

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

URI Has ROTC Scholarships

Two- and three-year Army ROTC scholarships are available for men and women who want to become the future officers of the U.S. Army.

Sophomores can also apply for the 1993-94 Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Two-Year Scholarship. Designed to identify outstanding students on campus or those serving in Army Reserve Component units, this scholarship program offers the benefits of other ROTC scholarships as well as guaranteed duty in Reserve

Components upon college graduation and commission into the U.S. Army.

Any URI or CCRI sophomore who is serving in the 76th Training Division or the 94th Army Reserve Command is eligible to apply for the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship.

Both scholarship opportunities pay for college tuition and mandatory educational fees up to \$8,000 annually or 80 percent of these costs, whichever is higher, and up to \$400 per year for miscellaneous fees such as laboratory, student activity, transcript and graduation fees. The scholarship provides an additional flat rate of \$450 per year for textbooks, classroom supplies and equipment. Scholarship winners also receive a tax free subsistence allowance of \$100 a month up to 10 months each school year.

Army ROTC scholarships are not based on financial need but on academic performance and potential to become an Army officer.

Deadline for both scholarship programs is Feb. 15. For more information about the ROTC scholarships, contact Capt. Mark Philbrook at 792-2385. For more information about the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship, contact Lt. Col. Leo J. FitzHarris at 792-2385.

Tourism Is Topic of URI VP's Talk

Robert Beagle, URI vice president of university relations, will speak on how the University of Rhode Island and tourism are often in the same business on Feb. 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the Dutch Inn, Galilee, Narragansett.

Complimentary wine and cheese will be served. The event is sponsored by South County Tourism Council's TASC Force (TASC — Tourism Advocates of South County — is the tourism council's membership arm).

Home-Buyer Seminar Set in Providence

A free, two-part home buyer seminar will be held on Feb. 17 and 24 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the DaVinci Center in Providence.

Sponsored by the Boston Five Mortgage Corp. in association with Rhode Island Housing, this seminar is designed to help prospective home buyers better understand the home-buying process. It is the first in an 18-month series of seminars to be offered by Rhode Island Housing.

As the cosponsors, Boston Five Mortgage lending specialists will join representatives from Rhode Island Housing, the real estate industry and the legal field to address a variety of home-purchase issues, including the mortgage application process, prequalification and preapproving methods of saving for and down payment. Ignorant attendees will receive a free credit report and a coupon valued at \$100 toward closing costs at the Boston Five in addition to a complimentary *Boston Five Home Buyer Guide*. The seminar is free of charge but reservations are required due to limited seating.

For more information, call The Boston Five at 351-1800 or (800) 334-9995. For reservations, call Helen King, Rhode Island Housing, at 751-5666 ext. 218.

Graveyards Are Topic of Lecture

The Rhode Island Historical Society will feature a lecture on "Cemetery Research" with Debbie Nunes and John Sterling.

Nunes is one of the co-producers of "Graveyards of North Kingstown." She will tell us about her involvement in that project.

Sterling owns his own computer business and has created a software program for cemetery records. The lecture will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at John Brown House in Providence.

The lecture is offered free as a benefit of membership in the RHHS. The fee for nonmembers is \$3 per person, per lecture. Preregistration is recommended. For more information, contact Maureen Taylor at the society at 331-8575.

Adult CPR Class Offered

The central regional office of the American Red Cross will hold an adult CPR course on Feb. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The course will be held at the American Red Cross Chapter Headquarters office, 150 Waterman St., Providence.

The course will cover rescue breathing, first-aid for choking and CPR for victims over the age of 8 years. You will also learn what to do in an emergency and first aid for a heart attack.

The course fee is \$20, which includes the course materials.

For more information, contact the central Regional office of the American Red Cross at 831-7700.



The Parent Support Network of the Mental Health Association of Rhode Island will sponsor "A Sea of Systems," a conference set for Feb. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cranston Public Library, Sockanosset Cross Road. The conference is free. A \$5.50 fee covers the cost of lunch and coffee for those interested. For more information, contact the Parent Support Network, 500 Prospect St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860. ♦♦♦♦

On Feb. 13, students who have attended URI's College of Continuing Education will have the chance to reminisce with former classmates and friends when the College of Continuing Education holds its 50th anniversary gala. Proceeds from the event will go to the CCE Student Scholarship Fund. The celebration begins at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings in Warwick. Tickets are \$50 per person and must be purchased before the event. For more information, call John O'Leary at 277-3800. ♦♦♦♦

A special story hour featuring *Pauline Santos*, legal assistant, mother and student, will be held Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence. Santos will read about woggles, heffalumps and other excellent adventures suitable for ages 5 and older. ♦♦♦♦

The Rhode Island Dental Health Association will come to the Children's Museum of Rhode Island Feb. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m., during "A Healthy Smile," which will feature rides in a genuine dentist's chair, tips on tooth care, a special puppet show and a Charlie Brown video on tooth care. On Feb. 15, the museum is open all day, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for visitors to explore the museum's hands-on exhibits for a Presidents Day excursion. ♦♦♦♦

The Games and Music of Africa will be the focus of a special event Feb. 14 at the Roger Williams Park Zoo. Eva Tague, of the International House of Rhode Island, will give the talk for an audience ages 7 to 11 years old. For more information on the zoo's Winter Lecture Series, call 785-3510 or TDD 751-0203. ♦♦♦♦

The central regional office of the American Red Cross will hold a standard first aid progression course on Feb. 16 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross Chapter Headquarters office, 150 Waterman St., Providence. For more information on what is offered and the prerequisites, call 831-7700.

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Gary Schine, author of *If The President Had Cancer...*, will discuss how to access the best possible treatments from the perspective of a cancer patient who found a cure after his doctor told him there was none. His talk, titled, *Becoming Your Own Medical Advocate*, will be held Feb. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hope Center, 297 Wickenden St., Providence. To reserve a space, call 454-0404. ♦♦♦♦

VNA of Rhode Island will hold its 10th annual recognition dinner for members of the Chairman's Club on Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the 25th floor dining room of the Fleet National Bank Building in Providence. ♦♦♦♦

The Bryant College Center for Management Development is offering two seminars from Feb. 18 to 19, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — "Creating a Customer-Focused Environment," with Robert Rue, and "Communicating Powerfully Through Letters, Memos and Reports." For more information, call 232-6200.

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Sign up begins Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. at the Barrington Public Library for "Great Decisions 1993," a foreign-policy discussion series designed by the nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association. Readings on eight international topics of importance to be covered during the series will be available for a fee of \$11 during registration week. The series, conducted by Barrington resident Jean Cronan, runs biweekly on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Feb. 25, with "Trade and the Global Economy: Projecting U.S. Interests." The group is limited to 10 participants. For more information, call Lauren Burke at 247-1920.

Narcotics Anonymous, a program for people seeking recovery from addiction, invites members of the community to its meetings. For more information, call 461-1110 or (800) 464-1033.

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The Land Preservation Society of Norton, Mass., and Country Cape Antiques Shows announce their **Winter Taunton Antiques Show**, at the Holiday Inn of Taunton, off Route 495 on Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 or \$3, with an ad. Further information, call Mrs. Erikson at (508) 285-3534 or Mrs. Thompson at (203) 536-7729.

Storyland Days will be celebrated Feb. 13 and 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the A&D Toy and Train Museum, 49 Plymouth St. in North Middleboro, Mass. Hands-on activities, a children's table with toys and a battery-operated plastic train, a doll house and other activities will be featured. For more information, call Adolf W. Arnold at (508) 947-5303.

Westover Job Corps is opening a local admissions office at 758 Purchase St., New Bedford, Mass. The office will serve disadvantaged youths in need of a free education and job training opportunity. For career information and eligibility qualification, call the Job Corps admissions office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at (508) 999-1211.

How To Answer
Holocaust
Revisionists

by
Ray Eichenbaum
Special to the Herald

We have been deluged with questions pertaining to proper responses to be given strident voices of the extreme right who dare to express doubts about the veracity of the Holocaust in Europe ever to have taken place. Although I become very angry when I hear these kinds of assertions, I'll attempt to give a few logical, pointed replies to these outrageous statements.

Foremost, I would like to stress the fact that the outer fringe elements who mouth such accusations in spite of proven historical facts are very vicious, shameless and shrewd. Thus, simple replies referring to published data listed in newspaper accounts, documents or portrayals in movies, displays and museums will not prove to be convincing to uninformed and less-than-

impartial third parties.

These professed liars are schemers in the pay of Nazi propagandists will demolish the efficacy of such data by the "old" cop-out — labeling these types of proven facts as Jewish propaganda. Hence, more subtle, out-of-the-ordinary replies are in order.

A good counterpoint to their vicious arguments is to ask them to explain what has happened to European Jewry after the period of 1939 to 1945? Where are the millions of Jews who lived in Poland, Germany and Eastern Europe? Have they just disappeared from the face of the earth?

If we should investigate the Jewish cemeteries in those parts of Europe, they would find that thousands upon thousands of gravestones are to be found that are marked up to the

year 1939. What has happened after that year, or even after 1945? Jews did not die there any longer? Has the messiah come already so that there is no continuity in the dying of Jews there?

One can point out their vicious lies by making it absolutely clear that great masses of people do not disappear from this planet without a trace, and archival data such as graves, births, marriages, etc. is always available, unless a great calamity has taken place, which, unfortunately, was the case with the Holocaust happening.

Another good counterargument is to specify data which the Germans kept themselves to record their deeds. In extermination camps such as Auschwitz, Majdanek, Treblinka, Belzec, Chelmo and others, the Nazis kept daily tallies of the number of people of various nationalities that passed through these macabre "processing centers."

I myself, distinctly remember spotting a board on the wall of Birkenau-Auschwitz where tallies of "processed" Jews, Gypsies, Poles, Dutch, Greek and Russian prisoners of war were registered, when I was whipped through there. The numbers I saw were in the hundreds per hour, and thousands

per day.

To further counteract the "number of Jews killed" game which the skinheads use in their crazy claims, one can reply that besides the number of murdered people I mentioned above, the Einsatz-kommandos killed more Jews in a two-week period than the number cited by these "kooks" in total — 140,000.

Other points to be brought out are the philosophical arguments which can shut up this poisonous Nazi hysteria in a hurry. Did not Adolf Hitler himself write in *Mein Kampf* that if and when he gets the political and military power in Germany, he will stamp out the Jews and other inferior races "like vermin." Do they really think that the fuhrer's agenda was not pursued? How about the racial purity laws promulgated in Nuremberg in 1936. Do they not specify that spouses and other relatives of Jews that have 25 percent or more of Jewish blood flowing through their veins should be quarantined from the general population of the Reich. Do they think that these people were not disposed of in concentration camps?

The main argument which should stick in the skinheads' (Continued on Page 8)



A Brother's Keeper

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing
Reporter

Alan Shawn Feinstein lives in a suburban Edgewood circle between Roger Williams Park and Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. His office takes up a house just next door. I figured I'd get lost. But I showed up early. And I stayed late. Wearing a comfortable cotton sweater, Alan talked to me about his dreams and hopes. I brought a few questions with me, but our words flowed pretty smoothly on their own.

Mostly I asked about the new high school Feinstein proposes. "What about the rights of kids eager to learn, not just the plight of youngsters who have to be dragged kicking and screaming?"

"I want our young people to learn leadership and responsi-

bility, to develop compassion, to care and to act in behalf of others in the community who need help," he said.

