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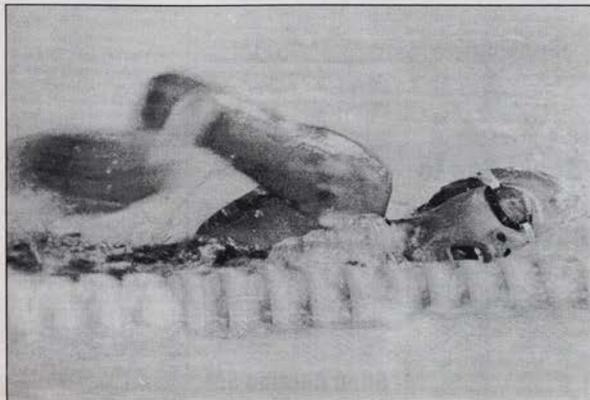
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GOING FOR GOLD—Amy Finstein, 16, of Framingham, Mass., shows a strong effort in the 4 by 100-meter relays at the Northeast Regional Maccabi Youth Games swim meet at the Striar Jewish Community Center/Fireman Campus in Stoughton, Mass., on Aug. 25. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

Jewish Youths Vie for Honor

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor
Danny Shultz, 13, stands only 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs a mere 110 pounds, but once he dives into a pool of water, few swimmers can catch him. The amiable Israeli youth won three gold medals and one silver medal at the annual Northeast Regional Maccabi Youth Games swimming meet held at the Striar Jewish Community Center/Fireman Campus in Stoughton, Mass., on Aug. 25.

"It feels like home, but only the language is different," the winning athlete said. He was one of 16 athletes from Israel who competed in the meet last week.

Schultz, who aspires to compete in the Olympics one day, shared winning honors with teammate Gil Brandel, 13, from Jerusalem, who won two silver medals and one gold medal in the 400-meter individual medley. Both athletes swam better than their coach, Dana Shoham, from Israel, had expected. "They did very well because the meet was for ages 12 to 14 years," Shoham said, making it more challenging for them.

All the Israeli athletes were happy to come to America and make new friends, according to

Helen Cherovits, the Israeli swim coach. It was the first time for many of them, but Cherovits' efforts and the Marblehead, Mass., Jewish community helped provide host homes for the Israeli athletes. Likewise, American athletes were hosted by local Jewish families in the Greater Boston area, to make it easier for them to attend their meets. Next year, families in Jerusalem will reciprocate by hosting Jewish-American ath-

letes for the 1994 Maccabi Games.

For Patricia Olken, chairwoman of the swimming meet, having the center as the site for the meet added to its significance to the community. "It's been wonderful. The total cooperation and positive attitude of everyone involved with the 125 kids from all over the Northeast and Israel has been great," the chairwoman said.

Olken's son Joshua, 14, of
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Pell Honored at Touro's 203rd Washington Letter Ceremony

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor
A longtime supporter of religious freedom was honored Sunday at the historic reading of George Washington's letter at Touro Synagogue. A surprised Sen. Claiborne Pell was named as the first recipient of the Alexander George Teitz Award at the 203rd George Washington Letter Ceremony in Newport.

But everyone — from Gov. Bruce Sundlun to the Hon. Bruce M. Selya — agreed that Pell was the perfect candidate for the award at the afternoon event.

Pell, a Newport resident, is a director of the World Affairs Council of Rhode Island and of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue for many years. During his political career in the Foreign Service, Pell was arrested by fascists and commu-

nist governments six times for his inquiries into human rights violations.

As the soldiers of the Artillery of Newport presented the colors, a small group of protesters from Rhode Island Veterans For Justice — a group opposing the ban on gays in the military — waited outside the synagogue for admittance. The group had assembled to oppose Rep. Ronald Machtley's vote against a congressional proposal that would lift the ban. Machtley, who was chosen to read the Washington letter, sat beside his wife in the second row, undaunted by the protesters.

Although the group was forced to wait awhile for available space inside the synagogue, a dozen protesters were eventually allowed inside, after being reminded that it was a place of

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Israeli Cabinet OKs Plan on Self-Rule

by Gil Sedan
JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a major advance for the peace process, Israel's Cabinet has approved a tentative agreement that would establish limited Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and a small portion of the West Bank.

The vote approving the accord, which was hammered out in a series of secret meetings with officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization, came shortly after midnight Monday, culminating a special Cabinet session that stretched late into the night.

As the Cabinet deliberated, thousands of demonstrators blocked a road outside the Prime Minister's Office and clashed with police trying to disperse them.

Throughout the day Monday, Cabinet ministers had stopped by the offices of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to review the documents relevant to the proposal — and most of them expressed satisfaction with the draft agreement.

In the end, 16 ministers approved the plan and two abstained. There were no dissenting votes.

The tentative agreement between Israel and the Palestinians reportedly was reached during a meeting in Norway between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Mahmoud Abbas, a high-ranking PLO official. The Aug. 20 meeting was apparently held in the VIP lounge of Oslo's international airport.

But lengthy secret negotiations on the agreement reportedly began earlier in the summer. Representing the Israelis at those sessions were Yoel Singer, a chief adviser with the Foreign Ministry, and Uri Savir, the ministry's director-general. They were later joined by Shlomo Gur, assistant to Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin.

Beilin himself reportedly met several times with PLO officials in hotels where the multilateral talks on Middle East regional issues were being held.

Cabinet Secretary Elyakim
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COMMITTED TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM — Sen. Claiborne Pell is presented with the first Alexander George Teitz Award by Andrew Teitz at the George Washington Letter Ceremony at Touro Synagogue in Newport on Sunday. The award recognizes someone who, by his life and works, has demonstrated a commitment to religious freedom and tolerance.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Due to the observance of the holiday on Monday, next week's Rhode Island Jewish Herald will be delivered on Friday.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE



'Blue Moon'

Author Luanne Rice will sign copies and read from her new novel, *Blue Moon*, Sept. 10 at Waldenbooks in Warwick from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. She will also appear Sept. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Providence Public Library and Sept. 23 at Border's Bookstore from 7 to 8 p.m. The novel's suspenseful plot revolves around the lives of four generations of the Keatings, a family of restaurateurs and fishermen living in a New England coastal town.

Assn. Lists CPR Classes

In response to the increased number of requests to the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate for information about taking CPR classes, the association has added several classes.

Basic life is offered in both the "A" and "C" level at the heart office in Pawtucket. The "A" level is a four-hour program, conducted in one session and geared for resuscitation of adults only.

The course covers education about the cardiovascular and respiratory systems, risk factors, prudent heart living, recognition of heart attack, signals and action, airway obstruction of the adult and demonstration of one-rescuer resuscitation technique of the

adult, practice on manikins and testing. A certificate is received. This course fee is \$15 per person.

Classes are scheduled to be held at the AHA office, 40 Broad St., Pawtucket on Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. All times are from 6 to 10 p.m.

The "C" level course is an eight-hour program, held in two four-hour sessions and includes instruction for both adult, child and infant resuscitation. All aspects of the "A" course are covered including specialized techniques for use on infants and children and two-rescuer techniques and use of CPR masks. Test and certificates are included.

The "C" class costs \$20 per person and classes are scheduled for Sept. 7 and 16th; Oct. 5 and 12; Nov. 2 and 9; and Dec. 7 and 14. All times are from 6 to 10 p.m.

Preregistration is mandatory. In addition to these scheduled classes, classes are held throughout the state. To register for any of the times listed here or for information about enrolling in other classes held throughout the state, call the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate at 728-5300.

'Sock' Hop to Benefit Kidney Association

A "Sock" hop is being held in memory of Robert E. Sock for the benefit of the Kidney Transplant/Dialysis Association Inc. on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Smithfield Elks Lodge.

There will be three bands, Marc Deschenes, Vintage and Linda Ponte, a buffet and many door prizes. Tickets cost \$22 per person.

Blind Auction Set for Sept. Meeting

The Providence County Legal Secretaries Association will be having its annual "Blind Auction" at its September meeting. At the blind auction, the association auctions off small items which were purchased by its members during their travels over the summer, as well as items purchased especially for the auction.

The dinner meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 9 at the Days Hotel on the Harbour at India Point (Gano Street Exit from Interstate 195, East or West).

The full-course dinner costs \$14.50, with a choice of either chicken parmigiana or London Broil (red wine and mushroom sauce).

The association was chartered in 1963 and is a vehicle for educational, professional and social enrichment for those in the legal field. For information about "PALS" or reservations for the meeting, contact Karin Schrott at 421-7300.

Petition Will Address Breast Cancer Epidemic

Bruce Sundlin will sign a petition asking President Bill Clinton to implement a comprehensive national strategy to end the breast cancer epidemic on Sept. 7 at the Statehouse at 5:30 p.m.

The Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition invites all persons concerned about the high incidence of breast cancer to attend.

In addition, the governor has declared Sept. 17 as Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition Petition Signing Day.

OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

The Cormack Planetarium will present "Formation of the Galaxies" now through Oct. 3, at the Museum of Natural History, Roger Williams Park, Providence. The program will teach how the galaxies were formed. For information, call 785-9450.

The 14th annual Cajun and Bluegrass Festival Sept. 3 from 6 p.m. to midnight, and Sept. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to midnight at Stepping Stone Ranch, Escoheag. The event will feature music, dance, food and workshops. For more information, call 351-6312.

The American Heart Association Rhode Island Affiliate will hold an informational rally and registration for its first In-Line Skate for Heart, Sept. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Thayer Arena, 975 Sandy Lane, Warwick. The event will feature free indoor in-line skating and in-line street hockey and in-line trick skating. For more information, call 728-5300.

The Block Island Arts and Crafts Guild Fair will be held Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Esta's Park, Water Street, Block Island. For information, call 466-5313.

The Newport International Polo Series begins Sept. 4 at 3 p.m. at Gardener Seveley Sports Complex, East Main Road, Portsmouth. Team USA will challenge Argentina in Olympic-level polo. For more information, call 846-0200.

The Rhode Island Labor and Ethnic Heritage Festival will take place Sept. 5 from noon to 6 p.m. at Slater Mill Historic Site, Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket. The event will include ethnic foods, musical performances, arts and crafts, museum tours and children's activities. For more information, call 725-8638.

The Conimicut Village Festival will be held Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. until evening, at Conimicut Village, Route 117, Warwick. Arts and crafts, road race, sports events and an evening concert will be featured. For more information, call 737-8232.

The September meeting of Mended Hearts will take place Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Norman and Rosalie Fain Building, Miriam Hospital, Providence. Dr. Roger D. Raymond, a cardiologist at Rhode Island Hospital, will be the featured speaker. Call 728-5300.

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FEATURE

Labor and Leisure

about the affair of Demjanuk at all. Even if it could be proven, as it is very doubtful, that Demjanuk was completely innocent, this whole episode will have beneficial values for humanity.

For it was stressed once more, and for times into the future, that crimes against humanity will not be tolerated. And even in cases where it takes half a century or so, the guilty will be brought forth and judged. This will be a great deterrent for future mass murderers. They will not be so ready and courageous to step into the "dictator's shoes," if they know that the hangman's noose will get them in the end.

I once read in a history book about the reigns and times of the emperors of Rome. There was a period then that no one dared to step forward to wear the emperor's crown and mantle, because the guards and other elements would make the time and life of the reign of the emperor of very short duration. This was the reason the wise Emperor Diocletian decided to divide the empire into four sections so as to have four reigning emperors, thus diffusing the focus of the emperor killers.

