

Rhode Island College senior soprano soloist, Diana McVay's voice will resound throughout Roberts Hall auditorium Jan. 17 when close to 500 undergraduate and graduate students receive their degrees during the college's winter commencement ceremonies.

Also scheduled during the ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m., will be the awarding of an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to Italy's vice president for life for the Senate, Paolo Emilio Taviani.

Taviani, 88, had been scheduled to visit Rhode Island in September in conjunction with the college's yearlong quinquennial celebration. He had been detained because of last fall's European financial crisis.

According to John J. Saleses, vice president for aca-

demical affairs and quinquennial celebration committee member, "the college is pleased to have an opportunity to finally welcome Senator Taviani to our community. Although we would have enjoyed awarding the honorary degree during the quinquennial year, Senator Taviani's long history of public service, scholarly work and contributions toward world peace makes the honorary degree award appropriate in any year."

Also expected to participate in commencement ceremonies will be city and state officials and education leaders. Graduates and their families and guests are invited to gather in Donovan Dining Center for refreshments following the event.

Language Classes Offered

Language courses are available in French, Spanish, German, and Italian at the beginning, intermediate and ad-

vanced levels at International House of Rhode Island, 8 Stimson Ave., Providence.

Under the direction of Aida Sahakian, beginning French classes meet Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.; intermediate classes are held Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and the advanced class meets Mondays from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Instructor Zoila Castro teaches a beginning Spanish class on Mondays from 5 to 6:30 p.m., an advanced beginning class on Tuesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and an intermediate class from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Advanced beginning Italian classes will be held Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with instructor Francesca Benciolini.

Classes in advanced beginning German, with instructor Marga Lemaire, will be Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with intermediate classes to be announced.

Advanced beginning Russian classes will be held Tuesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Japanese, Chinese and Portuguese classes will also be scheduled during the day or in the evening as soon as sufficient enrollment is attained.

Classes in other languages can be arranged for small group instruction if there is enough interest.

Classes will begin the week of Jan. 18 and continue for 10 weeks. The fee for a class is \$70 for members and \$80 for nonmembers and includes the use of the language lab. Yearly membership fee is \$10 for students; \$25 for individuals, and \$40 for families.

For further information about any of the above programs, call 421-7181.

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Bristol Community College will offer the PCLAN Technical Specialist Program. The college will hold informational meetings for those interested in the program on Jan. 4 and 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commonwealth College Center on the Elsbree Street campus. The program will run from March through September. For more information on the information sessions, call the college at (508) 678-2811, ext. 155.

Two-for-one discounts on lift tickets and/or rentals at Yawgoo Valley Ski Area are offered with the Ski For Sight card from Prevent Blindness. Free passes and discounts from 21 other ski areas all across New England are also offered. The card costs \$25 and helps fund the free eye health and safety programs of the National Society to Prevent Blindness at its New England affiliates. One-time use of the card is allowed at each ski area. For a flyer that outlines the Ski For Sight program, participating resorts and their restrictions, call Prevent Blindness at (203) 347-2020. To order, call or write to Prevent Blindness, 1275 Washington St, Middletown, Conn. 06457.



The 1992-93 Women's Pro Ski Tour will visit Wachusett Mountain on Jan. 1 to 3 for the third of 12 national stops during the 1992-93 season. The tour's 17th season will include more than 30 of the best women professional ski racers going after a \$430,000 total prize purse. For more information, call John Sousa at 443-4461.

FEATURE

Stop and Look

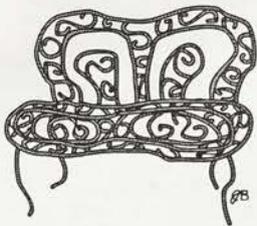


by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Like a table or a bookshelf, a plain outdoor bench is just a slab resting on two supports.

On my errands in and about town, I've been studying different kinds of benches; marble, wood, cement.

A pair of noble, forgotten granite benches stand guard around the wrought iron gates at the end of the short path to



the Butler grounds — across the street from my kids' grandparents. Nobody uses them.

En route to my school office, I cruise by the memorial stone seats at the Van Wickle gates on College Hill. Coeds hurry to class or jog in fancy sneakers across the Brown Campus. Not a soul just sits and broods.

The Lincoln Park Cemetery sells memorial benches near the entrance pillars, by the veterans' graves. A pretty little bench keeps phantom company by a headstone here and there among the plots. It seems like folks have forgotten how to use a bench, or even how to look at one.

If I had some crumbs, seeds or nuts in my many worn pockets, I could spread out and feed a pigeon or a squirrel. If I had packed a sandwich in my

khaki kit, I could do a solo picnic like some figure in folklore. If I had my camera, I could hunt for a glimpse of a home-



less waif, or a senior, or a pair of lovers to snap.

But I like an empty bench best. I admire a fancy design of teak or cast iron or slate, with a solid wall behind it.

But the crudest of garden love seats says the same thing

to me: "Sit a second. Have a look around. Stop in your tracks and look at a leaf, a snowflake, a sparrow."

An empty bench holds a ghost, or maybe only a stray cat. It takes you without benefit of jet speed to any part of the world you care to go, Paris, London, Jerusalem, Japan.

When neighbors holler for playgrounds, I pipe up for a park bench to perch on. You need it in early childhood and later life. It could also stretch out the distance between the two, just the length of a few boards of lumber like bars of music. Pick your own tune — hum it without a Walkman.

Have a story idea? Know someone in the community with a story to tell? The R.I. Jewish Herald welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Call the Editor or Assistant Editor at 724-0200.

Cranston Senior Delves into Military's 'Unknown'

by Kammie Kettelle
Herald Assistant Editor

It didn't take a recruiter's calls or visits, or any convincing for Nathan Halpern of Cranston to join the Army Reserves. He took the initiative himself.

"For someone that is qualified like Nathan to call ... it's not common," said Sgt. Frank Macrae, a U.S. Army Reserve recruiter from the Warwick Recruiting Station.

"Basically I was interested in it," Halpern said. "The unknown of the military interested me."

Halpern, a senior and cadet leader in Cranston High School East's Army ROTC program, will go to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in July for basic training.

Capt. Stanley Heath said that he has not seen a lot of Jewish men, women or students join the Army in Rhode Island. However, he said, the military is accommodating for people of the Jewish faith. "The Army has rabbis on every military post," he said. "We do honor the Jewish holidays and the Army does provide kosher meals."

"I think it's great we all have individual backgrounds," Heath added. The Army has people from every religion and every race, and once they come together as a group, they share the same goals, he said.

Halpern will continue with his advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood after he completes basic training

there. The results of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test determined in what special areas he would perform

"The unknown of the military interested me."

Nathan Halpern, cadet leader in ROTC program

best. Halpern said he received about 10 choices, and decided to go into the carpentry and masonry program.

According to Lt. Col. Paul McNamara, Cranston East is only one of three high schools in Rhode Island that has a ROTC program. He said the school has 93 cadets enrolled in this college preparatory program.

Halpern said being a part of ROTC has made him a more well-rounded individual: "I enjoy the competition, and I like being a leader."

A teacher at Cranston East's Army ROTC program, 1st Sgt. Joseph Fratiello said the program gives students extra preparation with such skills as speech.

Heath said Halpern will have an advantage over others when he leaves in July for his training. "He is going to be way ahead of everyone else because of the ROTC program here," he said. "Because he is in ROTC, he will come in an advanced rank."

After Halpern completes his training this summer, he will dedicate one weekend a month to the reserves for six years, and complete two weeks of additional training each year. His reserve unit will be in Attleboro, Mass.

When asked about his plans for the future, Halpern said that

he is considering going active into the Army, adding that it will depend on how he feels. He is also contemplating airborne school.

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The Definition of Judaism

To the Editors:

Mr. Harry J. Kolodney's letter calling a recent piece I wrote for the *Journal-Bulletin* "detrimental" to Jews, was not entirely coherent but seemed to say that the abundance of kosher products on the market proves that all is well with Judaism in America today.

While it certainly is nice to see kosher products, and while the observant Jewish community is indeed growing, our country's near 50 percent intermarriage rate, the 625,000 American Jews now practicing other religions, the 1 million American Jewish young people being raised as non-Jews and the astounding lack of Jewish knowledge or commitment on the part of the vast majority of American Jews would, to most reasonable observers, seem to be less than reassuring, to put it mildly.

Mr. Kolodney seems perturbed that I dared cast off the

secular Jewish establishment as the "spokesman" for all American Jews. Well, it is not mine, nor that of most observant Jews.

Were Mr. Kolodney privy to the mail and calls I have received from non-Jews and Jews alike who have read my Jewish perspective on issues in what

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he calls "Anglo-Secular Newspapers," people who are enthralled to see for the first time that authentic Judaism still exists, that the A.J.C. and B'nai B'rith do not represent all Jews and that liberalism is not synonymous with Judaism, he might feel differently about my writing — and about the definition of Judaism.

Rabbi Avi Shafran
Providence

Who Is G-d, by Definition?

To the Editors:

The time was February, 1938. With the intervention of Britain's Prime Minister Sir Neville Chamberlain and France's Premier Monsieur Edouard Daladier, it was decided that a discourse should be held between the two chancellors of Austria, Dr.

with the words, "I do not want to bore you with false statistics." By the way, 10 days later, Hitler invaded Austria. So much for the "gentlemen's agreement."

At the end of the year of 1992, I, too, do not want to bore you with my letters of opinion. You have graciously printed them all, your readers have graciously read them. And I have become a "celebrity" for more than 15 minutes, if Andy Warhol will forgive me for saying so. Thank you both, the *Herald*, as well as its readers, I promise to do better in 1993.

A last expression of opinion for the old year. In the year-end edition for 1992, *Time* magazine poses the cover-story question, "What does science teach us about G-d?"

In a letter to their editor, (yes I write to other editors, too), I wrote "Who is G-d by anyone's definition?" Writers say it best. One is Maxim Gorky the Russian playwright who in the drama "The Pil-

grim" has one of the characters ask the protagonist "Is there a G-d?" and the pilgrim answers, "For those who believe in him, there is."

The second statement comes from the Viennese author Franz Werfel, who on the fly-leaf of his novel *The Song of Bernardette*, which deals with the miracles of Lourdes, wrote: "For those who believe, an explanation is not necessary, and for those who do not believe, an explanation is not possible."

Thank you and your readers once more for allowing me space in our beloved *Herald*.

Referring back to the first paragraph, I am reminded of George Bernard Shaw, the great wit of this century, who wrote, "England and the United States are divided by a common language. So are Austria and Germany."

