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Home Sets Deadline

State Law Will Enforce Compliance

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor
The executive committee of the Jewish Home for the Aged has set a deadline of Sept. 15 as a target date to place its 49 remaining residents in adequate nursing facilities, Jewish Home President Saul Zeichner told the *Herald* last week.

"The executive board established for Mr. Zeichner a deadline of the 15th [of September] because we couldn't guarantee the necessary services to residents," board Chairman Dr. Stanley Aronson said. While Aronson wouldn't elaborate why the home couldn't provide the services, he said that the board hopes that everyone will be moved by that date. "If everything works well, we hope everyone will be placed," he added.

As of last week, the census of remaining residents stood at 49. Of that number, at least seven residents have already been accepted and three placed at the Tockwotton Home in Providence, pending the completion of a new wing there.

Meanwhile, the number of social workers at the the Jewish Home has doubled, as they work with families of residents to place the remaining home residents in the nursing homes of their choice, Aronson said. All of the 170 residents moved thus far have found homes of their own choosing, he said.

"If everything works well, we hope everyone will be placed [by Sept. 15]."

Dr. Stanley Aronson, chairman of the Jewish Home board

But if the home is unable to place everyone by the deadline, it must remain open until the very last resident has been placed, according to James Farrington, chief of Division of Facilities and Regulation of the Rhode Island Department of Health—the state's licensing and regulating body for nursing homes. Farrington said it perfectly clear that the Jewish Home is respon-

sible for the life and health of its residents in compliance with section 23-17.8 of the General Laws of the state of Rhode Island. "If by the 15th they haven't placed the four or five residents in a home, then they are responsible for them," the chief said.

However, Farrington said, the home's administrators have been straightforward with his department and haven't violated any regulations. "I think that what they're doing is a really decent job in placing the people there," Farrington said. "They've really tried to keep people close to the Jewish community." Farrington told the *Herald* that eight or nine residents are scheduled to be transferred to the Tockwotton Home in the near future.

Kathy Fraits, the administrator of the Tockwotton Home, told the *Herald* that three residents from the Jewish Home have already been admitted, four are awaiting bed space upon the completion of a new wing; several other residents have made inquiries for placement, she said.

Although none of the residents are slated to go into the new wing, bed space will be available as patients are transferred, Fraits said. "We're really

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Water, Water Everywhere

Jon DeBoer, Brian Callahan and Erin Barry climb up the Flume water ride at Rocky Point Amusement Park last week as part of an outing for the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's day camps.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

New Rabbi Brings Love of Song, Patience and Persistence to R.I.

by Anne S. Davidson
Herald Editor

As a member of the Junior Congregation at the Madison Jewish Center's Hebrew School, Vicki Lieberman fell in love with a prayer that was sung by the group. Even after dropping out, the memory of that song stayed with her. Eventually, she told a visitor last week, she went back to the synagogue to find that prayer.

Years passed—she contacted her Junior Congregation leader and pored over every song in his prayerbook—still no trace.

"The point is," Lieberman says with a grin, "I never found the prayer. I don't think I ever will find the prayer."

But even if she never finds the prayer, Rabbi Vicki Lieberman—the new rabbi at Congregation B'nai Israel—is content. Knowing it was her search for this song that brought her back to Judaism. "And it's one of the reasons I love to hear people sing," she adds.

This month, Rabbi Lieberman became Rhode Island's second female rabbi to have her own pulpit, having arrived two weeks after Temple Am David's Rabbi Nechama Goldberg, with whom she graduated recently from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

"She beats me by two weeks," Rabbi Lieberman laughs.

Now leading her own congregation here in the Ocean State, the native of Brooklyn, N.Y., feels somewhat out of place in Woonsocket, but very welcome.

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Woman Rabbis Not New to R.I.

by Anne S. Davidson
Herald Editor

While Rabbis Nechama Goldberg of Temple Am David in Warwick and Vicki Lieberman of Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket are the first female rabbis with their own pulpits in the state, that is not to say women rabbis have been absent from the scene in the Rhode Island Jewish community.

Rabbi Elana Kanter was assistant director at the Alperin Schechter Day School for a year and also served as Judaic studies coordinator before that. She and her husband, Rabbi Michael Wasserman, recently left Rhode Island for Alabama.

Temple Beth-El was fortunate to have the services of Rabbi Susan Miller, who served as assistant rabbi for two years, from 1988 to 1990.

Going back a few years, Rabbi Cathy Felix was the chaplain for women's concerns at Brown University from 1979 to 1983.



"TOTALLY ME"—Rabbi Vicki Lieberman, the new rabbi at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket, displays three tallitot she has made. Intricate beading and original designs make the prayer shawls true works of art. "They're totally me," she says of the tallitot.

Herald photo by Anne Davidson

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Quarterly Driving Costs Up .2 cent a mile, AAA Says

The cost of owning and operating a new car is up .2 cent since the end of March, now averaging 38.7 cents per mile nationally, according to AAA South Central New England. The \$30 increase brings the total average yearly expenditure to \$5,803, based on 15,000 miles of driving.

New England, at 40.3 cents per mile, was the most expensive region in which to own and operate a car during the second quarter.

The average per-mile cost is determined by combining operating and fixed costs. During the second quarter of 1993, motorists paid an average 9.16 cents per mile in operating costs (gasoline, oil, maintenance and tires). Fixed costs, which include insurance, depreciation, registration, taxes and financing, averaged \$12.14 per day. Therefore, a motorist driving 15,000 miles a year would pay \$1,374 in operating costs (15,000 miles x 9.16 cents) plus \$4,431.10 in fixed costs (\$12.14 x 365 days).

AAA's cost estimates are based on a composite national average for a new subcompact Ford Escort LX, mid-size Ford Taurus GL and full-size Chevrolet Caprice Classic.

S.C. Habitat Sponsors Moonlight Cruise

The public is invited aboard the Gail Frances of Galilee for a Moonlight Cruise across Narragansett Bay on Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. to benefit South County Habitat for Humanity. Proceeds will go toward housing projects currently underway in South County.

This is the third annual moonlight cruise sponsored by the South County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Entertainment will be provided by Peter Leibert, famous for his rousing renditions of traditional sea chanteys. Refreshments will be available.

Habitat for Humanity International was organized in 1976 as an ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing. Homes are built and sold to low-income families on the basis of need, without racial or religious discrimination. No profit is added, and no interest is charged on the mortgage held by the homeowner families.

As they are helped, families are encouraged to help others and to help themselves. Homes are made affordable through charitable contributions, no-interest loans, volunteer labor and donated materials.

Tickets for the moonlight cruise will be sold at the following locations: Saywell's, the South Kingstown Chamber of Commerce, Wakefield; Green

Ink, Wickford; and Cadeaux du monde in Newport — or call South County Habitat for Humanity at 783-2480 to order tickets by mail. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children.

Blood Center To Hold Drive

As Rhode Island's last unofficial summer weekend approaches, the Rhode Island Blood Center reminds eligible donors to give a pint of blood before embarking on their holiday activities.

This year's annual WPRI 12 Live Day holiday blood drive will be held at the Providence Marriott, in the Ocean State Ballroom, on Sept. 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free cholesterol screening will be offered to all donors and George's of Galilee will provide chowder.

Donors should be in general good health, weigh 110 pounds or more, be 17 years of age or older, and not have donated in the past eight weeks.

Library's Summer Hours Extended

The board of trustees of the Cranston Public Library, at its Aug. 10 meeting, approved the extension of summer hours of opening through Oct. 2, 1993.

The hours are as follows: Central Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Arlington Reading Room, 1064 Cranston St., Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Auburn branch, 396 Pontiac Ave., Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St., Monday through Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; the Knightsville branch, 1847 Cranston St., Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.; and the Oak Lawn branch, 230 Wilbur Ave., Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 6 p.m.

The board will consider fall hours of opening at its Sept. 14 meeting.

OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

The East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and Dimension Cable will sponsor a Little Tyke Fun Run Aug. 28 beginning 11:30 a.m. at 11 Main St., East Greenwich. The first 150 entrants will receive a free Dimension/Disney T-shirt and authentic Mickey Mouse hat. Registration is free and open to children ages 3 to 6.

The 13th annual Summer Fest and Feast will be held Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Main Street, East Greenwich. A 5-kilometer Harbour Point Classic Road Race will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 885-0020.

Jonnycake Day is Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at South County Museum, Canonch Farm, Route 1A, Narragansett. For more information, call 783-5400.

The Community College of Rhode Island announces its fall course schedule for all three campuses and off-campus locations. Students will have a wide variety of choices from accounting to speech. Classes are scheduled to begin Aug. 30. Telephone registration for credit courses runs through Sept. 3. For more information, call 825-2125, 333-7097 or 455-6017.

The Junior League of Rhode Island will host an informational night entitled "Prospect and Perspectives-1994" Sept. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 211 Meeting St., Providence. The league is a non-profit educational and charitable volunteer organization for women between the ages of 18 and 45 interested in civic and social action. For more information, call 331-9302.

Blithewold Mansion and Gardens will host "Summer Memories Family Day" Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 101 Ferry Road (Route 114), Bristol. The event offers lawn games, puppet shows, pony rides and music. Owners of antique and classic cars are invited to bring their vehicles. For more information, call 253-2707 or 253-4670.

Mariotti's Labor Day Sandfest will be held Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Easton's Beach (First Beach), Memorial Boulevard, Newport. Prizes will be awarded to the best sand castles and sculptures with proceeds to be donated to Easton's Beach. For more information, call 849-1000, ext. 6118.

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FEATURE



In the Spirit of Pocahontas

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Sandy Neuschatz stopped by to sit on my deck and talk about keeping up his Jewish values here in South County. "I came

from Levittown, where all the neighbors lived the same way. In a way, it was a Jewish socialist vision. And I never fought against my brothers. I wished for the best for everybody in my household. But my wife, she was raised in a Catholic, Austrian family. They were brilliant people, but everybody competed with each other. I think she was drawn to my close-knit Jewish style.

"But with my unusual name — and hers, Schaefer — people think she's Jewish, not me. And I get the feeling somewhere back in her family there was a Jewish forebear."

