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Group Denied Order to Keep Home Open

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor
A Superior Court Judge Tuesday refused to give a restraining order to keep the Jewish Home from closing to an ad hoc group that hopes to keep the facility up and running before

its license and grandfather rights are lost.
Superior Court Judge Ronald Gagnon denied the request of the Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home after a two-hour hearing at the Frank Licht Judicial Complex in Providence.

Lawyers for the home, including Martin Temkin, Stephen Burke and Michael Mitchell, argued in favor of closing the facility, while Dr. Aaron Wold and lawyers Thomas Pearlman and Z. Hershel Smith sought to gain injunctive relief that would prevent the home from officially closing on Oct. 31 or whenever the census drops below six.

"The judge ... hopes we — the committee, board of trustees and [Jack] Friedman — can work things out in an agreeable fashion to all parties, but that the actual decision as to the future of the Jewish Home is with the board of trustees," said Wold, co-chairman with Pearlman of the ad hoc committee.

Draft Proposal for Home Arrives

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor
New York nursing home owner Jack Friedman was planning to submit a proposal outlining a management plan to the executive committee of the Jewish Home Wednesday, following a Sunday meeting of the ad hoc Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home, Thomas W. Pearlman told the Herald.

meeting, Mel Alperin, chairman of the home's finance committee, told members of the Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home that Friedman's proposal would have to be submitted by Wednesday morning — the same day the executive committee planned to meet at the Jewish Home.

Friedman, a New York nursing home owner, has offered to run the home. He submitted a draft of his proposal to Pearlman Wednesday and a formal proposal was expected later in the day (see accompanying story).

Friedman's representatives gathered at the offices of Pearlman & Vogel after touring the Jewish Home that morning. Between 25 and 30 people — including several former employees of the home — met at 7:30 p.m. to hear the latest developments of a meeting earlier in the day between Jewish Home

— which was closed to the press — Friedman's representatives gathered at the offices of Pearlman & Vogel after touring the Jewish Home that morning.

lawyer David Flanagan, speaking at the hearing on Oct. 12 before Judge Gagnon at Superior Court "in the event we don't work things out," Pearlman said.

Following the Sunday night

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The Heart of Man

Avrohom Gibber, 4, gingerly holds an etrog wrapped in flax and held in a silver box shortly before Sukkot, which began Wednesday night. The etrog is often characterized as the human heart in midrashim and is an important part of the obligatory morning prayer during the holiday. (See story on Page 14)

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Knesset Approves Accord with PLO

by Cynthia Mann and Gil Sedan
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset's approval of the historic Israeli-Palestinian accord on self-rule in the administered territories is being seen here as a confidence in the government, as well as a mandate to pursue the peace process.

Five of the absentees and the one absentee were members of the ardently religious Shas party, whose spiritual leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, had instructed them not to vote against the "possibility of peace."

Rabin said after the vote that he was satisfied with the margin of victory

Although Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the opposition Likud party, had called on his party to stand firm against the accord, three Likud Knesset members broke ranks and abstained: Ronnie Milo, Meir Shetrit and Assad Assad. Their action prompted calls by some Likud politicians that they be ousted from the party.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made a similar assertion himself shortly after the Knesset vote, which took place Sept. 23. After more than 30 hours of emotionally charged debate, the Knesset approved by a vote of 61-50 the accord signed two weeks ago in Washington by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Rabin said after the vote that he was satisfied with the margin of victory and that it gave the government the confidence it needs to begin implementing the agreement.

The vote of the 120-member Knesset included eight abstentions, with one member absent from the balloting.

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Catch This!

Sagiv Some, a 4-year-old pre-kindergarten student, tosses a piece of rope at magician Bruce Kalver during a magic show at the Providence Hebrew Day School last week. The show was performed for the students as well as children from Bradley Hospital. Herald photo by Omar Bradley.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Cranston Library Announces Hours

The Cranston Public Library board of trustees has approved fall hours of opening for the Central Library and branches.

The schedule includes some added hours from the summer hours and includes Sunday hours on a limited basis.

The hours, effective Oct. 4 through June 5, 1994, are as follows: Central Library, Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, noon to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the Arlington Reading Room, Monday and Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Thursday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For the Auburn Branch, Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the William Hall Library, Monday through Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the Knightsville Branch, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For the Oak Lawn Branch, Monday and Wednesday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A special effort will be made to serve school-aged children at the Arlington Reading Room by scheduling Thursday's hours of opening from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Central Library will open 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the following Sundays: Oct. 17, 24,

31; Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28; Dec. 5, 12; Jan. 9, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8.

'Racial Dynamics' Is Topic at RIC

"Beyond the Black-White Dichotomy: Racial Dynamics in Multiracial America" will be the topic Oct. 2 at Rhode Island College's Whipple Hall from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The public is invited to the symposium which marks the launch of the second year and fourth meeting of the Southern New England Consortium on Race and Ethnicity.

The speaker will be E. San Juan from the University of Connecticut, author of *Racial Formations — Critical Transformation*. His topic will be "Conjunctures of Race, Class, Ethnic Identities."

A panel discussion will follow. Panelists are K. Scott Wong of the history department at Williams College, who will discuss "Convergence between Asian-American and Latino Histories;" Robert Weisbord of the history department of the University of Rhode Island, who will discuss "African-American-Jewish Relations," and Mamie Oliver of the RIC School of Social Work, who will discuss "American Power Structure and Problems of Communication."

Israeli Professor to Address Rotary

The Providence Rotary Club will host a luncheon at noon on Oct. 12 at the Providence Marriott featuring Dr. Fred Lazin of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, BeerSheva, Israel. Dr. Lazin is professor of political science and urban studies at the university. He will speak on "Israeli/Palestinian Prospects for Peace." Call Bob Bernstein at 728-3600 for more information.



The March of Dimes will hold a **Bid for Bachelors Auction** on Oct. 1 starting at 6 p.m. at the Newport Islander Doubletree Hotel, Goat Island, Newport. The event allows single women to bid on 30 eligible bachelors to benefit the agency's Birth Defects Foundation; call 781-1611.

The city of Newport celebrates the fall season with **Harvest By The Sea** Oct. 1 through 31. The festival includes whale watches, hay rides, jack-o-lantern contests and more; call 849-8048 or (800) 326-6030.

The fourth annual **6.2-mile Walk for Literacy** will be held Oct. 2 beginning at 9 a.m. on the Statehouse South Lawn, Providence; call 781-6110 or 461-5940.

The **Boys and Girls Clubs** of Providence will hold an **open house/anniversary party** on Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open house) and 1 to 5 p.m. (anniversary party) at the Olneyville, Wanskuck, South Side, North Providence and Fox Point branches; call 421-0910.