Hans L. Heimann
Cranston

Kurt von Schuschnigg, and the one from Germany, Adolf Hitler.

Each was to speak before the respective chambers of deputies, Austria's parliament and Germany's Reichstag.

Hitler spoke first, and ranted on and on, and on about the so-called achievements of his government. The speech lasted for well over three hours.

The following week, it was chancellor Schuschnigg's turn to speak. He started his oratory

Germany's Violence Should Concern Jews Around World

by Alfred H. Moses

WASHINGTON (JTA) — "We have laws enough, justice enough, and police enough," said Hans Koschnick. "The real problem is what to do with the people who stand alongside and applaud."

Koschnick, a Social Democratic member of the Bundestag, the German parliament, was talking to the leadership of the American Jewish Committee, who went to Germany after a recent wave of attacks against foreigners.

We know that xenophobic violence rarely excludes Jews. The current situation in Germany is no exception. An arson attack on the wooden barracks of the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp, which housed a memorial and exhibit on the Jewish extermination under the Nazis, followed closely on the heels of the attacks on foreigners in Rostock and other cities.

Ironically, it was not until the fire at Sachsenhausen that public opinion was truly mobilized. Government leaders issued unequivocal statements of condemnation against the

action of right-wing extremists.

Barracks No. 38 at the Sachsenhausen site contains the small exhibit on the Holocaust. When we visited, the barracks were charred; the acrid smell of fire hung in the air. It was the Sachsenhausen event that most German officials assumed was on the minds of the AJCommittee.

"We absolutely condemn it, and we will bring the culprits to justice," Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters told the AJCommittee immediately after words of greeting.

In the eastern state of Brandenburg where the camp is situated, Prime Minister Manfred Stolpe emphasized the importance of the unanimous decision by Parliament, "strictly condemning anti-Semitism." Stolpe led in organizing a demonstration at the camp a few days later.

If we had come to Germany attentive only to fears of a resurgent anti-Semitism, we might have left more reassured. But other matters brought us to Germany: reports of violence directed toward foreigners, plans to

limit the right of asylum and deport Romanians, mostly gypsies, the growing number of neo-Nazis, other extremists, and the picture of applauding bystanders. These concerns remain.

All major parties in Germany are committed to putting a stop to the violence and protecting the safety of asylum-seekers in their houses.

Police forces in the eastern states need to be beefed up and the extremists who commit these crimes need to be brought to justice. This message was stated clearly and repeatedly by Seiters and others.

It is clear that Germany's liberal asylum laws will be changed. Supporters of the current laws see them as a way of "atoning" for Nazi sins. But now, whether by amending the constitution or applying new enforcement measures to the current provisions, authorities will move to stem the ever-increasing flow of foreigners into Germany.

The right to political asylum will remain, but the right to (Continued on Next Page)

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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

WEEK OF JAN. 1, 1943

Sell \$930,000 in War Bonds at Jewish Rally

Jewish organizations and individuals purchased \$930,000 in War Bonds at an all Jewish rally last Sunday in the auditorium of the R.I. School of Design. U.S. Senator Theodore Francis Green, who headed the speaking program, asserted that "the people of the Jewish faith have more at stake than any other in the winning of the war and you should respond generously to the appeals of the Government for funds to provide the sinews of war for the fighting forces."

Request to Probe Atrocities Refused

LONDON — The Vatican has asked the German government to allow a papal representative to visit Poland in order to investigate the atrocity reports which are causing the Pope great anxiety, according to a report by the *Daily Sketch*. The paper states that Hitler, explaining that such an investigation would be possible only after the war, rejected the request.

Jewish Service Assists 257 Families in 11 Months

Two hundred and fifty-seven families were helped by the Jewish Family and Children's Service in the first 11 months of 1942 it was announced by Joseph Galkin, executive director, in his annual report to the Corporation last Monday night. During that period \$3000 had been spent on relief but expenditures are dropping, Mr. Galkin said, because of increased employment opportunities.

OPINIONS

Germany's Violence Should Concern Jews

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automatic entry and government support for anyone claiming asylum will surely be curtailed.

Federal, state and local officials are overwhelmed by the current numbers. As Berndt Seite, prime minister of the former East German state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, stated: "Germany simply cannot accept more foreigners."

Will such measures solve the problems? There is an intense feeling of bitterness and anxiety in eastern Germany. People see positions in government and business being filled each day by western Germans.

Residents' heady expectations of immediate economic improvement after unification yielded to a more sober realization of the scope and magnitude of modernizing the former East German economy to integrate it with the capitalist West.

Hans Otto Brautigam, justice minister in the state of Brandenburg, cautioned that one must separate the issue of violence from the influx of foreigners.

"Young people are against something," he said. "But it is not clear just what."

While the violence may be unorganized and carried out by small numbers of people, Brautigam warned that "the wider population shares their feelings, if not approves of their actions." Persons in the East under age 70 have never known as adults what it is to live in freedom.

Recent opinion surveys show support for right-wing parties approaching 10 percent, with 30 percent of German youth favorably disposed toward extremist views. If an election were held today, none of Germany's major parties would likely win even 40 percent of the vote.

Frustration with Germany's political leadership and disillusionment at what the future holds are apparent. The population was told that unification would make Germany "stronger and richer." But now, two years later, neither is the case, at least not yet.

Violent incidents may be controlled and extremists brought to justice, but no one seems to know the number of people who are silently supportive or how to address them.

Even if the number of

asylum-seekers" crossing Germany's borders is slowed, the country will still be left with a foreign population of over seven million. Yet it has no real policy to absorb these foreigners into the political and social fabric. This is a time bomb ticking away.

In the West, Germany's democratic institutions have roots that span more than four decades and attest to a remarkable transformation. Still, the problems that a reunited Germany confronts are severe.

Beyond addressing the immediate concerns, no one is certain where things will lead. Some political leaders are even fearful about allowing the country to work these long-term problems out by itself.

It is as though the new Germany must be anchored in a unified Europe and a transatlantic partnership as much to allay the concerns of the Germans themselves as well as those of other people.

Wolfgang Schauble, leader of the CDU-CSU faction in the Bundestag, implored: "You should not leave us alone."

Alfred H. Moses is president of the American Jewish Committee.



SING-ALONG — Christina Demers, 6, and her sister Tiffany, 3, enjoy Chanukah songs at the Warwick Mall last week.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

They Had Proper Jewish Education

This week's Torah portion, Vayigash, contains the verse, "And [Jacob] sent Judah ... before him to Goshen — l'horot — to make preparations." According to the foremost commentaries, Judah was sent to establish a yeshiva. (L'horot is from the same root as hora' which means "instruction.")

When G-d told Jacob to go to Egypt, Jacob first ensured the presence of yeshivot. G-d promised Jacob he would be with him in the Egyptian exile. Yet, only once the yeshivot were established did Jacob bring his family with him to Egypt, for Jewish education is the foundation and mainstay of Judaism.

In all times and places where Jews lived, even in the terribly harsh exile of Egypt, there were centers where Torah was studied, for Torah study is the life of the Jewish people.

The Egyptian exile was the most severe of all exiles, including the present one, for several reasons. However, regardless of all the difficulties, Jews were never without yeshivot.

The Torah is not a history textbook. Every subject and episode, every letter of the Torah, offers direction for all times and places.

Some people claim that this is not the time to be sending children to Jewish day schools; today, afternoon Hebrew school or Sunday school are sufficient.

The Egyptian exile and this week's Torah portion thus instruct us. Conditions in Egypt were far more difficult than those at present, but were disregarded and Torah was studied. They disregarded not only the severe physical conditions of the exile. They also dis-

missed the fact that, because the Torah had not yet been given collectively to all the Jewish people on Mount Sinai, they were not capable of reaching the tremendous heights to which we can aspire today.

All of the above applies, too, to the question of support for Jewish education. There are those who claim that financial conditions are worse than ever. When conditions improve, they will support Jewish education and maybe even have the "self-sacrifice" to send their own children to a yeshiva.

We must all remember, in Egypt the exile was far worse. There, our ancestors did not have even stubble for bricks and had to wander through a foreign land to search for it while Pharaoh's taskmasters stood over them lashing out with their whips. They had no straw, but they had a proper Jewish education.

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Weinberger Pardon Linked by Leader To Request for Clemency for Pollard

Reacting to President Bush's pardon of former defense secretary Casper Weinberger, Amcha national president, Rabbi Avi Weiss stated, "The Weinberger pardon was a self-serving act on the president's part, since Mr. Bush was a 'subject' of the investigation conducted by independent prosecutor Lawrence E. Walsh. A clear abuse of power.

"This is not the first time that the executive branch has inappropriately intruded into the affairs of the judiciary. It was the false information contained in a memorandum written by Casper Weinberger which convinced Judge Aubrey Robinson in the Jonathan Pollard case to give Pollard the maximum sentence — life imprisonment.

In the memorandum, Weinberger used the term 'treason' in reference to Pollard's activities. Pollard however was indicted on one count, of delivering classified information to Israel, an ally of the United States. He was not indicted for jeopardizing American security or American security agents.

"Mr. Weinberger was charged by the Walsh investigation with lying to Congress when he said he did not recall whether Saudi Arabia ever contributed to the Contras. Prosecutors have indicated that Weinberger's personal notes show that he did know of such

contributions. Similarly, Mr. Weinberger lied to the judiciary when he wrote to Judge Robinson that Jonathan Pollard had committed a treasonous offense.

"Rather than pardon Casper Weinberger, President Bush

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Claims Conference Issues Details On Reparations Deal With Germany

by Lainie Blum-Cogan

NEW YORK (JTA) — Holocaust survivors who have been unable so far to collect reparations from the German government can now apply for funds, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany announced.

This notification follows the announcement in early November that the Claims Conference and the German government had signed a compensation accord on additional reparations payments.

Thousands of Nazi victims who resided behind the Iron Curtain never received indemnification because they were unable to file applications by the 1965 deadline stipulated in the 1952 reparations agreement, according to Israel Miller, president of the Claims Conference.

Under the new agreement, Holocaust survivors who can prove they spent at least six months in concentration camps, or 18 months in ghettos, or 18 months in hiding under inhumane conditions, are eligible to receive reparations.

Such victims are eligible even if they previously received one-time payments of up to 5,000 marks — about \$3,200 — under the German Federal Indemnification Law or from the Claims Conference Hardship Fund, or payments greater than 5,000 marks for extended incarceration.

Individuals who currently receive pensions under the German Federal Indemnification

Law or the Israeli Law for Invalids of Nazi Persecution are ineligible, as are Nazi victims who never left their original countries of residence or subsequently returned to those countries.