"Ten years ago, a social worker asked me if I was aware of hunger right here, around the corner, in town. She showed me bread lines. This was in the Reagan years, when people didn't want to look at poverty and want. Now, the word 'compassion' is coming back."

"Since then, we have sponsored many food banks. In fact, right now we are asking if there are churches or synagogues that want to set up food banks," Feinstein said.

I thought of Joseph in Egypt, and asked my host if he thought of his philanthropy as

"zedakah."

"I try and act as my brother's keeper, both Jewish and non-Jewish brother and sister. A non-Jewish woman said to me recently, 'I thought Jews only took care of other Jews.' But I give to Hadassah, to Israel, I

support Israel and I think it is outrageous that the United Nations condemns Israel. They never murmured when Kuwait deported thousands of Palestinians. But they raised a ruckus when Israel exports a handful (Continued on Page 8)

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EDITORIAL



SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE — Three soldiers of the 761st pose beside a Stuart tank somewhere in Europe during World War II. Thomas Bradley is in the center.

'Liberators' Still Fighting for Dignity

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter

In one of the most startling documentaries about racism and genocide, new and shocking truths were revealed about racial injustice and horrendous diplomacy by the Army.

"Liberators: Fighting On

Two Fronts in World War II, shown Sunday at the JCCRI," should be made a requirement for social studies throughout every public school in America. For it sets the record straight about how black soldiers struggled and succeeded above the total hypocrisy of the Armed

services racial policy of discrimination and humiliation. It also spotlights the plight of Holocaust victims striving to overcome the wretched existence they faced daily in a world gone mad with hate toward Jews and other ethnic groups.

I was not prepared for Stephan Ross, the courageous man who survived five years of labor camps before he was stuffed into a barracks with 1,800 other poor souls at Dachau. Ross still bears the physical and emotional scars from those days of darkness — days filled with the screams of tortured victims dying by the hundreds and thousands at the hands of cruel SS guards.

In order to survive, inmates were forced to resort to cannibalism to supplement the measly piece of bread they were occasionally given.

"Those were the darkest days of mankind," he sadly shared with me.

But on April 29, 1945, he heard shots fired and saw emaciated bodies running toward a group of soldiers — black soldiers from the 183rd Combat Engineer Battalion.

It goes without saying that both liberators and the liberated were overwhelmed at the sight of each other. Ross called them "angels from heaven delivering us from the depths of hell."

Many of the black soldiers broke down and cried when they saw the victims of mass genocide and for the survivors who lived through it. They reached out and tried to comfort and aid the victims while some died before their eyes.

Paul Parks, a 19-year-old demolitions expert who had been sent to Dachau to seed a military camp, was totally shocked by the scenes of sheer madness. "Who are these people and why are they being treated in such a brutal way?" he cried. Eventually, someone told him about the Nazis' fanatical obsession to erase an entire race from the Earth and anger swelled up within him.

To this day Parks has dedicated his life to preventing scenes like Dachau from happening again by reaching out and sharing his story. He says he doesn't trust Germany or those who support racism in the least. How can you blame him?

On the table in front of Ross and Parks stood two small white statues made by camp survivors at Dachau. They were flawed in only one aspect — their contents were the crushed bones of Holocaust victims killed by SS guards.

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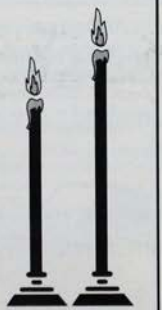
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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

Considers Practical Proposals to Aid Jews

LONDON — Deputy Prime Minister Attlee told the House of Commons this week that the British government was consulting with other governments on measures to assist Jews escaping from the Nazis. He explained that the measures were necessarily confidential, adding that the British government was supplementing its present "substantial" interest in the matter with certain practical proposals.

WEEK OF FEB. 12, 1943

Zionists Sell \$300,000 in War Bonds

With more than \$300,000 in War Bonds sold at the opening luncheon meeting of the Zionist organization in their drive to sell one million dollars in Bonds this month, Achishil Silverman, treasurer and master of ceremonies at yesterday's affair held at the Narragansett Hotel, said that he believed the quota would be easily realized.

Man Held for Taking \$5,800 from Woman

NEW YORK — Leo Golden, 35 years old, who described himself as a "wool broker," was held in \$10,000 bail in the Felony Court for a hearing Feb. 16 on his not-guilty plea to defrauding Mrs. Lucie Newman, 61, of a total of \$5,800 — since September 1941, on his promise to "use my influence" to bring many members of her family into this country. From Lyons, France, and Cuba, Assistant District Attorney Louis A. Caputo announced that several other women had made similar charges against Golden.

Commandments Elevate the Physical World

The revelation on Mount Sinai is described in this week's Torah portion, Yitro. G-d revealed himself to the entire Jewish nation, giving the Jewish people the Torah and its commandments.

However, the concept of Torah and mitzvot existed long before the Jews arrived at Mount Sinai. Our sages teach us that the patriarchs and matriarchs certainly learned Torah and performed mitzvot. What, then, was innovated by the revelation on Sinai?



The Midrash explains this question by means of a parable: A king once decreed that Romans were not allowed to go down to Syria and Syrians were not permitted to ascend to Rome. After a while the decree was nullified, with the king announcing that he himself would initiate the change.

This is similar to how it was before the giving of the Torah. The heavens belong to G-d and the earth he gave to mankind. There existed a separation between heaven and earth. At the revelation, the decree was nullified, and a connection was formed between the heavens and the earth.

The "heavens" symbolize spirituality and godliness. The "earth" symbolizes the physical and corporeal aspects of our lives. Before the revelation, there was a division between the heavens and earth; there was no possibility of connecting the physical and spiritual realms. There was an unbridgeable gap between the two. The greatness of the revelation on Mount Sinai is that this gap was actually bridged, opening for us the opportunity to unite the physical world with G-d and godliness.

When we take the skin of a cow — a physical object — make it into a parchment and write on it a mezuzah or tefillin (Continued on Next Page)

OPINIONS

Teaching our Children About G-d

by Sherry H. Blumberg
Children often ask about G-d. They wonder about the purpose of life, why people die, how the earth was created, why bad things happen.

And all parents answer their questions, either verbally or through their actions.

This article seeks to assist parents in helping children put their questions into words and then finding ways of exploring the answers together, struggling with, arguing about and perhaps even experiencing G-d's presence in the world — a process that can enrich your life and the lives of your children.

Our children have much to teach us about the world and about G-d. As a director of education and as a teacher, I have heard many questions about G-d, and I marvel at the ideas they express. In my own home, I created a climate that would allow such questions to arise naturally. Each night my son and I would recite the Sh'ma and sing "You shall love the L-rd your G-d." Before Shabbat dinner, my husband and I blessed Joshua, and during the meal we all talked about what we were thankful for in the previous week.

And yet, even with this preparation, I was both amazed and humbled by the first questions about G-d that my son asked. I realized there was a difference between answering as an educator in a congregation and as a parent at home, where my answer would be received both in words and in actions, day by day.

Joshua has continued to ask me questions and to try out ideas about G-d. How big is G-d? Is G-d happy? Does G-d love the earth? Does G-d love him even when he misbehaves?

Children's questions about G-d often come at the most unexpected times, making their parents feel uncomfortable and on the spot. Don't worry if you can't respond eloquently. Say what you feel and think, and tell your child others may give different answers. But resist the temptation to brush your child's question aside. Evasion is also an answer — a negative one. In replying, you may discover that your own image of G-d is growing and changing too.

Many Views of G-d
Judaism provides many explanations of G-d and differing

approaches. A person with a naturalistic view of G-d as a power within human beings to strive for excellence and good is likely to answer the question, "Does G-d listen to prayer?" differently from a person who conceives of G-d as supernatural and all-knowing.

And consider well the age of the questioner. A child who asks, "Does G-d answer my prayers?" may be asking for a new bike. A young adult who uses the same words may be struggling with the meaning of life.

Your answers to G-d questions can be prefaced with statements like "I think," or "Reform Judaism teaches," or "Some rabbis say." It's important to keep your statements honest and to allow for differences. "I don't know, what do you think?" is an acceptable answer.

While we don't want to lie to our children or tell them untruths, we do need to give them images that they can live with. Trusting and loving parents and caring and loving friends contribute to a child's sense of stability and security. The Torah and prayerbook speak of G-d in such metaphorical terms, depicting G-d as friend, father, king or shepherd.

Remember too that some questions don't have answers, and death, disease and sorrow, Jewish tradition posits various responses to life's imponderables. Above all, Jewish sources assert there is a purpose to our lives — acting justly and bringing about an era of love and peace in the world.

Searching for the Divine

The search for G-d involves words, actions and emotions. Reading, studying, praying and even playing with your child can bring both of you closer to understanding of the divine. Read with your child the many books for young people about G-d. Discuss them with your son or daughter. Disagree, if necessary. Pray with your child, both at your temple and at home. Make up your own prayers and songs. Study Jewish sources with your child. Explore feelings, even difficult ones. Affirm your child's right to be different. Get involved in social action projects, like feeding the hungry or collecting clothes and toys for needy children.

This is the way we make the world a better place — making us partners with G-d's presence in the beauty of nature, the voice of conscience, the love of other people, the stillness of prayer, the making of joyful noises and music, the community of worship, the study of Torah and the performing of ritual acts.

Judaism has always stressed living as fully and lovingly as possible — by balancing, the social, intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual parts of our lives. It is the quest for this balance that moves children to ask about G-d. If you allow yourself to do so, you will find that you enjoy helping them, and yourself, to find meaningful answers — and many more questions.

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Magical Music Makers

Sam Fisher (left) accompanies on his harmonica while Sam Lerner, George Medeiros, dietary worker, and Joe Guiche, volunteer, lead Maria Pannozi and Joseph Brenner in an impromptu sing-along at the Jewish Home recently. Music touches the heart of all of the home's residents; the goal is to have music on every floor every day. Volunteers help to achieve this. Anyone with a couple of hours per week to spare can join the merry troupe of magical music makers. For more information, call 351-4750.

Commandments

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or a Torah scroll — we transform it into something holy. A union is formed between the spiritual holiness of the words of Torah and the physical parchment, to the extent that the parchment itself becomes holy. Similarly, when the physical state and makes it holy. This is the power that was given to us at Mount Sinai, the power to bring godliness and holiness down into this physical world.

Before the revelation, a person who wanted to become close to G-d had to distance himself, to some extent, from the physical side of his nature. Physical actions could not be imbued with holiness. The giving of the Torah granted us the ability to be connected and bound to G-d, while at the

same time living a physical life. We can worship G-d through our eating and drinking, our work, even our everyday speech if we do these things properly. The physical needs do not stand in the way of the spiritual. We have the power to actually transform corporeality into holiness.

And this is our task here in this world — to transform the *Levushitchei rebe*, *Shulchan Aruch* and *Shema* by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer and reprinted with permission of L'Chaim Publications.

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by Deborah Kalb
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher will travel to the Middle East later this month in the hope of reviving the stalled Arab-Israeli peace talks.

The long-rumored trip, which will be Christopher's first mission abroad as secretary, was announced Feb. 4 by President Clinton in a statement released by the White House.

In the statement, Clinton cited his own "commitment to advance the peace negotiations" as the reason for Christopher's trip. He said the mission is "an indication of the priority my administration attaches to peacemaking in the Middle East."

Christopher will visit Israel and other parties connected with the peace talks from Feb. 17 through 24, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said last week.

Efforts to restart the peace talks, which recessed shortly after the U.S. presidential elections, have been complicated by Israel's expulsion in December of 415 Palestinians to Lebanon.