The Pawtucket Jayces will present **Octoberfest** on Oct. 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. downtown, Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, featuring arts, crafts, ethnic foods and continuous entertainment; 333-4406.

A **Harvest Fair** will be held Oct. 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 Third Beach Road, Middletown, featuring hay rides, children's games, sacrow and apple pie contests; call 846-2577.

The Coin Club of Rhode Island will hold its semi-annual "Little Rhody Coin Show" on Oct. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at LeFoyeur Club, 151 Fountain St., Pawtucket; call Jeffrey Wight at 467-4450.

Library Announces Fall/Winter Hours

The Providence Public Library recently announced its fall/winter hours for 1993. They are as follows:

Central Library, 225 Washington St., Monday 1 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Mount Pleasant, 315 Academy Ave., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m.

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South Providence, 441 Praise Ave., Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Washington Park, 1316 Broad St., Monday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. (**Lunch closings: noon to 1 p.m. and dinner closings: 5 to 6 p.m.)

The following holidays will also be observed during this time period: Oct. 11 (Columbus Day); Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) and Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving); Dec. 24, 25 (Christmas); Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 (New Year's); Jan. 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

Reform '92 will present its **second annual Nonpartisan Convention** on Oct. 30 beginning at 9 a.m. at Rocky Point Palladium, Warwick. The daylong convention will feature keynote speakers, workshops and dinner. Anyone interested in helping or participating should contact Terrie Cascioli at 467-3156 or Nancy Cummings at 333-3391.

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FEATURE

Call Him 'Sir Bernie'

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Call him Sir Bernie. Curtsy the Mrs. and use her title, Lady Emily. Touro historian Bernard Kusnitz was created a knight of the order of Prince Henry the Navigator at a glittering ceremony on the campus of Roger Williams University in Bristol on the day after Yom Kippur. What a way to start the year.

Whose shall be raised high? The Jewish guy who had greeted the president of Portugal as he entered the synagogue to apologize for the Inquisition.

The "Sessao Protocolar," the honors protocol, followed a daylong convention of Portuguese Americans from nearly 70 organizations. Their flags, insignia, decorations and banners colorfully filled the brand-new auditorium on the grounds of the school that lies on the Mount Hope Bay in sight of the bridge from Bristol to Newport.

Groups from the Touro Synagogue, including Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Shapiro, from the Sousa Mendes Society, including Evelyn Schultz and her daughter Maria, and an array of political figures from Gov. Bruce Sundtun to Mayor Buddy Cianci and everybody in between, jammed the hall and lined the walls.

Meanwhile flashbulbs popped and shutters clicked, and every journalist had to be introduced to applause from the throng.

A table of excellent port and challah-like Portuguese sweetbread waited in the hallway.

Miguel Bensaude, legendary scion of a Jewish dynasty in San Miguel, the Azores, serves as president of Portuguese Leadership Council in Washington. He sent a speech of welcome to the awards presentation.

The Portuguese Consul in Providence, Joao Luis Laranjeira de Abreu, who researches his Jewish ancestry and has joined the Sousa Mendes Society, spoke to the *Herald* about Bernard Kusnitz. "He opened the doors of the Touro to our president. And he helped found the Sousa Mendes organization. These are among the reasons he is honored today."

Bernie is the second new aristocrat of Portugal to be so proclaimed in Rhode Island in recent years. The *Herald* reported the same award given to David Targan, Brown professor of astrology and spokesman for the victims of a "pogrom" in East Timor.

Sir David, Sir Bernie. The age of chivalry comes to town. The town of Newport went right along and conferred another token of esteem upon its famous citizen Bernard Kusnitz. He wore the brass medal on his jacket and beamed to his friends.

The Portuguese Jews left under a cloud five centuries ago. But the Jews who pray and study in the booth they built like Jonah are sought out in splendor. They wear the regal ribbon in the light of the chandeliers and bright lights of the here and now.



"HE OPENED THE DOORS OF THE TOURO" — Bernard Kusnitz, left, speaks with Mike Fink and Dom Duarte, pretender to the Portuguese throne, in 1990 at Touro Synagogue in Newport.

Photo by Rafael Baptista

Portuguese Government Honors Kusnitz

Bernard Kusnitz of Newport received the Order of Merit of Portuguese Communities at a Sept. 26 ceremony at Roger Williams University.

Kusnitz was cited for his work in bringing the Portuguese and Jewish communities more closely together, after many years of estrangement. Under Kusnitz' leadership, Portugal President Mario Soares appeared at Touro Synagogue in 1989 to speak of his hope for a future where the two communities work together in peace and mutual respect.

Kusnitz has also worked with local Portuguese citizens in furthering the cause of brotherhood through founding of the Mendes Society, devoted to this purpose.

The Order of Merit of Portuguese Communities is awarded by the government in Portugal, through its ambassadors and consuls general. It is given only

rarely to someone who is not a Portuguese citizen. Kusnitz was nominated for the honor by the Portuguese Consul General in Providence, the Hon. Joao D'Abreu.

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Knesset

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He also made it clear that he still considered Shas a part of the governing coalition, despite its failure to endorse the accord. Shas has threatened to pull out of the government but has not yet done so.

Rabin criticized Likud, saying it failed to show the same "attitude" that Labor demonstrated when ratifying the 1978 accord with Egypt, when it was in the opposition and the prime minister was Menachem Begin of Likud.

Although that earlier vote had involved some painful decisions, said Rabin, "we said we would not be an obstacle to peace."

Likud Knesset member Elyahu Ben-Elissar, former chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, warned that vote had in effect created a Palestinian state. He told Israel Radio it was a victory for the PLO and a defeat for Israel.

But Sheerit of Likud said there were many in the party who wanted to vote for the agreement but did not do so for fear of political repercussions from within the party.

He warned that Likud would have to move away from the right and toward the center or risk losing its constituency.

The vote came following a fiery exchange of insults and accusations between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who was the last to speak before the vote was taken, and opponents of the agreement, who repeatedly interrupted him.

Peres' fellow Labor Party members were brought to their feet in protest when Knesset member Uzi Landau of Likud went up to the foreign minister at the podium and began pointing his finger at Peres in anger.

Before Peres spoke, former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir accused the government of weakening the country by returning it to its pre-1967 borders.

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OPINIONS

Israel Won Battles, Not Wars

by Yehuda Lev

Special to the Herald

We are all familiar with the immediate reasons for the Israel-PLO agreement: the collapse of the Soviet Union, Yasser Arafat's misjudgment in supporting Iraq during the Gulf War, the resulting cutoff of PLO funds from the Gulf states, the growing influence of the Moslem fundamentalist movements and the weariness of the Israeli public, among others.