Approved claimants will receive monthly payments of 500 marks — about \$320 — beginning Aug. 1, 1995, and a limited interim payment, according to the conference.

No deadline has been announced for the filing of applications.

The November accord was reached under Article 2 of the implementation agreement to the German Unification Treaty reuniting East and West Germany, in which the German government agreed to negotiate with the Claims Conference for hardship payments to Nazi victims who had previously received no compensation or only minimal indemnification.

The agreement also makes available German government funds for grants to Jewish institutions and organizations throughout the world which provide shelter or social care to substantial numbers of elderly Jewish Nazi victims, according to the Claims Conference.

"The recent agreement between the German government and the Claims Conference will make it possible to expand and improve facilities and services to elderly Holocaust survivors, many of whom are frail and needy," said Miller.

Applications for such grants must be filed with the Claims

Conference by March 1, 1993. In separate but related restitution news, Dec. 31, 1992 is the application deadline for property claims in the former East Germany.

Those whose East German property was confiscated or otherwise lost during and after World War II can apply for the return of or monetary compensation for their land.

About 20 percent of the total applications received so far — approximately 400,000 — are by those whose property was confiscated by the Nazis, according to Deuteron, a Hamburg-based property group.

Most of the remaining claims were filed by victims of the Communist regime in East Germany.

Applications for personal indemnification, for which no deadline has yet been set, may be obtained by writing to:

For Israeli residents: Claims Conference Article 2 Fund, P.O. Box 74, Tel Aviv 61 000.

For U.S. residents: Claims Conference, 15 E. 26th St., Room 1303A, New York, N.Y. 10010.

For all other countries: Claims Conference — Article 2 Fund, Wiesenau 53, 6000 Frankfurt am Main 1, Germany.

Applications for institutional grants should be mailed in duplicate to: Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, 15 E. 26th St., Room 1355, New York, N.Y. 10010.



Wolf To Head JDC

Ambassador Milton A. Wolf, who represented the U.S. government in Austria during the Carter administration, has been elected the 11th president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Inc. (JDC). At a meeting of the board of directors held in conjunction with the organization's annual meeting, outgoing President Sylvia Hassenfeld was also elected the committee's new chairwoman of the board.

"Our involvement in the recent evacuation convoy from Sarajevo," said Wolf, "underlined once again that rescuing Jews in distress remains an essential part of the JDC mission. JDC has also been instrumental in helping Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union take full advantage of the new freedoms and opportunities. I find it deeply worrying, however, that those same freedoms have unleashed a host of ancient enmities that have combined with current economic difficulties to produce a climate of continuing anxiety and political unrest."

Rabin Names Military Secretary

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Maj. Gen. Danny Yatom has been appointed military secretary to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who also holds the defense portfolio.

The post is currently held by Brig. Gen. Azriel Nevo, who is to be named military attache at one of Israel's European embassies.

The reason given for appointing a major general to replace a brigadier general is the merging of the secretariat to serve two senior ministries, the Prime Minister's Office and Defense.

Yatom has been serving as chief of the Israel Defense Force's Central Command, which includes the West Bank. His replacement in that post will be Maj. Gen. Nehemiah Tamari.

Israeli newspapers said Yatom is being posted away from his area command at his own request.

They reported that Yatom, who was previously military secretary to then Defense Minister Moshe Arens, feels he stands little chance of promotion within the General Headquarters command if he remains in his present post.

He therefore wants to serve a term of appointment in close contact with the prime minister and defense minister, who are the same person.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS



INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Violent clashes erupted last week in the Gaza Strip, killing two brothers, as Israel lifted a two-week ban on movement into Israel proper. Palestinian sources claimed Israeli troops wounded more than 40 during demonstrations by rock-throwers in Gaza and Khan Yunis. But the Israeli announcement spoke of only 12 hurt.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Proposed legislation to decriminalize contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization is making its way through the Knesset at a slower pace than its sponsors had hoped. Opposition lawmakers succeeded Dec. 23 in winning a two- to three-week delay in a key committee vote on whether to send the bill to the Knesset floor for its second and third readings.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Alois Brunner, Nazi henchman to Adolf Eichmann and long reported living in Syria, may have died some months ago, according to an unconfirmed report. Paris-based Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld told the French daily *Le Monde* that it is possible that the Austrian war criminal, one of the last major Nazis still sought for prosecution, is dead. He said a story about Brunner's death, reported in a confidential newsletter published by Lebanese journalists in Paris, is plausible "because he was 80 years old and in bad health."

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Vandals trashed a Chanukah display in Mission Viejo, Calif., while leaving three adjacent Christmas scenes untouched, the Orange County Sheriff's Department reported. Wooden signs showing a menorah and Star of David were yanked from the ground and scattered in town, which lies about halfway between Los Angeles and San Diego.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers has called on European leaders to pass legislation barring compliance with the Arab boycott against Israel. Sixteen members of Congress sent letters to British Prime Minister John Major, current president of the European Community's Council of Ministers, and Danish Prime Minister Paul Schluter, who will assume the rotating post Jan. 1.

Israelis Split Over the Expulsions, With Some Appalled, Others Relieved

by Michele Chabin

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The brutal murder of Israeli border policeman Nissim Toledano two weeks ago and the subsequent deportation of 415 Palestinians from the administered territories have sent shock waves through the country.

The two incidents have struck a raw nerve among Israelis, who are deeply divided on the question of how to combat terrorism.

Human rights groups here have strongly condemned the expulsions, while victims of Arab terror are openly applauding the unprecedented Israeli action. Somewhere in between stand most Israelis.

Aaron Back of B'tselem, the Israeli Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, believes the expulsions are "a blatant and extremely grave violation of human rights and customary law."

"We believe that the deportations are illegal, even according to Israel's own reading of the Fourth Geneva Convention," he said.

Avigdor Feldman, one of the lawyers representing the deportees, told Israel's High Court of Justice two weeks ago that the expulsions "endanger the safety and welfare of those

who have been deported.

"The deportees have been sent to the middle of nowhere. We may as well have thrown them into the sea," he said. "You cannot just deport these people, abandon them in no man's land in freezing tem-

"My brother's only crime is that he goes to the mosque every Friday for prayers."

— Brother of deported Palestinian

peratures and without suitable conditions, and say they are no longer our responsibility."

That point was brought home by the brother of one of the deported Palestinians, who called the way the expulsions were carried out "cruel and unjust."

Speaking on condition of anonymity, he related how the security forces "came to my brother's home two weeks ago and took him away without explanation."

"It was a kidnapping," he said. "They wouldn't let him bring any warm clothes, and now my mother is sick to death with worry."

"My brother's only crime is that he goes to the mosque every Friday for prayers," the Palestinian maintained.

Film Brings Blacks and Jews Together

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — It was an unlikely picture: the Rev. Jesse Jackson and New York Mayor David Dinkins clasping hands tightly with Satmar Rabbi Leib Glanz and Hertz Frankel, their heads bowed in prayer on the stage of the Apollo Theater in Harlem.

After praying, they sang the civil rights movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome."

It was the culmination of an often emotional evening for them and for 1,200 invited guests attending a special screening of "The Liberators," the story of the all-black Army divisions that liberated the Buchenwald and Dachau con-

centration camps during World War II.

The audience at the Apollo on Dec. 17 included survivors of the camps and veterans of the 761st Tank Battalion and the 183rd Combat Engineers, men who were victims themselves of racism in their own army and country, and were the first Americans to witness the horrors that the Nazis' anti-Semitism had wrought.

A small group of Jews attended from the embattled Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, which in recent months has become the focal point of black-Jewish tensions in the city.

German, French Leaders Brief Americans

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — The leaders of the German and French Jewish communities flew into New York last week to brief the heads of a broad spectrum of Jewish organizations on the current state of racist violence in Germany.

Ignatz Bubis, president of Germany's Jewish community, and Jean Kahn, who serves a parallel role in France, spoke to the representatives of about two dozen Jewish groups who

gathered here at the invitation of the World Jewish Congress.

"The government has woken up" to the danger of the violence "and is now going strong," said Bubis. "If it continues, the violence will go down."

Pro-Israel Policy Anticipated Under New Appointees

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worked in the State Department under President Jimmy Carter, whose Middle East policies rankled many American Jews despite his successful brokerage of the historic Camp David accords.

The organizational officials reserved warm praise, however, for Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, who has been tapped for defense secretary.

They said Aspin is the only one of Clinton's appointees so far to bring a solid pro-Israel record to a job that includes defining and maintaining the U.S.-Israeli strategic relationship.

"Les Aspin has been a phenomenal supporter of the Jew-

ish community and Israel," said Tom Neumann, executive director of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, whose annual dinner this year featured Aspin as its honored guest.

At that dinner, Aspin was awarded the Henry M. Jackson Distinguished Service Award for a career that has upheld JINSA's two founding principles: a strong U.S. defense capability and a close U.S.-Israeli strategic relationship.

Clinton also announced Dec. 22 that he would nominate James Woolsey to be director of the CIA, retired Adm. William Crowe to be his intelligence adviser, Clifton Wharton to be deputy secretary of state and Madeleine Albright to be United Nations ambassador, a

post he is elevating to Cabinet rank.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Tom Tugend in Los Angeles.)



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Around Town A Continuing Tradition

STORY AND PHOTOS BY DOROTHEA SNYDER

It wasn't silent night in the communications room at the Providence Police Department on Christmas Eve.

It usually isn't in the area where incoming calls and complaints are received, routed and dispatched.

Members of Plantations Unit 5339, B'nai B'rith, were at their switchboard and computer posts, waiting for the calls that gear them into action.

For 27 years, these volunteers have set aside Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as a time of community service. This year, 24 B'nai B'rith members participated.

Although several police personnel are on hand to supervise, B'nai B'rith's presence and efforts in the communications room allow some police personnel to spend valued holiday time with their families.

But for those on duty, police personnel and volunteer crew enjoy some fine fare, thanks to the kindness of contributor friends together with B'nai B'rith.

Community service projects go on all over the country by B'nai B'rith units and lodges in police departments, hospitals and nursing homes.

Howard Waldman's volunteer service at Christmas for 16 years directly influenced his becoming a police dispatcher in Cranston. He waited two years for an opening in Providence.

"My experience as a volunteer on Christmas was a definite plus for me," he said.

It was a definite plus for the crew of volunteers, too, to have Howie on location.

"It's been a good experience, one which I can't stop even after 27 years," said Lawrence Waldman, who, with wife Sandra's assist, each year prepares

a feast of five- to eight-dozen deli sandwiches for police and crew.