Last week, Israel agreed to take back 100 of the deportees almost immediately and reduce the terms of exile for the remaining men to one year.

But the deal, which was backed by Washington, was rejected by the Palestinians, who have threatened not to return to the table until all the deportees are allowed to return to the administered territories.

The United States has been seeking to divert attention away from the dispute over the deportees and refocus it on the peace talks.

Over the past week, the Clinton administration has argued that, by agreeing to the com-

promise, Israel is in compliance with a Dec. 18 U.N. Security Council resolution that insisted on the deportees' immediate return.

Assistant Secretary of State Edward Djerejian, in a briefing Feb. 4 with foreign reporters, repeated that line, asserting that the compromise set in motion a process that would "bring about a fundamental change in the deportee situation and create the opening needed to resolve it."

Jews Hail Mitterrand For Remembrance Day

by Michel Di Paz

PARIS (JTA) — France's Jews have hailed President Francois Mitterrand's move to inaugurate an annual day of remembrance to mourn those Jews who were persecuted or deported from France to Nazi death camps during the Holocaust.

Mitterrand caused an outcry in July when he said the present French state could not apologize for the actions of the wartime pro-Nazi Vichy regime.

But last week, Mitterrand changed his stance and signed a decree declaring July 16 as a "National Commemoration Day of the Racist and Anti-Semitic Persecutions Perpetrated during the De Facto Authority of the So-Called Government of the French State" (1940-1944).

The date was chosen to mark the day in 1942 of the first mass roundup of Jews in Paris by French police, known as the "Vel d'Hiv roundup."

On July 16, 1942, the Jews were rounded up and taken to

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U.S. Will Include Hamas in Annual Terrorism Report

by Deborah Kalb
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department confirmed last week that it was, for the first time, including a section on the Hamas fundamentalist movement in its annual report on global terrorism.

The inclusion of Hamas in the report comes in the wake of the recent arrests in Israel of two Palestinian Americans accused of funneling money to Hamas activists, and follows weeks of controversy over Israel's deportation of more than 400 Palestinians, many of whom had ties to Hamas.

"The group's violent activities increased dramatically during 1992," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Feb. 2. Hamas' activities included "increasingly lethal tactics" such as roadside explosions and car bombs, he added.

Boucher said the inclusion of Hamas was not part of any deal with the Israelis regarding the deportation issue.

The United States was instrumental in crafting a compromise with Israel last week whereby 100 of the 400 deportees would be returned almost immediately, and the terms of deportation of the others were to be shortened.

Recent reports have suggested that the Hamas movement is now being directed by leaders in the United States and Britain.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Gil Sedan in Jerusalem.)

U.S. Defends Deal with Israel

by Deborah Kalb
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — American officials are defending the compromise reached last week with Israel, saying its willingness to take back 100 of the men deported to Lebanon and shorten the exile of some 300 others satisfies the demands set down in a U.N. Security Council resolution.

"It's consistent in that it provides for the return of these people," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Feb. 2. He added that the United States believes no further Security Council action is needed.

The compromise, hammered out during extensive consultations between American and Israeli officials, was intended to head off any action in the

U.N. Security Council that could result in sanctions being imposed against Israel.

The problem is that the Palestinians have rejected the compromise, insisting that all of the deportees be returned immediately to the administered territories.

And they appear to have received support from U.N. Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali, who told a delegation of American Jewish organization leaders on Feb. 2 that he did not believe the Israeli agreement would fulfill the terms of Security Council Resolution 799 calling for the deportees' return.

Furthermore, a draft resolution that would impose sanctions on Israel is still circulating at the United Nations, though the non-aligned nations have not yet decided whether to support it.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher has assured Israeli officials that the United States will now veto any sanctions initiative at the United Nations.

But Washington would clearly prefer to avoid such a move, since it would mark the first time America has exercised that prerogative since the end of the Cold War. A U.S. veto could also alienate the Arab nations, delaying the resumption of the Middle East peace talks indefinitely.

As a result, the new U.S. representative to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, has begun a major diplomatic initiative aimed at convincing the Security Council members that the deportation issue should be set aside with a view toward getting the peace talks back on track.

Albright, who assumed her post only Feb. 1, discussed her efforts Feb. 2 with Israel's U.N. ambassador, Gad Yaacobi.

Meanwhile, an 11-member delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations met at the United Nations with Boutros-Ghali.

Though there were disagreements, the conference's chairman, Lester Pollack, described the discussions as "very good."

NEWS BRIEFS



INTERNATIONAL

SYDNEY (JTA) — The number of anti-Semitic incidents of violence, serious vandalism and harassment in Australia rose 15 percent last year, although the number of less-serious anti-Semitic incidents fell to the lowest in three years, according to a report issued by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. It pointed out that there were more than 10 incidents a month.

MONTREAL (JTA) — For the third time in a month, Jews have been struck at Montreal's Jewish community, with spray-painted swastikas, slogans and, in one instance, three BB pellets shot through a residential window. Two weeks ago, vandals broadened their scope to include not only synagogues and private homes, but school buses, as well.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A long-running debate between environmentalists and business interests on whether Israel should allow the United States to build a powerful radio transmitter in the Negev desert appears to be coming to a head. The Nations Planning and Building Council, charged with making a recommendation to the government, began its final deliberations on the matter Feb. 2.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The president of the State of Israel Bonds Organization insists his mission remains unshaken in the wake of recent press reports that Israeli officials are reassessing the organization and its fund-raising goals to the government. Former Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne, president of Israel Bonds, said he had been "unequivocally" reassured by Israeli officials that there is a continued need for the capital raised and there are no plans to limit the fund-raising. He said any notions to the contrary were the product of a misunderstanding.

BONN (JTA) — German police have confiscated thousands of neo-Nazi records and tapes in more than 10 major localities as part of a nationwide crackdown on right-wing music. Police raided the homes and offices of musicians and producers in the right-wing rock music industry, which has popularized songs calling for the expulsion of foreigners from Germany and praised the country's Nazi past.

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NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. James Traficant (D-Ohio), who has long been a supporter of John Demjanjuk's claims that he is not the gruesome "Ivan the Terrible" of Treblinka, says he has fresh evidence that the "real" Ivan is alive in Eastern Europe. Traficant held a news conference here last week while special court proceedings were continuing in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to determine if the U.S. Justice Department withheld evidence that another man, said to be Ivan Marchenko, was the so-called "Ivan" who operated the crematoria at the death camp.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Nineteen thousand people came to Madison Square Garden recently to see black and Lubavitch teen-agers from the embattled Crown Heights section of Brooklyn face off on the basketball court. Well, maybe they came to see the New York Knicks play the Philadelphia 76ers, too. But during halftime, when the arena usually empties out, everyone stayed. The teen-age boys, about 40 in all, scrimmaged in integrated teams. As they ran up and down the court, some with their tatzitz flying, they illustrated that even in Crown Heights, ravaged by anti-Semitism and racism, it is possible for people to get past skin color and ethnicity and work together.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Sergio Hutzyrczyk, a Somerset, N.J., man whose U.S. citizenship was revoked for lying about his wartime activities, died Feb. 3 of natural causes. Hutzyrczyk, who was 68, had been suffering from an inoperable aneurysm in his chest. He died at home, only one day after his lawyers filed an appeal on his behalf in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia against the order that revoked his citizenship.

NEW YORK (JTA) — After months of vigorous organizing to protest Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott's alleged anti-Semitic and racist comments, Cincinnati Jews and national Jewish organizations have expressed satisfaction with her one-year suspension from organized baseball. They also reiterated the Cincinnati Jewish community's view that Schott's statements were best taken as a learning opportunity for baseball and for the community.

Rabin Criticized on Knesset Floor

by David Landau
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is continuing to come under sharp criticism for his handling of the deportation crisis, and not only from the opposition parties.

Rabin was the target of a rare personal attack on the Knesset floor last week from a member of his own party.

Labor Knesset member Hagai Merom chided Rabin for not getting along with his ministers and implied that the premier was making decisions unilaterally, without seeking proper advice.

"No minister should be prevented from speaking his conscience," Merom said grimly. He charged there is "an atmosphere of fear" within the government.

Rabin, now under criticism domestically as well as internationally, retorted icily that any minister dissatisfied with the government could "find the door and walk out."

Merom, a prominent member of the Labor Party and a representative of the kibbutz movement, also called on Rabin to control damaging leaks in the news media about the political infighting in the cabinet.

"Shut the mouths of your top officials," Merom told Rabin bluntly.

Knesset veterans said they could not recall an attack this severe against the prime minister led by a fellow member of the ruling party.

Rabin, seated at the Cabinet table, muttered angrily to Merom: "Vote no confidence in the government if you want!"

But many leading media commentators said Feb. 4 that Merom was merely voicing publicly what ministers and other top Labor figures were feeling privately: that Rabin is running a one-man show and treating his ministers with indifference bordering on contempt.

"He speaks for them all," wrote Orly Azulai, the well-informed political reporter of the mass-circulation daily *Yedioth Achronot*.

The storm triggered by Merom's remarks intensified when the director-general of the prime minister's office, Shimon Sheves, fired back a vituperative broadside at Merom.

"I'm frustrated because he did not get a Cabinet post or any other government job," Sheves told reporters.

Sheves admitted that it was "irregular" for an appointed official to publicly criticize an elected official. But he said he was doing so in this case, because Merom had spoken "unfounded lies."

Sheves followed up his public comments with an official letter to the Knesset speaker, Shevah Weiss, demanding that he "rein in" Merom.

Merom, for his part, confirmed that the butt of his criticism was indeed Sheves, whom he had not mentioned by name.



Changing of the Guard

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (right) is shown with Shoshana S. Cardin, immediate past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish organizations, Lester Pollack (second from left), the newly elected chairman, and Malcolm Hoelen (left), executive vice chairman of the umbrella organization of national American Jewish groups, at a meeting in the prime minister's office in Jerusalem. Rabin expressed Israel's gratitude to Cardin for her "extraordinary leadership as chairman for the past two years" and praised her personal efforts as well as those of the conference on behalf of strengthened American-Israeli relations. The prime minister welcomed Pollack and said he looks forward to working closely with the new chairman on behalf of Israel and world Jewry.

American Zionist Movement Is Born

by Bertram Korn Jr.
Miami Jewish Tribune

MIAMI (JTA) — The American Zionist Federation has a new name and a new leader. Now it remains to be seen if the umbrella group of 17 American pro-Israel organizations will also have a new face.

Over the course of a recent three-day convention in Miami, the first formal American Zionist Congress since the founding of the Jewish state changed the federation's name to the American Zionist Movement and elected Seymour Reich as its president.

The congress also adopted new bylaws and, in speech after speech, pledged to reinvigorate American Zionism and to extend its reach to a new generation of American Jews and onto American college campuses.

Some 375 delegates, 50 observers and another 100 or so members of the public attended.

Convention organizers said they were hoping the gathering would accomplish several major goals.

The first was to consolidate the bureaucracy of the American Zionist movement, which had a cumbersome and overlapping representation within

the World Zionist Organization.

The second was to gain control eventually over WZO funds spent in the United States (roughly \$10 million annually).

The third was to create a prominent public voice on the American scene dedicated solely to defending Israel and Jewish political rights.

The fourth was to reinvigorate grass-roots Zionist activism.