Isn't it remarkable how human society finds a way to discourage and to dislodge the excesses that individuals or groups of individuals try to impose on such a society? People are still in the process of finding an ideal system of government for themselves. The search is very difficult and its course full of zigzags. I call it evolution.

I sincerely believe that hunting down Nazi and other war criminals and bringing these bestial men to justice before international courts will have the effect of preventing dictatorship rule in the future.

May it be the Alm-ghy's will that we on this planet will have seen the last of the brutal mass killers. Amen.

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Among the smells of burnt hay and mown grass, I get caught up like everybody else in the bittersweet mood of season's end. One Labor Day pretty long ago by now, I didn't have to go night back to work and necktie. I had won my very first sabbatical semester.

My dad — his name was Moe — found himself in the same boat. He had closed out his store and now ran a small office in the former delivery space on a side street. He jammed papers and things into filing cabinets. He sat in a tattered chair to sort his mail.

Moe boasted a strange sort of pride all his own. He wore threadbare oddly mismatched clothes and down-at-the-heels loafers, as a matter of principle. None of his sons picked up that habit. We tried to look our best. I saw in his style a form of resistance to postwar showoff values. It had deeper roots though. Nevertheless, he carried it off with the force of his personality, stubborn strength and glimmers of wit.

His own father, too, had taken to warming his hands on a studio wood stove when his lifetime business had folded up. I mean, you need a little space to settle down into, to call your own.

As for me, I was still starting out. I waited for the birth of my first child. I drove a small red motorcycle around town. I had planned no great scheme for the weeks beyond Labor Day, only getting ready, away from my labor, for my wife's labor.

Like my dad and grandpa, I spent some hours going through old letters and articles, a thankless task.

I might browse among the corridors of the malls. I still wear the Levi denim jacket now covered with a variety of pins — a hummingbird, a buffalo, a Roosevelt badge. It hit me as the right sabbatical garment.

But I wasn't getting anywhere. I perked coffee and squeezed oranges for a few over-night guests. I even babysat pets, birds andoundings, by our apartment hearing.

I stopped by an hour in the spend a quarter of an on my bike to
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The Demjanuk Debacle

by
Ray Eichenbaum
Special to the Herald

First and foremost praise should be given to the Israeli Supreme Court for the courage and gumption it had to pronounce the new verdict upon John Demjanuk, despite the chagrin and bitterness this reversal will cause. Let the world see that justice still prevails in that little bastion of democracy amid the "dark" Middle East.

And let it also be known that the hunting down of Nazi war criminals was never a witch hunt, while there is a sound basis for vengeance after what has been done to our brethren in the Nazi era, blind hatred does not exist among the Jews.

The Nazis had that blind hate against us. If we should hate them blindly, then we shall be emulating them. No, we hope and pray that this human trait should be eradicated from the human condition forever.

As for the trustworthiness and reliability of Holocaust survivors as witnesses, a few factors should be considered in their defense. The opinions that follow are a result of my own experiences during my enslavement.

1) Very few of the Nazi henchmen that dealt with us were known by their real names. No one would dare to call these people by their real names even if these were known to us. We only "dared" to address them by their titles — such as Herr Oberscharfuhrer, or Herr Capo — but never, never, by any formal names.

Most of these terrible creatures were known to us by their nicknames, such as Crazy Franz, or Pockmarked Hans, or Ivan the Terrible. In all my experiences in the concentration camps, I only recall one name — that of the Brigadenfuhrer Kirchner — and that was

because he led us in the march, on foot, out of the concentration camp Rydualtau in Silesia, Poland, and was so addressed by the other SS men during our long march.

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2) As a group, we were just too downtrodden to collect or remember names. Also, some of us were too young or too bewildered by the situation about us to take heed of what was going on around us, or to take notice of the people who were doing these things to us.

3) We were so harassed and hustled and kept busy to survive each and every day that it did not even enter our collective minds to try to know, or, better yet, to remember the names of our captors.

All this should not affect the veracity and efficacy of the survivors' statements or descriptions of events. Very few have been found to be erroneous, and even if this one was — so be it.

In my own opinion, if Demjanuk would have been so "Simon pure," he would not be in this situation. He would have been freed long ago. But believe the survivors. They are the only source on which evidence of Nazi criminality can be based. Without them, all the bestial acts committed by these "untermenschen" (low-lives) will go unpunished, because the dead cannot talk and bear witness.

It is this writer's opinion that we should not feel defensive

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OPINIONS

Letters to the EDITOR



Retrial for Demjanjuk

To the Editors:

To avoid placing John Demjanjuk in "double jeopardy," the Israeli Supreme Court might return him to the United States. No longer considered "Ivan the Terrible" because of reasonable doubt, Demjanjuk would likely find his past fading quickly from public inquiry. (Demjanjuk illegally entered the country 30 years ago by lying about his World War II activities.)

The Israeli Supreme Court should allow Demjanjuk a return; a return strictly to muster a defense for retrial in Israel on related charges of crimes against humanity.

The court has already stated it has convincing documentary evidence of Demjanjuk's training as a "wachman" (guard) at the SS camp Travniki, participation in the death camp Sobibor, and in the concentration camps of Flossenburg and Regensburg. At Sobibor, alone,

600,000 Jews were gassed to death.

Ironically, Demjanjuk's own lawyers brought forth this evidence after their client had lied either about being a German prisoner or his length of time as such.

According to Funk & Wagnalls Standard Reference Encyclopedia (1966): "After an accused has been acquitted, he may not lawfully be prosecuted a second time for the same acts; such a prosecution would place the accused in double jeopardy of losing his life, liberty, property."

Holocaust survivors and Nazi hunters will have until Sept. 2 to persuade the Israeli Supreme Court of the following: There is a boundary on the scale of human atrocities, which once crossed, requires reexamination of "normal" judicial procedure.

P. Tamir Corwin
Providence/Tel Aviv

The King Is in the Field

"Ask the mayor." "Ask the governor." Many major cities have weekly, biweekly or monthly radio call-in shows when you can tell your government official what's on your mind and possibly expedite matters if you're having a problem with some bureaucratic red tape. Even the president, as a good-will gesture (and most often right before or during an election year), visits cities and towns across the country to hear what's on people's minds.



This special time when our leaders are more accessible can be likened to the analogy Hasidic thought presents concerning the Hebrew month of Elul.

Chasidut explains that in Elul, the "king is in the field," so to speak.

The king, of course, is G-d, and "in the field" means that G-d is more accessible to us during this month — the weeks and days which precede Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — days of reflection, introspection and divine judgment.

G-d is in the field, ready and willing to listen to our requests and accept our apologies. He didn't go into the city, where it might be necessary to greet him with pomp and circumstance, splendor and glory. He's out in the field, with the workers, so to speak, right there in the nitty-gritty of it all.

G-d makes himself available to us. And he does it out of his great love for us, a love that can be likened to that of a groom for his bride. The analogy of a groom and bride is especially appropriate during these days, since Jewish teaching explains that Elul is an acronym for the Hebrew words, "Ani L'Dodi



Midrash of the Month

by Rabbi Vicki Lieberman
Special to the Herald

On Rosh Hashanah, we will read the Torah story about Akedah, the binding of Isaac. This story takes up only 20 verses in the Torah but thousands of pages of commentaries. Typically, the commentaries seek to answer why would G-d choose to test Abraham? Why ask for a child sacrifice? Would Abraham really have killed Isaac? And where was Sara during all of this?

The story of the Akedah is recorded to teach us a lesson that is beautifully brought out in the following midrash from Genesis Rabbah:

G-d said to Abraham, "Take now thy son" (Genesis 22:2).

Abraham said, "I have two sons."

G-d said "Thine only son."

Abraham said, "Both are only sons; one is the only son of Sara and one is the only son of Hagar."

G-d said, "The son whom thou lovest."

Abraham said, "I love them both."

G-d said, "Isaac."

According to this midrash, when G-d told Abraham, "Take now thy son," Abraham did not know G-d meant Isaac until G-d specifically mentioned Isaac.

Rather, Abraham, the father of two sons, rightly questions G-d's request. Abraham considers his two sons equal. Abraham considers both Isaac and Ishmael worthy of being chosen by G-d.

Now, Abraham might have

suspected that G-d meant Isaac from the very start. After all, G-d had said that the covenant would be carried on through Isaac and Isaac's descendants. And Ishmael was hated and feared by Sara who already ousted him from the camp. And Ishmael, son of the concubine Hagar, would not inherit as greatly as Isaac, the son of Sara, the first wife.

Isaac was the favored son; the son with a home; the son with a future. Ishmael was not favored, he did not have a home, his future was questionable. Still, Abraham would not choose between his sons.

Abraham, our father, is still teaching us that both the loved and unloved, the sheltered and the homeless, the educated and the illiterate, all these people deserve equal consideration. Too often we are polite to our bankers and impolite to the grocery clerk. Too often we stare at movie stars and turn away from the poor. Too often we are patient with those that can help us and we are impatient with those who should help.

Perhaps this year we can strive to be a bit more like Abraham, and treat people equally regardless of their differences.

May we all be inscribed for a healthy life. L'Shanah Tovah

Rabbi Vicki Lieberman is the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket.

V'Dodi Li — I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine."

There is give and take in every kind of relationship. This is certainly true of the relationship between the Jewish people and G-d. G-d gives of himself by coming out "into the field" at this special time of year.

We take advantage of the opportunity, show our appreciation and give of ourselves by greeting G-d in the field and also by doing things that will

give pleasure to our beloved. G-d responds to our overtures by becoming our beloved in a more revealed sense.

So, don't worry if you're in a suit, overalls, wearing shirts with white collars or blue collars. Go out into the field and greet the king. Tell him what's on your mind. He's waiting for you.

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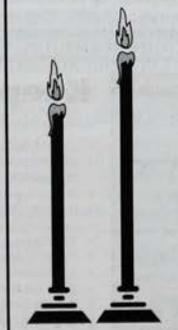
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Fifty Years Ago in the Rhode Island Jewish Herald

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1943

Vichy Confiscates Funds

BERNE — The Vichy government, it was revealed here this week, issued a decree seizing the endowment funds of Jewish organizations in France. The report stated that the funds had been turned over by the Vichy officials to the French Red Cross. Among the seized endowment funds were those established for educational, social and religious purposes by Blumenthal of Paris and Wallerstein of Bordeaux. Recently published is a list of Nazi-seized property in Trondheim, Norway.

Celler Pessimistic On Zion Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York called upon Americans to protest to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill against a reported contemplated move to silence all discussion of Jewish aspirations to Palestine into a haven for persecuted Jews of Europe. Declaring that he had learned from thoroughly reliable sources that such a joint American-British statement will be issued soon, the Jewish Congressman said that this statement is being prepared in an effort to appease the Arabs.

Welcome Home to Mrs. Silverman

The Zionist groups of Rhode Island are sponsors of a welcome home reception for Mrs. Arrahag Silverman to be held Wednesday evening, September 8, at 8:15 o'clock in the Narragansett Hotel, it was announced this week by Dr. Ilie Berger, chairman of the reception committee. Mrs. Silverman, who has just returned from an extended tour of Great Britain in behalf of the Palestine Foundation Fund, will give her first eye-witness report on the World Zionist movement and the situation of Jews abroad.

FEATURE

URI Professor Sows SEEDs of Knowledge

by Anne S. Davidson

Herald Editor

All the elements were there for a friendship, so when Professor Louis Kirschenbaum first met with Classical High School student Julio DaGraca this summer, it was pure chemistry.

The mentor and student were brought together this summer through Project SEED (Summer Educational Experience for the Disadvantaged), a social action program of the American Chemical Society, serving economically disadvantaged students.