As one can see, many Waldmans lend a heap of helping hands.

Howard Schachter, now in his seventh or eighth year of service in the communications room, said he has a growing compassion for the constant struggle that exists for the less fortunate, and the excellent manner in which it's handled by our police department and their staff.

the awareness they'd gain. I would do it monthly if the need arose."

Martin Waldman, a founder of the B'nai B'rith service project, says that his 27 years of participation have taught him a lot about the workings of city life.

Many policemen and dispatchers come from David Talan's neighborhood, the Reservoir Triangle. As president of the Triangle's Neighborhood Association, Talan said, "Our crime watch gets a lot of help from the Providence Police.

Asked why he volunteers on Christmas Eve, Harvey Snyder said, "Why not! This night is different than all other nights for Christians. Why shouldn't it be different for me?"

"By doing something different, I allow police station personnel to also do something different than working — to enjoy their holiday with their families."

Burton Fischman sums it up. "It's gratifying to help others enjoy Christmas. It's also challenging and interesting. You're also helping other people in the community solve their problems."

Ray Vezina, communications director, Providence Police Department, said, "What B'nai B'rith does every year on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for the workers, both in the police and civilian aspect of the communication department, is looked forward to each year with great anticipation and talked about long after the holiday is ended.

"Everybody is thrilled and thinks what's done is great. The effort is fantastic. We certainly appreciate it."

Those who volunteered from Plantations Unit 5339, B'nai B'rith are: Alan Brier, Burton Fischman, Ann, Alan, Jeffrey and Michael Gaffin, Jerry Hurwitz, Michael Jarrett, Robert Kotlen, Melvin Levin, Harvey Millman, Howard Rabinowitz, Howard Schachter, Sam Schlevin, Dorothea and Harvey Snyder, Gary and Shari Waldman, Lisa Waldman, Lawrence Waldman, Martin Waldman and Jack Wilkes.

Last but not least, the group thanks Challengers, Davies Vocational School, Emery's Catering, Fellini's Pizza, Raphael's and Evelyn Orsini for "helping their cause."



It's 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the end of the shift for Plantations Unit 5339, B'nai B'rith. Ernie DiRocco, assistant dispatcher (seated), has just taken over for dispatcher Howard Waldman, standing at left with David Talan, Ray Vezina (communications director, Providence Police Department), Ann Gaffin, Harvey Snyder, Burton Fischman, dispatcher Walter Snead and Howard Schachter.

"I was born and raised in the inner city of Chicago and learned to respect the law at a very early age," Schachter said, explaining why he volunteers. "I now found a way to repay the police for the thankless job they continue to perform.

"If more people engaged in this type of volunteer work, our city would become a better place to live because of

"This is a chance for me to pay back my neighbors in the police force and the police department in general," he said, noting this is his eighth year of service.

Robert Kotlen has been volunteering for five years "so workers can spend Christmas with their families. It's a very interesting job too. Every call is special."



VOLUNTEERS ON CHRISTMAS DAY — Howard Rabinowitz and Lawrence Waldman (top left) intently work in the Channel 4 area, where stolen cars are traced. Michael Gaffin and Martin Waldman (top right) in the dispatcher area, which radios police to the scene. Two generations of volunteers — Michael, Jeffrey and Ann Gaffin (bottom left). Robert Kotlen puts lunch aside to take a complaint call (bottom right), which he'll log on the computer.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

The Langston Hughes Center for the Arts is offering classes in the arts for youths 7 to 18 years old. Creative drama, art and dance for ages 7 to 12; a pre-teen touring troupe, ages 10 to 13; and a teen theater troupe, "Theater on the Move" for ages 13 and older. Classes begin on Jan. 4. Registration is \$50 and includes one 10-week class. Additional 10-week classes are \$10 each. For more information call, 454-5422.

Teens to audition for the play "Hey Little Walter," written by Carla Debbie Alleyne, are being sought by The Langston Hughes Center for the Arts. There are roles for four males and three females. Auditions are Jan. 4, 5 and 6. Call 454-5422 to schedule an appointment.

URI Theatre will present "The Music Man" on Jan. 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 9 and 10 at 2 p.m. Matinee shows are \$12 general admission, \$10 URI students, senior citizens and children. Evening shows are \$15 general admission, \$13 URI student, senior citizens and children. For more information, call 792-5921. For reservations, call 792-5843.

Winslow Homer's "On A Lee Shore," which was purchased directly from the artist at the turn of the century as a contemporary work of art, is now being featured as January's masterwork of the month at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art. This discussion is the first in a series of programs and activities to focus on this seascape. Admission is free and the mini-talk will be held on Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. at the museum, 224 Benefit St. Another discussion of the piece will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. that same evening.

Works by master painters Jacques Louis David, Thomas Gainsborough, Francisco de Goya and Diego de Silva Velazquez will be among 44 European paintings to be shown in "Master European Paintings from the National Gallery of Ireland: Mantega to Goya" at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston from Jan. 13 through March 28. The paintings will be shown in the Museum's Graham Gund Gallery.



'Carmen' Comes to Providence

The Rhode Island Philharmonic will present the New York City Opera National Company in an all-new fully staged production of Georges Bizet's operatic masterpiece "Carmen" on Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence.

Set in 19th century Seville, Spain, this powerful tale of passionate encounters and provocative intrigue revolves around the tempestuous gypsy, Carmen, and her fateful attraction to Don José, her guard and the handsome bull-fighter, Escamillo.

This production of "Carmen" will feature City Opera's popular supertitles. While the performers sing the opera in the original French, a simultaneous English translation will be projected on a screen suspended above the stage. This innovation clarifies the action on stage while maintaining the integrity of the libretto.

Tickets for "Carmen" may be ordered through the Philharmonic office, 222 Richmond St., Providence, by phone 831-3123 or fax 831-4577, using MasterCard or Visa, or in person Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Photo by Carol Rosegg, Martha Suope Associates.

Dance Company Classes Offered

Art Bridgman and Myrna Packer return for two weeks in January to create their third new work for the Rhode Island College Dance Company which will be premiered in March.

This duet company has toured throughout the world. Their most recent travels have taken them to mainland China and Singapore as part of a special cultural exchange, the

Asian American partnership. Their work confronts life and social issues with humor and insight.

Open dance company classes will be offered at \$5 per class from Jan. 5 to 9 and 18 to 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the recreation center annex.

For additional information, call Dante Del Giudice at 456-9791.

Zeiterion Kicks Off the New Year With a Week of Shows

The Zeiterion Theatre in New Bedford, Mass., kicks off the new year with a week of shows beginning on Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. with the Krasnayarsk Siberian Dance Company, and continuing with the School Time Performance of "Puss In Boots" on Jan. 12 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The WNBH Lesire Matinees Series will present Stardust, a female vocal trio, on Jan. 14 at 1 p.m., and the week concludes with the Greater New

Bedford Concert Series presenting pianist, Emanuel Ax on Jan. 15 at 8 p.m.

Group rates are available. Individual tickets are also available at Zeiterion Box Office. To charge tickets over the phone, call Ticketmaster in Massachusetts at (508) 931-2000 or in Rhode Island at 331-2211. Individual tickets are also available at any Ticketmaster "cash only" outlet. For information, call the Zeiterion Box Office at (508) 994-2900.

Baldessari Prints Featured at URI

The Photography Gallery announces the special early winter exhibition, "Recent Printed Images from Brooke Alexander Editions by John Baldessari."

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The exhibition remains on view through Feb. 12. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday

1 to 4 p.m. For further information, call 792-2131.

Turtles Cancel Zeiterion Shows

The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles have cancelled their Jan. 7 performances of 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the New Bedford, Mass., Zeiterion Theatre.

Those patrons who purchased tickets may return them to the point of purchase for a full refund.

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Louis Yip and Jane Song of the China Inn.
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Dream Comes True for China Inn Owner

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter
When Louis Yip came to America 17 years ago with little more than a dream and a desire to succeed, he never gave up hope of becoming a restaurant owner.

Today, he not only runs The China Inn, but four other restaurants as well — The Pepper Mill, China Inn in The Arcade, King's Inn and China Inn Warwick.

Thanks to a religious work ethic that often sees him putting in 16-hour days, seven days a week, and the help of his partner, Tsi Lee (also his brother-in-law), all of his businesses prosper.

Our lunch began with a delicious sizzling rice soup that contains chicken, beef and seafood along with a hearty array of fresh vegetables. A tossed chicken salad was light yet tasty with scallions and sesame seeds.

Yip explained that all his dishes are much spicier than those served in Hong Kong because Americans like flavor.

Our waiter Jason served us a succulent roast Peking Duck that was unbelievably tender in a crepe pancake. Everything is made on the premises and nothing is served without his approval of meat, vegetables and poultry, Yip said.

The restaurant has space for

160 people upstairs and another 100 downstairs for weddings and receptions. It's one of the largest Chinese restaurants in the state and the decor reminds one of an elegant art gallery filled with ancient and modern vases, tapestries and lush plants.

Our gracious host tantalized our appetites with hot spicy Szechuan and mild Mandarin dishes. An orange-flavored beef in bay sauce was tangy and yet tender, while a house spicy chicken with an array of vegetables (water chestnuts, peppers and bamboo shoots) and nuts was heavenly. The restaurant has a full bar and offers soda and juices as well.

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DINING GUIDE

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A Lesson in Judaism

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dent answered.

At the head of the table rested a beautiful brass menorah which was lit before discussion to usher in the fifth day of Chanukah. If Jews attempted to follow such a practice in the days of Judah, the Syrians would have persecuted them. In fact, the war between the Maccabees and the Syrians was the first battle for religious freedom in recorded history — a war won not by military might but by sheer faith and determination of a people to do G-d's will and not man's, the rabbi assured.

The origin of the dreidel arose out of a need for Jews to study their religion without letting the Syrians know what was happening. The word "drei" means to spin around; it eventually developed into a simple form of gambling.

None of the rabbi's words were lost on his students who were keenly aware of what was being said — especially when one young man deftly picked up his dreidel, twisted it between his two fingers and made it spin perfectly upside down to the surprise of his classmates.



Congratulations

Natanya Raskin, 10, receives an Honorable Mention award from Herald Editor Anne Davidson at the Chanukah Art Contest awards party at the JCCRI Monday.

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Weinberger Pardon Linked by Leader

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should have heeded the call of hundreds of thousands of Americans who have called on the president to commute Pollard's sentence to time served.