Sandy collects back issues of the *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Notes*. He bumped

into the article I wrote about my Rumanian roots, when I served a term as editor. He traces his own European origins to the

Bloodlines mix, slave and planter, among the hybrid corn.

same town in Rumania, and to the same maternal name — Cohen. "It doesn't mean we're cousins, but it gives us more things to talk about." I tell him as we walk down the lane to watch the ducks on the river.

But Sandy and I share another interest. "My best friends in Shannock are the Narra-gansetts," he boasts. "Even though we argue, I remind them that the Pequots and the Narragansetts were ancient foes. They betrayed each other to the English settlers. I've put together a library of books about local Indian territory."

"Well, I climb Treaty Rock first thing every summer," I answer. It's my own vision quest

and animal totem search. I read that the Native Americans admire Moses because he climbed Sinai and brought back a vision on rocks."

Sandy smiles and goes over his Rhode Island life. He bought the old Shannock Village and lives on a vast acreage of forestland. "But my three little kids miss having neighbors. We're looking for a townhouse in Wakefield."

Sandy comes back to my parlor and picks up the phone. He dials his wife, Monica, at her shop. "Dear, you'd like Mike's house. It's tiny, but it's just your speed." Monica runs a strange studio of birdhouses made of birch bark, or rusty license plates. They hang from broken garden tools, hoes or shovels, among storm windows or driftwood trellises. Real and fake ivy fills the pots or feeders or fountain basins with images of cherubs, gargoyles, beasts or bugs, among paintings of Victorian children or maidens. She's the star of major magazines for this inven-

tive and imaginative lair.

"Sandy, give her my compliments, and tell her I'd like her to stop by with your kids."

I show off to Sandy my own keen interest in the great spirit of the native peoples of our continent. "They value their wrinkles. They share their secrets with their young people. They call the elk, the bears and even the ants nations of people. They admire G-d's handiwork. The only thing is, I could never scar myself and celebrate pain. It's too macho for me. I take after Jacob, not Esau."

But Sandy gets the last word before he takes off on his own quests for spirit and for purpose, profit to live by: "Hey," he adds, the settlers, Spanish in the Southwest and English here, they thought the natives were a lost tribe of Israel. And they were anti-Semitic. So they inflicted on the Indians the same treatment as the Inquisition in Spain and the crusades in England and Europe, even the pogroms in our native

Rumania and Russia."

Like others of us, I like to see Jews love Jews and keep our own tribe going strong. But here in South County, a spirit of Pocahontas prevails. Bloodlines mix, slave and slaveholder, peddlers and planters, among the hybrid corn.

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Letters to the EDITOR



A Visit to the Monarch Tree

To the Editors:

I never miss Mike Fink's column in the *Jewish Herald*, and this week he dealt with the "monarchs" which prompted me to write you.

The first week my children moved to Carmel, Calif., they opted to visit the "monarch" tree in Pacific Grove, about a half hour's drive.

It is so called because the butterflies come to this tree annually. When the children reached the tree, to their horror, hun-

dreds of monarchs lay on the ground, covered with mud due to a heavy rainstorm. My daughter, son-in-law and 4-year-old grandson promptly set to work, lifting each butterfly very carefully and gently removing the mud. Shortly, others, passersby, joined them in this effort.

As the mud was removed, the butterflies flew up to the tree. This was everyone's reward.

Sophie Green

Be Warm, Not Cold

"Remember what Amalek did to you on your way out of Egypt. When they encountered you on the way, and you were tired and exhausted, they cut off those lagging to your rear. ... Therefore, you must obliterate the memory of Amalek from under the heavens. You must not forget."



With these verses, this week's Torah portion, Ki Teizei, closes. We do not, however, read the command to wipe out Amalek only during the reading of Ki Teizei. Every day, at the end of our morning prayers, this command is recited. Who was Amalek and why are we, the Jews — described by the Torah as "compassionate" — commanded to destroy the people of Amalek?

The destruction of Amalek is symbolic of the nullification of a specific negative trait which can manifest itself within each one of us.

When a person is stirred and wants to go out of "Egypt" — from the boundaries and limitations of the corporeal — "Amalek" comes along and tries to prevent him from doing so.

How does he do this? "When they encountered you" in Hebrew is karkha. The word karkha means cold. The commentator Rashi explains that Amalek attempted to stop us with coldness.

Spirituality thrives on warmth and excitement. Amalek cools off a person's spirituality and numbs him from being excited about anything godly, by planting seeds of doubt (the numerical equivalent of Amalek is the same as (Continued on Page 8)

New PLO Status Ruffles Few Feathers

by Gil Seidan
JERUSALEM (JTA) — A year and a half ago, it would have been enough to bring down a government.

The idea that Israeli negotiators would sit side by side with Palestinian negotiators who were officially linked with the Palestine Liberation Organization was unheard of.

When Palestinian delegate Saeb Erekat announced in the fall of 1991 that he was actually representing the PLO, Israel refused to accept him back at the negotiating table until he had found some excuse to retract the statement.

At that time, the more hard-line Likud government was in power, and it also refused to recognize Faisal Hussein as an official delegate.

The reason was that he was a resident of Jerusalem, and Israel had insisted it would only negotiate with representatives of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Negotiating with Hussein, the Likud government argued, would imply that Jerusalem was part of the administered territories and therefore up for negotiation.

But Hussein is now recognized by Israel's current Labor government as the chief Palestinian negotiator, if not the titular head of the Palestinian delegation.

And Labor ministers hardly blinked two weeks ago when Hussein and two of his colleagues — Erekat and Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi — were named official members of the PLO steering committee monitoring the peace talks.

Predictably, the opposition lashed out at this development, with Knesset member Tzachi Hanegbi of Likud arguing that Hussein should be banned from the peace talks because he was a confirmed PLO agent.

Labor politicians chose simply to ignore the announcement about the appointments from the Tunis-based PLO leadership.

Economic Development Minister Shimon Shetret, a hawk who opposes any contacts with the PLO, declared that since there was no official PLO com-

munique on the subject, the appointments were simply a technical move that ought not be taken too seriously.

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The government could also continue to insist that it had not changed policy. It could still say it was negotiating directly only with "indigenous Palestinians," rather than PLO leaders in exile.

Far from derailing the peace talks, the PLO move has left all parties — Israeli and Palestinian — pretty well-satisfied.

The Palestinians have temporarily pushed aside their internal differences; the Likud can once again cite its favorite verse, "We told you so"; and labor can go on fantasizing that the PLO does not exist at all and that a peace settlement is near.

Meanwhile, everybody knows the truth; that Israel is indeed negotiating with representatives of the PLO and has been doing so ever since the peace talks began.

Even Likud leaders recognized long ago that it is better to deal with the more moderate Palestinian forces represented by the PLO than the rejectionists represented by the Islamic fundamentalists and radical left-wing Palestinian factions.

This may be the main reason why the controversy over the PLO move has disappeared from the Israeli national spotlight almost as quickly as it appeared.

Aug. 17 newspapers, for example, hardly devoted a word to the issue that had captured banner headlines only two days earlier.

This is perhaps because Israel was absorbed last week with a controversy surrounding top officials of the Shas party that could very well mushroom into a full-scale coalition crisis and topple the Labor government.

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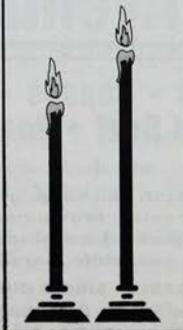
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Fifty Years Ago in the Rhode Island Jewish Herald

WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 1943

Nazis Slay 4 Million Jews

NEW YORK — Less than two million Jews remain in the whole of Nazi Europe, with four million Jews murdered by the Nazis since the summer of 1942 when the accelerated Nazi program of exterminating the Jews was inaugurated, was made known today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress. Dr. Wise's statement was based on information submitted to him by the European representatives of the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, transmitted to him through the State Department.

Reich Resumes Raids in France

GENEVA — Anticipating that many Jews will attempt to flee France to Italy, Nazi authorities throughout France have rounded up Jews and have confined thousands of them in the Drancy concentration camp which is under the supervision of the notorious Gestapo leader Heinrich Brunner, who was in charge of "de-Judaizing" the city of Vienna. A report from France received here this week emphasized that "the Drancy camp has become the center where almost all foreign Jews still living in France are concentrated."

Patriots Shelter Jewish Refugees

LONDON — Nazi officials are offering bribes and special privileges to Belgians for revealing the whereabouts of hundreds of Jewish refugees who are sheltered by Belgian patriots, it was disclosed here this week. A Belgian newspaper was reported to have recently carried a proclamation by the chief of police of Limburg and Barland to the effect that persons finding it difficult "to continue sheltering Jews" can surrender them to the police, and that such persons would not be charged with the crime of concealing fugitives.

Vicki Lieberman

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Vicki and her husband Robert Lieberman already knew that Rhode Island was a nice place to visit — her husband is the same Cantor Lieberman who has been handling the overflow for High Holiday services at Temple Emanu-El for the past four years.

And, referring to the Rhode Islanders they met along the way, "They were just such menschen that we knew that everything else would fall into place, and we haven't been wrong," she said.

"It is not by accident that I was the only woman to graduate [from the seminary] with two small children. It is no small task."

Rabbi Vicki Lieberman

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., Rabbi Lieberman feels a little like a fish out of water in Woonsocket. It's not that she doesn't love the small-town setting (which was one of the reasons her family wanted to move away from New York). But this is the first time she has ever lived outside of New York.

"I'm used to being surrounded by Jewish people and Jewish voices, so this is a little different for me," she said. "I miss the large Jewish community [in New York] because of what it offers," she confided. "Yiddishisms," as she terms the often-used phrases, aren't used as much here. "I miss that kind of culture. I miss walking in Manhattan and hearing people speaking Hebrew."

An avid book fan, she also will miss the seminary and its library.

But Rabbi Lieberman was quick to add that it wasn't too tough to leave New York, "because I brought a husband and two great kids with me" — Tovah, 5, and Joshua, who just turned 1.

The rabbi is quite candid about the pressures of motherhood and having a pulpit. "It is not by accident that I was the only woman to graduate [from the seminary] with two small children. It is no small task."

She said she feels very fortu-

nate to have a husband who was willing to relocate for her job. "A lot [of men] aren't able to pick up and leave their jobs," she said. "I was very, very fortunate. My husband had his turn at bat to pick and choose where we lived... and now it's my turn at bat... He's a real 21st century kind of guy."