"Most of our students come from families where college is not in the family tradition."

Professor Louis Kirschenbaum

In an age where many consider volunteerism dead, it comes as no small surprise to find Kirschenbaum devoting hours of his time every week every summer to the worthy cause. "The time for volunteerism is no longer here," the URI chemistry professor laments.

A Kingston resident since 1970, Kirschenbaum and his wife Susan have been very active in the Jewish community. His wife has been on the executive board of the Hebrew school and Hadassah, and both have been involved with Hillel. They attend Congregation Beth David in Narragansett.

Julio, who many Rhode Islanders may already know as the "mentee" of Providence resident Dorothy S. Izenberg, is a native of Portugal, moving to the East Side of Providence in 1988 with his family. Not only is Julio a "wonderful science student," as Kirschenbaum notes, he works as a page at the Rhode Island Statehouse, and he wants to pursue a career in physics.

The high school senior-to-be isn't riding the bus each day from the East Side to Kingston simply to learn the periodic table. "He's here to work shoulder to shoulder in real research," boasts Kirschenbaum. Julio performs spectrum readings, analyzes solutions and works his inquisitive mind. This summer, the pair have been looking at the chemical effects of ultrasound.

"I put my efforts into Julio and I get out his assistance in the laboratory. It's always good to have someone to talk to," the professor said, adding, "He has a lot more responsibility than he realizes."

"He's a really good kid," notes Kirschenbaum. "I've had students from Hope High School [in the program before], but they really are up against a lot of peer pressure not to be interested in the things Julio is interested in. And I think Mrs. Izenberg has really given me a great student." Julio transferred from Hope to Classical as a sophomore.

Kirschenbaum has volunteered for the SEED program since 1973, serving as a member



GOOD CHEMISTRY — URI chemistry Professor Louis Kirschenbaum holds up a vial of an emerald green compound created in an ultrasonic bath, as Classical High School student Julio DaGraca looks on. The two have been working together this summer in the SEED program at URI.

Herald photo by Anne Davidson

on its national committee for nearly 10 years. SEED, currently celebrating its 25th anniversary, is benefiting this summer from the weak economy. Kirschenbaum said. With fewer job opportunities for high school students, SEED is "somewhat better able to compete with less-taxing jobs."

"We have a very large black

and Hispanic and American Indian population in the program," Kirschenbaum notes. "We try to help direct people's energies in trying to find a college... Most of our students come from families where college is not in the family tradition."

Julio doesn't yet know where he will go to college, but he does plan to go. He will study physics.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Knesset Opposition and Settlers Up in Arms Over Peace Agreement

by Gil Sedan and
Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's tentative agreement with the Palestinians on a plan for self-rule in the administered territories has provoked storms of protest by members of the Knesset opposition and by right-wing demonstrations throughout the country.

Police officials braced themselves for civil disturbances, including mass demonstrations by the political right and possible terrorist attacks by groups opposed to the peace process.

In the Knesset, the ruling coalition and the opposition parties agreed Monday that if Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin presents a draft of the agreement with the Palestinians to the Knesset next week, the government will have to face a motion of no confidence presented by opposition factions.

Coalition members of the Knesset House Committee agreed that since an accord of historic significance was involved, the government was bound to seek the legislature's confidence.

The Knesset interrupted its

summer recess to convene Monday, and the debate on the proposed agreement with the Palestinians was predictably stormy.

Opposition members were fierce in their criticism of the government and dramatic in their predictions of disaster if the agreement becomes a reality.

Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the opposition Likud party, blasted Rabin, saying he was betraying and endangering the Israeli people. He said the agreement would create a "mini-Libya" and a "mini-Teheran" in Israel's back yard.

Netanyahu likened Rabin to former British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who tried to appease Adolf Hitler by allowing the Nazis to annex part of Czechoslovakia.

"Those who believe [Yasir] Arafat's promises are committing that same act of folly," he said, referring to the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"But Neville Chamberlain at least threatened the security of another people," he continued. "This government is endangering the security and future of our own country, and this is something far, far worse."

Another member of Likud, Knesset member Yehoshua Matza, went so far as to say that the party should incite the public to rebel against the plan.

Appearing before the Knesset, Rabin publicly admitted for the first time that Israel had negotiated the agreement on self-rule with Palestinians living outside the territories.

Israeli leaders had publicly maintained that they would only negotiate with Palestinians residing within the territories. But in recent weeks, reports repeatedly surfaced of high-level meetings between Israeli officials and PLO representatives.

Defending the preliminary agreement with the Palestinians, Rabin told the Knesset that now is the time for Israel to take a risk for peace.

He said that the agreement that had been reached would not harm the security of the state or the Jewish settlements.

Rabin also used the occasion to congratulate Foreign Minister Shimon Peres for his achievements in the recent negotiations with senior PLO official Mahmoud Abbas in Oslo.

It was during the Oslo talks, which were held in secret, that

the details of the preliminary agreement were worked out.

Rabin also rejected what he said was the hypocrisy of the Likud attack on the agreement.

He reminded the opposition that it was Likud Prime Minister Menachem Begin who surrendered "every square inch" of the Sinai during the 1979 negotiations that resulted in a peace treaty with Egypt.

Peres also addressed the Knesset in defense of the agreement, saying it would not compromise Israel's security and was in accordance with the Camp David accords.

He also ridiculed as absurd charges that a Palestinian police force in the autonomous zone would threaten Israel.

President Ezer Weizman spent Monday touring the country and calling on Israelis to focus on the positive aspects of the agreement.

"The human body has a left hand and a right hand," he said on Israel Television. "When they work together," they can accomplish things they cannot when they work alone, he said.

But throughout the country groups of demonstrators saw things differently.

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INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli military officials have charged a senior member of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement in connection with an alleged conspiracy to kidnap a Knesset member. According to an indictment filed Aug. 25 against one of the conspirators, a Hamas terrorist unit planned to kidnap a Knesset member and hold him hostage until Israel released Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. Yassin was arrested in April 1989 and is serving a life sentence for his involvement in the kidnapping and murder of two Israeli soldiers several years ago.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel could sign a peace treaty with Lebanon six to nine months after forces of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah are disarmed, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week during a visit to the Gaza Strip. Rabin voiced belief that the Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas operating north of the border between the two countries now pose the sole obstacle to peace accord between the two countries. But when or whether Hezbollah could be disarmed is another story.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's police force has begun recruiting Israelis who have emigrated abroad to return home and join up. Using relatively high salaries as an inducement, the recruitment drive will attempt to convince Israelis living in the United States to join the Israeli police force. According to Police Commissioner Yoram Shahal, deputy head of the new campaign: "Israelis living abroad are often reluctant to return home because they don't have jobs waiting for them."

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a case pitting secular and religious laws against each other, the Supreme Court has ordered the Interior Ministry to explain within 45 days why it relies on the rabbinic courts to determine the Jewish status of immigrants. The order came in response to a petition filed by the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, which claims that the Orthodox-controlled Interior Ministry and the rabbinic courts are exceeding their proper authority.

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American Jews Greet Self-Rule Plan with Optimism

by Larry Yudelson

NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jewish groups are by and large reaffirming their support for the government of Israel in the wake of its dramatic moves toward a preliminary settlement with the Palestinians on self-rule in the administered territories.

Groups on the right of the political spectrum are echoing the Likud opposition's call for a vote of no confidence in the government. And groups on

the left see vindication for their long-articulated support for direct dealings with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"It's a moment of optimism in the Jewish community."

Abraham Foxman
ADL national director

But the centrist consensus position is probably best summed up by Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "It's a moment of optimism in the Jewish community," he said. "Whether or not it's optimism tinged with skepticism, or skepticism tinged with optimism, depends on what kind of political eyeglasses you wear."

The Israeli government, mindful of the need to maintain its ties with the American Jewish community that were frayed several times in the first year of the Rabin administration, last week summoned to Jerusalem the leaders of the

Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Lester Pollack, the umbrella group's chairman, and Malcolm Hoelnic, its executive vice chairman, were briefed in anticipation of the developments by both Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Also late last week, the Israeli Consulate in New York called leaders of Jewish organizations to give them "a heads-up" as to where things are moving," as one of the leaders later described it.

Not only the Israelis were reaching out to American Jewish leaders. Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, was invited to Egypt last week, where he was briefed by both Egyptian and PLO leaders.

And on Monday, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher called Pollack of the Conference of Presidents to get the American Jewish community's reaction to the news.

One factor complicating initial reactions was the tenta-

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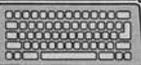
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INTERNATIONAL

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Israel has rebuffed an effort by U.N. Secretary-Gen. Boutros-Ghali to send an emissary to Jerusalem to study opening a Palestinian university there. Boutros-Ghali proposed sending the representative to comply with his obligations under a General Assembly resolution first passed in 1980 and reaffirmed most recently last year.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish groups and politicians are reacting with satisfaction to the federal indictments that have been brought against Egyptian cleric Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and Muslim activist El Sayyid Nosair. The indictments were unsealed in New York federal court Aug. 25, charging the blind cleric with taking part in the Feb. 26 bombing of the World Trade Center and a subsequent alleged plot to blow up the United Nations and other targets here.

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Simon Wiesenthal Center has reversed its position and said it does not believe the Israeli Supreme Court would seriously consider the testimony of a New Jersey woman who says she remembers that John Demjanjuk had been a guard at Sobibor, where she was interned. A statement by the Los Angeles-based center was released Aug. 25 after Esther Raab, a 71-year-old resident of Vineland, N.J., was reported by the Associated Press and *The New York Times* to have suddenly come forward recalling Demjanjuk at that camp.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — An American-born man who worked as a guard in three Nazi concentration camps has been stripped of his U.S. citizenship and now faces deportation proceedings. If deported, he would become the first U.S.-born citizen to be removed from this country for war crimes. Niklaus Schiffer, 74, a native of Philadelphia, was denaturalized on Aug. 25 for having lied about his wartime service at the Majdanek death camp in Poland, the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in Germany and Hersbruck, a subcamp of the Flossenburg concentration camp, also in Germany.

Dinitz Confident He'll Stay On

JTA Staff Report
JERUSALEM (JTA) — In public at least, Simcha Dinitz is continuing to exude an air of confidence that he will be able to hold onto his job as chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, despite an apparent recommendation by the Israeli police that he be indicted for misuse of funds.

But within the Labor Party, there is already speculation on who should succeed him. The police still have not publicized their findings, but it has been widely reported here that they recommended Dinitz be indicted for embezzling as much as \$70,000 worth of Jewish Agency money through the misuse of his official credit card.

The file now rests with Attorney Gen. Yosef Harish. His office has estimated that it will take weeks to examine the evidence before deciding on an indictment.

Harish has been accused in the past of pursuing politically charged investigations with less than deliberate speed, particularly that of Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, which has dragged on for years.

The connection between the two cases has been noted by commentators here. There had been speculation that an indictment of Dinitz prior to or at the same time as the long-expected indictment of Deri on fraud charges would deflect accusations that Deri and his colleagues of the Sephardic Shas party have been targeted out of ethnic or anti-Orthodox prejudice.

For Dinitz, the next moment of decision was to come this week, when the Jewish Agency Executive met on Tuesday and Wednesday. The leadership of the United Jewish Appeal and Keren Hayesod fund-raising campaigns for the Jewish Agency were expecting a decision by then on Dinitz's future.

It is unclear, under the Jewish Agency constitution, whether the executive could suspend Dinitz, even if it wanted to. But word among fund-raising circles is that Max Fisher, the founding chairman of the Jewish Agency, is currently considering proposals under which Dinitz would retire and his pension would be secured.