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FEATURE



A Son of Israel

Israel's youngest liver transplant patient, 4-year-old Habbat Balatta, waves goodbye to Hadassah-Hebrew Hospital. Habbat received his new liver six months ago during a life-saving 14-hour operation at the hospital. Bazzazo Balatta, the boy's father, said that his son suffered from unexplained attacks of high fever while in their native Ethiopia. Shortly after emigrating to Israel Habbat was diagnosed with a condition resulting from the hepatitis A virus. The only way to save his life was to perform a liver transplant. Because the adult donor's liver was too large for Habbat, the Hadassah surgeons employed a technique which enabled them to transplant a portion of the donor's liver. The innovative technique had never been performed on a child in Israel. Asked about Habbat's future, Bazzazo said, "Habbat is no longer my son, but a son of the state of Israel which has given him his life. I want him to grow up to serve Israel."

A Brother's Keeper

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of terrorists. The world holds Israel to an unfair higher standard.

"Even so, we can turn the idea around and really live by a higher standard of concern for others."

Alan graduated from Boston University and later returned for a master's degree in education. "I wrote and translated folktales for children. My wife and I travelled to Thailand. When I got back, I started a business newspaper column. It caught on. I got syndicated all over the world, from Hong Kong to Egypt."

I told Alan, "You inspire trust, because you seem so serene and low-key."

"We're kindred souls," he said to me.

Alan's wife, Pat, is a Thai

psychiatrist. She converted from Buddhism to Judaism. They have three Jewish children. Alan and I agreed that Buddhism, like Judaism, teaches that we must reduce suffering in the world. "We never had a religious problem," Alan stated. "Compassion brings happiness, sharing, not hoarding."

"You know what makes America a great land? Three things, Mike. Ingenuity, compassion and diversity. One day, Rhode Island will serve as the model state for the entire nation. These virtues will shine from our shores."

Just then, a young woman named Robin stepped into the office, with its view of a grove of trees. The Feinstein cleaning lady named her newborn son Alan Shamen, in honor of her employer and friend.

Alan has a modest air. "I've been lucky," he says quietly. His whole staff works and smiles with the same kindly easy, good-natured flair.

"We run a scholarship program for Edgewood students. But they have to try and keep up some litter and rake the neighborhood tidy. That's all we try to do, to make things a little better for people wherever they live and have roots."

Rosenberg Reflects on Past, Present, Future

by Kamme Kettelle
Herald Assistant Editor

Rabbi James Rosenberg of Temple Habbonim, in Barrington, can tell you the day and the exact minute he decided to become a rabbi. It was his sophomore year in college, and in fact, Rosenberg said he has been keeping a diary since his freshman year of college.

"It's good to look back and see all the ways I've lied to myself," he said with a big grin on his face.

The books *Moby Dick* and *The Brothers Karamazov* were two early factors in high school which Rosenberg said led him to rabbinical school.

"The reason those books were so influential was that they were filled with religious questions such as 'Is there a purpose to life?' and 'Why do bad things happen to good people?'" he said.

Now Rosenberg has been the rabbi at Temple Habbonim, the only fully functioning synagogue in Bristol County with about 160 families, for 19 years. He said there are only a few native Rhode Island families who attend the temple. Therefore, the rabbi mentioned many members view the synagogue as a major source of their Jewish identity. Also, Rosenberg added, Barrington has a Jewish population of only 2 percent.

"We represent the collective Jewish presence in Barrington," he said.

The rabbi said the temple is celebrating its 30th anniversary and that even though remodeling has been done to the building, it is 100 years old. They moved in for the high holy days in June of 1980 and carried the Torahs in a procession from the old temple to the new one on New Meadow Road.

Rosenberg grew up in New Jersey and graduated from Columbia College in 1966 after majoring in philosophy. He then went to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

Revisionists

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gullets should point to the creation of the state of Israel. Do they think that the Jewish state would have come into being had the Holocaust survivors not been so desperate and united, despite any differences among themselves, because they had nowhere to return to after the Nazi slaughter?

Other points to be brought out include:

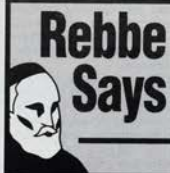
1. How about the thousands of worn children's shoes found in Auschwitz upon the camp's liberation. Do they know how to collect so many pairs of worn children's shoes? Or do they think that they gave the children sneakers instead?

2. What about the hundreds of kilos of gold teeth extracted from the mouths of Jews in the camps which were found in the branches of the German National Bank. Do they think that

After rabbinical school, he was assistant rabbi of Temple Israel in Boston for three years, a synagogue that had 1,800 families as members.

Rosenberg said he learned from his experience there that he would rather move on to a smaller congregation for a more intimate experience. Also, he wanted to create an extended family atmosphere.

"It is far easier to convert that model to living reality when you have 160 families than when you have 1,800 families," Rosenberg added.



Rebbe Says

Both the rabbi and his wife Sandra wanted very much to stay in New England. He then applied and was elected to Temple Habbonim, a Reform congregation of 85 families at the time.

"One of the things that attracted me is the physical beauty of the town," Rosenberg added.

He said he still tries to create an environment where congregants are encouraged to take charge of their own Jewish destiny.

"I believe very much in empowering people to take charge with their own initiative," the rabbi said.

For example, the members recently created a time line of the temple's history that wraps around Habbonim's recreation room.

This synagogue maintains many activities and programs. It has regular adult education and interfaith programs, a Talmud study group, every other Shabbat, a social action com-

mittee and a very active youth group. Bristol County Temple Youth (BCTTY), which is part of the New England Federation of Temple Youth, and according to Rosenberg, is one of the most active youth groups in New England.

The rabbi's daughter Karen, a freshman at Columbia University, was regional vice president last year. He also has a son David, who is in the eighth grade.

Rosenberg said Habbonim has been a leader in the Rhode Island Jewish community in working with Russian immigrants. In fact, he traveled to Moscow and Leningrad in November of 1989 to meet refugees.

The rabbi said the genius of the Jewish tradition is that it asks, "What do we believe?" and from his perspective, Judaism is more of a set of questions than a set of answers.

"The genius of the Torah is that it reflects how my ancestors have wrestled with G-d," he added. "There is certainly room in the Torah to understand and carry out what it is that G-d wants us to do."

Rosenberg said to thrive as an individual Jew you have to be part of a Jewish community. "The notion of a Jewish hermit is a contradiction," he added. "There is certainly room for private prayer, but Judaism is lived among other Jews."

When asked how he hopes his congregants view him, the rabbi said he hopes they see him as a person who takes them seriously as human beings and Jews.

"I hope in the next 18 years we will grow even closer to our true potential," Rosenberg said, adding with a smile that perhaps in the next 18 years they will get used to his impossible puns.

mission to prevent the lies that these Nazi 'kooks' are trying to spread of all times because mankind would have learned from this horrible experience not at all. Then the martyrdom of our fallen brothers and sisters during the Holocaust would have been all in vain. For those who were there and survived, and all their contemporaries who lived through those times, it should be a sacred legacy to pass on the truth to the generations yet to come. By these means, mankind will learn about its potential for bestial behavior and, perhaps, try to modify its ways in the future. Then another step in the evolution of humans to a better specie will be reached.

Dorothea Snyder's "Around Town" will be back soon!

Schechter Fifth-Graders Hold Seder

by Kammie Kettelle
Herald Assistant Editor

Marcia Kauner's fifth-grade class observed Tu B'Shvat Friday by having a seder and asking a series of questions to each other throughout the celebration.

During the seder they drank four cups of grape juice which was a substitute for wine. They

started with white grape juice, which symbolized winter, and gradually added red grape juice in to stand for the different seasons and the ripeness of spring.

The students were broken up into groups of four and on each desk there were fruits and nuts from Israel which they ate at different stages throughout the event. Kauner explained that

even though they could look out the window and still see snow, they are thinking about spring because it is now this season in Israel.

The students learned from their teacher how trees actually changed the course of history. She told them the story of how Eli Cohen outsmarted the Syrians as a spy for Israel, and suggested they plant trees around

the gun implacements to hide them. Soon after the 1967 war broke out, she explained that Cohen directed the Israelis to simply look for the clumps of trees and they would be able to quickly take out the targets on the Golan Heights.

While thinking about the different nuts that were on their plates, one student said walnuts reminded him of the Jewish people because of their

strong shell. He explained that the Jewish people who have been through the Holocaust and many hardships still search for peace.

One fifth-grader asked the class how the Torah was like a fruit that is totally edible without a peel or pit.

One student replied that just as there is no bad part of the fruit, there is also no bad part of the Torah.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



JUST RELAX — Lynn MacGregor strikes fear in Ed Brassard in a scene from City Night's "It Runs in the Family."

City Nights Features Farce

City Nights Dinner Theatre is now showing its production of the farce, "It Runs in the Family." It runs Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday matinees through Feb. 28, with a Thursday performance on Feb. 25 and an additional 6:30 p.m. early dinner show on Feb. 14 and 21.

The show is directed by Ernest J. Medeiros and stars Ed Brassard, Michael Principe, Anita Levy, Sue Staniunas, Lynn MacGregor, Neil Santoro, Gerard Marzilli, Mark Silberstein, Ed Kanter, Edgar Staff, Mary Mattos and Mary Concanon.

City Nights is located at the center of downtown Pawtucket at 27 Exchange St. There are four parking lots within a half a block of the theatre.

Tickets for the dinner and show total \$20 a person. The meal is a complete roast beef dinner (from tossed salad through dessert and coffee) and is served family-style.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

A retrospective exhibition of more than 70 works by the late Rhode Island School of Design illustration professor and social activist Mahler Ryder will open at RISD's Woods-Gerry Gallery today with a special benefit reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission to the benefit reception is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple, payable at the door. The exhibition will continue through March 1.

The Lyric Stage is presenting "The Liar," a romantic comedy perfect for the Valentine holiday, through March 14, with a special couples benefit on Feb. 12. For more information, call (617) 437-7172.

The International House of Rhode Island will present a special evening of classical Renaissance guitar music and Flamenco by International House board member Dr. Gabriel Najera preceded by a sampling of tapas, varied pates and sangria on Feb. 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The fee for the event is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers and \$5 for students. For more information, call 421-7181.

The Blackfriars Theatre on the campus of Providence College will present its second production of the season, "Arms and the Man," by George Bernard Shaw, opening Feb. 12 and running Feb. 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, children and seniors, and \$3 for PC students. For more information, call 865-2218 or 865-2327.

The Newport Playhouse & Cabaret Restaurant, 102 Connel Highway in Newport, will present the play "Accomplice" beginning Feb. 13, and running each Friday, Saturday and Sunday through March 6. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8:30 p.m. with a buffet an hour and a half before showtime. Sunday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with a buffet an hour and a half before showtime. A cabaret follows each show back in the restaurant. For more information, call 848-PLAY.

"It," the romantic comedy starring Clara Bow in the dapper and jazz age, will be shown at the Zeiterion Theatre, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, Mass., on Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. The silent film will be (Continued on Next Page)

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Geoffrey Dunlop, as the delivery boy (from left), Elmer Gardiner, as Lt. Monaghan, Michael Seggie, as Dr. Kurt Schneider, and Ken Robinson, as reporter Joe Feinson, practice a scene from "Detective Story," which is being performed by the Trinity Arts Center for two consecutive weekends, Feb. 18, 19 and 20, and Feb. 25, 26 and 27. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. each night. Performances will be at Holy Name School, 55 Locust St., Providence (off Camp Street). Tickets cost \$8 and \$9, with senior discounts and group rates available. For more information, call 751-6480 or 463-7293.



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City Nights Dinner Theatre announces **auditions** Feb. 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. for its April/May show "In One Bed... And Out the Other." Performance dates are April 23, 24, 25, 29 and 30 and May 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Three men and four women are needed. For more information, call the box office at 723-6060 and leave your name and number. All calls will be returned.