But the fundamental reason for the agreement goes back to a specific date, Nov. 30, 1947, the day after the U.N. decision to partition Palestine.

On that day, Arabs in Jerusalem began rioting in protest against the partition plan, killing and injuring a number of Jews before matters could be brought under control. With those riots there began, in fact if not always in the history books, Israel's War of Independence which lasted for more than one year and ended inconclusively.

Inconclusively? Israel acquired western Jerusalem, western Galilee, Ramle, Lydda

and Beersheba, among other important sites, and increased its area from 55 percent to 80 percent of the former British mandate. How can one describe those as "inconclusive" results? We'll hold the answer to that question for a moment. The



fighting was renewed a number of times: 1956 (the Suez War), 1967 (the Six-Day War), 1970-71 (the War of Attrition along the Suez Canal), 1973 (the Yom Kippur War), and 1982-84 (the incursion into Lebanon).

Of these "wars," Israel scored clear military victories in the first two, was unable to defeat Egypt in the third, won battlefields victories after suffering initial, serious defeats in the fourth, and was a clear loser in the final conflict.

In none of these, the War of Independence included, did

Israel win the war. Wars are won when the enemy's economy no longer functions, its military capability has been eliminated, its civilian population is starving, its industrial plants lie in ruins; in short, when there is no way in which it can maintain the conflict.

What Israel won were battles, not wars. It is this fact that has led many to a miscalculation best summed up in the phrase, "How come Israel wins its wars and is not allowed, by the rest of the world, to keep its gains?"

Israel had "won" in its battles against the Arab states there would be no talk of compromise with the Palestinians today. But it did not win them and compromise, therefore, became an imperative if the fighting was ever to come to an end.

A second battlefield confrontation set the seal on the need for compromise, the Yom Kippur War, during which each side had its best shot and each side failed to destroy the other. Worse — Israel's defensive strategy went awry from day one; in the Sinai, where 160 miles of desert was intended to protect Israel against Egyptian attack and instead turned out to be a trap in which Israeli armor was slaughtered trying to reach the Canal, and in the Golan where Israeli settlements, intended to hold off the enemy

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COMMENTARY

Peace in Our Time

by Morris Graffunder
Special to the Herald

The recent peace agreement and handshake between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat evokes ghosts of the past. Fifty-five years ago, Neville Chamberlain, the British prime minister, was impressed by Hitler's modest demands to return the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia, an area heavily populated by Germans.

He found Hitler to be a reasonable man without ulterior motives and signed the shameful Munich Agreement with Hitler, sacrificing not just the Sudetenland but the entire Czechoslovakia.

Chamberlain returned from Munich to the British Parliament a happy man, proclaiming he brought "peace in our time."

Everyone knows now how Hitler kept his agreement — he unleashed World War II with countless millions of deaths. On his deathbed, Chamberlain in remorse said, "If I only would not have trusted Hitler."

Arafat, the arch terrorist whose hands are stained with the blood of countless victims, signed an agreement whereby he renounces violence and

recognizes Israel's right to exist in peace and security.

(He had pledged the same in a speech in Geneva in 1988 when former Secretary of State George Schultz was brokering a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.)

The parallel between the Hitler-Chamberlain agreement and the Rabin-Arafat agreement is obvious.

Arafat and the P.L.O. did not keep the Geneva promises and continued their reign of terror, which forced the U.S. to break contacts with the P.L.O.)

Rabin in return has formalized Israel's recognition of the P.L.O. by signing a letter to Arafat Sept. 10 saying that "Israel regards the P.L.O. as the representatives of the Palestinian people."

As the first step of mutual recognition, the Gaza/Jericho first plan was born by which Israel will withdraw from these territories, and according to the Rabin-Peres interpretation, will be a limited autonomy. But according to the Arafat-P.L.O. interpretation, it means a sovereign Palestinian state.

The problem is that Arafat will not keep his agreement, as Hitler did not keep his Munich Agreement.

After four wars, and especially after the Yom Kippur war in 1973, Arafat and the P.L.O. came to the conclusion that Israel in its post-1967 boundaries could not be destroyed by a frontal military assault. What was required was an interim phase in which Israel would be reduced to dimensions that made it more pos-

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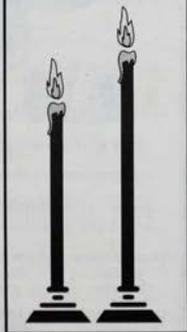
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Fifty Years Ago in the Rhode Island Jewish Herald

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 1943

President Extends Holiday Greetings

In a New Year message to American Jews, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "To those of the Jewish faith upon this anniversary of their New Year, I send greetings. At the same time I welcome the opportunity it affords me to express again my admiration of the contribution which this loyal group of our fellow citizens has made to the nation's achievements during the past year on the inexorable march towards victory."

Bar Jews From Refugee Convales

LONDON — The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, formed after the Bermuda Conference, has decided not to permit any Jewish representatives to attend its sessions, it was disclosed here this week by authoritative sources. It had been reported earlier that the Committee would allow a Jewish delegation to attend its sittings, and to present plans looking to the rescue of Jewish refugees. Instead, the Committee has decided, according to the report, to use whatever memorandums may be submitted to it by responsible Jewish organizations.

Jewish Transport Unit Lost in Battle

JERUSALEM — The tragic story of the death in a naval engagement of 138 Palestinian Jewish drivers serving with the British forces, briefly announced some time ago, was told in detail for the first time by Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal adviser of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, writing in a local newspaper. The men were members of a General Transport Company which came into being in June, 1942, when its mother company, formed in 1942, was divided into two separate units. The new company had a good heritage. Many of its members had been amongst the first Jewish recruits to volunteer in Palestine.

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Demjanjuk Arrives in America, But Goes Immediately into Hiding

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen
NEW YORK (JTA) — John Demjanjuk stepped foot on American soil last week for the first time in more than seven years, but he managed to avoid the protesters, placards and larger-than-life effigy of himself that awaited his arrival at Kennedy International Airport here.

The man acquitted of being the notorious Treblinka guard "Ivan the Terrible," who had spent the interim years in an Israeli prison cell, was quickly escorted off the El Al jet that carried him from Israel and was whisked onto an awaiting private plane.

The former Cleveland auto-worker then flew to Medina Municipal Airport, about 40 miles south of his home in suburban Cleveland. By landing there, he avoided the crowd of reporters and possible demonstrators waiting to see if he would land at the main Cleveland airport.

His destination after the

Ohio airport was kept secret. He did not return home, where 18 Jewish demonstrators, led by New York Rabbi Avi Weiss, awaited him.