On Aug. 26, the Israeli members of the Jewish Agency Executive urged that no action be taken against Dinitz until the attorney general decides

whether or not to indict him.

Contributing to this report were JTA correspondent Cynthia Mann in Jerusalem and JTA staff writer Larry Yudelson in New York.

Israeli Planes Retaliate for 9 IDF Deaths

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli airplanes fired on an underground base of the Hezbollah movement last week, in retaliation for attacks by the Iranian-backed guerrillas that killed nine Israeli soldiers recently.

The Aug. 26 Israeli air attack on the base in southern Lebanon followed two days of Hezbollah attacks on units of the Israel Defense Force and its allied South Lebanon Army.

The Hezbollah assaults, which caused no Israeli or SLA casualties, were answered by artillery fire from Israeli positions.

The incidents appeared to signal that Hezbollah is intent on continuing its efforts to drive Israeli forces from Lebanese soil.

In the Aug. 26 Israeli air assault, a plane dropped eight missiles on a mountainside near Lebanese villages. Hezbollah guerrillas later confirmed that a series of caves and tunnels used by the extremists had been destroyed.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

As was the case in a retaliatory air assault a week earlier, Israeli officials said the latest attack had avoided civilian targets.

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

Hezbollah has warned in the past that if Israel hit civilian villages north of the security zone, "there would be no security for Israeli settlements" in Galilee.

In a separate incident Aug. 26, Syrian gunners on the Golan Heights fired at an Israeli civilian crop-dusting plane which had flown in error over Syrian territory.

The light, low-flying plane was not hit and returned safely to its base.

Neo-Nazi Violence Up in Germany in '92

by David Kantor

BONN (JTA) — Incidents of neo-Nazi violence in Germany were up 76 percent in 1992 over the previous year, the Interior Ministry has reported.

The report also showed that 17 people were killed in 1992 as a result of the neo-Nazi xenophobic violence against asylum-seekers and foreign workers.

The report was prepared by the Internal Security Service, which maintains surveillance of extremist groups.

The report said that there had been a total of 2,584 violent incidents by neo-Nazis in the time since the security service has been tracking their activities.

The high number of violent incidents indicates that the problem of right-wing extremism has taken on "new dimensions," said the report.

Previous reports had tended to play down neo-Nazi violence, concentrating instead on left-wing terrorism.

The latest report found that the number of far-right groups considered dangerous increased to 82 even though some were banned last year.

The report was applauded by the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. "We are pleased to see that the government seems to finally be convinced that it must treat the threat of the far right the way extreme-left groups were previously dealt with," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the center's associate dean.

"Better police surveillance, infiltration and other pro-active policies are exactly the measures that need to be taken if the tide of Nazi-inspired death and mayhem is to be stopped," he said.

Earlier this year, the Wiesenthal Center concluded a six-month undercover operation inside Germany's neo-Nazi movement, finding it far more extensive than previous official reports had maintained.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Leon, The Pig Farmer' RISD Kicks Off Fund Campaign

by Marion D.S. Dreyfus
Special to the Herald

Perhaps it was the fact that the publicity people called to cancel the screening, and said there wouldn't be another one. Perhaps it was the fact that once I decided to see for myself why they would do such a thing, and found that indeed the film was still on. Or maybe it was the intriguing title and promo material, that seemed to promise something a bit weird, a bit Fellini, a bit noir.



Whatever the contributory causes, "Leon, The Pig Farmer" was not what I expected.

Directed by Vadim Jean and Gary Sinyor, the film reputedly broke box office records when in March it opened in its natal province, Great Britain.

Reputedly a comedy, the film tells a peculiar-enough story of a Jewish misfit who discovers quite by accident that he is the product not of artificial insemination by his North London father, but of a rough and randy purveyor of pigs in Lower Dinthorpe, Yorkshire, to a decidedly non-Jewish family.

The production notes indicate that the idea hailed from the team that helped cobble together the distasteful comedy, "A Fish Named Wanda," and one can see the connection. That film several years ago featured a sprinkling of mild humor set into a thicket of ill-considered and somewhat revolting personal ties and handicaps, condescension to stutterers and unfunny patronizing of the less intelligent.

"Leon" features a series of

brodly envisioned sneering parodies of so-called Jewish life that features reductio ad absurdum galore. Hunting for his "true" (seminal) father, Leon manages to transmogrify the least likely Hebrew souls into "honorary Jews," complete with fake Yiddish accents absent in his regular Jewish family; Judaism is apparently summed up fairly encyclopedically in the slurping of murky chicken soup with a small roll and chopped liver, and chivvying one's children endlessly about getting married to the "right" girl.

Leon has a budding near-romance with an irritating danger-loving homegirl, who refuses to deepen her affections for Leon (Mark Frankel) because she can't cope with his ordinariness. That's Lisa (Gina Bellman).

When in a state of distress from hearing about the sperm mixup, he bumps into Madeleine (Maryam D'Abou), who likes Leon for the converse of why Lisa dislikes him. Thinking he's an exotic Jew, she seduces him with as kinky a representation as the film gets.

Throughout, Leon wears a pained, puzzled expression, constipated with what the underlying "truth" about Jews seems to be: Guilt. He's supposed to be kosher, but drinks wine with opened bottles from nonkosher sources. He'll down lobster to impress his shiksa. He's fraught with angst about everything connected to his ancient roots; a fairly accurate title of the film might easily have been "Leon, The Hunt for Jewish Roots."

Stereotypes "tinge" every scene, from wedding gluttony to the closing scene where the two families come together at a kosher restaurant to consolidate their new status. Moments after the film began, I thought "Philip Roth-Portnoy's complaint."

Sure enough, in the scene featuring the willing pig farmer Chadwicks in Lower Dinthorpe, the books shown offer a filmmaker's minimal concept of what it takes to become Jewish: Leo Rosten's *The Jews of Yiddish*, *The Book of Jewish*

Friends of Rhode Island School of Design will gather at the Virginia Lynch Gallery to view the work of the country's premier glass artist, Dale Chihuly (RISD '68 MFA), and kick off the 1993-94 college annual fund campaign on Sept. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m.

To RSVP, call Judy at 454-6326. The gallery is located at 3883 Main Road, Route 77, Tiverton.

RISD's new president, Roger Mandel, and his wife, Gayle, will both be in attendance at

the reception, which marks the second annual campaign kickoff for the annual fund. Work by Dale Chihuly will provide a stunning setting to launch a campaign to raise \$450,000 by June 30. The master glass artist has exhibited his extravagant sculptural forms in more than 80 museums worldwide. Chihuly, whose inspiration most often comes from shapes found in nature, has often been attributed with giving blown glass the respectability of fine art.

Deadlines Announced for State Arts Council

To assist potential applicants, the State Arts Council will offer a grants workshop on Sept. 8, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at 95 Cedar St., Suite 103, Providence, R.I. 02903. First-time applicants are specially encouraged to attend.

Oct. 1 is the deadline to apply for funding to support arts programming by Rhode Island nonprofit organizations and to fund Arts in Education projects which include Arts as Basic (pre-kindergarten through 12) in Education curriculum grants, Artist Event grants, and Arts in Education Residency grants.

Oct. 1 is also the deadline for individual Artist Projects and the Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program. Traditional artists can obtain information and assistance by calling the Folk Arts Program at 277-3880. Funds are limited and grants are highly competitive. Grant guidelines and application forms may be

obtained at the council office, at the above address.

Oct. 1 is also the deadline for Rhode Island artists to apply to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts' Arts in Education Residency Program. This program sponsors professionally trained artists and folk artists in competitive residencies at schools and community sites around Rhode Island. Artists must be Rhode Island residents. Applications are available at RISCA, Arts in Education Program, at the above address.

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts is updating and expanding its performing arts directory into a Rhode Island arts directory. Free listings for active Rhode Island performing groups or artists must be submitted by Oct. 1 to be included in the next edition.

Forms may be obtained at RISCA at the above address.

Cuisine (author unimportant), and, yeh, Roth's epochal flaut-the-dirty-laundry bible, *Portnoy's Complaint*, which sent myriads quivering in irritation and disgust at the unflattering and one-celled myopic view of suburban assimilated Jews, when it came out in the '60s.

For all the fuss made of Woody Allen's negative portraits of his kith and kin, for all the darkness shed (no light) by films on Nazism that presumably point out the shape and

volume of Jewishness by its echo in the distorted hates and malevolence of the professional Jew-hater, this film achieves a stunning nether accomplishment by being at one time so uncannily wrong about everything, striving to win us over with virulent infra-dig "us vs. them" elbow-nudges to the brain stem; and so horribly adept at possibly congealing the non-Jew's notions of what constitutes the "real" Jewish underbelly of folks who seem outwardly unexceptionable.

This is possibly the worst film I have seen this year, next only to the utterly feeble "Menace II Society," which is absent only in honor to make it the grand winner of Ugh-test film of '93.

That this film apparently won not one but two film awards (one in Edinburgh, the Chaplin Prize, as well as the Venice International Critics Prize) says more about the unresolved animus still harbored against the handy historic scapegoat.

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The Rhode Island Watercolor Society Open Watermedia Show takes place Sept. 5 through 24 at Slater Memorial Park, Armistice Boulevard, Pawtucket. For more information and times, call 726-1876.

The Wickford Art Association Gallery Exhibit will be held from Sept. 5 through 16, Tuesday through Friday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at 36 Beach St., North Kingstown. The exhibit will feature sculpture, watercolors, oils and other media. For more information, call 294-6840.

The Dansantes, an informal debut celebration tea dance, will be held Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 5 and 7 p.m. at Astors' Beechwood Mansion, 580 Bellevue Ave., Newport. The event will feature Victorian music, chilled strawberry tea and classical dancing. For more information, call 846-3772.

The Corridor Gallery, Fine Arts Center Galleries, University of Rhode Island, will present "Recent Offset Prints" Sept. 8 through Oct. 6, at gallery hours. The exhibition is produced by current and former faculty, visiting artists and recent graduates. For more information, call 792-2131.

The Preservation Society of Newport County will feature a Country Dance and Buffet Supper on Sept. 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Breakers Stable and Carriage House, at Coggeshall and Bateman avenues, Newport. The event will feature square dancing, a country buffet and music. For more information, call 847-1000.

The Photography Gallery, Fine Arts Center Galleries, University of Rhode Island, will present "Natures mortes," Sept. 16 through Oct. 23, at gallery hours, in the Fine Arts Center Galleries, Kingston. For more information and times, call 792-2131.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts will present "Art Law For Artists" Sept. 15 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Providence Art Club, 11 Thomas St., Providence. The lecture will cover copyright basics, licenses, job assignments and other rights. Admission is free and limited seating is available. For more information, call Eugene Peloquin at 521-5000.

The Haffenreffer Museum is offering free anthropology classes for anyone donating time to the museum. A series of three Wednesday classes will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 15, 22 and 29 for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Ethel Rudy or Lyn Udvardy at 253-8388.



For Love of Country, a free country folk art show to benefit the new Children's Hospital, will be featured Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Rhode Island Hospital Cafeteria, Eddy Street, Providence.

The Providence Waterfront Festival is looking for volunteers to assist in the ninth annual Providence Waterfront Festival on Sept. 11 and 12. For more information on volunteering, call 272-3540.

Rollerama Skating Center is offering free rollerskating Sept. 11 and 12 from 10 to 4:30 p.m. at 700 East Ave., Warwick.