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The film "Sugarcane Alley" will be shown Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tap Room of Memorial Hall at 226 Benefit St., at the Rhode Island School of Design.

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The University of Rhode Island exhibition entitled "Under Wraps: Quint-Rose Sculpture" showcases a body of recent work by an artist with an idiosyncratic and highly elaborated collage sensibility from Feb. 16 to March 13 in the Main Gallery, Fine Arts Center at URI. A public gallery reception for the exhibition will take place Feb. 24 at noon. Workshops in papermaking will be held Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. and Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. Call 792-2775 if you would like to attend a workshop. All programs of the Fine Art Center Galleries are free and open to the public.

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"Distant Times, Intimate Emotions: Depression Era Art" will run from Feb. 16 to March 6 in the Bert Gallery's new location at 540 S. Water St. at Corliss Landing, Providence. The show can be viewed Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays during the exhibition from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge for admissions. For information, contact Catherine Little Bert at 751-2628.

Russian Party To Be Held at Library

The Providence Public Library will be dressed in its finest Russian regalia on Feb. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. for a black tie reception celebrating Russian literature.

In grand style, a klieg light will illuminate the library's front facade where ice sculptures will abound and a red carpet and mounted police escorts await all. Once inside, tall candelabras and torches will compliment the oriental-rugged rooms crowned with jeweled colored satin clothed tables. Ficus trees adorned with lavish flowers will grace the rooms.

A selection of Russian delicacies from Petrossian Paris, a New York-based caviar importer, will be served by Johnson & Wales University students. Sevraga caviar, pale, smoked salmon, assorted breads, blini, polatoes, Verve Cliquet champagne and Stolichnaya vodka will be served. Completing this feast will be Russian sweets and tea, which will be served from a samovar and silver tea service.

Three Russian musicians will provide background music lead by pianist Bella Miller. They will perform selected works by Russian classical composers and traditional Russian folk tunes.

The evening's highlight will come from Brown University (Continued on Page 20)

Auditions Announced for Female Version of 'The Odd Couple'

Warwick Players announces auditions for its next production, the female version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" on Feb. 14 and 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mickey Stevens meeting room (over the rink) on Sandy Lane in Warwick.

Directed by Tony Annicone, known statewide for his talent both on the stage and in the director's chair, this production requires six women (ages 30 to 40) and two men in their mid-20s.

The play revolves around life as viewed through the eyes of Florence and Olive, the female counterparts of the well-known Oscar and Felix.

Auditioners should come prepared to read from selections from the script. As always, Warwick Players welcomes everyone to audition or to work backstage. It prides itself on being a true community theater.

For more information or for directions, call 467-8810 or 766-9584.

DINING GUIDE



'Tru'

Robert Morse stars as Truman Capote in "Tru," a comedy written and directed by Jay Presson Allen that will appear at the Providence Performing Arts Center Feb. 12 to 14. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased by calling the box office at 421-ARTS.

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Narragansett Temple Honors Adler

Temple Beth David in Narragansett was recently the setting for a special Friday evening service. Nearly 100 congregants and friends joined in prayer, as Ethan Adler, religious leader, was honored for his years of service to the temple and the community.

Adler conducted the service, assisted by Rick Perlman, guest cantor, Alvan Gaborowitz, temple president, thanked Adler for his many and varied efforts on behalf of Temple Beth David.

Dr. Robert Fricklas, chairman of the Education Committee of the South County Hebrew School, focused on Adler's hard work in preparing many of the students for their bar and bat mitzvah celebrations. Fricklas thanked Adler for the various ways he has involved the youngsters in the temple's services and activities.

A special certificate and a beautiful Kiddush brought the evening to a sweet close.

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Volunteers Honored

Volunteers of the Jewish Home, joined by the staff with whom they work, were honored at the home's third annual winter luncheon celebration recently. The men's group of volunteers, seen here, was honored at the luncheon. They are: Abbot Lieberman (seated from left), Morris Gerchoff, David Hazman (back row from left), Phil Simon, Mitchell Sherwin and Abe Marowitz.

Alzheimer's Unit to be Named In Memory of Louis Feinstein

Cranston Mayor Michael A. Traficante announced last week that the city's new Alzheimer's unit will be named in memory of Louis Feinstein, whose son, philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein, has contributed \$100,000 toward the establishment of this special Alzheimer's unit.

"It is with great pride that we name this facility in memory of Louis Feinstein," said Traficante, adding, "Mr. Feinstein's son, Alan Shawn Feinstein has once again demonstrated his deep commitment to our community through the

generosity of his endowment." Traficante praised Alan Shawn Feinstein for his support of the Alzheimer's unit and also for his support of other community programs.

"Mr. Feinstein's generosity has been of tremendous assistance to a variety of local activities and organizations," said Traficante, noting Feinstein's support for community service programs in Cranston public schools and throughout the state. Feinstein was also the first recipient of the city of Cranston's Humanitarian Award.

The new Alzheimer's unit, scheduled to open in about 12 months, will be located in the Brayton Avenue Park complex on Garden Hills Parkway. "Alzheimer's disease is a dreaded affliction and I am delighted that my family can play a role in helping to ease the pain of those suffering from this illness," Feinstein said.

The new Alzheimer's unit, which will be built and operated using private grants and federal funds, will be operated by the Cranston Department of Senior Services. The unit will be an extension of the department's current day-care services for those suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

The city's Alzheimer's Day Care Unit will be designed exclusively for the individuals in the later stages of Alzheimer's disease. Its primary goal will be to improve the quality of life for Alzheimer's patients by creating a home-like environment where individuals will receive professional care, and where support can be offered to care givers of Alzheimer's patients.

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NCCJ Announces Award Recipients

John J. Partridge, of Partridge, Snow and Hahn, announces the recipients of the 1993 National Conference of Christians and Jews (National Conference) Brotherhood Award.

The award will be presented to four outstanding citizens of Rhode Island — Lincoln C. Almond, United States attorney for the district of Rhode Island, Stephen Hamblett, chairman of the board and publisher of the Providence Journal Company; Ann D. Hill, director of St. Martin de Porres Center, and Arthur S. Robbins, president of Robbins Properties Inc.

Partridge serves as statewide chairman of the 41st National Conference annual Brotherhood Award Dinner. James V. Rosati, president of Old Stone Federal Bank, is vice chairman. The dinner, sponsored by the Rhode Island and South-eastern New England region of the National Conference, is the conference's major fund-raising event and is scheduled for May 6, at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea, Mass.

The award is presented annually to distinguished members of the community who exemplify the principles of good will and humanitarianism needed to promote mutual respect and understanding among all people. "This year's honorees were selected because of their dedication to the community and cooperation in promoting the goals of the National Conference," stated National Conference Executive Director Charlotte I. Penn.

Weinberg Awarded Research Grants

As a previously full-time academic researcher and health-care specialist in the fields of hypertension and nephrology, Dr. Marc S. Weinberg of Seekonk, Mass., has recently been named principal investigator for several clinical research grants in hypertension and chronic renal disease.

In October of 1992, Weinberg attended a meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., after recently being appointed medical director of the Ren Dialysis Unit in Providence.

He also attended the Merck Human Health Consultants Meeting for Cardiovascular Disorders in Pasadena, Calif., from Oct. 29 through Nov. 1. Weinberg's oral research presentation was delivered during the annual American Society of Nephrology Meeting in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 15 to 18 and was titled "Venous Extraction of Regional Chemotherapy." In addition, he also discussed the research applications of the new dialysis techniques with regional surgical chemotherapy treatment.

Two abstracts were recently published in the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*. Weinberg delivered urinary rounds at the Roger Williams

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Competition Heats Up in Beth-El League

by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

The week of Feb. 4 saw Come Screen With Me overtake Baker Furniture for first place in the Beth-El Bowling League. Four teams are tied for fourth place with 7.5 records.

Brian Ackerman has found his groove and the justification of his much-talked-about contract is easier to answer of late. Ackerman bowled 116 pins over his average, but more importantly his game and approach to it are having positive results for his teammates. Marc Karnes crushed the pins last week for an impressive 213. I interviewed Karnes after the 213 string and asked him the reason for his personal and team's sudden turnaround. He told me the team he was bowling against gave him the edge he needed to blow the pins away.

The Benny Diaz/Rick Dressler battle rages on. Dressler has been in a slump and saw almost three pins erased from his average. He expects a fight to the finish.

If anything, the Beth-El League continues to be lots of fun on Thursday evenings. It's

nice to see veterans Elliot Slack and John Murphy contribute to their teams' spirit.

This week, the Beth-El league will begin to feature bowlers in three categories:

The "Boy, am I serious" category — Rich Fain, the "loose as a goose" category — Jason Blank, and the "most likely to hurt your chances of winning" category — Benny Diaz.

Top Five Bowlers

Benny Diaz	189.0
Rick Dressler	186.7
Mike Sugerman	181.6
Harry Rose	179.4
David Robinson	179.1

Team Standings

	Won	Lost
Come Screen With Me	10	2
Standard Glass	9	3
Trinkle Design	8.5	3.5
Baker Furniture	7	5
Goldstein Electric	7	5
Tooth Fairies	7	5
Nathan Kaufman #2	7	5
Halperin & Lax	5	7
Howies Hammers	5	7
Shamrocks	4	8
Nathan Kaufman Co.	1.5	10.5
Oakland Mobil	1	11

Cohen Has League Lead to Himself

by Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

The hottest team over the last six weeks put its streak on the line in a battle for sole possession of the JCCRI Men's Basketball League lead. Jamie Cohen's team defeated Jon Weitzner's injury-plagued squad with a 54-48 victory.

Veteran Joe Cohen pumped in 14 points to help his son's squad to victory.

Gary Greenberg had a strong game once again with 16 points, while Jamie Cohen contributed 11.

Weitzner got rock-solid performances from veteran Steve Lehrer with 15 points, while rookie Dan Stone poured in 17. Weitzner needs to find 8 to 10 points more in his lineup if he is to contend. He has the Golden State Warrior syndrome affecting his team. Finding a combination for victory will be a difficult task for this veteran coach. I have been informed that he will find a way.

Stayed tuned, this writer needs good fill and Weitzner said he will have it.

The nightcap featured Paul Formal's squad facing Steve Groag's squad. As mentioned earlier, games that should be penciled in for a sure thing of

ten play tougher than expected. Although Formal got the win, 64-55, Groag's team put up a fight and anything is possible in the playoffs.

Dave Baskin torched the nets for 27 and Steve (The Energizer) Litwin lit it up for 15. Veteran Lou Pulner scored 19 points and coach Groag welcomed back Zeus Barrios from an injury that saw him out of action for a while.

Team Standings

	Won	Lost
Cohen	8	3
Weitzner	7	4
Formal	6	5
Groag	1	10

Scoring Leaders

Lou Pulner	23.75
Dave Baskin	22.12
Steve Litwin	16.88
Jamie Cohen	16.2
Gary Greenberg	15.63

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WELCOME TO R.I. — Dr. Cynthia Hamilton (left) thanks her supporters at a reception welcoming her to the URI campus at the University Club Feb. 4. Hamilton is the new director and associate professor of African and Afro-American studies at URI. Rina Wolfgang of the URI Hillel Foundation is seen in the background.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Forging Ties Between Blacks and Jews

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the program a vital and necessary part of the curriculum.

Hooks hopes that Hamilton will expand the courses to a major one day.