Rabbi and Cantor Lieberman met on the first day they spent at the Jewish Theological Seminary. "I guess we were fated to go to that institution," she said with a smile.

Rabbi Lieberman spent five years studying for her bachelor's degree at Columbia University, while taking classes at the seminary, and then five years at rabbinical school.

She grew up in a Conservative shul that afforded her no honors. "I was not able to read the Torah. I was not allowed to be included in the minyan."

But years of gentle persuasion and patience paid off. "I was the first woman to wear a tallis here. I was the first to read the maftir on Yom Kippur in the bimah."

"I just believed that if I waited patiently, things would change, and they did." As a matter of fact, in her first speaking engagement as a rabbi, Lieberman was invited to speak in the bimah of her own synagogue, the Madison Jewish Center.

Rabbi Lieberman said women need to do much soul-searching before pursuing a career in the rabbinate. Such customs as wearing the tallis are considered ordinary rites of passage for boys, but this is not the case for girls and women. She said she was moved to wear the tallis in the synagogue out of a "need to be spiritually fulfilled" — not some need to prove to others her spirituality.

"We didn't do it to put on a show," she stresses. "We did it because we felt this was a way to G-d."

As a congregational rabbi, Lieberman hopes to encourage more people to practice Judaism in their homes. "The rewards are immeasurable. Anything being done in the house — the changes of it coming through another generation, the statistics are 100-fold," she said.

Rabbi Lieberman also wants to teach synagogue skills to her congregants — how to lead a sermon on their own, how to read the Torah, "how to fully participate as a Jewish adult — male or, obviously, female, and I hope I

can encourage people to sing."

At her congregation in New York and the seminary, she said, "People sang the prayers. They sang them out loud and they sang them with feeling. I get louder and louder to encourage

"I just believed that if I waited patiently, things would change, and they did."

Rabbi Vicki Lieberman

them to sing and I've done that since I was 10 years old. I'm not surprised I married a cantor — it's kind of funny."

In her "free time," Rabbi Lieberman makes her own head coverings and her own tallis. Thousands of hand-strung beads adorn the tallisem she has made for herself, her husband and friends. They are of her own creation, in design and style.

"From start to finish," she said. She quotes Deuteronomy on one — "Not in Heaven." Another — the first that she made for herself — displays a quote from a medieval poem: "Draw Your Servant to Your Will."

The tallis she made for her husband — covered with more than 10,000 beads — reads "I Am to my Beloved as my Beloved Is to Me."

Known in New York for her talents, Rabbi Lieberman has been asked to give an exhibit of her tallisem in Manhattan.

While she is just the second woman rabbi with a pulpit in Rhode Island, the rabbi said, "The novelty of being a woman rabbi quickly wears off. ... If you don't get the job done like your male counterparts, you'll have to find lodgings elsewhere."



All Splashed Out

Kerri Sullivan and Alissa Yanow are soaked up to their eyebrows from the flume ride at Rocky Point Amusement Park on Aug. 19 when members from the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Camp Bogrim and counselors in Training (C.I.T.) held an outing.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Hezbollah Attacks Kill 8 Soldiers Triggering Violence

by Gil Sedan
 JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two weeks after Israel's weeklong shelling of targets in southern Lebanon ended with an apparent "understanding" between Israel and Hezbollah, the Islamic fundamentalist group appears to be challenging Israel into a new war of attrition.

That was brought home last week, when Hezbollah forces launched two separate attacks on Israeli troops in southern Lebanon, killing eight soldiers.

Seven Israeli Defense Force soldiers were killed and two wounded the morning of Aug. 19 while on patrol in the western sector of the border security zone, when a bomb planted in the road by the pro-fundamentalist guerrillas was detonated by remote control.

A second attack occurred that evening, when an IDF soldier was killed and another wounded as the result of two bomb blasts in the same area as the first attack, near the village of Shihin.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur, and the IDF chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, rushed to the scene of the first attack and opened preliminary investigations into what was officially described as one of the most serious incidents recently in southern Lebanon.

There had been two Hezbollah attacks earlier in the week on units of the IDF and its allied South Lebanon Army. But the

latest were the most serious since a U.S.-brokered cease-fire brought an end to Israel's week-long shelling of southern Lebanon in late July.

The Israeli air force retaliated some hours after the first attack with an air raid on four Hezbollah targets in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

An IDF spokesman emphasized that the retaliatory strike had focused on targets at a distance from civilian populations.

According to reports from Lebanon, two guerrillas were killed in the retaliatory raid, which occurred before the second Hezbollah attack.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department issued a strong statement deploring the Hezbollah violence. It described the first attack as "yet another calculated attempt by extremists to derail the peace process, just as preparations are under way to resume negotiations in Washington."

"As this process continues, we urge all parties to do everything in their power to prevent such violent acts from diverting them from the pursuit of a negotiated settlement of their differences," the statement said.

At the United Nations, Israeli Ambassador Gad Yaacobi also condemned the Hezbollah violence. He described it, as well as the Aug. 18 attempt by Islamic extremists in Cairo to assassinate Egyptian Interior Minister Hassan al-Abi, as part of a campaign by the fundamentalists to "create a reign of terror and murder."

"It is all aimed at killing the peace process and establishing a Muslim fundamentalist empire, headed by Iran, from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific," said Yaacobi.

"The militant Muslim fundamentalists are the common enemy of the democracies of the world," he added. "We should not allow terrorism to stop, even for an instance, the progress toward peace."

Israeli citizens learned about the first Hezbollah attack from foreign radio and television stations, including the BBC and CNN, on the morning of Aug. 19.

But the Israeli military censor did not permit Israel Radio and Television to report the incident until the evening. Normally IDF fatalities are not announced until family members are notified.

One of those killed in the first attack was the officer in charge of the IDF patrol. He was buried that afternoon in a military cemetery on Jerusalem's Mount Herzl while the news blackout on the incident was still in force. News of the funeral spread by word of mouth.

Theoretically, the latest violence is in accordance with the rules of the bloody game in southern Lebanon. Hezbollah, which refused to claim responsibility for the Aug. 19 incidents, had said at the time the U.S. cease-fire was implemented that it would continue attacking military targets within the Israeli-controlled border security zone.

Although Israeli officials — such as Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer — admitted Aug. 19 that there was no violation of those rules, they added within the same breath that Israel could not stand idle in the face of such an attack.

The Israeli helicopter raids later that day against Hezbollah targets beyond the security zone was a case in point. Israel intended to hit back, and hard.

But, as an IDF spokesman stressed, the raids were aimed at purely military targets of the Hezbollah.

Unlike the attacks during Israel's late-July shelling of southern Lebanon, no Hezbollah positions in civilian villages were attacked Aug. 19.

Israel clearly wanted to refrain from an escalation that could lead to a renewal of Katyusha rocket attacks against Israeli population centers in

Gallee.

Indeed, Hezbollah warned Aug. 19 that if Israel hit civilian villages north of the security zone, "there would be no security for Israeli settlements" in Gallee.

Feds Launch Probe Against N.Y. Yeshivas

by Stewart Ain
 New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — A local probe of a college student grant program at Rockland Community College has led to a major federal criminal investigation of the aid program at more than 20 yeshivas and colleges with Judaic studies programs in the New York area, according to law enforcement sources.

Fines totaling more than \$1 million have already been levied against four yeshivas, three of them in Monsey, N.Y., and the fourth, which is now closed, in Brooklyn.

Three of the schools are alleged to have fraudulently applied for the college student grants by listing as applicants local high school students. Charges against the fourth involve alleged forgery and other irregularities in the operation of its Israeli campus.

The amount of fraud detected in the nation's student aid programs has increased from \$225 million in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1992, to more than \$300 million since Oct. 1, an Education Department spokeswoman said.

"One source familiar with the current probe, which is focusing on Pell grants, said the schools involved may have billed the federal government out of \$100 million.

Another said the list of schools being investigated "reads like a who's who of major yeshivas."

Although all of the schools in the current federal probe are yeshivas or schools with Judaic studies programs, the spokeswoman insisted that "we're not targeting any particular group of schools."

But the Washington attorney for all four yeshivas, Michael Brustein, said he has "a very significant concern that an inordinate amount of the Educa-

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NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Commerce Department announced last week that it was imposing a \$103,000 fine on American Express Bank, Ltd., for allegedly complying with terms of the Arab boycott of Israel. The Commerce Department charged the bank Aug. 16 with having committed 39 alleged violations of the Export Administration Act and Regulations between August 1988 and January 1992.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In an indication of its growing concern about Islamic fundamentalism, the State Department has announced it is adding the eastern African nation of Sudan to its list of countries considered state sponsors of international terrorism. Among the reasons Sudan was placed on the list was its support for terrorist organizations, including the Abu Nidal group, Hezbollah and Palestine Islamic Jihad.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Beginning next year, Israel may be facing major changes in how it buys its defense equipment from the United States. The Pentagon announced earlier this summer that of January 1994, it would end the commercial sales channel of the Foreign Military Financing program, under which Israel buys substantial part of its equipment.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two Jewish interreligious affairs leaders were among those who met with the pope recently during the World Youth Day event in Denver. Pope John Paul II greeted Rabbis Jack Bemporad and A. James Rudin by saying "shalom" and told them each how pleased he was that they had come to the mass gathering of young Catholics.

CHICAGO (JTA) — The confessed murderer of a Chicago plastic surgeon and a San Francisco hairdresser is now known to Jewish groups here. In an appearance two weeks ago in court after his arrest, Jonathan Preston Haynes said he was motivated by a hatred of anyone "feeding off Aryan beauty. I condemn fake Aryan cosmetics. I condemn bleached blond hair, tinted blue eyes and fake facial features brought by plasticsurgery," Haynes said.

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INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — About a half dozen single mothers, all immigrants from the former Soviet Union, are continuing a hunger strike here for more affordable housing, as the government scrambles to satisfy their concerns. The women, who are conducting the hunger strike in the Rose Garden opposite the Knesset, are demanding more affordable mortgages. With the mortgages at the current rate, "we can't afford to eat," Luba Inbinder said on behalf of Aliyah '90, one of the single-parent organizations sponsoring the protest.