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs will process identification cards for persons 60 or older and disabled persons age 18 to 59 every Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 160 Pine St., Providence. In addition, the DEA mobile ID unit will be at the North Kingstown Senior Center, 10 Beach St., North Kingstown, on Sept. 14 from 11 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 277-2880.

The Barrington Public Library will present "The Civil War: A Second Look" beginning Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m., and running nine other consecutive Wednesday nights, at 281 County Road, Barrington. For more information, call 247-1920.

New York & Paris on the Silver Screen

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter Woody Allen's latest, "Manhattan Murder Mystery," offers some stunning aerial views, and nostalgic musical airs, on New York City. Woody really loves his hometown. He also includes clips of the old Hollywood. I mean "classic," films he so dearly admires.



But I have to report, I've grown a little tired of his screen-plays. They speak none of the graceful and witty repartee of those old classic movies. They scrape up nothing very real about skyscraper Gotham. I get stuffed up with those upper-middle-class interiors, and bored by the hesitant, repetitious rhythms of Woody's monologues.

It takes some effort for me to get out from the heavenly seashore and start up the sandy jeep at dusk to head for a cinema. The drive to the Warwick Showcase goes about halfway to Providence. The Avon on Thayer Street pulls by a stronger magnetic pull with its oddball eclectic fare.

"Un Coeur en Hiver" — The Wintry Heart — invites me in with cool courtesy on a warm summer's eve. When it comes to

theater and table wine, I'm a hard-core Francophile. To give "Coeur," by Claude Sautet, a Jewish twist, I can note, it's about the world of the violin. Also, its heroine, Camille Kessler, is probably a Jewish maiden, though no mention is made of her family identity.

Moving right along. This lovely artist falls for her violin introvert soul with a craftsman's precise focus. Simply said, she years for something she can't get: he has a wintry frigid heart she can't heat up.

What makes this film so Parisian and so perfectly wrought is the way it holds out and resists sentiment and stereotype. You just can't crack this tough fellow. He never breaks down and touches her, or us. But he is capable of administering a fatal needle to a suffering and dying elderly friend — a Kevoikian gesture of good will.

Should some misguided Hollywood producer seek one day down the road to remake this film, it will turn out just awful. Everything would be spelled out, overstated. The French touch lets the look of a table, a window in a cafe or bus, a garden wall of ivy, the white-jacketed arm of a waiter, do the job of capturing the elegant loneliness of a sad soul. Dry and dainty as a sip of fine white wine, "Un Coeur en Hiver" presented us with a mini trip to Paris half an hour from the beach.

I don't get around much anymore, at least this summer. But I flew to New York with Woody, and to Paris on the wings of Claude Sautet.

Gallery 401 to Feature Pawtucket Arts Council

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Gallery 401 will have an opening reception for the Pawtucket Arts Council on Sept. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. The exhibit will continue through Oct. 3 during the regular gallery hours.

This particular show will include a poetry reading on Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. featuring editor's choice poets from *Northeast Journal* and *The Poetry Mission*.

The Pawtucket Arts Council has had shows in various galleries throughout the state selecting artists who are diverse in style and proficient in their art.

Gallery 401 is located at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. It is open to the public during the following hours: Monday through Thursday, 3 to 10 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on Saturdays. For additional information about the reception or the poetry reading, contact Ruby Shalansky or Pam Lippka at 861-8800.

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American Jews Greet Self-Rule

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native nature of the breakthrough. Not only was it not officially approved by the Israeli Cabinet until Monday evening, but it was not altogether impossible that the government would collapse before the end of the week because of the scandal surrounding Interior Minister Aryeh Dori.

In a cautiously worded statement issued late Monday afternoon, the Conference of Presidents welcomed "reports that significant progress in the peace process may be imminent. While decisions on the specific points of agreement belong to the democratically elected government of Israel, we support it in its quest for a just and lasting peace."

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

Should readers wish her to cover a special event or feature, please call the Herald at 724-0200 and leave a message for her.



'Lend Me a Tenor'

City Nights Dinner Theatre, 27 Exchange St., Pawtucket, will open its 10th season with the production of the Broadway comedy "Lend Me a Tenor." The show opens Sept. 10 and runs all Friday and Saturday evenings through Oct. 2, with a Thursday performance on Sept. 30 and Sunday matinees Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 and a Sunday evening performance on Sept. 26. Tickets for City Nights are by reservation only. For reservations or other information, call the box office at 723-6060.

Chorale to Hold Auditions

The Zamir Chorale of Boston announces that auditions for the 1993-94 season will be held at Hebrew College in Brookline, Mass., on Sept. 19 and 27. There are a few openings in each section for experienced singers.

Plans for this season include a Chanukah concert with the Klezmer Conservatory Band, a spring concert featuring Ernest Bloch's "Sacred Service" performed with a full orchestra, a children's concert, and run-out concerts throughout the Northeast.

The Zamir Chorale of Boston, under the direction of its founder, Joshua Jacobson, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The chorale is regarded as one of the most significant proponents of Jewish music in the world. Dubbed "a virtuosos outfit" by the *Boston Globe's* Richard Dyer, Zamir has performed in Israel, Great Britain and throughout the

United States, bringing its special brand of music-making to enthusiastic audiences the world over.

Throughout its existence, the Zamir Chorale has produced many recordings of music ranging from Renaissance motets to Sephardic folk songs and to works by contemporary Jewish composers. Zamir has just released "The Songs We Sang," a retrospective of the music of the modern state of Israel on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of its founding.

Membership in Zamir is by audition only; sight reading music and some previous choral experience are required. Prospective singers should plan to attend open rehearsals at Hebrew College from 7:15 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 7, 14 and 22. Qualified candidates should call manager Mark Miller at (617) 965-6522 to arrange for an audition appointment.

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To Ensure a Successful Wedding Follow these Tips

One of the most commonly asked questions regarding limousine transportation to your wedding is, "Who rides in the limousine?"

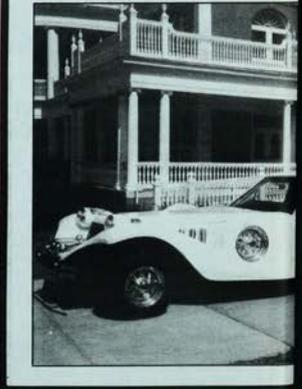
Normally the bride and her father (or the person giving her away), ride in the limousine, but sometimes the mother and maid of honor. The bride makes the final decision as to whom she wants riding with her in the limousine.

If the limousine is large enough, then all of the bridesmaids could also be transported. Sometimes if the synagogue or wedding site is close enough, a limousine service will make two trips to comfortably transport everyone, that is, if they have a ride already set up for after the ceremony. Your budget will determine the number of lim-

ousines you should have. It's a good idea to figure two limousines in the bride's room to give her and the maid of honor a place to change out of their wedding clothes.

TIP
 To insure proper transportation for your wedding, follow these tips:

- 1) Add 15 minutes to the pick-up time to allow for traffic, and 3 p.m. and later, add 15 minutes for the ceremony, school, or other activities to be at 2:30. This time for traffic.
- 2) Always make a chauffeur's schedule of directions to the ceremony, school, or other activities to be at 2:30. This time for traffic.
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FEATURE

Soldiers Earn Respect of R.I. Visitor

by Emily Fink
Special to the Herald

I knew a lot about Israeli soldiers before I actually met one. I had heard stories in America about Israeli soldiers killing Palestinians and attacking their Arab neighbors, and I'd heard stories in Israel about Israeli soldiers being killed by terrorist bombings and stoned to death by young Arabs in the territories. I can't bring myself to call "occupied."

I'd seen newspaper articles about Israelis bombing Lebanese settlements, and I'd heard stories from Israeli friends who'd witnessed family members and friends die through random acts of terrorist violence.

The first Israeli soldiers I actually talked to were paratroopers — members of the most elite force of the Israeli army. They were young and strong, and they wore their uniforms proudly. A red badge bearing a winged snake adorned each soldier's uniform, signifying that he had earned the right to join the paratroopers. When a soldier with such a badge walked through the streets, he was looked at with admiration and respect.

One soldier offered to show me and a friend around the paratroopers base. His room was as hot as an oven, and although smaller than my room, crammed with six sets of bunk beds. The soldier's roommates were very friendly, for they seldom had company, let alone two blond American girls.

We talked about war, peace, Israel, and the future. I was in awe of the boy nearly my own

age speaking with wisdom and maturity. As I stood up to leave, he tore the winged snake from his uniform, and wrote a message to me on the back. I could not believe that he had offered me his most treasured possession, and initially I refused to accept it.



and, initially I refused to accept it.

He insisted that I bring his badge home to America with me, and so I did. He could not have been older than 20.

A week later, I saw a picture of the base in an Israeli newspaper. A terrorist attack had killed five paratroopers. Two days later, two more soldiers from the same base were killed, and another lost his leg. Because I never learned my soldier friend's name, I will never know if he was among those killed or wounded. I'll probably always wonder.

Several days later, someone's nudge woke me from a sound sleep. Although I withdrew deeper into my sleeping bag, I knew that it was past 4 and any further attempts to sneak some sleep would be futile. I didn't bother to change my clothes, since the rolling of my sleeping bag and filling of my canteen seemed like more than I could handle on three hours' sleep.

The morning's mission was to hike Masada.

The sun came up as I neared the top of the mountain. I was sweaty, filthy, exhausted, and hungry, as I had not yet eaten breakfast. I was busy being self-absorbed, when all of a sudden I noticed a large group of soldiers nearing the top of the mountain. Dressed from head to toe in army green and laden with supplies, the soldiers were drenched in sweat and gasping for breath.

Through gasps, they explained that they'd ended a two-day hike by climbing Masada as their final initiation into the paratroopers unit. Considering what they'd just been through, they were in remarkably good spirits. I chatted with them as they passed my canteen around.

As I started down the mountain, I could think only of the soldiers' super-human strength. On my way down, however, I met up with the rest of the paratroopers-to-be, the soldiers who had found the hike more difficult than those already at the top.

There were soldiers vomiting, soldiers on stretchers, and soldiers on crutches. I saw soldiers struggling, soldiers carrying their friends. I saw soldiers dehydrated and soldiers wounded. And, I saw soldiers my own age smiling.

I offered water and words of encouragement, but I couldn't express my admiration for the soldiers nearly as eloquently as I would have liked.

By the time I reached the bot-

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Words of Stone

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter



"I used to work for a Jew. When I was a kid, Wolf Smith rode his horse and wagon all around Newport. He'd trot on down a dirt road and yell, 'Rags, Rags!' I'd go with him and help load and unload. That's what I always did, lift things. It wears you down after a lot of years."

"Then I had another job with a Jewish man. I think his name was Lutz Schechtman. He was the bottle-chief of Providence. His son, David, looked just like you. They bought and sold bottles the same way Smith did with rags."

Dan Brown said these things to me when I dropped him off at the entrance to his street down in Charlestown, in a beautiful wooded section of South County. He did a job for me, hauling and aranging rocks in my yard. In return, he let me pick out a bottle of wine as a present. I chose Beaujolais. "What are you, French?" he inquired.

"No, I just like their wine. I'm part Canadian. I'm Jewish. My mother came from Montreal, but she was born in Rumania, the land of the Gypsies." That's why he went on about the Jews.

I met Dan hitchhiking. I saw him in his worn red-checked shirt and torn jeans, strolling with his thumb out. I had some stops to make, but hours later, I was heading along the highway and spotted his figure again. I took it for granted he was a local Narragansett Indian. I pulled over and took him up. "Can you give me an hour and help me build a stone wall?" I asked him. "Then I'll take you wherever you have to go."