After greeting a packed room of supporters which include prominent members of

social, religious and civic organizations, Hamilton was besieged with warm hugs and handshakes.

Louis Kirshenbaum, a chemistry professor, proudly showed off the new Percy Lavon Julian stamp cover, a renowned black chemist, who

he had lobbied to get recognized by the U.S. Postal Service.

But Rubin, couldn't have put it better by saying that the affair heralded a new day toward a multicultural society on campus which students and faculty alike want to support.

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Liberator, Survivor Reunite

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ated were filled with renewed horror and death, Ross painfully recounted. "We were dropping like flies from starvation and the SS were killing us at random." To emphasize how harsh it was, Ross held up a small piece of dirty bread which the SS would throw to

war years. Throughout the film, black veterans retold their experiences of savage racism in and around their lives as U.S. servicemen. They were forced to sit on the back of the bus, used segregated facilities, banned from white parts of town and continually beaten, harassed and even killed by

ble acts of horror which were the Holocaust. "To this day I still can't believe how one race of people could do such things to another," he solemnly expressed. But he reminded the audience that for 300 years black people were slaughtered, abused and treated like animals at the hands of their



A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE — Bill Clifton, Judge Roger Thompson and Ed Clifton listen to the incredible story of the liberation of the concentration camps and the struggle to overcome bigotry in the Army Sunday at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

them — the only food they'd have for days or weeks.

"We resorted to cannibalism, because there was no other way to survive," he said. He remembers many of his comrades throwing themselves on the electrified fence to end their ordeal.

When the soldiers came to rescue what was left of the survivors, Ross was almost dead from severe malnutrition.

The movie, "Liberators," produced by William Miles and Nina Rosenblum, is a dramatic account of courage and heroism black soldiers showed at home and abroad during the

local racists. Despite the fact that America was at war with the Nazis, German POWs received better treatment than black soldiers who were forced to serve the prisoners as well.

Paul Parks was only 19 on the day black soldiers were sent to liberate what they thought was a German military camp on April 29, 1945. A member of the all-black 183rd Combat Engineers, he remembers vividly what he saw that day. "When we entered the compound after killing the guards, everyone started running towards us, trying to hug us, but their faces and bodies were so emaciated," he recalled. "Who are these people? What are they doing here? Why are they being treated like this?" he wondered.

From the mass of walking skeletons emerged a young man who spoke English and began to describe the incredi-

ble oppressors.

Although Ross never saw Parks that day, he remembers seeing many black soldiers and Army nurses tending to what was left of the victims. As he read a letter of gratitude addressed to the black unit which had liberated him, tears began to well in his eyes: "You will never know how much freedom means to me and the terrible price we paid to achieve it," he shared.

Suffering from tuberculosis, scabies and a host of other illnesses, Ross eventually made his way to the United States as an orphan, never forgetting the liberation. Today, he's a counselor helping black gang members in Boston to free themselves from another kind of oppression — drugs and poverty.

Ironically, the 761st Tank Battalion had to wait 33 years before receiving a presidential citation for valor and patriotism for acts of bravery during the Battle of the Bulge, the narrators pointed out in the film.

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A LIBERATOR — Paul Parks, a black soldier who aided in the liberation of Dachau, speaks about the struggles of black soldiers in World War II at the JCCRI Sunday. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

Secret Agenda

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The rescuers speak of the inmates of Dachau and Buchenwald as "ghostly skeletons," as though American troops, "angels with dark faces," brought them the gift of life. In fact, one survivor who brings flowers to the terrible scene of suffering credits the black company with saving not just him but his children and grandchildren, like saviors and messiahs.

My only complaint about this is overall never convinces me. It does the opposite. It puts me on guard against a sales pitch. I could not help but be moved by the story of the negro soldier. As a film, however, this production borrows much of its thunder from a brief documentary called "Men of Bronze," which includes the combatants of World War I and World War II, and also folds in some Vietnam material. "Men of Bronze" tells a bigger story in less than half the time. And it does not presume to drag in the story of the Jewish survivors, who got through the camps by their own luck, drive, personal strength and various forms of resistance, inner and outward.

"Liberators" holds a secret agenda. To try and heal the wounds of the Crown Heights miscarriage of justice, movies are made to show in schools. Isn't it misguided to compare and compete with one's tragedies and deaths? Who had it worse, the African slaves in America or the Jewish slaves in Nazi Germany? Is this the right question?

Some of these questions were raised by speakers Stephen Ross, a Dachau survivor, and by Paul Parks, a

member of the Army's 45th Infantry, a unit of black soldiers who entered the camps.

Parks thought that while the film couldn't solve or heal the rift between minorities in New York, it was a step in the right direction.

Ross read a letter of thanks to American Allied forces for coming to Europe to open up the gates of Hell. He spoke of the cannibalism — to which the victims of unbelievable cruelty were forced — "but there was so little flesh on the corpses."

Finally, Professor Robert G. Weisbord of the University of

Isn't it misguided to compare and compete with one's tragedies and deaths?

Rhode Island stated that not until the 1960s was the segregation of returning black GIs addressed in the United States.

"Some of the things we condemned in Germany we practiced here at home," he said.

I called some of the survivors at home after the program to ask their responses. "Shouldn't the leaders of the black community criticize clergy like Farrakhan and Jesse Jackson for denying the extent of the Holocaust?" Isn't it wrong to compare the sufferings of the Jews and the blacks in cold statistics? "Nobody set out to destroy every black person in America. But Hitler wanted to wipe out every Jew in the world."

Among the pamphlets set out on tables, there were copies of reviews that claimed some of the information was exaggerated or faked. Black troops did not indeed alone crash through the concentration camps and release the prisoners. But I think that this countercharge, too, is stretched too far. Black kids seeing this film will yell "We set you free!" to second- and third-generation Jewish kids (I got this line from one of the pamphlets).

It is a fine thing to bring folks together. But America is also all about the right to privacy.

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A SPECIAL OFFERING — Rabbi Saul Goodman of the Jewish Home offers a prayer for the wine as Debbie Blitz and Sandy Bass look on at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island last week at a Tu B'Shvat seder.

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Seniors, Kids Get Together at Meal Site

A special event offered by the senior kosher meal-site program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will feature entertainment by Kidspace's "Shir Sensations," who will present Yiddish and Israeli songs, dancing, games

and a sing-along from 1 to 2 p.m. on Feb. 18. Grandparents and the young at heart are invited to attend.

VCR programs and movies range from "Beauty and the Beast," starring Angela Lansbury, at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 12, to the new Steve Martin version of "Father of the Bride" (Part 1), at 10:45 a.m. on Feb. 14. Those who saw Elizabeth Taylor in the 1950s version shown recently may enjoy contrasting the two interpretations.

On Feb. 19, armchair travelers will be entertained with "Thailand, the Golden Kingdom," from 11 a.m. until noon. The JCCRI is located at 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

JCCRI Hosts Children's Film Festival Feb. 21

A film festival for children will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence on Feb. 21, at 2 p.m.

Two films will be offered: "Zlateh, the Goat," by the well-known author, Isaac B. Singer, and "Molly's Pilgrim," a story about an immigrant family.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$1 for children ages 4 to 8, with adults admitted free.

For additional information, call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

Dvorah-Dayan To Host Professor

The Dvorah-Dayan Club of N'Amat/USA will conduct its next meeting on Feb. 11 at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Tess Hasenfeld, 310 Blackstone Blvd.

The group will discuss its annual theater party, to be held on April 25 at Rhode Island College Roberts Auditorium at 2 p.m. Tickets will be \$12 each. Members and friends are asked to reserve the date and to invite family and friends.

The program for the meeting will include guest speaker Professor David Hirsch of Brown University, who will speak on "Deconstruction and Studying the Holocaust."

Simcha Singles To Hold Bagel Brunch

Simcha Singles of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold a Bagel Brunch on Feb. 14 at 10:45 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Stephen C. Wood, Ph.D., who is associate professor and chairman of the department of speech communication at the University of Rhode Island.

"The Art of Speech Communication" is Wood's topic of discussion.

Wood has contributed much in research and publication on this art. He has received many awards and honors including Best Debate Coach in the East Award. He was also selected as one of seven national debate judges for the Cross Examination Debate Association's national championship debate round in Arlington, Texas.

Donation for the brunch is \$5.

For information, contact Sid at 751-1264.

Preschoolers, Seniors Celebrate Seder at JCCRI

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter

As Rabbi Saul Goodman held up his cup of grape juice, little Michael Feinstein examined the fruits on his plate, waiting to relish their flavor. It was a moment of recognition and discovery on the holiday of the trees as young and old joined to participate in the Tu B'Shvat seder at the auditorium of the Jewish Community Center last week.

"I think it's quite wonderful and enlightens their faith," said Donald Jaffer, 80, as he shared his table with some of the 120 JCCRI preschoolers present Feb. 4.

At the other end of the long table Sylvia Goldman said, "It's nice for the children to experience this holiday from their generation to ours."

As the entire audience recited, "Blessed are you, O Lord our G-d, king of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine, Amen," young and old drank together.

For Ricky DeMaio, 4, it was to be one of many toasts to come for 100-year-old Post Hyam-strel, a veteran of the first World War, it was one of too many to recall. Sitting among his fellow seniors in an Army cap he received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he recalled his arrival to America from Minsk-Governor, Russia in 1912. He had left a village with no lights to arrive in a city of light — New York — before entering the Army and a world war in order to gain citizenship for himself and his family.

Lola Schwartz, executive director of the JCCRI, shared her table with two precocious preschoolers who were discovering almonds. Schwartz said whenever we bring young and old together, it makes the whole event more meaningful. The preschoolers each gave their interpretation of the significance of trees and the fruits they bear as the seniors smiled and applauded them for sharing and caring on the holiday of the trees.

Hadassah Plans Comedy Night

The Pawtucket Hadassah Group has planned an evening of laughter at the Comedy Connection, 35 Warren Ave., East Providence, on March 9.

The evening will help raise funds for Hadassah Israel Education Services, which provides scholarships, vocational training and career counseling for those in need.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show begins at 8. Members are invited to bring friends. Along with prizes, raffles and comedians, a cash bar and food will be available.

Because of limited seating, reservations are a must by Feb. 26. Send check (payable to Pawtucket Hadassah), \$10 per person, to Reeva Curran, 61 Overhill Road, Providence, R.I. 02906. All are welcome.

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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.

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DIVERSITY OFF FAITH—Charlotte Penn, NCCJ director, addresses the audience at a forum titled "Diversity of Faith" held last week at the Providence College campus. Also seen are Lloyd "Running Wolf" Wilcox, Father Jude McGough, Reverend Janet Cooper and Rabbi Sidney Helbraun.

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Liberator

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Yet, despite blatant injustice Parks, now an engineer and managing consultant with the Boston School Committee, has pledged to fight racism. "When I look at how cultured the Germans were in art and science and see how brutally they killed and tortured innocent people, it makes me angry inside," he said. "I will never allow that to happen around me again."

Diversity of Faith Addressed at Forum

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter
Chief Lloyd "Running Wolf" Wilcox stood before the multicultural group of students, faculty and lay persons at Moore Hall and said: "No matter what race, creed or religion you may be a part of, there's prejudice in all of us." It was this frank statement that seemed to challenge the audience and five religious panel members at the Diversity of Faith forum on the Providence College campus last week presented by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The Feb. 2 event was part of a three-day multicultural celebration exploring ways of stimulating understanding through music, art and active discussions.