We in no way condone acts of espionage or any violation of our country's laws. Nonetheless, we once again call on President Bush to recognize that the lifetime sentence imposed on Jonathan Pollard is unduly harsh and grossly inconsistent with the punishment given to other Americans convicted of similar and even worse crimes.

"Commuting Jonathan Pollard's sentence to time served, already into the eighth year, would be consistent with — indeed longer than — sentences typically imposed by American courts for similar offenses. Jonathan Pollard's sentence should appropriately reflect the punishment that is commensurate with his crime."

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FEATURE

The 'Better Things in Life'

by Sylvia Tippe
Special to the Herald

In the early '30s, as a teenager of 14, walking the three miles to Morris High School in the Bronx, N.Y., was an adventure.

On those daily jaunts, even when snow was a foot deep, nothing spoiled our exhilarated togetherness of eight and 10 youngsters in groups, as we laughed and plodded on to school. We certainly learned a great deal before we entered the "halls of learning."

One of our companions was Caroline Banno, a 16-year-old sophomore, who was our mentor in all matters pertaining to the "mysteries of life" — if you get my sexual drift!

She expounded on all matters in a very knowing tone, and all the younger kids, myself included, absorbed her misinformation as gospel truth.

We knew nothing, and her stories came from the street where no one knew anything at all resembling the true facts

of life. However, we thought we "knew it all."

Vividly, I recall the Friday afternoon, being at home after school and helping Mom prepare the house for Shabbos. I was in my bedroom with the door closed, washing the floor.

I heard the bell ring in our third-floor apartment. Mom let someone in — I knew it wasn't a visitor for me, and I didn't pay much attention to the conversation that Mom and a lady were quietly having.

After a while, the outside door was opened and I heard the woman as she prepared to leave ask my mother, "What would you like — a boy or girl?"

I stood up very quickly, in a state of complete shock. What! My mother is pregnant? She's going to have a baby! The "shame" of it — talk about surprises — and how could she do such a horrible thing to me. I'm in high school, and almost 15!

I listened, heard the door

close, and then silence. Not for long, however. Like a tornado, I hit the next room, and ran to Mom, with my hands in her face, uncontrolled, I let go with my rage about "How could you do this to me? 'I'll never be able to go to school again,' etc.

My mother was very quiet, and seemed to understand from where I was coming, and merely said I was to calm down and that we would talk later. I cried in my room for an hour.

When my father got home in the early evening, I could hear my parents' voices as they conversed quietly in their bedroom. Finally, a knock sounded on my door, and Pa came in.

Our short conversation was quite to the point: "Sylvia, we are going to have another child in this family who will be a welcome addition to you and your brother, Milton. I don't want you to ever talk to your Mother again as you did today." (My father's word was law. He was definitely the head of our household.)

The next day, when I left to see my very good friend, Rose Newman, she was sitting in front of her building (two doors away) and I found her in tears. As soon as she saw me, she began excitedly to say: "Sylvia, I have awful news — my mother is going to have a baby! How can I ever talk to any of our friends? I'll be the laughing stock of the whole school!"

Well, you know what came next — we cried together as I told her my sad tale of woe, and in disbelief, we commiserated with one another about this dreadful turn of events in our youthful lives.

Our brothers were born seven days apart — her brother Howard, and my brother, Lawrence (my choice of name). From the days that these babies were brought home, neither Rose nor I, after school, and on weekends, let our mothers have complete care of these infants.

Proudly, weather permitting, we pushed the baby carriages all over the neighborhood.

Until Larry was 4 years old,

I didn't let Mom or Pa take him for his first haircut to cut off the beautiful blond curls.

In today's scenario, with the speedy pace of life, and the diseases, worldwide, which have made the acceleration of sex information essential, the very young people are being exposed to the facts of life. Even with the early education, and nothing being hidden, children are having children, more the pity.

Something precious is missing from childhood today — innocence. Too bad; even at 14, I didn't know that underneath my mother's large apron, she was carrying a child. I'm not sorry I experienced so little of life's mysteries at that point in my life.

They were great days and we were not pressured to grow up real fast, and "get a life." I love the memory of the slower pace.

We didn't miss anything and I do believe that we had more of the "better things in life."

The Beach is a Bard

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

The mile I like best to hike starts from the Stanford White Towers in Narragansett, passes by a small white stucco castle just beyond the Dunes Club, and curves around to the bluffs and sandbars of Narrow River, or Pettaquamscutt Inlet. My mom and dad, my grandparents, my Jewish generation and my children left their footprints in those same sands of time.

I do my walk summer or winter, drizzle or dazzle. If it's barefoot weather, I splash through the waves. If it's bitter weather, I watch how my worn shoes blend into the clay colors of the wet and dry sands. I have taken the plunge on January 1st.

I drive down for this mile-long march from Providence on the short days of winter's equinox, just as I dawdle in the endless twilights of summer's solstice.

In fall, I share my steps with little bands of sandpipers. We weave a pattern of human and wild prints along the trail. Gulls stand like fowl or swoop and cry out. Redwings and grackles come down from the small sierra of beach roses and dune grasses. Those plateaus bring in bees in springtime. They sing with crickets till the chill quiets the uproar. In winter, you hear wind songs and phantom whispers.

I don't jog. I stroll. I air out my worries and griefs. I don't even stride straight and tall. I lean over and stoop to have a look at a broken bottle.

The sea has sculpted a product into a wondrous phial, like something from folklore. Any chance bit of debris undergoes its sea change. The tides and breeze-blown grains of mica mold a chip of glass, a shell or chunk of lumber into a poem, a message you stuff into your pocket to read later. Or you

just put it back and march onward.

I always wear a hat, with a brim, against sunstroke, or windburn, or wintry blast. My thick sunglasses get caked with salt. I squint and make believe I can make out spirits in the mist from my past. My mom wore a kerchief or straw bonnet.

Bathing suits decades ago covered the body more modestly, but they were still becoming. My high-school girlfriend Ann used to pass this same path. She spurned me then. A few years later we walked the shoreline again. In fog, I glimpse her girlish ghost, like the portrait of Jenny.

Maybe in the early morning

or late afternoon, off-season or in foul weather, I'll jump into the surf for a quick dip. I float real easy. I carry a ragged threadbare terry fragment of towel round my neck just in case. Usually it's a Dunes Club cloth I once rescued from incoming tide at close of crowded day.

I grew older and whiter, but the landscape holds the secret of eternity within its churning crystal powders.

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Ellen Fern

Fern and O'Brien Wed

Ellen Shaina Fern and Brett William O'Brien were united in marriage on Nov. 7 at Belcourt Castle in Newport. The bride is the daughter of Saul Fern of Warwick and Phyllis Fern of Warwick. The bridegroom is the son of Rosalie and William O'Brien of El Cajon, Calif.

Rabbi Edward Schlaeger officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, which was immediately followed by a reception, also at the castle.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Kathleen Murphy, maid of honor, and Patricia Nakache, matron of honor. Holly O'Brien, sister of the bridegroom, Susan Wennemyr and Ann Maura Connolly served as bridesmaids.

Barry O'Brien served as best man for his brother. Baron and Brandon O'Brien, brothers of

the bridegroom, Kip and Andrew Fern, brothers of the bride, Paolo DiRosa, Kent Adams and Michael Perry were ushers.

The bride received a B.A. from Harvard University and did graduate studies as a Rotary Scholar at the University of Melbourne in Melbourne, Australia. She is a senior associate at Martin & Glantz, a political consulting firm, in Washington, D.C.

The bridegroom received a B.A. from Harvard University and an M.S. from London School of Economics, in London. He is a legislative aid for Sen. George Mitchell in the U.S. Senate.

The couple took a wedding trip to the Canary Islands, Madeira and Morocco. They reside in Washington, D.C.



Eric Fleisig-Greene



Perry Fleisig-Greene

Bar Mitzvah and Ballet for Fleisig-Greene

Eric Fleisig-Greene became a bar mitzvah on Nov. 7. Eric attends Hunter College High School in New York City.

Perry Fleisig-Greene, a student at the Dalton School and the School of American Ballet in New York City, is currently appearing in the Nutcracker Ballet at Lincoln Center in New York City.

They are the children of Robin Fleisig and Roger Greene of New York City. Their grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Murray Greene of New York and Earl and Beverly Fleisig of Florida, formerly of Providence.

Silverman and Simon Announce Engagement

The engagement of Susan D. Silverman of New London, Conn., and Barry Simon of Norwich, Conn., has been announced. She is the daughter of Gerald A. Silverman of New London and Joan A. Silverman of New Haven, Conn., and the granddaughter of Max Silverman of Providence and the late Esther Silverman of Providence. He is the son of Martin and Nancy Simon of Hamden, Conn.

The bride-to-be received a B.A. degree in psychology

from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree in social work from Smith College, North Hampton, Mass. She is a psychotherapist at Natchaug Hospital Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program. Her fiancé received a B.A. degree in psychology, a master's degree in marriage and family therapy and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Connecticut. He is a psychotherapist at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Conn. A summer wedding is planned.

Goldstein Honored for Achievement

At its annual meeting in Boston on Dec. 13, the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry awarded Professor Sidney Goldstein its Certificate of Lifetime Achievement to mark his career of distinguished scholarship in the study of Jewry.

Goldstein is the George Hazard Crooker University professor and professor of sociology at Brown University, and former director of the university's Population Studies and Training Center. He has been a leader in development of methods for scientifically studying the Jewish population of the United States. He has directed and co-directed a number of community studies, including two surveys of Rhode Island Jewry, and, most recently, has been serving as chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee on Population Studies sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations.

This committee was responsible for developing and conducting the 1990 National Jewish Population Study. Its findings have been the subject of widespread interest and use throughout the United States and the basis for assessing demographic and social factors affecting the vitality of the Jewish population and developing plans for strengthening Jewish identity and continuity. The full results of the national survey are currently being analyzed in a series of research monographs focusing on the theme "American Jewish Society in the 1990s."

Goldstein is authoring the monograph on geographic mobility while concurrently serving as coeditor of the full series.

In addition to his role on the American scene, Goldstein serves as co-chairman of the International Scientific Advisory Committee on 1990 Census Surveys of World Jewry, sponsored by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

Attention to the Jewish population is part of Goldstein's larger research agenda, which focuses heavily on the demographic situation in Southeast Asia and the People's Republic of China. Special attention is given to the interrelations among migration, urbanization and fertility as they are jointly affected by the development process.