Dressed in gray and white replicas of death camp uniforms, the demonstrators promised to return whenever Demjanjuk comes home.

Demjanjuk was accompanied from Israel by his son and son-in-law, longtime supporter Rep. James Traficant (D-Ohio) and two bodyguards. Traficant reportedly chartered the plane that took Demjanjuk from New York to Ohio.

The accused Nazi war criminal reportedly flew Israel's national airline because he needed a direct flight to the United States. France, which is a common stopover point for flights from Israel, had announced that it would not allow Demjanjuk to land on its soil.

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The flight brought to an end the Israeli chapter of Demjanjuk's long legal battle. The Israeli Supreme Court on July 29 had overturned Demjanjuk's 1988 conviction and death sentence for war crimes committed at Treblinka. But until Sept. 19, it had barred him from leaving the country, while it considered appeals from Holocaust survivors and their supporters.

The court finally rejected the petitioners' arguments that he should be tried for war crimes allegedly committed at other concentration camps, including the Sobibor death camp in Poland.

In fact, Demjanjuk's flight took off minutes before yet another Supreme Court injunction could be delivered to his prison cell, ordering his continued imprisonment. A concentration camp survivor had made one final appeal to the court, but to no avail.

The way was cleared for Demjanjuk's return to the United States on Aug. 3, when the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ordered the Justice Department to allow his return while the court reconsiders the legality of his 1986 extradition to Israel.

The Justice Department is allowing Demjanjuk into the country on a temporary basis under the attorney general's parole authority. But it has made clear that it will seek to have him deported again for lying about his wartime activities during his original attempt to enter the United States.

Jewish groups have vowed to keep up the pressure to have the native Ukrainian deported.

Demjanjuk would not

answer any questions during the flight from Israel, according to Clyde Haberman, *The New York Times'* Jerusalem bureau chief, who was one of several reporters who flew with Demjanjuk. Haberman said the bodyguards shooed away curious passengers.

Because Demjanjuk did not enter the airport terminal at Kennedy, he could not see the few dozen protesters from the Anti-Defamation League and the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

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side last Tuesday.

This was born the "phased plan," adopted by the P.L.O. leadership at a convention on June 8, 1974, in Cairo.

The phased plan calls first for establishing a Palestinian state on any territory vacated by Israel. 2) Mobilizing from that state a general Arab military assault to destroy a shrunken and indefensible Israel. Abu Iyad, the second in command after Arafat, was quoted as saying: "According to the phased plan, we will establish a Palestinian state on any part of Palestine that the enemy will retreat from. The

Palestinian state will be the springboard from which to liberate Jaffa, Acre and all of Palestine." It appears that Arafat and the P.L.O. have not abandoned the "phased plan."

In a telephone speech from Tunis to the Najah university gathering on Sept. 1, after the secret Arafat-Rabin agreement was announced, Arafat openly declared that the plan of Gaza/Jericho first is nothing but the first phase of the "plan of phases," a reference to the 1974 blueprint for the destruction of Israel.

The parallel between the Hitler-Chamberlain agreement in Munich in 1938 and the Rabin-Arafat agreement in 1993 is obvious. For Hitler, the Sudetenland was the first step in his design to swallow up the entire Europe. For Arafat the "Gaza/Jericho — First Plan" is

the first step in his design to destroy Israel.

Since former minister Shimon Peres is the architect of the present frenzied agreement with the P.L.O., a more recent quote is puzzling. In a letter to the Zionist organization of America dated March 3 of this year, Peres wrote: "Supported by hard evidence we believe the P.L.O. is engaged in terrorist activities and is, therefore, no partner for any negotiations or dialogue."

Something quite earthshaking must have happened in the past six months to change Peres' mind. It would be nice if he shared it with the people of Israel.

As we see from Arafat's telephone speech of Sept. 1, he has not changed his ultimate goal — the destruction of the Jewish state of Israel.

Battles, Not Wars

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until the IDF could mobilize, were overrun by a weight of Syrian armor that no one knew it possessed.

What those riots there began Israel's War of Independence.

The Yom Kippur War brought all of the parties involved to the realization that no one was likely to win the Arab-Israeli conflict. Menachem Begin, who could read the tea leaves as well as anyone, came to the negotiating table largely through this understanding.

Once the Soviets pulled out of the Middle East, the impossibility of anything but a brokered end to the conflict became evident to all and the peace talks, open and secret, followed.

Yehuda Lev is a retired journalist, now living in Providence, who worked for many years in Israel and in Los Angeles.

You Helped Us

Thanks to a call from Annette Weisman, the "Can You Help Us?" photo that appeared in the Sept. 9 issue of the *Herald* has been identified. She notes that her mother-in-law, Frances Weisman, is sitting in the middle of the photo, and her husband's grandfather, Frances Weisman's father, Louis Slikin, is sitting at the far right wearing a bow tie.

The photo had fallen out of some books which had belonged to her in-laws that Annette Weisman had contributed to the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. The photo was taken at a picnic held in Fairmont Park in Philadelphia.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Pro-Israel Leader Is Gunned Down

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli analysts fear the murder of a leading Palestine Liberation Organization official in the Gaza Strip last week may signal the start of a spate of intra-Palestinian strife, touched off by the historic Israeli-PLO accord signed in Washington recently.

Mohammed Abu Shaaban, a lawyer and local leader for Yasser Arafat's Al Fatah faction of the PLO, was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen Sept. 21 while driving through Gaza City following a speech he made at a rally to support the accord on the Palestinian self-rule.

Shaaban's family and sources within Fatah said he had been killed as a result of an internal power struggle within

Fatah, and Israeli analysts offered a similar appraisal.

Shaaban, 36, had been known for years as a strong supporter of maintaining dialogue with Israel, and he recently played an important role in the negotiations that led to the historic agreement with Israel.

The accord has met with some stiff Palestinian opposition, not only from the rejectionist Hamas movement, but also from radical elements within Fatah, the largest and most moderate faction of the PLO.

Arafat had secured only a narrow majority of support from the PLO's executive committee before the agreement was signed in Washington two weeks ago.

Egypt Expects Progress Soon In Israeli-Syrian Negotiations

by Deborah Kalb

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Egypt hopes there will be progress "very soon" on the long-stalled Israeli-Syrian negotiating track, visiting Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa said here last week.

As the first Arab country to make peace with Israel, Egypt has been playing an important role in facilitating the Middle East peace process.

Now that the historic Israeli-Palestinian accord has been signed, the spotlight has been shifting to the Israeli-Syrian negotiating track, which has been stalemated for months over definitions of peace and withdrawal.