Charlotte Penn, national director for the NCCJ, chaired the panel that included Rev. Janet Cooper, chaplain of Brown, Father Jude McGough, pastor of St. Martha's, Rabbi Sidney Helbraun of Temple Beth-El and Lloyd "Running Wolf" Wilcox, a Narragansett medicine man. When Penn invited each member to provide an opening statement, some members appeared tentative to find words to fit the theme.

Helbraun noted that children preparing for their bar mitzvahs learn how to be responsible for their actions and to live their faith by doing. But Cooper warned Protestants that their group would slowly diminish in size and strength unless they reach out to include other diverse ethnic groups on campus.

McGough likened his belief to that of a servant to an eternal master, maintaining, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers you do to me."

But it was Wilcox of the Narragansetts who captivated the audience with an interesting analogy of the futility of traditional religions. He challenged those present to question the feasibility of early Colonists' attempts to convert a people who were already in tune with nature.

Brown-RISD Hillel's JSU Kicks off New Semester

by Kammie Kettelle
Herald Assistant Editor

The Brown-RISD Hillel was filled with enthusiasm and energy as the first meeting of the Jewish Student Union (JSU), Hillel's coordinating student body, got under way for its weekly meeting last week.

Providence native Rachel Alexander, president of the JSU, started off by introducing herself as new president of the Brown-RISD Hillel, and highlighting some expectations for the new semester.

"Welcome and I hope everyone gets involved and excited about Hillel," Alexander said. "I would like to see the role of the executive board overseeing and coordinating the rest of Hillel."

Throughout the meeting, students representing different Jewish organizations on campus gave briefings about what they are planning and recruited participants and volunteers for upcoming events.

For example, Sam London announced that Project Chased is looking for volunteers to help bring residents downstairs at The Jewish Home. This is something they hope to continue on a regular basis.

The treasurer, Matt Fienman, announced the budget for the semester and invited groups to apply for funding they may need for their projects. According to Dan Aaronson, assistant director of the Brown-RISD Hillel, the students manage the money, and whenever a group wants to receive funds they have to bring the proposal to the JSU for a vote.

Aaronson said the Tower Club was the first Jewish organization to appear on campus in 1947. However, in 1961 the Brown-RISD Hillel moved to its present location on Brown Street.

He said he facilitates and coordinates the programs, manages the use of the building and provides leadership.

"Any Hillel professional has

to view themselves as a Jewish educator," Aaronson said.

Also, he said he tries to be a role model. "When you work with students part of the task is to teach them skills for leadership," Aaronson added.

He mentioned there are 150 active members at the Brown-RISD Hillel, with the JSU being the core of leadership of about 30 people. Aaronson said they have about 150 active members with an 80 percent participation rate.

Hillels in general have the most active laity of any Jewish communal organization," he added.

Winter Brings New Offerings to JCCRI

Karate, men's-only swim, self-defense, teen night and open volleyball night will be offered this winter at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

The center, located at 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, invites children ages 5 to 10 to learn the fundamentals of karate under the instruction of fourth-degree black belt instructor Lorne Therian. Those participating will learn the basic maneuvers of this martial art and improve their flexibility and strength.

The class will meet for eight sessions on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. starting Feb. 24. The cost for this class is \$40 for full members, \$60 for supporting members and \$80 for nonmembers.

Men's-only swim will be offered every Wednesday from 8:15 to 9 p.m. at the JCCRI pool starting Feb. 17. Women's-only swim, held on Mondays from 8:15 to 9 p.m. will continue to be available.

Therian will also instruct a class in self-defense and will teach basic defense techniques and strategies on how to avoid high-risk situations. The class will meet on Wednesdays, starting Feb. 24 and will continue for eight weeks from 7 to 8 p.m.

The cost for this class is \$40 for full members, \$60 for supporting members and \$80 for nonmembers.

Teen-ages between the ages of 13 and 17 are invited to join friends for a variety of activities every Thursday night from 7 to 8 p.m. starting Feb. 25 at the JCCRI teen night. Sports activities such as indoor soccer, basketball and hockey as well as pool, ping pong and special games will be offered. Teen night is free to full members and is \$3 for supporting members and nonmembers.

Open volleyball night for adults and 15- to 18-year-olds with experience will be offered starting Feb. 23. Those interested can join others for an hour and a half beginning at 7 p.m.

Volleyball night is free and available to center members only. Contact Jay Snyder at 861-8800 for more information or to register.

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School Beat



Schechter Students Make Soup to Help Others

by Kammie Kettelle
Herald Assistant Editor

After learning about the tale of Jacob and Esau, a story of one brother who was starving and gave up his birthright to have a bowl of the other brother's lentil soup, Steven Jablow's and Wendy Garf-Lipp's fourth-grade classes at the Alperin Schechter Day School made lentil soup of their own Friday.

"I felt good because I'm sort of helping people stay alive."

— Schechter fourth-grader

They made the soup to feed about 175 people at Traveler's Aid in Providence and planned to take some home with them. However, while they were cooking, they learned Traveler's Aid could use even more soup — as much soup as possible.

Garf-Lipp talked to the students and asked them to make a decision about whether they should take home the extra soup for themselves and their families, or if they should give it to the people who may have this as their only meal of the day.

"We could really live without the soup," she said, but added

Lincoln School Sets an Open Campus Day

An open campus day for all interested families to visit Lincoln School during a school day will be held on Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be tours, class visits, individual interviews and discussion of scholarship opportunities.

Lincoln School is an independent, college-preparatory school for girls in grades nursery through 12, located on the East Side of Providence.

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Open House Set for Cranston

Cranston High School is planning an open house for the parents of ninth-grade students who currently attend Bain Junior High School, Park View Junior High School, Western Hills Junior High School, or any parents who may have a student interested in attending Cranston High School East for the 1993-94 school year.

The open house will be held on March 9 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program for the evening is as follows: 7 to 7:10 — general orientation in the auditorium; 7:15 to 7:55 — tour of the building and facilities, and 8 to 9 — department exhibits with explanations of curriculum and programs by department chairpersons in the cafeteria.

they would all get some of the lentil soup for a snack before packing it up for Traveler's Aid.

After telling them that the majority would decide the decision, all of the students raised their hands in support of giving their portions of the food to those less fortunate.

When asked to reflect on the decision they just made, many responses followed.

"I'd rather give to needy people than to take it home and eat it because we already have food," said one class member.

"Some people only get one meal today," said another.

"I felt good because I'm sort of helping people stay alive," added one student.



COOPERATION — Steven Jablow and Wendy Garf-Lipp's fourth-grade classes at the Alperin Schechter Day School pose together after they made soup for Traveler's Aid in Providence.

Herald photo by Kammie Kettelle

Bilingual Newspaper Makes Debut

A new bilingual newspaper made its debut in Rhode Island in late December. Because it was printed in Hebrew and English, there were two front pages and no back page.

In its ninth year of publication, the *Schechter Inspector*, the student newspaper of the Alperin Schechter Day School, has been transformed from an English-language paper into a bilingual format.

Class happenings, Student Council news, poetry, interviews, opinion polls, sports, riddles, cartoons and puzzles are written by the students in English and Hebrew. Two faculty members, Daphna Rabinovich and Cindy Kaplan, edit the material and produce the paper three times during the year.

The next edition should be out in time for Purim.

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OBITUARIES

ROSE AVERMAN

PROVIDENCE — Rose Averman, 99, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hillside Avenue, died Feb. 3 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Elias N. Averman.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late William and Clara (Cohen) Silverman.

Averman was co-owner with her husband of the former Averman's Delicatessen for 50 years before retiring 30 years ago. She was awarded a bronze plaque from Brown University two years ago for Cognitive Resources. She was a former member of Temple Sinai.

She leaves a daughter, Marilyn Grossman of North Kingstown; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was mother of the late Sylvia Averman, Lillian Weinstein, and grandmother of the late Neil Weinstein.

The funeral service was held Feb. 5 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

STANLEY J. BRIER

PROVIDENCE — Stanley J. Brier, 70, of 16 Clarendon Ave., the volunteer business manager of the Providence Life Opera Co., died Feb. 6 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of the late Faye (Cowan) Brier.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Harry and Sara (Kortik) Brier. He was a lifelong resident of Providence.

Brier was a volunteer at the Rhode Island Hospital Patients Liaison Services. He was a volunteer worker for the Boy Scouts of America, and had been awarded its Silver Beaver Award from the Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America for his services.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Brier was a member of Temple Beth-El and the United Conference of Christians and Jews.

He was a purchasing agent for many companies, including Trina Inc. of Fall River, Mass.,

and Hasbro of Pawtucket.

He leaves two sons, Gordon S. Brier of West Chester, Pa., and Bruce A. Brier of New York City, and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Feb. 7 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard and Butler avenues. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. The services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

EVA S. GOLD

NEWTON, Conn. — Eva S. Gold, 82, of the Ashlar Masonic Nursing Home, Toddy Hill Road, formerly of Topka Boulevard, Newport, died Feb. 2 at the home. She was the widow of Louis Gold.

Born in Fall River, Mass., a daughter of the late Benjamin and Annie (Hahn) Levine, she moved to Newport in 1932.

Gold was a sales clerk for many years for the former Terry's Dress Shop, Newport, and later at the Aquidneck Shopping Center. She was a member of Temple Shalom, Newport, and Hadassah.

She leaves a son, Robert Gold of Brookfield; two daughters, Phyllis Shapiro of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Marsha Jagoliner of Framingham, Mass., and Newport; a sister, Selma Soren of Providence, and eight grandchildren. She was sister of the late David Levine, and Lillian Soren.

The funeral service was held Feb. 4 at Temple Shalom, Valley Road, Middletown. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

STEPHEN ROSEN

Illinois resident Stephen Rosen died Feb. 5. He was the husband of Nancy Rosen and the father of Marti, Jay and Jenny. He was the brother of Rhode Island resident Linda Rubinstein and the son of Beatrice and the late Ben L. Rosen.

Funeral service was held Feb. 8 at Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston, Ill. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association

Hospice, 2008 Dempster St., Evanston, Ill. 60201, or to the University of Chicago's Hospital Cancer Research.

The family will be sitting at the home of Linda Rubinstein on Feb. 13 and 14.

HELEN SMITH

PROVIDENCE — Helen Smith, 93, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Avenue, died Feb. 4 at the home. She was the wife of the late Sidney Smith.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Chaim and Faye Rosenbluth, she lived in Providence 12 years, previously living in Brooklyn, N.Y.

She was a member of Hadas-

sah, a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and a former member of Ocean Parkway Jewish Center, Brooklyn.

She leaves two daughters, Harriet Baron of Providence and Ruth B. Margolies of Leawood, Kansas; two sons, Samuel Smith of Roslyn, N.Y., and Jay Smith of Brooklyn; two sisters, Rose Oelbaum of Brooklyn and Tamar Dreiman of Israel; 11 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Feb. 7 at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Flushing, N.Y. Arrangements were provided by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Mitterrand

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the winter cycling stadium called the Velodrome d'Hiver. Jean Kahn, head of CRIF, an umbrella group representing French Jewish organizations, said Mitterrand "has taken into account the wish of the French people not to forget what has become the symbol of the arrest of French Jews, the Vel d'Hiver roundup. It is something we have been asking for many years."

The decree says that a monument will be erected in Paris on the location of the Vel d'Hiver, where the rounded-up Jews were held prisoners before they were taken to the Drancy concentration camp in a northern suburb of Paris.

Some 13,000 Jews, men, women and children included, were arrested during those roundups. Almost all were deported to Auschwitz and gassed upon arrival.

The Vel d'Hiver was torn down in the 1960s, and an office building for the Ministry of Interior was built there instead.