We heaved up some pin-sap-covered rocks from a pile in front of a neighbor's lawn. We heaped them in back of my jeep and threw them into my drive-

way. Dan took a regular hammer, chipped them one at a time and drew a little circle of stone around my own pine tree. Hurricane Bob had knocked off a few major branches, it didn't look so good. My big plan for this summer was to make my outdoor space spruce itself up a bit.

I had it in mind that a Narragansett Indian could sort out my rocky rubble and give an air of mystery and history to my dry gulch.

Dan drank a beer and I wended the way among back roads to his reservation. During the week, Dan found his route back. He dropped off another mound of rocks, bigger and cleaner than mine had been. Before long he showed up with his own can of beer and a real mallet in a pack. He set to work like an artist, a sculptor.

Now Dan's about my age, but he's been beat up a bit by life. He slurs his words. His teeth aren't in the best shape. He goes on about his past. His dad died when he was 14. He'd hit his head on a rock and drowned. Dan's two grown sons have both served time at the A.C.I. He even recounts the scary story of their crimes of robbery. Somehow, he keeps a lively twinkle in his eye and a sharp tone in his voice, despite the gloom.

Dan and I haven't said our last "What Cheer Nator" to each other. He's still at it, bringing over a few boulders with hung-over companion in a wretched looking truck. He's planning a round raised bed for my wife's flowers and herbs. He's a sturdy brave. I like the curves he throws me. What goes 'round comes 'round between us. We're part of the same generation and the same community. We speak in words of stone.

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Peace Agreement

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On Sunday night, soldiers and police dispersed a group of settlers who attempted to establish a new settlement outside the West Bank town of Tekoa, near Bethlehem.

The settlers declared that this was merely the opening shot in their struggle against the government's plans for an agreement with the Palestinians.

Earlier on Sunday, the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza said it would intensify steps against the government to prevent an Israeli withdrawal from the territories.

A committee of rabbis in the territories meanwhile warned of civil strife.

In a public statement, the committee described the government's moves as "crazy and dangerous," adding that "the people will not be able to stand in the face of extreme treacherous acts against Eretz Yisrael. There will be war over Judea, Samaria and Gaza."

Reacting to these and other threats, senior police commanders met Monday to discuss strategies for dealing with the possibility of large-scale unrest.

MILESTONES

Local Woman, Family Attend Summer Retreat

What does Hasidic music have in common with doo-wop street-corner singing? At the very least, they both have a beat that makes you want to get up and dance.

American folk music specialist Robert Cohen demonstrated that crowd-pleasing truth, with numerous foot-stomping examples, as part of a six-day celebration of Jewish study, culture and renewal this summer at the University of Hartford in Connecticut, Aug. 16-22.

Providence residents Dr. Richard Plotz, his wife Judy Plotz, and their children, Martha, 14, and Michael, 13, attended this year's retreat, their sixth institute, according to Dr. Plotz.

Also attending the institute for the first time was Lee Teverov of Warwick.

The retreat, sponsored by the National Havurah Committee (NHC), brought together religious scholars, rabbis and artists who offered mini-courses and workshops on everything from basic training in Jewish prayerbook knowledge (or "How to Davven Without Getting Lost") to an examination of the Shekhinah (the feminine presence of G-d) throughout Jewish history.

More than 400 participants gathered for the event, the NHC's 14th annual Summer Institute, the largest turnout for such a program to date, according to Committee Chairman Herb Levine.

"We've held eclectic weekend summer institutes and weekend retreats since 1979, and this year we did something new," said Levine. "We made a concerted effort to include a

segment of our Jewish community that has been underrepresented at our previous events."

For the first time, the institute offered nine fellowships to people in their 20s, hoping to inspire a group of young leaders that will help further the Havurah movement's work.

"If the enthusiasm of my fellows at the institute is any kind of reliable indicator, I think the future of the movement looks very promising," Levine said.

Havurot are egalitarian, religious mini-communities dedicated to Jewish learning, prayer, celebration or social action. They are found inside synagogues and outside the synagogue and movement affiliation.

"One thing I sensed about the institute was this strong sense of community, which is something you don't get in the mainstream. Everyone is made to feel a part," said Diane Grexa, an institute fellow from Arizona State University.

"I plan to bring this feeling back to my own Hill and try to start up Havurot there," she added.

In addition to the new fellowship program, the institute for the second year featured an artist-in-residence, funded by the Rita Poretsky Foundation. This year's artist, dancer Liz Lerman, offered an intensive dance improvisation workshop and choreographed a group Rosh Hodesh dance for more than 200 dancers in celebration of the month of Elul.

For more information about weekend retreats and next year's Summer Institute, contact the NHC in Philadelphia at (215) 248-9760.



Louis Hafken, M.D.

Hafken Joins Plaf's Center

Louis Hafken, M.D., has joined the Mental Health Services department of Harvard Community Health Plan of New England's (HCHP/NE) Providence center.

Dr. Hafken comes to HCHP/NE from private practice. Board certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Dr. Hafken earned his medical degree from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and served his residency at Barnes Hospital and Washington University, St. Louis.

His professional activities include active participation on the medical staff of Butler Hospital, on the faculty of Brown University where he serves as clinical assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior, and on the editorial board of the *Annals of Clinical Psychiatry*.

Dr. Hafken resides in Bristol.



Stacy and Adam Bozek

Garber and Bozek Are Wed

Stacy R. Garber, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Perry Garber of Cranston, was united in marriage on Aug. 9 to Adam S. Bozek, the son of Linda Cloutier Bradford and the late Brian J. Bozek of Westerly.

Judge Peter K. Rosedale officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony at the Casino at Roger Williams Park, Providence. A reception, also at the Casino, followed the ceremony.

Joli S. Garber served as maid of honor for her sister, Lorre Arnold. Lisa Kornher and Heather Russell were bridesmaids. Dean Bozek was best man for his brother. Ushers were Keith Brothers, Sean Sullivan and Joseph Turro.

The bride is a graduate of Lincoln School in Providence and Boston University. She is employed by the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Licker of North Miami Beach, Fla., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garber of Providence.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Westerly High School, Boston University and New York University Law School. He works at the New York City law firm Cravath, Swaine and Moore. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bozek of Westerly, Alice Brocato of Westerly and the late James Brocato.

Following a wedding trip to Nevis, West Indies, the newlyweds have made their home in New York City.

Soldiers

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tom of the mountain. I was thoroughly disgusted with myself for complaining earlier of heat, hunger, and exhaustion. I was worried about my Israeli friends who were about to join the army, about my friend the paratrooper, and about the future of Israel.

My reverie was broken by an American girl at the end of the trail with a personal fan in one hand and a mirror in the other. She was looking at herself and complaining about how the heat made her curls frizzy. I won-

dered how she'd react to the soldiers as she ascended Masada.

On my way back to the campsite, as I was saying a silent prayer for the soldiers, my Israeli friend Lee, interrupted me. She told me that she wanted to join the army, and that she believed in the army. She'd do anything to protect her family, her friends, and her country. As she walked away, I added her name to my prayer.

Emily Fink is an incoming senior at Classical High School. She is the daughter of Herald Contributing Reporter Mike Fink.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Beth-El Will Hold Open House

The Membership Committee of Temple Beth-El, chaired by Lynn Aaronson, will host its sixth annual New Member Open House on Sept. 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The open house will provide prospective temple members information on the variety of programs and services available. Members of the temple's Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Adult Enrichment, Social Action and other committees will be available to answer questions.

All prospective members who attend the open house will receive guest passes to attend High Holy Day worship services.

Temple Beth-El is the oldest Reform congregation in the state of Rhode Island and one of the largest in New England. The temple has a membership of 1,175 families and offers a daily evening minyan service, a synagogue library, a religious and Hebrew school as well as a thriving young adult group.

The temple is located at 70 Orchard Ave. on Providence's East Side.

For more information on the membership open house or to receive an application for membership, contact Executive Director Rob Goldberg at 331-6070.

Women's ORT Plans Busy Schedule

With the summer season quickly coming to a close, the board of directors of Women's American ORT, Elm Grove Chapter at Large is putting the finishing touches on a busy 1993-94 calendar of events.

The 1993-94 officers, who were installed at a June 15 dinner at Ledgemont Country Club are as follows: Robin Baron, president; Sherry Klein, treasurer; Sharon Gaines, financial secretary; Lori Elias, honor roll; Paula Binder, programming; Ellen Golden and Karen Bergel, fund raising; Laurie Brieter, scholarship; Karen Rasnick, membership; Rhonda Covit, hospitality; Sue Enzer, donor; Amy Rotundi, corresponding secretary; and Sue Harlan, recording secretary.

Plans for the coming year in-

clude the ORT "Road Rally," Sept. 11. The annual Paidup Membership Dinner will be held at the home of Sherry Cohen, 80 Dryden Ave., in Pawtucket on Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Events also planned include the second annual KIDZ Expo at the Jewish Community Center or Rhode Island in Providence on Oct. 24 and a family night at the Providence Civic Center for "Aladdin on Ice," Oct. 14.

All Women's American ORT fund-raising events are open to the public. Anyone interested in participating in any of the planned events or would like to know more about becoming a member of Women's American ORT, Elm Grove Chapter at Large, can call 732-0622 or 399-7098.

Hebrew Classes Begin Sept. 13

The Providence Hebrew Ulpan begins its third year of classes on Sept. 13. Under the dynamic leadership of Ruth Adler, a master language educator, the ulpan offers a precious opportunity to study Hebrew in an intensive environment.

In the 1992-93 year, the ulpan boasted more than 40 students involved in one of the many classes. Students come from a broad spectrum of interests and backgrounds. Some are teachers; others are executives; still others are retirees or individuals who have found some free time to finally become more familiar with the language.

Classes are offered on four different levels, at the following times:

* Beginners (two sections) — Mondays, 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. or Thursdays noon to 1:30 p.m.

* Intermediate I — Mondays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

* Intermediate II — Mondays, 6:30 to 9:45 p.m.

* Advanced — Tuesdays 8:15 to 9:45 p.m.

Classes will run for two 14-week semesters; the cost of each semester is \$180 (which includes cassettes and materials). Many schools have offered financial help for teachers who have expressed interest in studying at the ulpan, and some assistance is available.

All new students seeking to enter an intermediate or advanced class must schedule an appointment to arrange placement. Students interested in the beginners ulpan need not have Hebrew reading background, although it can be helpful.

Ruth Adler is a former head teacher of the Ulpan for intensive Hebrew studies at the Hebrew University and former visiting professor of Hebrew language at Brown University. In addition to her position with the Providence Hebrew Ulpan, she is also serving as the Hebrew language consultant at the Alperin Schechter Day School.

For more information on the Ulpan, contact Mrs. Adler at 273-1505.

The Providence Hebrew Learning Exchange at Beth Shalom. All classes take place at 275 Camp St., on the East Side of Providence. Classes are open to the entire community.



The Last Hurray

Jerry Gold and daughter, Rebecca, 9, watch the Pawtucket Red Sox play their last game of the season at McCoy Stadium on Sunday.

Heralt photo by Omar Bradley

Dvorah-Dayan Club Readies for Yard Sale

The Dvorah-Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will hold its annual giant yard sale on Sept. 12 at 381 Cole Ave., Providence, the home of Ceil and Seymour Krieger, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dvorah-Dayan Club has worked vigorously to raise moneys which benefit abused women and needy children in Israel. It also helps cover absorption expenses for Soviet Jews who choose to live in Israel. It also provides day care, high school scholarships and seminars on Judaism and holiday celebrations at community centers in Israel. The club needs workers to set up and sell or even to purchase items.