Syrian President Hafez Assad made a rare trip to Egypt on Sept. 22 to discuss the peace process with Egyptian Presi-

dent Hosni Mubarak.

When asked Sept. 23 if he had "good news" to report about the Mubarak-Assad meeting, Moussa replied, "I certainly have." He would not elaborate.

State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said in a statement later that day that Moussa briefed Secretary of State Warren Christopher on the Mubarak-Assad discussions, which "confirmed Syria's commitment to moving ahead with the peace process and to working closely with the United States."

Moussa also met last week with other high-ranking administration officials and members of Congress. His meeting with Christopher, which lasted 45 minutes, included discussion of the implementation of the Israeli-Palestinian agreement.

Congress Pressed to Lift Restrictions Against PLO

by Deborah Kalb

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In an effort to help implement the historic Israeli-Palestinian agreement signed recently, the Clinton administration has been urging Congress to modify restrictions on certain American dealings with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

And during consideration of a foreign aid appropriations bill last week, the Senate voted to lift some restrictions on U.S. financial dealings with the PLO.

The administration believes the restrictions could hamper the PLO's ability to participate in the next stage of the Israeli-PLO accord.

Because of the PLO's long-time ties to terrorism, Congress has enacted a series of laws over the years barring various activities related to the PLO.

For example, the PLO would

like to re-open its office here, but is barred from doing so by a 1990 law that ordered the closure of PLO offices in Washington and New York.

There have also been restrictions on U.S. contributions to international organizations that fund the PLO.

But on Sept. 22 and 23, as the Senate considered its 1994 foreign aid appropriations bill, it voted to waive temporarily some of those funding restrictions, provided the PLO abides by its recent commitment to recognize Israel and renounce violence.

The Senate passed the appropriations bill on Sept. 23, late afternoon, by a vote of 88-10. The bill includes Israel's annual \$3 billion in U.S. aid.

Now that Israel and the PLO have signed an agreement for limited Palestinian self-rule, beginning in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho,

the administration thinks that practical changes are in order.

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Key administration officials dealing with the peace process were holding meetings on Capitol Hill last week, making their case that there must be changes in the U.S. law for the peace process to succeed.

Long wary of the PLO, many members of Congress are approaching the lifting of PLO-related restrictions with caution. Although they want the

peace process to succeed, many on the Hill do not welcome the idea of major changes in PLO-related legislation.

While not officially recognizing the PLO, the Clinton administration announced earlier this month, prior to the Sept. 13 signing ceremony, that it was renewing a dialogue with the organization that had been broken off in 1990.

The administration has also organized an international donors' conference slated for Oct. 1 that is designed to provide the Palestinians with \$3 billion in aid to lift Gaza and the West Bank out of their dire economic straits.

The administration plans to contribute \$250 million to assist the Palestinians.

Efforts to assist the Palestinians are backed by Israel and by leaders in the pro-Israel community.

In a briefing for reporters Sept. 22, Amnon Neuhach, the economics minister at the Israeli Embassy here, stressed the importance to Israel of an improvement in Palestinian living conditions.

Neuhach called the current unstable conditions in the West Bank and Gaza "a time bomb for our society."

He said that Israel's policy was to "encourage any economic activity in the territories."

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization has begun recruiting local Palestinians to join the new Palestinian police force that is to be established in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho. On Sept. 21, the PLO ran an advertisement in the Al-Kuds daily in east Jerusalem, inviting Palestinians between the ages of 18 to 35 to join the newly forming Palestinian police force.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The United States has presented Israel with a gift of 24 Apache assault helicopters, according to an exclusive report in the Israeli daily Ma'ariv. The report was based on an interview granted the paper by the Israel Defense Force chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, and was accompanied with a photograph of the arrival of one of the helicopters. The papers said the Apaches were promised by former President Bush shortly before last November's U.S. presidential elections and that they were delivered on Sept. 13.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a dramatic reversal, Aryeh Deri, head of Israel's Shas party, has announced he is ready to stand trial on fraud charges. Deri, who stepped down two weeks ago as interior minister, had said he would encourage the Knesset House Committee, which met Sept. 26, to waive his parliamentary immunity so that he could be prosecuted. He explained Sept. 22 that he had decided on the move to refute allegations that he had convinced his party to vote against the government's historic accord with the Palestinians as a way of pressuring the government not to lift his immunity.

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NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — The leaders of the Anti-Defamation League have written President Clinton, asking him to commute the sentence of Jonathan Pollard. The letters, sent on the eve of Rosh Hashanah by ADL National Chairman Melvin Salberg and National Director Abraham Foxman, reflect the continuing acceptance of the campaign for the former U.S. Navy analyst's freedom by the mainstream of the American Jewish community.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Clinton's nominee to head the Joint Chiefs of Staff told members of Congress last week that he "never had the slightest hint" that his father served in a Nazi-commanded unit during World War II. Gen. John Shalikashvili said at his confirmation hearings Sept. 22 that he was "deeply saddened that my father had this tragic association." After Clinton nominated the European-born career military man last month to the high-ranking Pentagon post, reports surfaced that Shalikashvili's father, a native of European Georgia, had collaborated with the Nazis during the war and had served in an ethnic Georgian battalion organized by the Nazis.

TEANECK (JTA) — Jews and non-Jews in this area have rallied together to heal the wounds and repair the physical damage of the desecration of a Saddle Brook, N.J., Jewish cemetery during Rosh Hashanah. Some 100 tombstones were defaced with swastikas and pro-Nazi slogans, including "Hitler Was Right." The vandalism was discovered Sept. 19, but occurred sometime between Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. and the evening of Sept. 18, when caretakers were away.

Russian Jews Give Yeltsin Unqualified Support

by Larry Yudelson

NEW YORK (JTA) — Russia's central Jewish organization is firmly supporting President Boris Yeltsin in the constitutional crisis that has pitted him against Russia's hardline Parliament.

On Sept. 21, Yeltsin dissolved Parliament and called for new elections. The move was resisted by the Russian Parliament but accepted by most of the rest of the Russian government and military, as well as by the world community, including the United States.

The Parliament, which claimed that Yeltsin forfeited his post by his decree, elected Vice President Alexander Rutskoi to serve in his stead. The last parliamentary elec-

tions were held prior to Russian independence.

Meeting Sept. 22, the Russian Vaad, the country's federation of Jewish organizations and communities, took its place squarely in the Yeltsin camp.

In its statement, the Vaad said that Russia's future is being determined by the present confrontation.

"In this situation the leadership of the Jewish community of the country finds it impossible to remain on the sidelines," said the statement.

"We express our support to President Yeltsin and the Russian government, considering that stability, order, economical and political unity of the state,

the protection of human rights of the citizens and safety of democracy in Russia are impossible under the conditions that had existed till now."