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MONTREAL (JTA) The whitesupremacist Heritage Front succeeded in attracting more than about 200 people to its well-publicized rock concert held here Aug. 14. By contrast, a rally held to protest the appearance by the Toronto-based group brought more than 400 people to the streets. "We are here to show our frustration with having the Heritage Front coming to Quebec," yelled one of the demonstrators. "We don't want their type in Quebec."

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — A group of Labor Knesset members who visited the West Bank settlement of Kedumin last week found themselves in a bitter confrontation with settlers. On Aug. 18, the settlers attacked the representatives of the governing party, saying they felt like second-class citizens whose interests in the region had been delegitimized. Eli Dayan, the Knesset caucus whip, told them that while they had enjoyed a favorable status under the previous government, they were now enjoying the same rights as all other Israelis.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's Supreme Court has rejected an American immigrant's appeal, saying she should be extradited to the United States to stand trial for a 1980 bombing in California. An expanded five-justice Supreme Court panel declared Aug. 16 that Rochelle Manning, 53, should be extradited in connection with the 1980 murder of an American computer-company secretary, Patricia Wilkerson, by a parcel bomb. Her husband, Robert Manning, 41, was extradited July 18 in the same case and is currently awaiting trial in California.

Court Backs Decision Not to Try Demjanjuk

by Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Holocaust survivors and Jewish groups reacted with outrage to an Israeli court's decision last week that appeared to bring acquitted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk one step closer to freedom.

Israel's High Court of Justice on Aug. 18 rejected petitions from 10 different organizations and several individuals calling on the government to try Demjanjuk on war crimes charges other than the ones he was acquitted of here last month.

But the court agreed to delay his deportation until Friday, so that it could review a request to have a larger five-judge panel of the court rule on whether Demjanjuk should be tried on new charges. On Friday, Demjanjuk was ordered to be held in prison until Sept. 2, while arguments are prepared

to bring new charges against Demjanjuk.

Demjanjuk's 1988 conviction and death sentence for war crimes committed at the Treblinka death camp was overturned July 29 by the High Court, which found reasonable doubt that he was the notorious gas chamber operator known as "Ivan the Terrible."

But the court also ruled there was compelling evidence that Demjanjuk had served as an SS guard at the Sobibor death camp and at the Flossenburg and Regensburg concentration camps.

It was on these grounds that the more than 20 petitioners, including Holocaust survivors and the World Jewish Congress, called for a retrial.

But their arguments were seriously weakened when the state attorney general, Yosef

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Shas Could Topple Government

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — There is mounting concern among Israeli leaders that controversies surrounding two top officials may bring down the government and derail the Middle East peace process.

Political observers here are saying the Labor-led government may implode as a result of legal proceedings involving two key officials of the Shas party, a junior partner in the coalition.

Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, who heads the fervently Orthodox party, faces charges of bribery and misappropriation in connection with his personal financial affairs.

And another Shas member of the Knesset, Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Raphael Pinhasi, has been under investigation on fraud charges — including alleged campaign-finance offenses — in connection with his position as party treasurer.

As with Deri, he has so far avoided a court indictment because he is protected by parliamentary immunity.

Petitions to force both men to step down from their posts are before the High Court of Justice. If it rules against them, Shas may very well quit the coalition.

Such a move would likely topple the government and could also alter the course of the delicate peace negotiations.

Government ministers, watching in mounting anguish from the sidelines, say it would be tragic if the peace process — felt to be nearing its "moment of truth" — were halted in its tracks by all the legalistic procedural wrangling within the Israeli government.

On the other hand, advocates of what is being called the "rule of law" school insist that even progress toward peace must make way for legal and constitutional propriety.

Some pundits are predicting that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin may survive a coalition crisis by reconstituting the same Labor-Meretz-Shas party line-up, in a renewed government with an entirely different allocation of Cabinet portfolios.



A New Identity

Having completed the immigration process, a Yemenite Jew examines his Israeli identity card outside the Oshiyot Absorption Center near Rehovot. Both his rescue by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and his care in Israel by the Jewish Agency are funded through the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign. Since August 1992, Magic Carpet II has brought about 310 Yemenite Jews to Israel.

Photo: UJA Press Service/Jack Vainumskas

But there are alternative scenarios being discussed in political circles here — all of which assume that Rabin himself will survive his present bruising battles with top state justice officials.

According to one option, Rabin will bring other religious parties into the coalition in the event of a Shas defection. The most frequently discussed candidate is the United Torah

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A JACK OF THE ARTS — Esther Chester stands before several of her watercolor paintings Friday at the Central Library in Cranston, where she currently displays her one-woman show.

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Cranston Artist Draws From Two Perspectives

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

The very first thing you notice about Esther Chester's art exhibit, currently being displayed at the Central Library in Cranston, is her love for art and music. For it was these two mediums — painting and piano — which have enabled Chester to remain young at heart and active in the arts.

Chester began playing the piano at age 8, tutored by Dr. Wassili Leps — formerly a conductor of the Providence Symphony Orchestra — and began teaching six years later. Even more amazing is her five-year scholarship to the Rhode Island School of Design while studying classical music at Brown University. Chester admitted that being caught between the two things she loved doing wasn't easy. "I was always trying to find a way to draw and play piano, because that's what I love doing the most," the Cranston woman said.

On the walls of the Central Library hang gentle scenes of sailboats at sea, a tranquil waterfall in a secluded forest and various watercolors of musical instruments. Almost all of the watercolor and oil paintings are

done in a very subtle, soft manner — almost ethereal. Chester draws many things from memory except for landscapes that she often photographs if time doesn't permit her to stay.

Aside from playing piano concertos and drawing sweeping landscapes, Chester taught art in Pawtucket, East Providence and North Attleboro, Mass., for a total of 12 years.

One painting, depicting a waterfall between a gorge, was taken in the Catskills mountains in part of a forest where few men or women have ever ventured, the artist said.

When asked what motivates her, the white-haired artist looked affectionately at her husband, Samuel, and smiled. "Age doesn't mean a thing," Chester repeated her husband's timely words. Both have played duets — Samuel plays the violin — at various concerts and events.

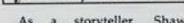
Despite the fact that this is her largest show, Chester doesn't plan on slowing down one bit and lives by this principle: "If you really love something, you should do it, because it makes for a happy life," she said.

Miriam Sings of the Heart

by Cindy Halpern
Special to the Herald

While the stars shone brilliantly in the sky bringing light to the darkness of the night, inside the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, Miriam Shaw sang songs from the heart which made the burdens of life more manageable, even if only for a few hours.

CONCERT REVIEW



As a storyteller, Shaw blended her life's story into a melody about questioning, searching and seeking answers about the meaning of life as a Jewish woman.

Her rich singing voice introduced the listener to her New York beginnings and traced her life's path to the doubts she felt while she crossed the bridge that spanned beyond her

American childhood into adulthood in Israel, two continents away from home.

The trail continued as she bared her soul while singing about the uncertainty of choosing an appropriate marriage partner in a foreign land, the worries of pending motherhood and the joy of giving birth in the British kingdom.

She momentarily left her own life's story as she weaved the painful tale of a dying, young mother into a melancholy song about the mysteries of life and death.

Her life's journey continued as she returned to her own dreams and wishes, her fears and hopes, her desire to know hashem and await mosaich; all her emotions were vividly felt by her audience as she sang from the deepest depths of her soul. Her life's story ended in a song about how she finally discovered her place in the maze called life.

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The DeBlois Gallery will present an exhibit of "Recent Paintings" and "Functional Pottery" Aug. 28 through Sept. 9 at 138 Bellevue Ave., Newport. The show is presented by Barbara Alpert and William Heacock. For gallery hours and more information, call 847-9977.

The Perishable Theatre will present its Multimedia and Performance Art Festival Sept. 10 through Dec. 18 at 124 Washington St., Providence. Opening night acts include Marilyn Arsem, Pam Wunderlich and Adam Gertsacov's Acme Clown Company. For ticket information and times, call 331-2695.

Major Production/Management and the African and Afro-American Studies Program at the University of Rhode Island will present a play on Paul Robeson Sept. 17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. at the Providence Public Library Auditorium, 225 Washington St., Providence. The play focuses on the accomplished singer, actor, activist and athlete whose rise to international prominence in film brought dignity and respect to black characters. For more information, call 831-1130.

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A Ruined Garden Comes Back to Life

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Her parents die in India. She goes to stay with her uncle in England. She brings his ruined secret garden to bloom again. Sorrows cease. You must have seen the story on TV or even on Broadway. Surely you read it once upon a time.

But Agneska Holland, the poetic Polish director of "Olivier, Olivier," "Korchak," and "Europe Europa," transforms the worn plot into a thing of surpassing, and vastly underrated, beauty.

One should not be surprised at her attraction to its motifs. Orphans haunted by the past people all her films. The pretty English robin that guides the heroine through the hidden passages into the sunken garden figures as an allegory and an elegant image.

The entire lyrical landscape will enchant you, the white horse, the newborn lamb, the lonely faun, the white doves that perch and coo on mossy bushes among the ivy.

Maggie Smith steals the human show as the Danvers-like housekeeper moving in black skirts among the closed doors and long corridors of the castle.

But Holland's screen story stays close to the idea of a children's tale. Villains scowl but then smile with good will. Evil dissolves dreamlike into kindness. Yet these youthful versions of ancient tragic themes still keep Victorian lingering ghosts.

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Our heroine from India finds a cousin wasting away in a secluded chamber. With the help of a Pan-like outdoor servant surrounded by tamed crows and squirrels, she gets him out of his bed outdoors among the roses and the vines.

Holland gathers some wonderful faces and lets her camera dwell upon them at length. The father, bent over in body but shining with a refined and handsome face framed by romantically long hair, brings to mind something of Count Dracula. When he enters the

great stairway of his estate, brutal packs of snarling great dogs greet him frantically.

The camera returns again and again to outdoor views of the stone walls that guide his destiny under gray skies. When the flowers open, the speeded up sequences strike you both as lovely and yet also erotic. You may picture in your mind's eye famous scenes from other films.



I don't know what "G" means. "Secret Garden" surely was designed for children, but not in the Disney tried-and-true way of making movies. Sophisticated and simple at the same time, this minor key work of art should charm any audience.