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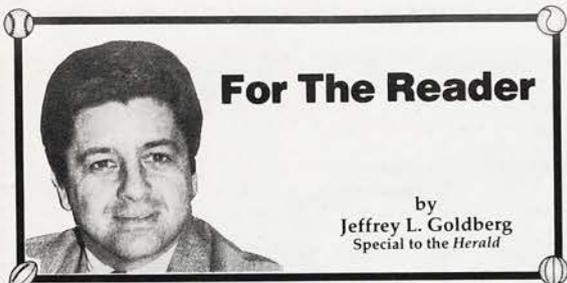
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For The Reader

by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

This is the season for celebrations, wishes, hopes and dreams — a chance to put a bad year behind and look forward to a new year. I thought it would be fun to get reader response and let me ask you questions and propositions.

The Herald staff will review and award to our winners tickets to upcoming local sporting events.

Question 1: You have been awarded a pro-sports franchise for basketball. Your team will be part of the global league. Your team will represent Israel. You must furnish your roster with Jewish players only, and only Jewish coaches. Name your starting five, three reserves and coaches. Also we need a name for your team. Remember, this is a fantasy — players and coaches can come from the past or present.

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Question 4: G-d has given you a gift. You know from birth that you possess tremendous athletic skills. You will succeed and flourish in any sport you choose. What sport will it be and why?

"All the best coaches are in the stands."

Until next week, sportingly yours,

Jeff Goldberg

Season Reaches Halfway Point

by Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

The games played on Dec. 21 marked the halfway point for men's basketball at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

The mighty have fallen — Capt. Jamie Cohen breaks into the top five in scoring. Capt. Steve Groag can't stand prosperity, and Capt. Paul Formal's team sends a message. All these wonderful, exciting things happened in the mid-season finale. Teams will resume action Jan. 4.

Capt. Jamie Cohen's team came ready to play with a thoroughly convincing win over Groag's squad, by the score of 70-51. Cohen and "Mr. Consistent" Gary Greenberg scored 24 points each. Capt. Cohen's squad had all

players contributing in the victory. Lou Pulner put in another outstanding performance with 22 points; Pete Wallick contributed 10 points, but to no avail.

The nightcap featured Capt. Jon Weitzner's team against Capt. Formal's team. By the time the dreidel stopped spinning, Weitzner's squad bit the latke and fell to their first defeat.

Dave Baskin lit the menorah for 25 points and Steve Litwin contributed 12 points. Jon Weitzner and Dave Malkin were in double figures, but the absence of Steve "Hey I'm here for a good run" Abrams hurt Weitzner's team's chances of going unscathed before mid-season. Final score in the nightcap was 58-34.

Scoring Leaders

Player	Games Played	Average
Dave Baskin	5	24.6
Lou Pulner	6	22.5
Gary Greenberg	6	17.5 (moved up one spot)
Steve Litwin	5	17 (moved down one spot)
Jamie Cohen	6	12.66 (passed Dave Malkin for #5 spot)

Players of the Week: Dave Baskin — 25 points; Jamie Cohen and Gary Greenberg — 24 points.

Standings at the Halfway Point

Team	Won	Lost
Weitzner	5	1
Formal	3	3
Cohen	3	3
Groag	1	5



Team Effort

Laura Lobosco, 8, with her father, Gerard, and Rabbi Leslie Gutterman light a menorah at Temple Beth-El in Providence last week.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Federation's Adler Gallery 401 Shows Paintings by Gasbarro to Speak at URI

URI Hillel's Sunday Brunch and Lecture Series begins the Spring Semester on Jan. 24 with a brunch and a discussion led by Charles Adler.

Adler is currently the endowment director of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. He has had much experience living and traveling in Israel, and will speak on "The Differences and Similarities between College-Age Americans and Israelis."

Members of the audience will have the opportunity to test their knowledge of Israel and its culture while discussing the opportunities for study and life in Israel.

The brunch begins at noon. Cost is \$4 for the general public, \$3.50 for students for a wide array of bagels, lox, hering, whitefish, cakes, fruit and more.

Reservations for the brunch are requested by Jan. 22 by calling the Hillel office at 792-2740. The lecture, which is free, begins at 12:45 p.m.

The entire program will take place at the Hillel House, 34 Lower College Road, Kingston. For more information, call Rina Sky Wolfgang, URI Hillel director at 792-2740.

Movies To Entertain Seniors at JCCRI

There will be a Golden Age Club board meeting at 1 p.m., Jan. 7, at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

Other features next week under the seniors' kosher meal-site program include two movies: Part 1 of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" to be shown at 10:45 a.m. on Jan. 3, and the acclaimed film, "Hester Street," scheduled for 11 a.m. on Jan. 8.

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ON THE BALL — Benjamin Elfant, a juggler from the Moscow Circus, entices Valerie Marozov, 8, to balance a ball on her finger.

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TRICKY BUSINESS — Danoe the clown sticks a metal rod through a balloon without it bursting last week at the Chabad House Chanukah party.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Chanukah Ushered Out by Clown, Juggler, Mini-Elvis

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

If you happened to drive by 360 Hope St. Sunday and spotted a miniature Elvis, it was probably only Yisrael Meir doing his best to liven things up at the Chabad House, which was the scene of the "Last Grand Chanukah Show."

Besides Elvis, one could find Danoe the clown and juggler Benjamin Elfant, both formerly with the Moscow Circus. Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer staged a sing-along better than Mitch Miller and son Yosaif had the children reciting Torah principles. It was a show to end all shows as both rooms of the house were jammed-packed with adults and children.

Ladislau Yanovsky, formerly of Russia, did the honors of lighting the last candles of Chanukah as Rabbi Laufer led the excited crowd of children in holiday singing. But everyone was waiting for Danoe, who plodded into the room in size 18 sneakers sporting the

latest fashion in instant hilarity.

From that moment on, the hearts and minds of every child, young and old, belonged to him. Although many of the children had never seen Danoe the clown or Benjamin the juggler, the looks of utter glee on their faces said it all.

Time after time, Danoe performed feats of magic, sticking a rod through a balloon, painting a book without colors and pulling objects from nowhere. Even turning Yisrael into Elvis drew the biggest laugh from the crowd.

However, Benjamin Elfant was not to be bested by a silly clown as he juggled pins, balls and rings up, over and around everything. When the show appeared to wane, he even juggled around several children snatched from the eager audience.

For Valerie Marozov it was a moment to remember when the talented juggler balanced a spinning ball right on her forefinger.

Grants for Israel Study Available

The Bureau of Jewish Education, through its Israel Desk and the Leonard I. Salmanson Endowment Fund of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, offers grants for Israel Study/Travel programs to college students who are Rhode Island residents and to teachers in the field of Jewish education.

College programs may be academic year or summer sessions. Some of the more popular programs have included Hebrew and Tel Aviv Universities, Kibbutz Ulpan, Sherut La'am, WUJS, Pardes Institute, Yeshiva and Seminary programs and others.

Among teacher programs are the Melton Institute for Jewish Educators, Ulpan Akiva, Hebrew University.

For full information about these programs and others, and for grant applications and guidelines, contact Israel Desk Coordinator Ruth Page at the bureau, 331-0956.

Jewish Colonial Va. Tour Set

A tour of Jewish Colonial Virginia led by Sandra Malamed, guest curator at the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles, will take place from May 2 to 9.

The major historic sites in Charlottesville, Williamsburg, Richmond, Norfolk and Yorktown will be visited as well as synagogues, museums and cemeteries that highlight the history of the Jewish experience in Virginia.

Sandra Malamed is an authority on Colonial Virginia and a well-known historian who lectures nationally. She received her M.A. in American decorative arts from the Peabody Museum, is active in the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the American Jewish Historical Society.

The cost for the tour including lodging at hotels, breakfast and dinner daily is \$1,999 per person (double occupancy). For information, contact Daisy Travel, (800) 553-1660 or (612) 481-1660.

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'Ethics for Today' To Be Discussed as Geshher Program Continues

After an extremely successful first session, Geshher (the Hebrew word for bridge) continues with "How Do I Decide? — Ethics for Today."

A five-week program facilitated by Cathy Berkowitz, a teacher at temples Torat Yisrael and Sinai, Geshher connects Jewish teens ages 13 to 18 living in the southern areas of the

state, providing opportunities to meet new friends, talk, play and explore Jewish issues together.

The group meets Sunday evenings on Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. over supper at the Warwick Police Department.

Call Evelyn Brier at 331-0956 for registration forms.

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Graboys To Speak at Beth-El

George Graboys, former chairman and chief executive of Citizens Bank, where he earned a national reputation for achievement in the field of corporate banking, will be the guest speaker at Temple Beth-El on Jan. 8 at 7:45 p.m. in the Bennett Chapel.

Graboys will continue a Beth-El tradition when he speaks on his hopes for the future during the first week of the new calendar year.

A native of Fall River, Mass., Graboys is a graduate of Dartmouth College and holds a law degree with honors from the University of Pennsylvania.

He joined Citizens Bank in 1969 after having practiced law and also serving as a senior executive in the family-run business. In addition to his work in banking, Graboys has held a number of directorships on the national and local level including having served as director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

For nine years, he served as a member of the State Board of Governors for Higher Education and he now is vice chairman of the Children's Crusade for Higher Education. In December of 1988, Graboys was named Business Person of



George Graboys

the Year by the *New England Business Magazine*. He has also been the recipient of a number of awards for his civic and charitable endeavors including the ADL Torch of Liberty Award and the NCCJ Brotherhood Award.

Graboys' principle hobby is long-distance running. He has been a participant in a number of marathons and has competed regularly in long-distance road races.

Members of the community are welcome to attend. For more information, call 331-6070.

JCCRI Kosher Meal Site

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 a.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.

For more information, contact Sandy Bass at 861-8800.

Middle-East Journalist To Speak at URI

On Jan. 28, Joel Bainerman, a well-known journalist who has written extensively on Middle East political and economic affairs, will speak at White Hall Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. on the URI Kingston Campus.

Bainerman, a native of Toronto, immigrated to Israel in 1981. His editorials and analyses of the Middle East have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *National Review*, *The Jerusalem Post* and many other national magazines and newspapers. Bainerman recently published his first book, *Crimes of a President*, which documents and anthologizes the covert actions of the Bush and Reagan administrations. This book is on sale at all of the local bookstores, and extra

copies will be available at the time of his talk.

His lecture topic will be: "The Secret Agendas of the Bush and Reagan Administrations — Have They Helped or Hindered the Middle-East Peace Process?" There will be an opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions at the end of his talk.

This lecture is free to all, and sponsored by the URI Hillel Foundation and the Student Organization for Peace in the Middle East.