The future that Russian Jews prefer is that favored by Yeltsin, who envisions a rapid transition to a Western-style democracy and economy.

The Vaad said the opposition to Yeltsin "has united all the reactionary forces of the country from fascists to Stalinists."

"Today, just as in August 1991, the country is divided into two camps. Above one of them

— the flag of the new Russia. Above the other — the red banners of the past and the yellow-red-black flag" of the ultra-nationalist, and often anti-Semitic, Pamyat movement.

"We choose the first one," the Vaad said.

By supporting Yeltsin, the Vaad has violated a law passed Sept. 22 by Parliament criminalizing support for the president. But with both the interior and defense ministries pledging allegiance to Yeltsin at midweek, enforcement of the rogue Parliament's measures seemed unlikely.

Pope Meets With Chief Rabbi

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — A meeting last week between Pope John Paul II and Israeli Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau is being seen as a historic and highly significant encounter that augurs well for closer relations between the Holy See and the Jewish state.

The half-hour session, which took place Sept. 21 at the pope's summer residence at Castelgandolfo, south of Rome, was the first ever between a pope and a chief rabbi of Israel.

The pontiff greeted Lau with the word "Shalom" and told him he is interested in visiting Israel soon.

After the meeting, Lau and a Vatican spokesman stressed that only spiritual, rather than political, issues had been discussed. Lau invited the pope to visit Jerusalem, following up on a similar invitation that had been extended to the pontiff by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres during a visit to the Vatican nearly a year ago.

Without naming a date, the pope told Lau that the moment for such a visit "is growing near."

The full-bearded, bespectacled Lau, wearing a black hat and knee-length coat, was accompanied to Castelgandolfo by his wife, Israeli Ambassador Avi Pazner and other officials. He presented the pope with a shofar.

The two religious leaders spoke to each other in English, although both were born in Poland.

Lau's visit to Italy and his meeting with the pope were arranged long before this month's breakthrough agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But the suddenly accelerated Middle East peace process has given added significance to encounters between Israel and the Vatican.

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How Little People Have Changed

by
Ray Eichenbaum
Special to the Herald

Somewhere in Ecclesiastes, it is written that the more a human being tries to affect his condition, the more the important things in life remain the same, and all is vanity. Recent epochal changes in the geopolitical arenas of human existence on this planet seem to bear out this hypothesis.

Who would have thought 75 years ago that the Communist monolith of Lenin and Stalin would go to its welcome demise with merely a whimper? One had to be a full-blown idiot to believe that all those marching, laboring, productive

cadres of proletarians would one day cease marching and leave the ranks for the want of bluejeans, yes, bluejeans, and other creature comforts.

Also, would anyone of sound mind and even minimal intellect really think that there would come a time of rapprochement between the PLO and Arafat on the other side, and the legally elected government of the state of Israel on the other side?

It is even more mind boggling to believe that these events, once considered anachronisms, would come about not because some great men or women have come upon the scene to effect these changes, or indeed the messiah has finally arrived from above (or even below), but because of the power of money.

Yes, money — *kesef, geld, moneta* — appears to have emerged as the primary mover of peoples, and indeed of nations.

And wasn't it always like

that? Let's face it. Going back to Cain and Abel, or Jacob and Esau? There was always the question of possession and approval of status, which were the prime movers and motivators in human affairs. In other words, greed and jealousy, were the predominant forces, always.

Besides, these, other influences appear to pale, which might be surprising to some of us still. What about such great thinkers as Marks and Machiavelli, even Keynes and Locke and other great modern philosophers?

Imagine the great George Orwell being proven wrong, for it is not the "boob tube" (television) putting "big brother" in charge of every and all movement of the masses (although it might still come to this), but it is via the same boob tube and other means of communication that knowledge is spread. About goods that make life easier from country to country, that slowly permeates the fabric of life by getting people into the "wanting" mode which then starts to motivate their existences.

So it is the "power" of the material necessities of mankind which shoves aside all the great, albeit, impractical ideologies of thinkers? How banal.

Thinking of the Holocaust as its survivor, if this conflagration would have happened

later, let us say in our days, we could probably have been able to avoid much of the horror by offering Hitler something he wanted for Germany — perhaps Hollywood or maybe Niagara Falls? One will never know.

One thing comes to mind from all these happenings: How quickly potent ideologies and supposedly "accepted" ways of life come to naught when their usefulness or popularity (or both) are over. It is scary to ponder how many lives were lost for all these discarded theories, which are falling by the wayside with human experiences. Once again, how banal.

On a less-serious note: I would be willing to bet that there was no tree of knowledge in the Garden of Eden. What was really there was the money tree. You know — that one — the one you used to tell your children about when they lined all those expensive things, and you would tell them, "What do you think? Money grows on trees?"

And what about the snake, you might ask?

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cial assistant to the attorney general of the Charitable Trust Division, urged that the home be kept open while Friedman's offer to turn the home is being considered.

But lawyer Mary Ellen McCabe of the Department of Health argued that the home be closed immediately, because it isn't viable to have even 11 people there, Pearlman told the *Herald*.

Although McCabe has no connection to the Jewish Home whatsoever, Smith said her decision is based on the Department of Health's policy to do what is in the best interest of the residents. A previous plan issued by the Department of Health mandated that, in the event the census drops below six, the license will revert to the Department of Health, leaving the facility without a license, he said.

When asked if he believes the board of trustees will attempt to prolong the closing so Friedman's offer could be considered, Smith responded, "absolutely not. I'm very, very un-optimistic." He said he based this judgment on the attitude of the home's attorneys at the hearing. Pearlman said Judge Gagnon declined to order the home not to move residents whose families want them to move.

"I believe the executive committee is going to meet Wednesday [Sept. 29] to consider Mr. Friedman's proposal which should be there Wednesday morning," Pearlman said. Home officials declined to comment if an executive committee meeting was planned for Wednesday or if Friedman's proposal to re-open the home had been received.

Friedman and Nat Sherman, his comptroller and CPA, could not be reached for comment.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Artist Constructs Panels for Peace

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

Charles Grossman, founder of the Gorgeous Mosaic Project, believes in taking small things and using them in a big way. As director of the Children's Atelier, a multicultural education foundation and non-profit charity, Grossman has collected millions of 2-inch-by-2-inch images from children worldwide. The posterboard squares are then carefully mounted — 250 at a time — on large cardboard panels and displayed in schools, municipal buildings and community centers throughout the country.