For adults, the sad irony of its Kipling-esque picaresque adventure give you plenty to think about. What happens to young animals when they grow up? You eat them. What happens to these children when they grow up? War will get them, or the problems of property, or the dilemmas of class. None of this is stated or shown.

But Agneska Holland brings to Warner Brothers something of the renaissance of artistry in Poland. I trust her because she has dealt with Jewish themes with unusual sensitivity and delicacy.

She brings a subtle palette, and brushes us with a pen of bright light.

I am so excited about my upcoming trip to China this October that I'd love to have a few people join me. It's a 16-day deluxe tour to the lesser-known cities of Datong, Louyang, Zhengzhou and Kaifeng (home of China's disappearing Jewish community), as well as to the more popular Beijing and Xian. We'll cruise the Yangzi River. Interested? Call me, Donna Perelman, travel consultant, The Travel Connection, 946-6010.

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Poet Ada Schneider will read selections from her 1993 book *Fine Lines and other Wrinkles* at the Barrington Public Library on Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Schneider is an award-winning poet. *Fine Lines and other Wrinkles* is her latest work, a book of about 50 poems, that espouses her thoughts of love, children, families, friends, hometowns and life in general.

Writer, columnist and Herald contributing reporter Mike Fink comments, "These poems skirt schmaltz because they are deeply felt, quietly private, clearly crafted and sculpted with image and diction."

Copies of *Fine Lines and other Wrinkles* will be available for purchase at the reading, proceeds will go to the Friends of the Barrington Public Library, which will provide refreshments for the evening.

This program is free and open to all. For more information, contact Lauri Burke at the Barrington Public Library, 247-1920.

Dorothea Snyder will not run Around Town as a regular weekly page this summer.

Should readers wish to cover a special event or feature, please call the Herald at 742-0200 and leave a message for her.

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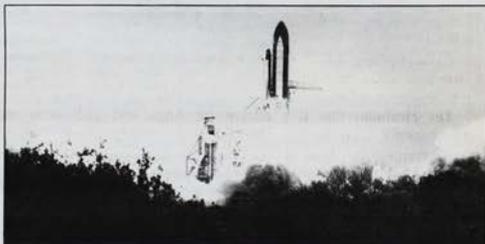


Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman

Before an astronaut goes up into space, he or she must pack 11 days worth of clothes and personal belongings, which need to fit in a locker about the size of a desk drawer. Each of the three times that Astronaut Jeffrey A. Hoffman has gone into space, he also packed some Jewish items which were important to him. Now one of those items, a hand-blown glass mezuzah, is on the doorpost of the new Bloomfield Science Museum in Jerusalem, Israel.

Because these atarot would be given to an astronaut's sons, Dr. Hoffman searched the Bible for special quotations. He found two perfect ones. The first, for his oldest son, Sam, comes from the Book of Kings. The sentence on his atara is, "There appeared a chariot of fire . . . and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

The second atara is for his son, Orin. Orin's name comes from the name of the constellation, Orion. One of Dr. Hoffman's favorite Bible stories is the Book of Job, where he found a sentence about Orion.



Dr. Hoffman blasted off in the space shuttle Discovery.

In December, 1993, Dr. Hoffman will take his fourth trip into space, this time on the Endeavor spacecraft. The purpose of that trip will be to repair the giant Hubble space telescope. "This is a very important trip for NASA and for astronomers," Dr. Hoffman said. "Since I've always been very interested in astronomy, it's important for me, too." Seven astronauts will be on board, and four will be making spacewalks on that trip. Dr. Hoffman expects to do at least three spacewalks on this trip.

To prepare for these spacewalks, Dr. Hoffman has been doing a lot of underwater training. "Each flight is different and this one is taking a tremendous amount of training," he said. "A spacesuit weighs 300 pounds! Training underwater is the best way to practice weightlessness. Training is very hard work!"



Dr. Hoffman's space suit is adjusted before his spacewalk.

On his first flight into space, Dr. Hoffman took with him the mezuzah that now hangs in Jerusalem. He also took two specially designed atarot for his sons. An atara is the cloth part that goes around the neck on a tallit. Usually the blessing one says when putting on a tallit is printed on the atara.

On the second flight, Dr. Hoffman took two mezuzot as Bar Mitzvah gifts for very good friends. He also took the flag of Boy Scout Troop 806, of Congregation Beth Israel, Houston, Texas. Dr. Hoffman is an Eagle Scout and his son Orin is a member of Troop 806. After the flight, the flag was divided amongst all the troop members. "Being in space is a lot like a Boy Scout camping trip," he said. "We bring fresh food for the first few days, but then we need to eat dehydrated food or ready-to-eat food in foil packets because we don't have a refrigerator. Also, living in close quarters on the spacecraft is like seven people in a big tent."

On his last trip, Dr. Hoffman took two mezuzot for his sons, as well as a mezuzah for himself. He also took two Torah pointers, which were given to his synagogue, Congregation Brith Shalom in Bellaire, Texas. One is for regular synagogue services and the other is for Junior Congregation.

On his last flight, he also took a cassette tape of Jewish and Israeli music which was prepared for him by the synagogue's cantor, David Propis. "We are given eight hours to sleep each day. I never sleep eight hours on Earth, so I don't need eight hours in space. That gives me a few hours to just float around and listen to music!" Dr. Hoffman said.

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"10, 9, 8, 7 . . ." continued



Dr. Hoffman and another astronaut at work in space outside of the space shuttle Discovery.

Bringing along these Jewish items was a personal decision, although it makes him very happy that so many Jews appreciate it. "It's nice to bring Judaism into this experience," he explained. "Judaism is the oldest religion and bringing the oldest religion with the newest technology appeals to me."

Flying into space gives Dr. Hoffman a feeling of awe and wonder. "Being able to walk in space is great - just you and the universe! It's pretty awesome!"

Dr. Hoffman has already decided what he'll take when he goes on his next mission. "Since the mission is scheduled for December, I'll take a Chanukah menorah. I'm sure I won't be able to light candles in the spacecraft, though!"

Dr. Hoffman has this advice for boys and girls who want to become astronauts: "Work hard. Study math, science, and computers. But if you have a different dream, follow that. The important thing is to have something you care about and to work towards it."

(Photos courtesy of NASA.)

Say "Ah!"



All of the Biblical people below have names that end with the letters **ah**. Can you guess their names from the clues? If stumped, look up the verses in the Bible.

1. _____ AH Built an ark (Genesis 7:1)
2. _____ AH Rachel's sister (Genesis 29:16)
3. _____ AH Sarai's new name (Genesis 17:15)
4. _____ AH Samuel's mother (1 Samuel 1:20)
5. _____ AH Three days in fish belly (Jonah 2:1)
6. _____ AH Abraham's father (Genesis 11:31)
7. _____ AH Jacob's mother (Genesis 25:21, 26)

- Game by Dottie Smith

Jumble

How do we know that the Israelites played baseball when they wandered in the desert?

To find the answer to this riddle, first unscramble the words below:

INCH
 TIRED
 PEACH



Now take the circled letters and unscramble them to fill in the answer:

Because they _____ in the wilderness of Sinai.

מה חדש בספרייה?

(Mah Chah-dahsh Bah-seef-ree-yah) What's New In the Library?

GOD'S PAINTBRUSH. By Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, illustrated by Annette Compton. Jewish Lights Publishing Company, Copyright 1992. Suggested for early elementary ages. \$15.95 hardcover.

Sometimes it's hard to talk about God, because we have so many questions without answers. This book, written by a rabbi and beautifully illustrated, helps us talk about and think about God in new ways. It also includes questions the reader can discuss with parents or friends. "Sometimes I think God hides, and we don't want to look for God, because we are too busy or too afraid," the author wrote. "God must feel terribly lonely, then, too Where would you look for God?"

This is the perfect book to read on a beautiful summer day.

Answer To Jumble



Because they pitched in the wilderness of Sinai (Numbers 33:15). (Actually, the Israelites "pitch" in many places. To pitch in this case means to set up their camp.)

Answers To "Ah"

1. Noah
2. Leah
3. Sarah
4. Hannah
5. Leah
6. Leah
7. Rebekah

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MILESTONES

Alana Sarah Deluty

Alana Sarah Deluty was born on July 29 to Karen and Ed Deluty of Warwick. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bloom of Cranston and Boynton Beach, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Deluty of Cranston and Boynton Beach, Fla.

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Finkelstein Weds Goodman

Marcia J. Finkelstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Finkelstein of Providence and Delray Beach, Fla., and Douglas F. Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Goodman of Danbury, Conn., were married June 6 at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman officiated at the 12:30 p.m. ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

The bride is a graduate of Rochester University and Simmons College of Social Work. The bridegroom is a graduate of Dartmouth College and is currently a writer for *Sports Illustrated*.

After a honeymoon trip to San Francisco, Calif., the couple now lives in New York City.



Tess Elise Kline

Steven and Sue Kline of 10 County Lane in Sharon, Mass. announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Tess Elise on July 16. She was welcomed by her brother, 2½-year-old Samuel Gerald Kline.

Paternal grandparents are Brenda and Arthur Kline of West Warwick.

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Jonathan Yoken

Jonathan Yoken, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mel B. Yoken of New Bedford, Mass., read from the Torah portion to mark his bar mitzvah in Israel on Masada, on Aug. 9.

The dinner and reception took place at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel and Towers on Aug. 14. In attendance were his parents, his brothers, Andrew and David, and friends and relatives from Tel Aviv and Givatayim, Israel.

Jonathan will also celebrate his bar mitzvah on Sept. 4 at Tifereth Israel Synagogue in New Bedford.

Jonathan's grandmothers are Sylvia Yoken of Fall River, Mass., and Frances Stein of Golden Beach, Fla.

Shas

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Judaism bloc, or at least its major component: the Agudat



Happy 100th Birthday

Harriet Max celebrates her 100th birthday at a party given by Charlesgate Nursing Home on Aug. 19. The party was attended by Patricia Rodrigues, the director of resident services, and other residents of the home. The centenarian's actual birthday was Tuesday.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Yisrael party.

Rabin recently held a lengthy conversation with Agudah's leader, Rabbi Pinchas Menachem Alter, fueling speculation that the mainly Hasidic party might be invited to join the coalition.