The French president's decree also says that a plaque will be affixed in Izieu, near Lyon, where more than 40 Jewish children stayed in hiding until they were discovered by SS officer Klaus Barbie.

The "butcher of Lyon," as Barbie was known, learned about the Jews from an informer and arrested the children. They were later deported and killed.

Mitterrand's repeated refusal to officially acknowledge that France should take some responsibility for the deaths of tens of thousands of Jews at the hands of the wartime Vichy regime has long been a bone of contention in the Jewish community.

The debate turned even more bitter last fall when Mitterrand laid a wreath on the grave of Marshal Philippe Petain on Nov. 11, the armistice day of World War I.

While Petain is celebrated as a war hero for his role in World War I, he is also vilified by Jews for collaborating with the Nazis in World War II.

***** Samlan to Visit Am David as Rabbi/Scholar-in-Residence

The Ritual Committee of Temple Am David announces that Rabbi Arnold Samlan, the temple's high holy day rabbi, will return to Temple Am David as visiting rabbi and scholar-in-residence.

Rather than have a single Frances Katzman Memorial Scholar-in-Residence weekend, the committee decided that this year, the scholar program should be spread over several Shabbat in February, March, April and possibly May. The programs will attempt to form a link with both the meaning and message of the parsha for the scheduled week as well as relate to significant issues in contemporary Jewish life.

The date for the first program has been set for Feb. 19 to 20. The issue for this week will be: "Separation of Church and State in Israel and the United States." Certainly with the questions of abortion and intermarriage so much in the news, this subject will provide much to talk and think about.

Rabbi Samlan will preside at the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Feb. 19 at 6:15 p.m. This will be followed by a Shabbat dinner at 7 p.m., after which Rabbi Samlan will conduct a study session.

The evening will conclude with dessert and coffee.

On Feb. 20, shacharit service will begin at 9:30 a.m. A sermon and discussion will precede the noon kiddush.

The second Shabbat visit of Rabbi Samlan is scheduled for March 26 to 27, just before Pesach. In keeping with that festival, the theme for his learning sessions will be "The Meaning and Significance of Liberty and Freedom." Future themes include: "Contemporary Lesson of the Holocaust" and "The Place of Israel in Our Lives Today."

Those planning to attend are encouraged to make early reservations for the Shabbat dinner.

Specific dates for Rabbi Samlan's March, April and May visits will be announced later.

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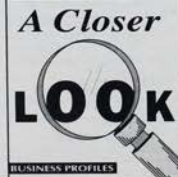
PARTNERS, FRIENDS—Rachel Rakatansky and Sandy Simon are seen at the Miriam Hospital Gift Shop.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Miriam's Gift Shop Is an Oasis

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter
The first thing you notice as you cross the main entrance at Miriam Hospital is the beautiful array of Mt. Fuji floral arrangements on your right. A little further ahead are the soft, cuddly teddy bears and animals by Ganz, Russ or Heritage sitting on glass shelves.



Before you know it you are greeted by one of two charming managers, Rachel Rakatansky or Sandy Simon, both of whom are responsible for the Miriam Hospital Gift Shop's success.

For 26 years, Rakatansky and her spiritual "buddy," Sandy Simon, have poured their energy and efforts into making their shop a marketing marvel of success. Rakatansky remembers when her inventory was a mere \$4,000 in a tiny little corner, but through hard work, savvy buying and good service, things began to prosper. In fact, the store has almost finished paying off a \$500,000 pledge to the Norman and Rosalie Fain Health Centers.

Ironically, Rakatansky had contemplated retiring from her voluntary position until she trained Simon 11 years ago. In fact, she knew or felt things would work out because she believed they would. "We don't buy anything unless we

like it," Simon said confidently.

Rakatansky said that the shop's good rating with Dunn & Bradstreet gives them the power to purchase quality items normally found only in trendy boutiques. Yet, that is exactly what the gift shop is offering in more than 20 categories, including lingerie, gifts, stationery, jewelry, leather goods and stuffed animals. "We want people to come in, look around, unwind and walk out feeling better."

Despite the long hours, both ladies look much younger and active than their years, but Rakatansky attributes that to her eternal friendship with Simon. Now, they travel together and think as one person when it comes to buying and planning.

The shop is ideally located at the front entrance of the hospital and has a coffee shop in the rear to provide relief and refreshments for the weary worker or gift seeker.

Palestinian Leader: No Talks Until All Return

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issues were to have convened early this week, one on arms control, which was to meet in Washington, and the other on economic development, which was to meet in Rome.

The State Department acknowledged Feb. 3 that invitations for those meetings had not yet been issued.

"We're consulting with our Russian cosponsors, and we would expect to have a decision fairly soon on the timing for the next round for those talks," department spokesman Richard Boucher said at his daily briefing.

"We have to talk to the Russians first about suggesting the dates, the oral invitations for people to come to the talks," he added.

As for the bilateral talks, in which Israel is negotiating separately with Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians, there is no indication yet when they will resume.

But Abdel-Shafi made clear, during a luncheon talk at the Town Hall of California here, that Israel's decision to take back 100 of the Moslem fundamentalists it deported to Lebanon is "not enough" to bring the Palestinians back to the peace table.

"The deportations are a basic violation of human rights," he said. "To accept them would be a disservice to the principles of human rights."

The Gaza Strip physician took a somewhat more ambivalent position on Hamas, the Islamic fundamentalist movement whose leadership, Israel

says, makes up the bulk of the deportees.

Abdel-Shafi said the U.S. State Department's plan to classify Hamas officially as a terrorist organization is unjustified.

"We are aware of Hamas, and we're dealing with them ourselves, without any Israeli help," he said. "We are sure there are many in Hamas who are not prone to carry out terrorist acts. To generalize in this way serves no useful purpose."

But later, he said that the moderate Palestinians he represents disagree with Hamas on "the killing of innocent people in cold blood."

The Palestinian leader warned that if the United States ends up vetoing a possible U.N. Security Council resolution imposing punitive sanctions against Israel over the deportation issue, it will have a "catastrophic" effect on Washington's standing in the Arab world.

Responding to questions from a group of high school students at the luncheon, Abdel-Shafi said he was in touch with the Peace Now movement in Israel, but considered its effectiveness "very marginal."

Weinberg

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Medical Center on the results of chemoprevention techniques and surgical/nephrologic considerations on Jan. 22.

Dr. David C. Yoburn, an associate of Weinberg's, recently published an abstract in the *Rhode Island Medical Journal*. Yoburn was co-investigator in the three research studies awarded to Weinberg and also attended the Ren Dialysis Directors Meeting in Scottsdale.

Russian Party

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Vice Chancellor Artemis V. Joukovsky reads passages from Russian and Liudmila by Aleksandr Sergeevich Pushkin. Joukovsky, whose father schooled with Pushkin in St. Petersburg, Russia, vividly recalls having his father read Pushkin during family story-time when he was a young child.

The formal program will be held in the auditorium.

The cost of this evening's event is \$15 per person by Johnson and Wales University.

He voiced disappointment at the fact that Cabinet ministers of the dovish Menzies bloc backed the original deportation move, saying their support was "very surprising and painful."

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Deborah Kalb of State News Service in Washington.)

City Nights

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Seating is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Sunday matinee seating is from noon until 1 p.m. with dinner served at 1 p.m. Sunday early evening seating is from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Cur-tain is an hour and a quarter after serving time. Cocktails and soft drinks are available at the bar for all performances.

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In Pursuit of Freedom: Liberator, Survivor Reunite

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter
The eyes of survivor Stephan B. Ross tell it all. When he speaks, they seem to draw one deeper into the dark and dangerous days of living hell he endured over five long years during which time his

Federation of Rhode Island, the dramatic story of black soldiers and the victims of the Holocaust was told in the movie, "Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts in World War II."

Days before the Dachau concentration camp was liber-

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"Who are these people? What are they doing here? Why are they being treated like this?"

— Paul Parks

parents and six out of seven siblings perished under the Nazis. It was truly an astonishing story he told a packed audience, who came to hear Ross and Paul Parks, a black soldier involved with liberating Dachau in the last days of World War II, at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island Sunday.

In conjunction with the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, the JCCRI, the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society and Community Relations Council of the Jewish

'Liberators' Holds Secret Agenda

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
World War II black vets say German POWs got better treatment than American Negro GIs. Lena Horne sang to the captured Germans seated in front of black American soldiers. "We had to fight for the right to fight." Yes, some tough stuff stands out in the film "Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts in World War II." I took it in among the crowd of Jews and African-Americans at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island Sunday. Halfway through, however, I bumped into a few problems.

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THE LIBERATED — Holocaust survivor Stephan Ross speaks about his ordeal to a packed audience at the JCCRI presentation on Sunday of "Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts."

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

URI Hillel Forging Ties Between Blacks and Jews

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter

A courageous gesture by the URI Hillel Foundation last week sparked the beginning of a new day for Jews and black students, noted Alvin Rubin last week as the university greeted Dr. Cynthia M. Hamilton.

Kim Hooks, a black sophomore from Paterson, N.J., strolled into the library, while Munir Mohammad, a gifted African muralist, sat alone on a couch waiting. And Wendell Collins, a historical playwright of "The Fire," also stood in anticipation as people from all walks of life began to fill the study at the URI University Club. They were all waiting to meet Hamilton, URI's new director and associate professor of African and Afro-American studies.

Unfortunately, they had to wait a little bit longer, as Hamilton nursed a broken leg which forced her to use crutches. Nonetheless, enthusiasm and expectations were running high even as the multicultural crowd mingled at the wine and cheese reception.

Rina Wolfgang, director of the URI Hillel Foundation, spoke admiringly of Hamilton's decision to come to the university. She had formerly taught at California State University at Los Angeles which eliminated its Afro-American studies program before she accepted the position here, although she feels badly about

leaving her home where she was actively involved with the community. Nonetheless, Ham-

ilton assured that she will do everything possible to make (Continued on Page 13)

Jews, Moslems Unite To Decry Slaughter in Ex-Yugoslavia

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Jewish and Moslem communities here have drawn closer, spurred by the killing of Moslems in Bosnia-Herzegovina and its echoes of the slaughter of Jews during the Holocaust. Through joint protest rallies and news conferences, the two groups have created an unlikely partnership here and in at least five other cities around the country.

The newly forged cooperation in Los Angeles, which included exchange visits between

mosques and synagogues, can serve as a catalyst for mending old wounds, said Salam Al-Marayati, director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

"We need not get sucked into historical gridlock," Al-Marayati told *The Los Angeles Times*. Events in Yugoslavia "are not something Moslems and Jews can afford to overlook, when we can seize the opportunity of eliminating the horrible idea of eradicating Moslems or Jews from any particular part of the world."

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Palestinian Leader: No Talks Until All Deportees Are Returned

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Palestinian delegation will not return to the Middle East peace talks as long as even one of the men deported by Israel to Lebanon is not repatriated, the head of the delegation warned last week.

Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi made the categorical statement during an interview here Feb. 2. He dismissed as meaningless a decision Feb. 1 by Israeli

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to allow 100 Palestinians deported Dec. 17 to return immediately and to permit the return of the remaining 300 before the end of the year.

In Washington, there were strong indications that the issue has already delayed the resumption of the multilateral phase of the peace talks.

Two of the five multilateral working groups on regional (Continued on Page 20)



FOOD INSPECTOR — Michael Feinstein, 3, examines the fruits of Tu B'Shvat at the kosher meal site's annual seder last week. (See story on Page 15)

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