For more information, call the Hillel director, Rina Wolf-gang, at 792-2740.



Board Meeting

Members of the Rhode Island Orthodox Jewish Federation share a Chanukah breakfast last week.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Orthodox Federation Votes for Religious Education

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happening to public education across America today.

As members of the Rhode Island Federation of Orthodox Jews shared latkes, herring and orange juice, they listened intently to the wisdom of Pearlman's motion: "Public educa-

tion has become plagued with violence, drugs and lack of respect for the rights of parents to give their children an opportunity to learn moral values." The group cited teen-age pregnancy, promotion of condoms and general chaos as being the chief causes of a decay in children's behavior.

Just as public officials had overlooked the cause of a dilapidated water system and chose to treat the symptoms, so has public education failed to instill sound moral principles that would resolve truancy, promiscuity and violence in the schools, Pearlman reiterated.

'Israel Experience Program' Launched

The United Jewish Appeal, Council of Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centers Association, Jewish Education Service of North America and The CRB Foundation have joined together to form a consortium aimed at providing every Jewish high school student in North America the opportunity to participate in an Israel Experience program.

Speaking on behalf of the consortium, Charles R. Bronfman, president of The CRB Foundation of Montreal and Jerusalem, stated: "The Israel Experience holds great promise for heightening awareness, strengthening identity and making a significant contribution to contemporary Jewish life, education and Jewish continuity."

"We hope to make it a new rite of passage in the lives of young Jews," he said.

Bronfman gave details of the 5-year pilot project following the showing of a short film about the program Nov. 12 in Radio City Music Hall to 5,000 delegates attending the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations. The film will be shown throughout the

continent as part of the pilot project.

This cooperative effort will mark the first time these groups have worked together on so broad and extensive a program for Jewish youth.

The goal of the pilot project is to mobilize Jewish communities in the United States and Canada to raise the number of young Jews who have participated in Israel Experience programs from the current level of approximately 8,000 a year to 50,000 annually by the year 2000. The Jewish teen-age pop-

ulation in the United States and Canada is estimated at around 350,000.

Communities participating in the pilot project will receive

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Basic Judaism

Rabbi Chaim Marder teaches basic Judaism at Congregation Beth Sholom in Providence last week.

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Jewish Jokes

Leslie Y. Gutterman, center, senior rabbi of Temple Beth-El, will be the guest speaker at Beth-El's Brotherhood breakfast program on Jan. 10. Rabbi Gutterman will speak on "Jewish Jokes — What We Laugh at: A Semi-Serious Look at Jewish Humor." The breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. in the temple's Silverstein meeting hall. There is no charge and members of the community are welcome to attend.

Pictured with Rabbi Gutterman is his wife, Julie, and Rev. Bishop Hunt at a service honoring Rabbi Gutterman on his 20th anniversary with Temple Beth-El.

'Israel Experience Program' Launched

(Continued from Previous Page) annual challenge grants. In addition, consortium staff will be available to work with the pilot communities in marketing, outreach program development and related local initiatives to encourage youth travel to Israel. Final details of the financial incentive program of the consortium are expected to be announced shortly.

Up to 12 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, beginning with four in 1993, are in the process of being selected by the sponsors to take part in the program.

An advisory committee is being formed of representatives of the American Zionist Youth Foundation and members of the North American Jewish Youth Directors Association.

Diamond People Commands Interest

by Louise M. Lieberman
The *Diamond People* by Murray Schumach is "an inside look at the tumultuous diamond business. The people who cut the stones, invest in them, sell them, buy them ... and kill for them." So says the jacket of this 1981 nonfiction book. It is an in-depth look at the way diamonds are bought

and sold on 47th Street in Manhattan. The buyers and sellers are usually Hasidic Jews, Holocaust survivors, or their children.

The Talmud, the devout religious life, and the Jewish eth-

ics are paramount in the lives of these diamond people. "sights" is the culmination of a diamond dealer's or retailer's professional plan; to be stricken from these "sights" is a professional calamity.

The agents of the syndicate present brown shoe boxes to these sight holders. Inside these boxes are to be found diamonds of all shapes, sizes and quality. The syndicate sets the amount of stones available and determines the prices.

The author tells many anecdotes about what happened to those dealers who tried to change this system of "no choice" — and failed.

The book also discusses many jewelers of fame — Tiffany, Cartier, etc. The influence of Israel is described, and the entrance of the Russians into the business is noted.

A diamond dealer was kidnapped and murdered for diamonds on the street. The diamond people were horrified. The police, the diamond community, and the Hasidim organized a search for the victim and for the killer. These chapters read like a murder mystery novel.

This book commands your interest on three levels — the diamond story, the 47th Street story and the Jewish story.

Louise Lieberman is the librarian at Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

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ics are paramount in the lives of these diamond people.

Why is the diamond industry mainly in the hands of the Jews? According to the chapter entitled "Why diamonds are Jewish," centuries ago the trade in diamonds flourished only in nations where Jews were welcomed, and withered when they were expelled.

There is a short history of the development of the Jewish artisan through the ages which eventually leads to the code by which diamonds are sold on the street — the code of matzel und brucha, and a handshake.

Included in this fascinating book is a chronology of the events from the accidental discovery of loose diamonds on a South African farm to the present-day Jewish family very much in charge.

The Syndicate, DeBeers Consolidated Mines Ltd., is explained and explored. Ten times a year — every fifth Monday — the buying of diamonds takes place in London.

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School Beat



THE MEANING OF CHANUKAH — Robin and Alyssa Kauffman, 2½, play with a dreidel at the Warwick Mall last week as a pensive Joshua Klein contemplates the meaning of Chanukah.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Students Building Links to Society

At Cranston High School East, the word "bolts" brings to mind athletic teams and a school community with 100 years of experience both off and on the playing field.

Now, the students with special needs in the classes for mild and moderately disabled are forming a new team to prepare for the competitive world that awaits them after graduation. For these students and their teachers, BOLTS takes on a new meaning — Building Our Links To Society.

The goal of special education has always been to provide students with the academic and vocational skills needed to become independent, productive members of the community. In the past, students in self-contained classes were just that — contained in class and instructed in basic skills.

Now, because of funding through various grants, the program has been expanded. Links have been established with businesses in the community.

At present, students participate in a program that begins with classroom instruction, progresses to on-campus work sites, and eventually results in a community-based work placement. Students thus receive the training and support necessary to acquire and keep a job after graduation.

Local businesses have been very supportive and the East staff plans to further expand the opportunities available to their special needs population.

For additional information, interested employers can contact Rhonda Henry, special education department chairwoman at Cranston East, 785-0400 ext. 311.

Why Do We Celebrate Chanukah for 8 Days?

After discussing the famous story of the lamp that burned for eight days, Alperin Schechter Judaic studies teacher Wendy Garf-Lipp asked her students in grade 2B to use their imagination and write their own Midrashim explaining why we celebrate Chanukah for eight days.

The creative juices flowed copiously, and here are some of their ideas:

- One day the Maccabees were walking and they found eight swords.

- There was once a big war and it lasted for three years and one team called the Maccabees won it. They went back to the Temple and cleaned it up and they found eight Torahs that were still clean and they kept them there for safekeeping.

- The sun had shone for

Foundation Offers Challenge To R.I. High Schools

In a recent letter to all Rhode Island public high school principals, Alan Shawn Feinstein, Cranston businessman and philanthropist, invited them to participate in a \$14,000 challenge to develop new public/community service learning projects.

Ten thousand dollars will be awarded to the school submitting the proposal judged to have the greatest potential for making a significant difference to the betterment of its community. The school will use the grant to implement the project. Four runner-up proposals will each receive \$1,000 cash awards.

The five finalists will be chosen by the Feinstein Foundation and Peter McWalters, Rhode Island's commissioner of elementary and secondary education.

eight days.

- When the Maccabees were cleaning up the temple, it took eight people to clean up eight tools.

- They cleaned the Temple for eight days.

- The Maccabees had to clean off eight chairs and eight Menorahs.

- The Maccabees worked very hard to clean the temple. While working they found a hole in the floor when they moved a board. And in the hole they found enough chocolate to make Chanukah gelt that was eight inches long.

Prize-Winning Entry

Sonya Kanterovsky, 10, checks out the Chanukah party Monday at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island honoring the winners of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald's* annual Chanukah Art Contest.

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OBITUARIES

SYLVIA M. BAKER

MIDDLETOWN — Sylvia M. Baker, 74, of 78 Phelps Road, an English and social studies teacher for 30 years before retiring in 1984, died Dec. 22 at home. She was the wife of Frank Baker.

Born in Brockton, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Rose (Schwartz) Richman.

Baker was a 1940 graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers College in Bridgewater, Mass. During her career, she taught in junior high schools in Schenectady and Auburn, N.Y., and Ohio schools.

She came to Middletown in 1984 after retiring.

Baker was a member of Temple Shalom, where she was the founder of the "Tree of Life." She was the past president of the Newport Chapter of Hadassah and was a member of the Touro Synagogue Auxiliary. She was also a founder of the B'nai B'rith Women and the Sisterhood of Congregation Agudas Achim, both of Schenectady, and was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence. She was a Sunday School teacher in Schenectady, Auburn and Ohio.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Stuart Baker of Middletown, Conn.; two daughters, Barbara Finger of Brockton, Mass., and Dr. Janet Weinberg of Binghamton, N.Y.; a sister, Beverly Adler of Cranston; a brother, Samuel Richman of New York City, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Dec. 24 at Temple Shalom, Valley Road, Middletown. Burial was in Plymouth Rock Cemetery, Brockton, Mass. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

FRANK W. BARAD

PROVIDENCE — Frank W. Barad, 84, of Regency Plaza died Dec. 25 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Pearl (Kopian) Barad.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Joseph and Esther (Gordon) Barad.

Barad was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II. He was a graduate of Northeastern University Law School, and practiced law in Providence for a few years.

He had been vice president of the former Bo Bernstein & Co., a Rhode Island advertising agency, retiring in 1972. He then became a consultant to the London Insurance Agency, East Providence, remaining active until a week ago. He was a member of the Ledgemont Country Club, Temple Beth-El, and the Rhode Island Masonic Lodge.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Mark G. Barad of Mount Vernon, N.Y.; a daughter, Leslie E. Barad of Watertown, Mass.; a brother, Charles Barad in California, and a grandson. He was father of the late Ronnie G. Barad.