According to another option, Rabin would form a more

centrist coalition, adding the right-wing Tsomet party and National Religious Party to his currently left-of-center Labor government.

A centrist coalition is Rabin's "dream" government — one that expresses the widest possible spectrum of parties.

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Looking Sharp

Three of the six Sharp sisters, Pearl, Minna and Bessie, are all dressed up and ready to begin school in their new fall fashions, around 1913.

Photo submitted by Madeline Sharp Asher

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Friends of Touro Plans Meeting, Washington Letter Ceremony

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue will hold its annual George Washington Letter Ceremony at 2 p.m. on Aug. 29.

Rep. Ronald K. Machtley will read George Washington's famous letter, "To the Hebrew Congregation at Newport, R.I.," which set forth a policy of brotherhood and tolerance for this country more than a year before passage of our Bill of Rights.

The afternoon's featured speaker will be the Hon. Bruce M. Selya, justice in the First Circuit-U.S. Court of Appeals.

The program will also feature vocalist Kay Withrow, who will present several patriotic selections. Joshua Seixas Fausty, a descendant of Moses Seixas, Touro's Warden in 1792, will read the letter written by his ancestor to George Washington

which prompted the historic response.

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue works to promote public awareness of America's unique heritage of religious freedom. Prior to the Washington letter program, the society will hold its annual meeting. Sister Lucille McKillop will install the society's officers for 1993-94.

The first Alexander George Teitz Memorial Award will be presented during these festivities. The recipient will be someone who, by their life and works, has demonstrated a commitment to religious freedom and tolerance.

Admission to the George Washington Letter Ceremony is free. The general public is invited. For further information, call 847-4794.

Beth Sholom to Sponsor Meet the Rabbi

Congregation Beth Sholom, the "unorthodox, Orthodox synagogue" located on the East Side of Providence, is offering two opportunities to meet with Rabbi Chaim Marder for discussion of the synagogue, its programs and philosophy. The first will be on Aug. 29 at 10:45 a.m.; the second on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

A new publication from the synagogue helps describe its self-perception and the role it wants to play in the community. "With so many Jews drifting, desperately seeking a way back to Jewish Living," it reads, "we realize that a synagogue must be an inviting, eminently friendly place where everyone can feel comfortable. ... We value the richness of our tradition as we seek to create a warm, homey environment where the beauty of Judaism and Jewish living can be experienced best."

Rabbi Marder expands upon these points. "People don't want a fashion show. They don't want pomp. They want something real and genuine when they come to a synagogue."

"A synagogue," he adds, "should be a place where people are setting real goals to accomplish something spiritually, to do some growing, to find room for greater commitment to genuine Jewish principles and values and action. I consistently nudge our members to strive for more in their own personal religious lives. That's good. This is the time of the year to remind ourselves of that."

Rabbi Marder contends that many people have wanted to find a more traditional synagogue for some time, but have been afraid of the "Orthodox" title his bears. "Without a doubt, people will have a different experience here than elsewhere," he continues. "It really is an eminently friendly place," where everyone truly welcomes you. It's a family.

Beth Sholom holds twice-daily services and offers nu-

merous classes and workshops throughout the week through "The Jewish Learning Exchange." The synagogue runs Shabbat morning youth programming, sponsors youth groups and study groups, and holds many social outings for families and couples. Its members are involved in social action and federation work, as well as community education in day schools and the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island.

There are numerous "full" membership options for families, singles and seniors. Beth Sholom also offers "associate" membership for those who wish to affiliate with the congregation while retaining membership elsewhere as well. And the synagogue has just embarked on a "Friends of Beth Sholom" campaign seeking the support of so many community members who have been touched by the special programming it runs.

Those interested in finding out more about the synagogue can drop in to meet Rabbi Marder one of these two occasions. If possible, call the office at 331-9393 to inform them of your intentions of attending. Beth Sholom is located on the corner of Camp Street and Rochambeau Avenue on the East Side of Providence.



Up, Up and Away

Basya Zakrojsky and Leah DiChiaro are up and away on the sky ride at Rocky Point Amusement Park on Aug. 19 when members of Camp Bogrim and counselors in training from the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island enjoyed an afternoon of fun and sun.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Society to Present 'Back Across the Seas'

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston will present "Back Across the Seas," on Sept. 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Hebrew College, first floor, room 10, at 43 Hawes St., Brookline, Mass.

The program will feature three members, Fay Bussgang (Poland), Sheldon Benjamin (Belarus) and Carol Baker (Lithuania), who each traveled to the "old country" in search of their own roots.

The event is free for members and costs \$3 for nonmembers. For more information, call (617) 784-8863.

Are you celebrating a major event in your life? Let us know about it! Black and white photos welcome.

Bowling Season Opens on Sept. 2

The Beth-El Bowling League President, Elliot Slack, has announced that the season will open the evening of Sept. 2. The location will once again be Lang's Bowlarama in Cranston.

The season kickoff will start with an 8 p.m. meeting. All bowlers are encouraged to show up. President Slack welcomes any new bowlers and those interested at Lang's.

SINGLES JINGLES EVENTS

Vanguard To Hold 'Schmooz Cruise'

A "Schmooz Cruise" aboard the Bay Queen will be held by Vanguard on Sept. 12.

The cruise will make its way to Newport, the "city of the sea." There will be brunch and music on the way to Newport.

In Newport, Vanguarders will spend two hours walking the sidewalks of Newport before returning to the cruise ship for the return voyage.

The cruise leaves from Biondi Marine gate #4, Water St., Warren. Boarding will begin at 10:15 a.m. and return time will be about 5 p.m.

Advance payment is required. The cost is \$21.50 for Vanguard members and \$23 for nonmembers.

Checks should be made by Aug. 30 to Vanguard/Hadasah, 1150 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920.

Vanguard is under the auspices of Rhode Island Hadasah and aims to bring together Jewish singles between the ages of 25 and 40 to share in social and cultural events.

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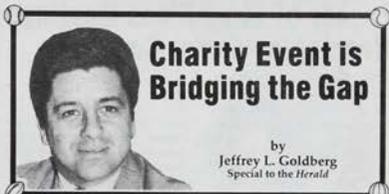
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Burger Man

Henry "Ski" Zaborski of Warwick flips hamburgers for hungry congregants attending the Temple Shalom annual barbecue last week. The day featured the Jewish pop band, Aviv, and a variety of foods to help raise funds for the temple's activities.

Herald photo by Omar Brailley



Charity Event is Bridging the Gap

by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

The skies were gray the morning of Aug. 18. The fourth annual Ledgemont Charity Event was due to kick off and the weather was not cooperating.

Chairman Burt Fain and his hard-working, dedicated committee kept their fingers crossed that the day would run smoothly and the skies would clear.

Well, the committee that includes Bob and Norma Baker, Richard and Sandy Bornstein, Scott and Renee Chernick, Jeffrey and Patricia Coleman, Gary Dressler, Larry and Amy Dressler, Burton and Lois Fain, Sandy and Beverly Fine, Ruth Finkle, Melvin and Ellie Frank, Myrcy Granoff, Arthur Hurvitz, Marcy and Sylvia Jarcho, Phillip Korn, Anne Krause, Dorothy Licht, Alan Litwin, Ted Loebenberg, Harvey Menoff, Joslin Ross, Les and Rose Sagan, Hinda Semonoff, Myron Silverstein, Sam Suls, Irving Wise-man, Irving and Ruth Wolf, Marlene Wolf, Dr. John and Audrey Yashar, and Gerrie Zettel, got its wish.

Tennis pro Steve Cohen and golf pro Chuck Antonuccio put together an eventful, enjoyable, competitive tennis and golf tournament that joined together with an equally impressive card tournament. More than 160 people participated in a fun-filled, well-attended charity event, which raised more than \$30,000, that will be received by this year's charity, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

The Jewish Community Center was chosen this year because of its efforts to provide services greatly needed by low-income and unemployed members of the community. Burt Fain, chairman of this year's event, defines some of the services that will be provided. They

include meals for the elderly, after-school day care for children, special aid and services for immigrant families, and preschool and camp scholarships for children of low-income families.

In the past, the Ledgemont Charity Event has helped the Jewish Home for the Aged, Jewish Family Service, and last year, the Ledgemont Country Club endowment fund was established for Camp Jori. As mentioned earlier, the skies did clear. The tournament committee was considering turning lunch into a competitive event.

Before the afternoon action on the playing fields began, luncheon debates were brewing. Should I have a sandwich first, then have the barbecue? Do I want a beer, or iced coffee, or better yet, iced tea? Do I want cream or milk, artificial sweetener, my cholesterol, what a dilemma. Tennis, golf and cards will be easier.

The afternoon events went off without a hitch. By the time the dust had settled, participants had a full day and were looking forward to a relaxing but spirited evening.

The live auction went well with a variety of goods and services as well as gifts, and trips donated.

Auctioneer Ted Loebenberg was tops in raising funds while humoring the crowd with well-timed lines and a steady flow of good schtick.

When Burt Fain presented a check to center President Jeff Brier, smiles were everywhere. It was wonderful to see so many dedicated individuals who have worked many long and dedicated hours to insure the Ledgemont Charity Event continues to benefit the community that continues to need help.

JCCRI Meal Site Kicks Off New Season

The kosher meal site at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, will be starting its new season on Sept. 2. No special programs are offered for this week (except for meals) as the staff prepares for a month of upcoming events — including the JCCRI Yard Sale, JCCRI Open House, a pianist/entertainer, a barbecue and an outing to Darling's Restaurant followed by a trip to Colt Farm State Park in Bristol.

The kosher meal site invites seniors to join in a variety of

activities and to share a hot meal at noon weekly, Sunday through Friday. Doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour. Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m.

Bridge is held on Mondays from noon to 3:45 p.m.; Women's Forum is held on Tuesdays from 11:15 a.m. to noon; "Friend to Friend" meets on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon; Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays; tea, coffee and hot muffins are served on Sundays at 10 a.m.; and movies and video programs are held once or twice per week.

For a complete listing of this month's events, check the kosher meal site calendar posted at the center.