If you can help, call 351-2139 or 274-3694.

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Leisure

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morning with my dad. I made an effort to make up for lost father-son time. My wife, it seemed to me, was pulling into herself like a snail or a turtle. I drove off to Newport over the Mount Hope Bridge a few times to get myself out of town and away from the local streets.

By the time the autumn sun had faded into deep December and then my personal Labor Day in January for second semester, I hadn't much to show for my time out. Instead, everything had slipped by, failed me. Time had begun to hang and dry like for that ex-marine tuxedo-maker in his Pit. Who or what would reach over to me with a strong, outstretched arm to get me out of myself?

Labor Day gets me down like this. My kids go out and buy new shoes, shiny and fresh with the perfume of shoe polish or rodeos, or gaudy sneakers that smell of canvas and rubber. When I whine about the meaning of life, they hold up their hands, a signal that shouts, "No More 'Meaning of Life'!" I take to asking total strangers these big questions.

Lines from poems I read in college come back to haunt me, as I murmur the graceful lines to myself getting prepared for Labor Day and opening classes. Robert Frost put it this way:

Out on the porch's sagging floor
Leaves got up a coil and hussed
Blindly struck at my knee and
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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

JCCRI Plans Open House Sept. 12

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, will hold its fall open house/new member welcome on Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The community is invited to attend free of charge.

The featured event will be the community opening of the Family Fitness Center at the JCCRI, a state-of-the-art fitness facility with high-tech equipment. This opening will include a tour, aerobics demonstrations, a fitness orientation and free swim. The center's director of fitness, recreation and sports services, Jay Snyder, and his staff will be available to answer questions.

The fall open house/new member welcome was designed as a family event; there are programs for all ages. For kindergarteners through children in grade three there are children's art workshops from noon to 3 p.m.; for those in grades four to six there is a Club 456 opening reception from 1 to 3 p.m.; for those in grades nine to 12 there is an Outdoor Club opening (Club 456 and Outdoor Club receptions will be held in tandem).

For adults, there is a Gallery 401 opening reception from 1 to 3 p.m. with work by members of the Pawtucket Arts Council. The newly refurbished Infant Toddler Child-care Center, which has moved its location to the preschool wing, will be available for a tour. Refreshments at the fall open house/new member welcome will also be provided.

For any additional information, contact Evy Rappoport at 861-8800.

Society Installs Officers

At its annual meeting on Sunday, the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue installed officers for its 1993-94 year. Jacob N. Temkin of Providence is serving his third term as president.

Other officers include: David Bazarsky, Barbara Epstein and Dr. Melvin Prostko, vice presidents; Brian Gilson, treasurer; Seymour Schechter, assistant treasurer; Rita Slom, secretary;



The Last Barbecue

Marion Kaufman (from left), Marcia Slobin, Ellen Biener and Michael Litchman were some of the 25 guests attending the end-of-summer Vanguard annual barbecue for singles between 25 and 40 held at Kaufman's home in West Warwick on Aug. 26.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Emanu-El to Host Open House

Temple Emanu-El, a conservative synagogue on the East Side of Providence, invites new and prospective members and their families to an open house on Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The open house will include breakfast, activities for children and tours of the facilities. Representatives of the various organizations within the temple community will be on hand to discuss the year-round calendar of programs and events.

Beginning its 70th year, Temple Emanu-El is a center for Jewish studies, worship, social action, and celebration. The temple is located at 99 Taft Ave., at the corner of Sessions Street and Morris Avenue.

For further information, call the temple office at 331-1616.

Temple Shalom Prepares for High Holy Days

Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County, now in its 33rd year of service to the Jewish community, is preparing for the forthcoming High Holy Days of 5754.

On Sept. 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. and again on Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon, the temple will host an open house. Members of the Membership and Ritual Committees will join with Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner, the temple's spiritual leader for the past 19 years, in welcoming prospective new members and sharing with them the benefits of becoming affiliated with the congregation.

In addition to egalitarian services for Shabbat, the High Holy Days and the festivals, the temple offers a full program of

family-oriented events for the entire family.

A dynamic Sisterhood, a senior group, the Tree of Life, a couple's club and an ongoing adult education program are a few of the many activities at Temple Shalom.

Affiliated with the temple is The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School, which has a full program of learning for children ages 4 to 18. Working closely with the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, the school offers young people an opportunity to study and to experience their Judaism through a wide and varied curriculum.

For more information, contact Rabbi Jagoliner at 846-9002 or come to one of the open houses.

Sobibor Uprising Survivors to Gather at Death Camp

In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the uprising of the Sobibor death camp, survivors of that revolt will gather at the site of the death camp on Oct. 14 to unveil a plaque to the quarter of a million victims murdered there.

For more information on this event, contact Thomas (Toiv) Blatt at (206) 836-9101 or by fax care of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, (310) 553-8007.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Brown to Entertain at Meal Site

The kosher meal site at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, has just begun its new season, and the first special event for seniors is coming up on Sept. 9 — a fall preview of events. The preview includes a group sing-along from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., featuring Herbert Brown at the piano. Song sheets will be available.

No other special programs are offered this week (except for meals) as the staff prepares for a month of upcoming events — including the JCCRI yard sale, an open house, a barbecue and a special seniors' outing. The center will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 6.

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 Sept. 3 to 10 is as follows:

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

Sept. 5: orange juice, fresh-bean salad, potpourri, fresh fruit

Sept. 6: CLOSED: Labor Day

Sept. 7: pineapple juice, baked fish, baked potato with sour cream, stewed tomatoes, tapioca pudding

Sept. 8: soup, three-bean salad, roasted chicken breast, mashed potatoes, peas, sliced peaches

Sept. 9: apple juice, tossed salad, sliced turkey, sweet potato, Capri vegetables, fresh fruit

Sept. 10: soup, tossed salad with tomato, roasted chicken leg, noodle pudding, mixed vegetables, apple sauce

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.

Maccabi Games

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Sharon, added to her optimism by winning a silver medal in the 100-meter backstroke and a bronze medal in the three-day swimming event. What made his victory sweeter was that it was only the second time he'd swum in the event. "I feel very positive about Joshua winning four medals and three ribbons, but the best part is that the competition has been very good," the boy's mother said.

In the 4 by 100-meter senior relays, Naomi Greenfield, 15, of Newton, Mass., eagerly waited to spring into the pool as soon as Amy Finstein touched her pad. Throughout the spacious pool area, coaches, parents and teammates screamed words of encouragement as swimmers plowed their bodies through the water.

Greenfield, despite finishing third in the relays, was jubilant after winning a gold in the 100-meter breaststroke and a silver in the 400-meter individual medley. "The 100-meter breaststroke is the one I'm most proud of because it's my favorite event," Greenfield said. Last year, at the Maccabi Games in Baltimore, the teen failed to place at all.

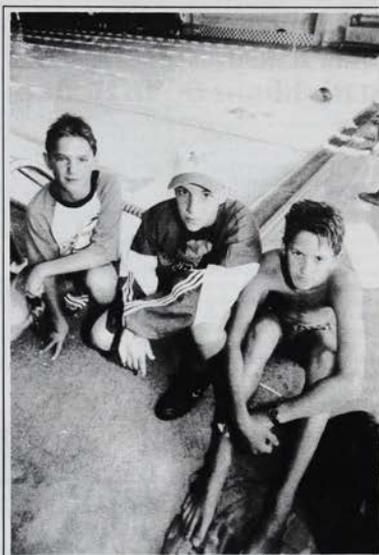
But the swimming event had an upbeat mood as Jewish youths from Philadelphia, New York and Boston mingled and befriended one another and the Israeli delegation also.

Outside the pool, between events, athletes feasted on fresh fruit, yogurt, energy bars and cool water before preparing to jump back into the pool for another race.

One by one, competitors applauded the concept of sportsmanship. "What's really nice is seeing so many good Jewish athletes competing against each other," said Amy Finstein, 16, of Framingham, Mass.

"It kind of helps you to reach out to people you don't know and to learn to work with each other," noted Alyssa Greenspan, 13, of Sharon, Mass. The young swimmer was surprised to see so many young people compete in a Jewish event instead of a traditional swim meet.

Although Greenspan swam hard to help her team finish third in the 4 by 100-meter relay, it



HANDS ACROSS THE WATERS — Israeli swimmers Gil Brandle, 13, (left) and Danny Schultz, 13, (right) flank Mark Gerban, 13, from Philadelphia at the Northeast Region Maccabi Youth Games at the Striar Jewish Community Center/Fireman Campus in Stoughton, Mass., on Aug. 25.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

NCSY Group Plans Hiking Expedition

The Junior NCSY Division of Congregation Ohave Shalom, the Young Israel of Pawtucket, announces an end-of-the-summer hiking expedition to Purgatory Canyon. The event will take place on Sept. 5, meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the synagogue parking lot. The program is open to fourth- to eighth-graders, who should wear sturdy shoes and bring a canteen or plastic bottle of water.

Other upcoming events at the synagogue, which is located at the corner of East Avenue and Glenwood in Pawtucket, include a family barbecue on Labor Day, Sept. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., and a Junior NCSY sukkah decorating party, on Sept. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Services at the synagogue are at 6:45 a.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. Sundays and public holidays, and 9 a.m. on Saturdays. Friday night services are at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

For more information about the synagogue or to make reservations for the hike to Purgatory Canyon, call Rabbi Hershey Worch at 729-1606.

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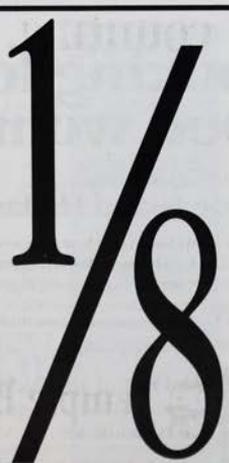
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School Beat



Instrument 'Petting Zoo' to Highlight Open House

An instrument "petting zoo" for children will highlight the morning session of The Music School's fifth annual open house scheduled for Sept. 11. The petting zoo, which will run continuously from 10 a.m. until noon, contains string and percussion instruments that children can try out while they learn about the instruments from an instructor.

"The zoo allows children to get a feel for the instruments in a playful, nonthreatening environment," says Kathy Czerny, associate director of

the school.

Other morning attractions for children and their parents include a karaoke room; short recitals, continuous Suzuki violin, cello and piano demonstrations; samplings of early childhood group music classes for children 2 to 9 years old; and free balloons for kids.

A "Play-In" for adults and teens will highlight the 1 to 3 p.m. afternoon session. The Play-In comprises a variety of one-hour group sessions in which adults will learn to make music together.

Sessions scheduled are:

harmonica (blues harp), recorder, baroque ensemble, jazz jam session, Appalachian dulcimer and vocal performance.

Sessions are open to everyone, no matter what their level of ability. Those attending should bring an appropriate instrument, and vocalists should bring music.

For detailed instructions and the schedule of afternoon sessions, call the school at 272-9877.

The Music School's open house will be held at the main campus of the school at 75 John St. on the East Side of Providence. The event, which is being held in conjunction with the Providence Waterfront Festival, is free and open to the public.



"HOW DO I PLAY THIS?" — A curious youngster inspects an Indian sitar, one of many musical instruments in The Music School's "Instrument Petting Zoo," part of the school's open house on Sept. 11.



Yeladon Enters Third Year

Torat Yisrael's Yeladon preschool program is about to begin. The two-year program for 3- and 4-year-olds and their parents meets on Sunday mornings at the synagogue. It is the only class in the school's program that is open to nonmembers.