The funeral service was held Dec. 27 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was private. Services were coordinated at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

HERBERT J. CARTER

DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, Fla. — Herbert J. Carter, 81, of 3 Oceans West Blvd., associated with Barnett Carter Auctioneers in Providence for more than 30 years before retiring as president, died Dec. 17 at Memorial Hospital in Ormond Beach. He was the husband of Doris Duxbury Carter.

Born in Springfield, Mass., he was a son of the late Barnett

and Betsy (Allen) Carter. He had lived in Warwick, before moving to Florida in 1983.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, and served in the China-Burma-India Theater. He was a 1934 graduate of Boston University, and was active in football, wrestling, boxing and swimming. He taught physical education for two years at Hugh B. Bain Junior High School in Cranston before joining the family business. Upon retiring, he worked briefly as a social worker for the state of Rhode Island. Carter's lifetime hobby was writing songs.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Stephen Carter of Columbia, Md., and Evans Carter of Framingham, Mass.; a stepson, Norman Duxbury of Daytona Beach Shores; two brothers, Maxwell Carter of Port St. Lucie, and Arthur Carter of Providence; a sister, Frances Carter of West Palm Beach, and four grandchildren. His first wife was the late Lillian Fishbein.

A memorial service was held Dec. 20 at the chapel of Cardwell Funeral Home in Port Orange.

RAYMOND KOPECH

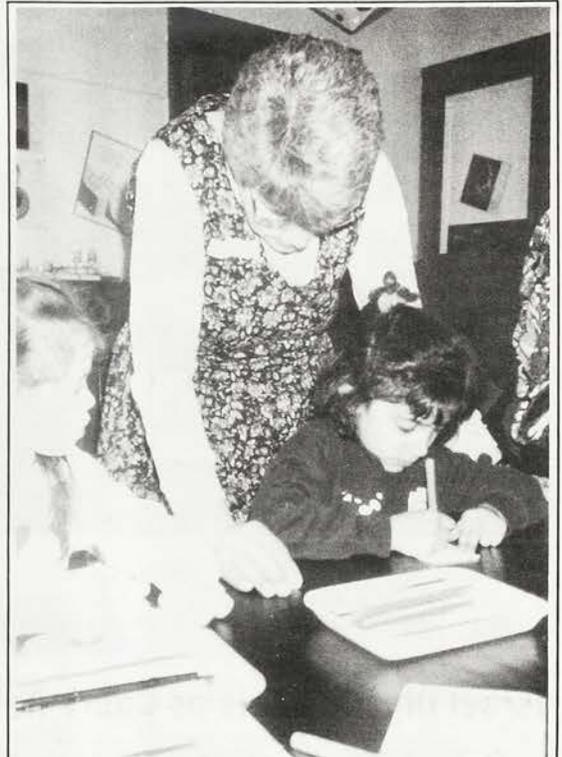
NORTH LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Raymond Kopech, 75, died Dec. 21 in Coconut Creek where he retired after living in Rhode Island for many years. He was the husband of Mildred Kopech.

Born in Providence, he was owner of Wood Jewelers, East Greenwich, for 35 years. He was a member of Temple Emanuel, Providence, the Redwood Lodge of Masons, and the Palestine Shrine.

Kopech served as a lieutenant in the Army and the Army Air Forces in World War II, and served in North Africa, Italy and Yugoslavia.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Audrey Cann of Los Angeles; a sister, Gertrude Franzel of New York, and three brothers, David P. Kopech of Providence, Albert Kopech of Cranston, and Irving Kopech of Palm Springs.

The funeral service was held at the Star of David Funeral Home.



Family Chanukah Program

On Dec. 20, staff and volunteers from the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island helped to coordinate a family Chanukah program for the Children's Museum of Rhode Island. Helping to plan the program were BJE media coordinator Toby Rossner and educational services coordinator Minna Ellison. Seen above, Rossner helps a group of children as they create Chanukah story books. Other activities at this annual event included music, storytelling, menorah making and dreidel.

JOSEPH J. SCHAFFER

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Joseph J. Schaffer, 81, of Terra California Drive, the president of American Tool Co., Lincoln, for 42 years before retiring five years ago, died Dec. 21 at home. He was the husband of Eva (Levine) Schaffer.

Born in Kingston, N.Y., a son of the late David and Dora (Feldman) Schaffer, he lived in Gloucester for 35 years before moving to Walnut Creek three years ago.

He attended the University of Rhode Island. He was a former member of Temple Beth-El, and a member of the B'nai

B'rith in Walnut Creek. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in the European Theater, with the 112th Anti-Aircraft Battalion.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, David E. Schaffer of Silver Spring, Md.; a daughter, Marjiam Schaffer of Walnut Creek; two sisters, Sophie Bilstein and Charlotte Zisman, both of Providence, and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Dec. 28 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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Suspense

Benjamin Konoff, 9, receives his first-place prize from Herald Editor Anne Davidson at the Chanukah Art Contest awards party at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

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Israel Digs in Heels as Court Refuses to Overturn Expulsions

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authorities, who have also banned relief agencies from providing them with aid.

News reports said four of the deportees were injured by shrapnel as they headed for the security zone in the range of television cameras.

Prime Minister Rabin told a parliamentary committee last week that he had personally approved the shelling to frighten the men and make them move back. Rabin, who also holds the defense portfolio, said no one's life had been endangered.

Nevertheless, the IDF on Dec. 22 sent in five tanks and an armored personnel carrier to replace SLA forces at the line. Israeli forces were also equipped with anti-riot gear, including clubs, tear gas and smoke bombs.

In his remarks to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Rabin said the crisis over the deportees should not prevent the resumption of peace negotiations after Bill Clinton's inauguration as U.S.

president on Jan. 20.

He said Arab delegates to the talks have privately said as much but feel they must at this time join in condemnation of the deportations.

Rabin dismissed as "nonsense" a suggestion by Knesset member Ariel Sharon of the opposition Likud bloc that the Moslem activists should have been sent into Jordan, rather than across the Lebanese border. He said Jordan is itself engaged in a difficult war against the Hamas movement.

The United Nations, meanwhile, plans to send an envoy to Israel to help "find a solution" to the deportation crisis.

U.N. Secretary-Gen. Boutros Boutros-Ghali phoned Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Dec. 22 to inform him of the impending arrival of U.N. Under Secretary-General James Jonah.

Boutros-Ghali was acting on a request made in a Security

Council resolution adopted Dec. 18 that condemned Israel for the expulsions.

Rival Palestinian groups are following up on their joint condemnation of the expulsions by going ahead with a planned summit in Tunis. The secular Palestine Liberation Organization and the fundamentalist Hamas said they will coordinate future measures.

In Amman, Jordan, Hamas leaders said they hoped that, together with PLO leader Yasir Arafat, they would "bury the peace talks" and escalate the intifada.

Until now, the PLO has supported the peace talks, though it has called for a suspension of Palestinian participation until the deportees are returned.

The deportees have also received support from some of Israel's 750,000 Arab citizens.

But a one-day general strike called Dec. 22 to protest the expulsion received far less than total support. Municipal services and schools were closed, but several thousand workers showed up at their jobs in the Haifa Bay area.

In the Gaza Strip, Israel partially lifted a curfew Dec. 22, but only about 2,000 workers crossed into Israel proper. Tension remained high in Gaza, where six Palestinians were killed in weekend riots after the ambush killing of Israeli soldiers by Hamas fundamentalists two weeks ago.

The crisis over the deportees has soured relations between Israel's governing coalition and

its tacit Arab allies in the Knesset. The three members of the Hadash Communist party have informed Labor they will vote against the government in this week's budget debate.

Labor Party Secretary Nissim Zvilli has asked them to reconsider, promising decisions over the next few days that will "reaffirm the determination of the Rabin government to press on with the peace process."

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Staff members from Valerie Anne's Restaurant pose with owner Russ Hoffberger (center back) and his wife Wendy.
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Valerie Anne's Offers a Break for Those on Red-Eye Express

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

For those of us on the red-eye express seeking an oasis in a sea of confusion on the breakfast scene, Valerie Anne's is a welcome alternative. Whether it's a quick cup of coffee or a matter of breakfast, Russ Hoffberger, owner and head chef, will cater to all your needs.

Located between Douglas Drugs and a health spa at Blackstone Place between Paw-

tion with the way things are going, as people slowly began to fill the establishment. All soups, sauces and muffins are made on the premises with fresh bread supplied daily by a local bakery.

For lunch, I enjoyed a grilled honey chicken sandwich on a French bagette with honey mustard that was very tasty and free of oil. A 6-oz. burger that was 85 percent lean was spicy and hot on a deli bun and that, too, was grease-free. Hoffberger serves nothing fried except eggs, often substituting potato chips for french fries. Nothing gets to the counter without his approval and I found the decor, the kitchen and everything else to be immaculately clean.

So, if you're in the vicinity stop in and give his spinach, broccoli and mushroom omelet a try. Breakfast is served all day. Business hours are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

A Closer LOOK

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tucket and Providence, Valerie Anne's is very easy to get in and out of. Hoffberger employs the use of one cook and two waitresses on any shift. His wife Helen tends to the cash register and counter whenever she can find a baby-sitter for Valerie Anne and her two younger siblings.

For breakfast, I was treated to a light, crunchy Belgian waffle covered with bananas and hot syrup. Pancakes are offered with chocolate chip centers that melt in your mouth.

A side order of fresh spiced apple slices had a nice subtle flavor without the sugary taste.

Since opening this year, Hoffberger expressed satisfac-



CORRECTION

A story on Page 16 of last week's *Herald* inadvertently referred to the professional staff of the Bureau of Jewish Education as members of the board. They are not board members.

We regret the error.



Curiosity

Natan Friedman, 6, checks out Seth Konoff's prize-winning entry at the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald's* Art Contest Chanukah party at the JCCRI Monday.
Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Shoppers Stop, Stare and Stroll by Chanukah Party

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that many people are genuinely interested in learning the truth. He retold the story of Judah and the Maccabees struggling against insurmountable odds only to triumph with

G-d's divine power over evil.

His opinions were heralded by Wade Demers, who was observing the celebration in the audience and said, "It's impossible to recognize Christmas without acknowledging Chanukah, because Judaism is the basis for the truth."

While little Alyssa Kauffman was watching her mom Robin spin a dreidel the rabbi had given her, Mike Bresler was doing his darndest to stomp the crown. Bresler, a musician and magician kept pulling coins out of his sleeve and trying to conduct a Judaic "Jeop-

ardy" but was unable to confound the knowledgeable audience, who appeared to be happy with his antics.

When asked how he felt about the party, Winoker smiled and said: "I've been lighting Chanukah candles for 60 years, but that one was the biggest."

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