The menu for the week of Aug. 27 to Sept. 3 is as follows:

Aug. 27: cranapple juice, tossed salad, roast chicken,

noodle pudding, summer squash, applesauce with raisins

Aug. 29: cranapple juice, pot-pourri, pineapple chunks

Aug. 30: apple juice, three bean salad, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, fruit cocktail

Aug. 31: tomato juice, tossed salad, knockwurst, potato salad, cole slaw, fresh fruit

Sept. 1: soup, stuffed cabbage, peas, sliced carrots, fresh fruit

Sept. 2: tomato juice, tossed salad, baked fish, baked potato, beets, sherbet

Sept. 3: apple juice, chicken cacciatore, sweet potato, broccoli, fruit salad

Bread, margarine, 1 percent milk and tea are provided with all meals. Diabetics who are daily diners may request fresh fruit for dessert. Some meals have modified salt (see the kosher meal site monthly menu) for those with sodium-restricted diets.

For more information about kosher meal site and other senior programs, contact Sandy Bass at 861-8800.

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CHARITY EVENT — Burt Fain, chairman of the Ledgemont Charity Committee, presents a check for \$30,000 to Jeffrey Brier, president of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island last week. *Herald photo by Jeff Goldberg*



School Beat



Rabbi Shelley Melzer

Rabbi Melzer to Speak at Torat Yisrael

Rabbi Shelley Melzer, assistant director of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Department of Education, will conduct a workshop at Temple Torat Yisrael Sept. 1.

The session, for teachers, principals and school committee members, will deal with "Principles and Compassion: When there are Children of Intermarried Parents in our Congregational School."

The workshop will explore the sociological and halachic issues and the "how to" of speaking with intermarried parents, their children, and the students in a way that is sensitive, yet consistent with the goals and policies of the Conservative movement.

Synagogue school committee members, teachers and principals are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be served prior to the workshop, for a nominal fee. Reservations are required.

For further information, or to make reservations, call the school office at 785-1890.

Temple Habonim Religious School: What We Stand For

On the most general level, the religious school at Temple Habonim subscribes to the broad goals spelled out by the Reform movement's Commission on Jewish Education.

As the preamble to the document states, "The goal of Jewish education within the Reform movement is the deepening of Jewish experience and knowledge for all liberal Jews, in order to strengthen faith in G-d, love of Torah, and identification with the Jewish people, through involvement in the synagogue and participation in Jewish life."

The document then goes on to enumerate 10 qualities that ideally will characterize the kind of person which the educational program will produce; for example, students who graduate from these schools should be "Jews who affirm their Jewish identity and bind themselves inseparably to their people by word and deed."

While the "Goals of Reform Jewish Education" provide a starting point for the school's

PHDS Invites All to Meet the Dean

The Providence Hebrew Day School invites the community to welcome its new dean, Rabbi Daniel Goodman on Aug. 29, when Rabbi Goodman will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the PHDS.

The free program is aimed at introducing Rabbi Goodman to the community at large and to present and potential day school parents and their families.

The day school, with its enrollment of more than 250 students, prekindergarten through 12th, offers complete primary and secondary Jewish education. Refreshments will be served.

Torat-Yisrael Announces Registration

Registrations are now being taken for the Torat Yisrael School. A fully articulated curriculum is available for students from preschool through the seventh grade. Eighth- to 12th-graders participate in the Community High School.

Classes are held at the Cranston synagogue on Sunday mornings, and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. During the course of the school year, there are five special Saturday morning family services scheduled.

Membership is a prerequisite for enrollment in school classes from kindergarten and up. The preschool program is open to nonmembers.

Torat Yisrael, a Conservative synagogue affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, serves families throughout Rhode Island. For further information, call the school office at 785-1890.



A Principal Lesson

Rabbi Daniel Goodman of the Providence Hebrew Day School prepares to read a story to a group of students visiting the school recently.

Herold photo by Omar Bradley

Providence Ulpan To Open New Afternoon Beginner's Course

In response to popular demand, the Providence Hebrew Ulpan will offer an afternoon beginner's ulpan class. The new section of the ulpan will allow those individuals who do not want to wait until next September to begin the course of study now. It will also make it easier for those who had free time in the daytime or were uneasy about classes in the evening.

The ulpan, under the skilled direction of Ruth Adler, has more than 30 participants in this, its second year. It is hoped that this new course will expose even more Providence residents to the joys of the Hebrew.

Adler, who also serves as the

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New PLO Status

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In short, it appeared last week that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was getting more of a headache from his own Cabinet ministers than from Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat.

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SUMMER CAMPING

Camp Avoda Winds Down from Another Successful Season

Story and photos by Jeanette Hidalgo
Special to the Herald

The summer of '93 is coming to an end and the campers at Camp Avoda in Middleboro, Mass., are preparing to go back to school. The last day for the 1993 season at the boys camp was Sunday.

When the *Herald* popped in on Friday, the boys were preparing the camp for the winter, bringing in the rafts and boats from the water and storing the televisions and video games for next year.

The fun wasn't over yet. The basketball and tennis courts were busy. There was a game of volleyball (with an imaginary net) going on at the athletic field, which was put in this year. The new field features an underground watering system to maintain healthy, green grass.

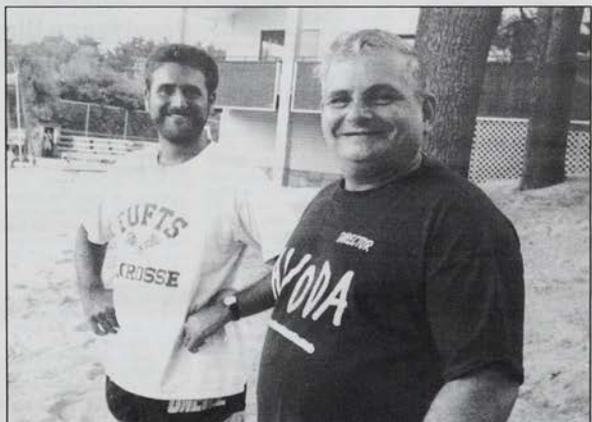
In spite of all the work to be done, the boys still managed to have a good time with one another.



HAPPY CAMPERS — (From left, front) Mitchell Arbor, 13, of East Greenwich; Marc Robinson, 11, of Lincoln; Norman Harnick, 11, of Lincoln; Greg Lazaroff, 11, of East Greenwich, and Samuel Bazar, 11, of East Greenwich. (From left, back) Robbie Weiner, 12, of Pawtucket; Jeff Shapiro, 12, of West Warwick; Elliot Fijman, counselor-in-training, of Providence; Paul Weiner, 15, of Pawtucket, and Paul Davis, camp director.



DRILL INSTRUCTOR — Jeff Davis, 20, from Lynnfield, Mass., is the woodshop instructor. Jeff's father is Paul Davis, the director of the camp.



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THE SANDMAN — A group of boaters looks on as Jay Isaacson, 9, of Swampscott, takes up the beach in an effort to preserve Mother Nature.

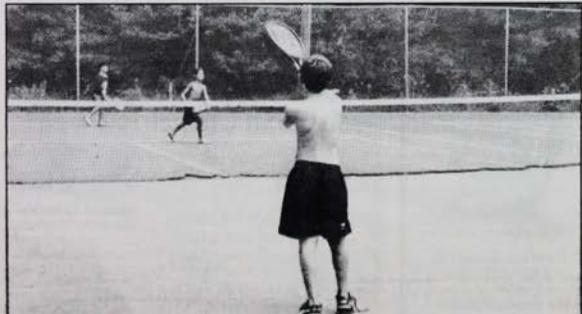
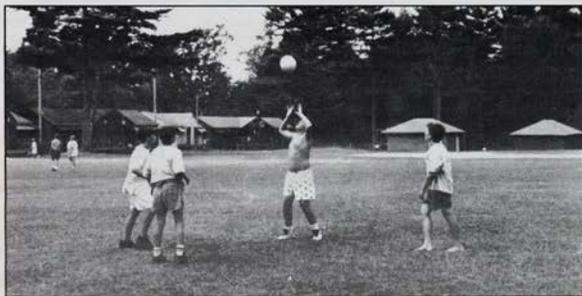
SUMMER CAMPING



CHOW TIME — Former campers and kitchen workers (from left) Bob LeBlanc, Mike Finger, Eric Shapiro and Josh Caswell take a lunch break.



WORKING UP AN APPETITE — A quick game before lunch.



These sports enthusiasts are still managing to squeeze some fun into the rapidly waning summer.



KEEPING KOSHER — Jake Kaplan, 12, of Newton, Mass., sets the table for a delicious kosher lunch.

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OBITUARIES

FANNIE KORN

PROVIDENCE — Fannie Korn, 89, of 98 Irving Ave., a teacher in the Providence school system for many years, retiring in 1963, died Aug. 18 at home. She was the wife of the late Lewis Korn.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Isaac and Anna Brodsky, she had been a resident of Providence for most of her life.

She was a 1924 graduate of Rhode Island College of Education.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Providence Hebrew Day School, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Ladies Auxiliary of Miriam Hospital and Hadassah.

She leaves two sons, David M. Korn of Providence, and Herbert J. Korn of Lexington, Mass.; three daughters, Ruth Berkowitz of Providence, Leah Chernov of Washington, D.C., and Gloria Janavitz of Pittsburgh, Pa.; 15 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Max Brodsky and the late Goldy Bellin.

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

MARY SKLAROFF

EAST PROVIDENCE — Mary Sklaroff, 90, of the Evergreen House Nursing Center, Evergreen Drive, a sales clerk in dress shops in the Providence area for more than 25 years before retiring, died Sunday at the home.

Born in Leeds, England, a

daughter of the late Hyman and Sarah (Millings) Cedar, she moved from Pawtucket to East Providence four years ago.

She leaves a sister, Rose Kroudivrod of New Bedford, Mass.; four nieces, and a nephew.

A graveside service was held Tuesday at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

FLORENCE STALLER

TAMARAC, Fla. — Florence Staller, 80, of 4908 N.W. 53rd St. died Aug. 17 at home. She was the wife of Morris Staller.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., a daughter of the late Abraham and Sarah (Freend) Kaplowitz, she lived in Cranston for many years before moving to Florida seven years ago.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Sandra Nathanson of Providence; three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. She was sister of the late Samuel Kaplowitz, Rose Levin and Mollie Zahn.