The Gorgeous Mosaic Project is designed and coordinated by Atelier, which Grossman founded 12 years ago in New York City. What began as a project promoting "harmony through diversity" in Harlem eventually blossomed into a national crusade, Grossman said. "It's really designed to empower children to give them greater self-esteem, to give them a feeling that they're part of something larger and that

they can actually help to make a better world through their own creativity."

Prior to his involvement with the ambitious endeavor, Grossman, 53, was a practicing lawyer, specializing in contracts and business litigation for 10 years. But after arguing a case for U.S. Steel — lasting 50 days — he decided to take some time off to find out who he was. "I wanted to look at some other sides of life, because I was pretty much focused on that one track," said Grossman, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y.

After dabbling into a little photography and poetry, Grossman finally discovered his niche in art. He spent six years in art school, three at the Rhode Island School of Design. Although most of his current works tend to be landscapes — that fall between realism and abstraction — Grossman's work comes in all different sizes.

On the walls of his Cranston home hang sprawling but subtle pastoral scenes. Along the



A MAZE OF MULTICULTURALISM — Charles Grossman, founder of the Children's Atelier, is framed by panels of his "Gorgeous Mosaic" created by millions of children worldwide.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

wall, boxes containing thousands of carefully painted squares — sent by teachers — await to be mounted on bare panels. "It was really my art training and my transformation in my life that inspired me to create this foundation for children, because I saw what art did for me — for my self-esteem and for my confidence — in adding a whole new dimension," Grossman said.

Since his return to the Ocean State, he has taken and passed the Rhode Island Bar exam, joined the cultural and art gallery committee at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and is preparing two shows — one scheduled at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

The mayor of Providence has invited the mosaic project to hang in City Hall in December, while the governor would like

to see it in the Statehouse when the Legislature goes back into session in January.

A scheduled meeting with the Department of Education is also planned for creating a Gorgeous Mosaic lesson within the educational system, the artist said. The project is designed to be inexpensive and easily transportable — allowing millions of children, from kindergarten through high school, to participate.

It begins with a step-by-step approach to getting schoolchildren to carefully draw a visual statement about themselves, families, friends or children in other countries. "It's an art lesson and it's also a lesson in living, working and playing together," Grossman said.

Once the tiles are completed, they are sent to Grossman — Rhode Island is home to the

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BRIEFS

The Zeiterion Theatre will present Yefim Bronfman on Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. at 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, Mass. Bronfman will perform pieces by Scarlatti, Brahms, Schumann and Prokofiev; call 331-2211.

Lyric Stage will present "Cole to Cole" on Oct. 3 beginning 6 p.m. at 140 Clarendon St., Boston, Mass. Richard Evans, Eula Lawrence and Robyne Harris accompanied by pianist Frank Wilkins will perform the music of Cole Porter and Nat King Cole; call (617) 437-7172.

The Bert Gallery opens its 1993-94 season with "Masters and Mentors" on Oct. 5 through Nov. 6 at 540 South Water St., Providence. The exhibit will feature the works of Eliza Gardiner, Edna Lawrence, John Frazier and Gordon Peers, all past Rhode Island School of Design instructors. For more information on times and schedules, call 751-2628.

The Ocean State Chamber Orchestra will perform on Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. at Cathedral of St. John, 271 North Main St., Providence. The group will perform works of Mozart, Bloch and Tchaikovsky; call 781-3499.

Lighthouse Productions will present the annual Columbus Day Antiques Show on Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Venus de Milo restaurant, Route 6, Swansea, Mass. An early buyers preview begins at 10 a.m.; call (508) 324-1377.

The Langston Hughes Center for the Arts will offer a 10-week workshop in Performance Technique for Singers beginning Oct. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at 1 Hilton St., Providence; call 454-5422.

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The Rhode Island School of Design, Museum of Art will present Magdalena Abakanowicz, Conservation by Design, and The Farago Collection from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, at 224 Benefit St., Providence, call 454-6348.

The Bristol Community College Theatre Rep presents "Point of Focus" on Oct. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. at Arts Center Theater, Bristol Community College, Fall River, Mass. The movement piece will be directed and choreographed by Rylan Brenner; (508)678-2811.

The ninth annual Cranston Historical Society's **Arts and Crafts Festival** on Oct. 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sprague Mansion, 1321 Cranston St., Cranston; call 943-3308.

St. Peter's Concert Series presents **The Narragansett Bay Brass Ensemble** on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at 72 Central St., Narragansett. Individual concert tickets cost \$10, or \$20 for the entire series; call 783-1489.

The Wickford Art Association Gallery will host an **Open Juried All Media Show** Oct. 3 through 14, from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Sunday, at 36 Beach St., North Kingstown. An awards reception will be held Oct. 3; call 294-6840.

The Sarah Doyle Gallery will exhibit the works of artist **Carlyn Marcus Ekstrom** Oct. 4 through 22, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, at 185 Meeting St., Providence. There will be an opening reception Oct. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.; call 863-2189.

The University of Rhode Island's Fine Arts Center Galleries will present "Selections from the Journey" on Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m. at White Hall Auditorium Room 113. Fine Arts Center Gallery, Kingston. The lecture by Carol Ann Carter, an African-American artist, will inaugurate her exhibit, "Celebrating Difference."

The **Dansantes** will take place on Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at Astors' Beechwood Mansion, 580 Bellevue Ave., Newport. The informal debut celebration will include Victorian music, a vocalist and tea dance; call 846-3772.

The Cranston Public Library will exhibit the works of Rhode Island artist **Peter A. Campbell** Oct. 7 through 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston; call 943-9080.

Odeum Offers Theater Classes

The Greenwich Odeum is offering four eight-week theater classes starting Oct. 4 at the URI Extension School on the corner of Church and Pierce streets in East Greenwich.

A beginners "Introduction to Acting" class will begin on Oct. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. weekly through Nov. 23. Ray Gardiner, a professional actor from New York City, whose screen and television credits include "Ruthless People" and "Spencer for Hire" will teach this introduction course.

An "Advanced Acting" class will begin on Oct. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. weekly through Nov. 29. Barbara Blossom, an actress from Trinity Repertory Company who has also directed numerous plays throughout Rhode Island, including "The Seven Keys to Baldpate" and "Accomplice," will teach this advanced course.

A "Voice and Speech" class will begin on Oct. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. weekly through Nov. 18, with one special class on Nov. 29. Vilma Vaccaro, a professional actress with a master of fine arts degree from Boston University, will teach this course.

A "Movement for the Stage" course will begin on Oct. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. weekly through Nov. 29. Janet Howe, a professional actress who studied for eight years in New York City, will teach this course.

All classes will cost \$125 for the eight weeks, which includes all necessary materials. Class size is limited; space must be reserved in advance by calling Philip Sidel at the Greenwich Odeum at 885-9119.