The weekly program allows youngsters to interact with their peers while learning to feel, understand, live and love Judaism. Yeladon has a parent component as well. It provides a forum for parents that helps facilitate their quest for information and know-how, while allowing them to participate in their children's first formal Jewish learning experience outside of the home.

Both the children and the parents have opportunities to express themselves, and to share in learning and celebration.

Seen here, Lauri Noorparvar, a Yeladon teacher, and Alyssa Klein, a teacher's aide, help some of their students with an arts and crafts project.

Mishpahton Offers After-School 'Home Away From Home'

Mishpahton is Torat Yisrael's Faculty Child Care program. Entering its seventh year, the program was originally funded by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, and has been nationally recognized as unique and innovative.

The idea of child care for children of faculty members was much needed at Torat Yisrael, and has been maintained as a growing and active program by the synagogue.

Mishpahton allows children to come to the school with their parents and to participate in their own classroom while Mom or Dad are teaching. The program provides a Jewish environment, supervised play, and structured learning activities under the supervision of a full-time teacher and an aide.

Sari Guttin will be entering the Aleph class of afternoon Hebrew school this fall, yet she has been coming to Torat Yisrael for the past six years, as a Mishpahton member. She is the daughter of Ronni and William Guttin. Her mother has been a faculty member at Torat Yisrael for the past 12 years, and has been able to maintain a full teaching schedule in the religious school while raising four young children, thanks to the existence of Mishpahton.



A REMEMBRANCE — Sari Guttin, seen here with a gift that was given to her as a remembrance of her years in Mishpahton, will enter the Aleph class this fall. This past June, upon her "graduation," Sari was honored by her classmates and teachers.

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OBITUARIES

CELIA DEMARCO

CRANSTON — Celia DeMarco, 81, of 184 Laurens St., died Aug. 25 at the Hospice Care of Rhode Island, In-Patient Center, Maude Street, Providence. She was the widow of Silvio DeMarco.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham and Fannie (Dronkoff) Silverman, she moved to Cranston 50 years ago.

She leaves two daughters, Anita Simons of Cranston, and Fay Abrahamson of Kissimmee, Fla.; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Aug. 26 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ROSE D. GREENBERG

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Rose D. Greenberg, 88, of 4700 N. Main St., died Friday at Charlton Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Irving Green-

berg. Born in Russia, she lived in Fall River for many years.

Greenberg was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, the Adas Israel Sisterhood, the Friendship Club of Fall River, and the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Marvin Greenberg of Barrington; a daughter, Marilyn Sussman of Framingham; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday at Beth-El Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Fisher Memorial Chapel, Fall River.

LOUIS MARGOLIS

PROVIDENCE — Louis Margolis, 84, of 280 Washington St., Providence, died Sunday at home. He was the husband of the late Sarah (Broman) Margolis. Born in Providence, a lifelong resident, he was the son of the late Morris and Helen (Schiff)

Margolis.

He was a salesman for Industrial Supply Company in Providence for more than 40 years, retiring 12 years ago. He previously was a salesman for the former City Hall Hardware Co. in Providence.

He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, Post #369, the United Commercial Travelers Association, where he was presented with a 50-year pin, and was chairman of the board of congregation Shaare Zedek. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the Philippines with the Amphibious Engineers.

He leaves two sons, Dr. Henry Margolis of Natick, Mass., and Dr. Marshall Margolis of Freehold, N.J.; a brother, Joseph Margolis of Providence, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JACOB J. SHORE

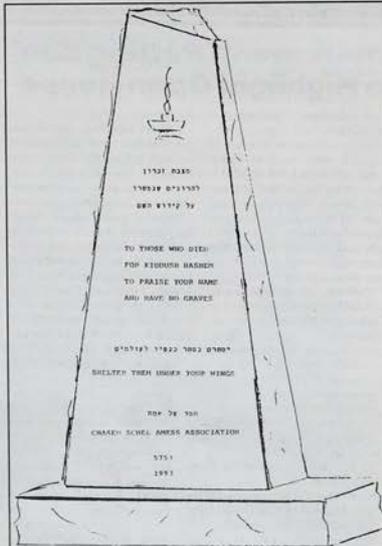
CRANSTON — Jacob J. "Jack" Shore, 76, of 61 Netherlands Ave., Cranston, died Sunday at Hospital of Rhode Island, Cranston. He was the husband of Frances (Shore) Shore.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Louis and Minnie (Sudman) Shore. He had lived in Cranston for 25 years, previously residing in Providence.

He was an expeditor at the former Quonset Point Naval Air Station in the supply department for 32 years, retiring 20 years ago. He was also a part-time attendant for Hospital Trust Bank, Edgewood Branch, from 1979 to 1983.

He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association, the Majestic Senior Guild, Cranston Senior Guild and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Philip Shore of Midland Park, N.J., and Louis Shore, Lake Worth, Fla.; a



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daughter, Beverly Hoag of Warwick, and six grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ANITA WEITZNER

CRANSTON — Anita Weitzner, 70, of 21 Hollins Drive died Tuesday at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Irving J. Weitzner.

Born in New York City, a daughter of Morris and Pearl (Cohen) Zimmerman of Providence, she lived in Pawtucket before moving to Cranston 10

years ago.

Weitzner was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

Besides her husband and parents she leaves two sons, Jonathan A. Weitzner of Cranston, and Bruce H. Weitzner of Rehoboth, Mass.; a daughter, Gail M. Galkin of Cranston, and five grandchildren. She was sister of the late Beverly Cohen.

The funeral service will be held today, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial will be in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Providence. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.



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Self-Rule

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Rubinstein, head of the Israel team negotiating with the Palestinians, tendered his resignation in protest over his failure to be informed of the secret talks with the PLO.

But Rabin asked him on Monday to avoid such a move until he had time to study the draft agreement. Rubinstein agreed to wait a few days, but he decided not to leave immediately for Washington, where the 11th round of bilateral talks was to open Tuesday.

For the time being, Eitan Bentsur, the Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general, will stand in for Rubinstein at the talks.

The Israeli-Palestinian proposal includes a five-page declaration of principles, an eight-page agreement and supplements that deal with future cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians, particularly in the economic sphere.

The main points in the draft agreement are:

- The Palestinians will be granted self-rule in the administered territories, which will be implemented first in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jericho.

- Residents of both areas will be allowed to move freely between them, but there will not be an independent corridor linking the two sites.

- Israel will retain its control over security and foreign affairs in the territories.

- Palestinian self-rule will not extend to eastern Jerusalem or Israeli settlements in the territories. Nor will the Palestinians have any jurisdiction over Israeli citizens.

- Under the terms of self-rule, Palestinians will have the power to impose local law and order by means of a local Palestinian police force.

- Although the Israel Defense Force will withdraw from some parts of the territories, it will be able to move freely within both the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Despite the apparent agreement on these points, there are still gaps between the Palestinian and Israeli versions of the

draft agreement.

One issue still needing to be worked out is the issue of control over the strategically important Jordan River bridges that are located near Jericho.

According to Israel, the bridges will remain under Israel's control. But the Palestinians are maintaining that they will be transferred to the control of the United Nations.

In another issue of possible contention, Israeli officials are maintaining that under the terms of the agreement, Israel will redeploy its forces in the administered territories to areas on the outskirts of Gaza and Jericho.

But Palestinian sources in Amman said Monday that Israeli forces would conduct a total withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho within four months.

Now that the Cabinet has approved the plan, its job is to sell it to the Israeli public. An opinion poll conducted Sunday showed a narrow majority of Israelis support the Gaza-Jericho deal, with 53 percent in favor and 45 percent against.

While Israeli leaders were busy securing support among the people for the interim agreement, PLO leader Yasir Arafat went on a tour of several Arab countries to shore up their support for the accord. Arafat first stopped in Cairo and then went on to Yemen.

But the PLO leader's biggest problems lie with Jordan, which has complained of being left out of the negotiating process.

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Pell Honored

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worship by Kris Mann, coordinator of Touro Synagogue.

Although the society had no idea that Machtle's invitation would become a source of controversy, it became clear that his presence attracted greater media attention than normal. "We were concerned that the quorum of the service be maintained and not be disturbed," Rabbi Chaim Shapiro said.

But the protest did not delay the program.

It was a glorious day for not only the Jewish community, but America as well. Rabbi Alvin Kaufner told the *Herald*. "I thought it was very impressive to have such high-ranking government officials along with members of the Jewish community that truly showed what America stands for," said Kaufner, who gave the invocation. It was the first time the rabbi had attended the event at the invitation of Jacob N. Temkin, president of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue.

Temkin, who began his third term as president of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, awarded Sister Lucille McKillop, president of Salve Regina University, with a lithograph of the synagogue for accepting installation honors at the annual meeting earlier that day. Temkin was grateful for the overwhelming support and attendance by political, military and civic officials who filled the benches and balcony pews to capacity.

David G. Bazarsky, president of Congregation Eshat Israel, greeted the crowd and reflected on the historical significance of the day. He told the members and guests that George Washington's letter helped to establish the foundation for religious freedom as a right that the state must maintain.

The president then turned to Sen. Pell and began a long tirade of satirical remarks — the fact that Pell was a ship's cook in the U.S. Coast Guard and was a notorious driver brought laughter from the audience.

But on a more serious note, Bazarsky thanked the seasoned politician for his unwavering support to the Society of Friends, the Jewish community and his fight for justice — a fight that got him arrested six times by fascist and communist govern-



AN HONORABLE MOMENT — The Hon. Bruce M. Selya, justice in the First Circuit-U.S. Court of Appeals, addresses a packed Touro Synagogue crowd Sunday at the annual George Washington Letter Ceremony on Sunday. Selya was the featured speaker for the afternoon.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

ments while seeking to investigate injustices against others.

Pell graciously accepted the Alexander George Teitz award from Andrew Teitz, the son of the award's namesake, not only for his longtime membership of the board of directors of the Society of Friends, but for being a "great friend to religious tolerance." Teitz said, as the entire congregation rose in applause.

Gov. Sundlun told the audience that he was honored to be at the Touro Synagogue for the reading of the Washington letter.

The mayor of Newport, John McKenna, was recognized for his overwhelming support of the Society of Friends and the Jewish community. The mayor, who announced his retirement, on behalf of his wife and the people of Newport, thanked Touro Synagogue and expressed his wish that it would carry on the historical tradition.

In 1790, Moses Seixas, then warden of Touro Synagogue,

wrote a profound letter to George Washington appealing for him to grant Jews the right to worship in freedom.

"Deprived as we heretofore have been of the invaluable rights of free Citizens, we now (with a deep sense of gratitude to the Almighty disposer of all events) behold a Government, erected by the Majesty of the People, a Government, which to bigotry gives no sanction, to persecution no assistance — but generously affords to All liberty of conscience, and immunities of Citizenship," the letter reads.

The Seixas letter — which paved the way for religious freedom in America — was read by Joshua Seixas Fausty, a descendant of the letter's author.

Washington was so moved by the author's words that he immediately composed his historic letter "To the Hebrew Congregation at Newport, R.I." later that year, responding:

"For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection, should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

As Rep. Machtle read the historic letter to the congregation, a veil of silence fell over the synagogue.

Rabbi Shapiro said he often wondered what possessed Seixas to write such a soul-stirring letter, but he believes it may have been prompted by a fear of persecution.

Shapiro said that Jews in early America were seeking first to be accepted as equal citizens even though they weren't Christians

and secondly, to insure the right to pray and carry on their religious traditions without interference by the new government.

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