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

DOROTHY STERNBACH

WEST WARWICK — Dorothy Sternbach, 73, of 25 Pond St., died Aug. 19 at home. She was the wife of J. Raymond Sternbach.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Max and Bessie (Kirschner) Frank, she lived in West Warwick for 22 years.

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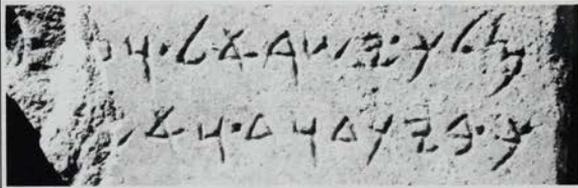
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Stele Documents House of David

The first biblical royal document ever found in Israel which mentions the king of Israel and the House of David has been discovered by Professor Avraham Biran, director of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's Skirball Center for Biblical Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. This ninth-century BCE stele (commemorative stone inscription), uncovered at HUC-JIR's excavations at Tel Dan near the Lebanon border, is the first material evidence, outside of biblical text, which documents the existence and importance of the House of David in early Jewish history and in the traditions of both Judaism and Christianity. Biran has surmised that this stone was erected to mark the military victory of King Abah of Damascus, in alliance with the Judean King Asa of the House of David, over King Baasha of Israel.

A graveside service was held Friday in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Burial followed. Arrangements were made by the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

Demjanjuk

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Harish, recommended against a retrial two weeks ago.

Harish said that prosecuting Demjanjuk again would involve the issue of double jeopardy, or trying someone twice for the same crime. Evidence regarding his alleged crimes at Sobibor had been part of the original case.

Harish also said trying Demjanjuk anew would risk violating the terms under which he had been extradited from the United States. Also cited by Harish was the enormous time, effort and expense that a new trial would demand from the state, with no certainty that a conviction could be obtained.

The Aug. 18 ruling led to an outburst of emotion in the courtroom.

"The High Court is corrupt; they bring shame on the Jewish people," said one woman after

the decision. "I'm ashamed."

"Demjanjuk was able to be acquitted because of a legal loophole," said Efraim Zuriff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's office in Israel and one of the petitioners. "We will also use the legal system in whatever way possible to see that he is going to be held accountable."

"We'll leave no stone unturned in our efforts to see that he doesn't leave here a free man," he added.

A leader of the extremist Kach movement predicted that Jews would take the law into their own hands if Demjanjuk was freed.

"We will make justice," Baruch Marzel told Israel Radio last week. "Demjanjuk one day will be killed by good Jews and not by corrupt Jews like we have in the High Court."

"He'll be dead in a short period — if not in Israel, somewhere else. But he will be dead," Marzel said.

On Friday, the petitioners were granted a second hearing, but it is not expected to result in a different ruling. One legal expert called the rehearing an "appropriate" formality.

"I don't think it will change the final result," said Kenneth Mann, a law professor at Tel Aviv University.

"But the court is intent upon allowing the parties to exhaust all procedures for reviewing the

case before [Demjanjuk's] release and deportation," he continued. "It is appropriate."

If the rehearing results in no new decision, Demjanjuk presumably will seek to return to the United States immediately.

Demjanjuk's son-in-law, Edward Nishnic, said last week that if Demjanjuk is freed, he will try to return to the United States, rather than to his native Ukraine, which has granted him asylum.

Temple Habonim

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a sufficient knowledge of Hebrew to enable them to participate comfortably in Reform worship.

In addition, a number of the students live in homes in which one parent is not Jewish. The school makes every effort to be sensitive to the special challenges and new possibilities created by these interfaith families.

In short, Temple Habonim hopes to help its students become persons who view their Jewishness as a sacred opportunity. This lofty goal can be achieved only with the full cooperation of parents and the community at large. All Jews are responsible for each other, especially here in Barrington.

This year, registrations Sept. 9, 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday school begins on Sept. 19.

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Home Deadline

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happy to facilitate and accommodate residents of the home and their families," she said. She pointed out that in difficult times, it's important for everyone to pull together and help residents find adequate homes.

According to Sheila Andrews, a principal nursing care evaluator for Health Facilities Regulation, there are 10,473 licensed beds in the 100 or so nursing homes in the state. But that doesn't insure placement for residents of the Jewish Home.

"They've really tried to keep people close to the Jewish community."

James Farrington, chief of the Division of Facilities and Regulation, Rhode Island Department of Health.

James Benedict, an associate director of hospital operations at the Mental Health and Retardation Hospital, has already received several applications from Jewish Home residents. But he emphasized the importance of submitting applications early.

"The admission process is never rushed. It's very slow and depends on the [medical] service the patient is trying to access," Benedict said. Once the application is received, screening is done by an attending physician and reviewed by the medical staff to insure the patient's clinical needs are met. A patient is only accepted after financial resources have been checked.

"Some of the patients at the Jewish Home don't want to go to the General Hospital, because there's an issue that family members don't want to place their significant other in the hospital," said the director of the 375-bed facility.

"There's no dumping ground in the state of Rhode Island for nursing home patients," Benedict said. In the past, he said, some have regarded the General Hospital as such. But for the families of home residents interested, Benedict encouraged them to apply early.

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Esta's Invites The Wanderer

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

Once upon a time, an imaginative lady named Esta Gray opened a copper handicrafts store on Block Island in New Shoreham. After many years of business, Gray sold her store in the late '60s and saw it slowly evolve from one specialty to a variety of items.



But it wasn't until 1981, when Bob Schleimer, a former director of finance for the National Broadcasting Company in New York, decided to wield his magic on customers with new and exciting gifts at his Block Island store — which includes a 15-room hotel and a bike shop.

Working with his wife, Kathy, Schleimer went on a buying frenzy that brought souvenirs and T-shirts alongside hackey-sacks and scented candles. Schleimer said Esta is now the largest distributor of T-

shirts and souvenirs on the island, which prompted him to open up an Esta's Too on Thayer Street in Providence.

Unlike the Block Island store, Esta's Too doesn't specialize in Block Island souvenirs. But manager Sheila Hiccox said "There's no particular thing people can't find in the store because it carries just about any type of gift item or novelty you could imagine." From beautiful handmade turquoise jewelry, ornate beads and silver, Guatemalan coin purses and hackey-sacks, to aromatic Scandinavian soaps and lotions, cuddly teddy bears or alluring scented candles — you name it and Esta's has it — even a precocious half-Siamese black cat appropriately named Nefertitti, whom Hiccox claims is the real boss.

The amiable manager says she likes to buy what is visually appealing to all age groups and not to lead people to think that Esta's is just another college store. "This is a store that you have to look around in, because we have such a variety of things," Hiccox said.

One need only look through the store's large picture window to be mesmerized by a colorful display of jewelry, sparkling crystal pendants, party masks, quaint little figures and intriguing accessories. But Esta's does not deal strictly in eclectic gifts and collectibles. The unique store also sells, repairs and buys new and used bicycles.



LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE — Brittany Harris, 7, discovers a shelf of scented glow candles at Esta's Too on Thayer Street in Providence.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

On a recent visit, not a moment passed that a customer didn't come in, make a novel purchase and leave with a smile. "What we try to do here is sell items that appeal to anyone," Hiccox said as two young

girls eagerly scrutinized the latest array of love beads, body stickers and other adolescent charms.

Schleimer plans to open up a video rental store above Esta's Too this September and move the bike store into the basement. Regardless of age or status, Esta's has something for everyone at reasonable prices. If you don't find what you're looking for today, try coming in tomorrow and you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Yeshivas

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tion Department's resources are being focused or targeted on Judaic schools. We think there is unfair treatment here."

The Education Department spokeswoman said there are 8,500 colleges participating in federal tuition aid programs, including 6,300 in the Pell grant program, and that all are subject to annual reviews.

The cases involved in this particular review, she said, "show some consistency and perhaps a possible pattern" of abuse.

Pell grants are awarded to students with a financial need who have a high school diploma, a high school equivalency diploma or who take a test proving that they would benefit from a college education.

In the 1991-92 academic year, the Pell grant program awarded more than \$6.7 billion to about 3.8 million students.

Sources said the Manhattan U.S. Attorney's office has empaneled a grand jury to look into the matter. A spokeswoman for the office refused to comment.

What Are My Rights?

by Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

Dear Attorney Pulner:

While I am not proud of the fact that it's possible, I am terrified that I may very well be the father of a child born to an old acquaintance.

After almost two years, the child's mother approached me and told me that I may soon receive a summons from the state of Rhode Island requiring me to appear in Family Court regarding this child. When I pressed her for further information, she only indicated to me that this was not her desire to have me brought into this, but that she had no choice.

Whether I'm the father of this child or not, and G-d knows I hope I'm not, what business is it of the state of Rhode Island to involve themselves in this very private matter? Can I simply ignore them and deal with this woman and this situation on my own?

Sorry and Panicked

Dear SAP:

Do not, and I repeat, do not ignore any summons that you receive from anybody, ever. You don't need me to tell you that just because you had a relationship or a one-time indiscretion with an "old acquaintance," that you are automatically the father of a 2-year-old toddler going through the "no" stage of its young life.

Only genetic blood testing will tell you for sure, and I have a strong feeling that is why the state of Rhode Island is involved in this matter.

If your "old acquaintance" is receiving any form of public assistance either for herself

and/or her child, then the state of Rhode Island has every right to involve themselves in your life, that is, assuming that the child's mother has indicated that you are the natural father.

Any action for paternity may be brought by either the mother, the child or any public authority, chargeable by law with the support of the child.

If paternity is ever established, then your liabilities as father are considerable. You could be required to pay all of the reasonable expenses of pregnancy, confinement, education, necessary support, and even funeral expenses of the child in question.

If the state of Rhode Island is the party that has been providing all of these benefits, then they can turn to you for reimbursement, and even in the event that there was no public assistance being provided, your old acquaintance and/or her child have every right to seek reimbursement of those expenses as well.

As for the issue of child support, noncustodial parents are obligated to pay child support until a child attains the age of 18 and is out of high school — even longer, in special circumstances involving either mental or physical disabilities. A reminder of the old admonition to all: If you want to play, you gotta pay. I'd advise you to seek legal counsel immediately.

The answers provided above are based upon general legal principles and therefore will vary from case to case.

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