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Examining the Entries

Beth Cohen, curator at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Cindy Halpern examine models, sketches and diagrams last week that were sent in for the museum's sculpture competition. The artworks represent both the horror of the Holocaust and the hope for a future free from hate. A steel sculpture by Barney Zeit of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., was the winning entry. It will be installed in the museum's garden on Nov. 9, the anniversary of Kristallnacht.

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Panels for Peace

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project — to be mounted by volunteers. In fact, everyone involved in the project is a volunteer — including Grossman himself — they receive no payment for their part in the program.

Although Grossman receives no government funding, he welcomes any support from the private, corporate and non-profit sector.

The project — now in its fourth year — has paid a visit to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, where children have recently created a

mosaic exhibit of their own — currently on display in the basement gallery. Last spring, Grossman contacted Martha Sholes at Temple Torat Yisrael and introduced the school to the mosaic project as well. Currently 4 million children in 35 states and scores of foreign countries, have sent Grossman their squares of art. But Grossman has high hopes for the project's future.

"I'd like to see the project become an educational program — in public and private school districts — and I'd like to see it become a cultural idiom all over the country," said Grossman, whose aim is to make the

project universal, "so that kids and the child in every one of us feels that they're a part of it."

In fact, educators and child psychologists have already told him that the project "gives kids the same opportunity to use their creative energy by working together rather than individually," he said, referring to graffiti artists. If one looks closely at the multi-colored tiles it's easy to see a graffiti-like pattern throughout.

Perhaps one day, schools throughout the country will make a gift of their mosaics to other cities and towns — promoting peace and understanding through little tiles of art.

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Rebecca Bussell Brenner

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey S. Brenner of Barrington announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Rebecca Bussell, born Aug. 17 in Women and Infants Hospital, Providence.

The mother is the former Elizabeth Epstein of Rochester, N.Y.

Maternal grandparents are Alice D. Epstein of Rochester, N.Y., and the late Richard L. Epstein. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Brenner of Woonsocket.

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Lee and Ronite Vilker

David and Vilker Are Married

Ronite David and Lee Vilker were united in marriage on Aug. 15 in Jerusalem, Israel. The bride is the daughter of Walter David of Rehovot, Israel, and the late Ruth David. The bridegroom is the son of Samuel and Nancy Vilker of Cranston.

Beth Vilker, sister of the bridegroom, Tammy Apter and Sharon David, sisters of the bride, served as bridesmaids.

Samuel Vilker served as best man for his son.

The bride graduated cum laude from Brandeis University and is currently working on her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Long Island University.

The bridegroom graduated magna cum laude from Brandeis University and received a J.D. degree from New York University School of Law, also magna cum laude. He is currently a lawyer with the firm of Patterson, Belknap, Webb and Tyler of New York, N.Y.

The newlyweds took a wedding trip to Cyprus. They reside in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Gelch, Simons to Marry

Diane Gelch of Providence and Gregory Simons of East Brunswick, N.J., are engaged to be married. She is the daughter of Dr. Melvyn and Joan Gelch of Providence. He is the son of Philip and Cynthia Simons of East Brunswick.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Brandeis University and is currently a student at New York University Law School. She plans to graduate in the spring of 1994. She will practice law in New York at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Brandeis University. He is currently working in New York City for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith as a financial consultant.

An Oct. 9, 1994 wedding is planned at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

The bride-to-be is the grand-

daughter of Pearl Kameny of Providence and Abram and Esther Gelch of Brooklyn, N.Y. Her fiancé is the grandson of Joseph and Sara Simons of West Palm Beach, Fla.

**Lauren
Michelle
Garner**



Alisa (Ehrens) and Richard Garner of Westport, Conn., announce the birth of their first child, Lauren Michelle, born on Aug. 9.

The grandparents are Leonard and Sylvia Mandell of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Riverside, Richard and Sheila Ehrens of Warwick, and Charlotte and Milton Gasoi of Delray Beach, Fla.



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**Leah
Alexandra
Cohen**

Lisa and Robert Cohen of Natick, Mass., announce the birth of Leah Alexandra on Aug. 13. The grandparents are Sylvia and Jason Cohen of Providence and Barbara and Dr. Arthur Block of Framingham and Nantucket, Mass.

Leah Alexandra is named in memory of her maternal great aunt and great-grandmother.

Rhode Island Hospital Names Stern to Direct Neurobehavioral Research

Robert A. Stern, Ph.D., has been named to the staff of the Psychiatry Department at Rhode Island Hospital as the director of neurobehavioral research where he is doing interdisciplinary research in psychi-

atry, endocrinology and neuroscience. Stern is also an assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior at Brown University.

Stern, 35, joins Rhode Island Hospital from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, where he was director of Adult Neuropsychology Laboratory, an assistant professor of psychiatry, and a research scientist in the Brain and Development Research Center.

A native of Massachusetts, Stern earned his bachelor's degree at Wesleyan University, and his doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Rhode Island. He completed his internship in clinical neuropsychology at Veteran's Administration Medical Center, which he followed with a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

His research has been published in more than 60 articles, reviews, and abstracts in the professional literature, and he is a sought-after lecturer in his field.

Stern, his wife Ruthanne and their two children have made their home in Needham, Mass.

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Hillel Explores Folk Roots in Jewish Music

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Cohen is an editor, writer and teacher who has produced more than 100 radio programs on Jewish identity and culture, including National Public Radio's "One People, Many Voices: American Jewish Music Comes of Age." He has served as a feature editor for *Hadassah Magazine* and as a feature writer for *Moment* and *The Jerusalem Post*. He is currently on the faculty of Hebrew College in Boston.

The event is free and open to the public.



Lending a Hand

April Peters, a staff member of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, helps out at the recent official opening of the Family Fitness Center at the JCCRI. The fitness center has more than 20 high-tech fitness machines including stair machines, weight machines, stationary bicycles and treadmills. Members of the JCCRI can use the equipment, take aerobics classes, swim in the 25-yard-long pool and use the gym and racquetball/wallyball court at no cost. Contact Jay Snyder, director of fitness, recreation and sports services, at 861-8800 for more information.

Pine to Address Senior Guild

The Cranston Senior Guild will meet at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, on Oct. 13 at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Edmund Beck, vice president for program, has scheduled Jeffrey Pine, Rhode Island attorney general, to speak that afternoon. Pine has had a distinguished career, both as a prosecutor for the state, as well as in private practice.

Judah Rosen, vice president for trips, reminds members of the forthcoming trip to the Concord Hotel in the Catskill Mountains of New York state, leaving on Oct. 3, and returning to Rhode Island on Oct. 7.

There is still time to attend the "Welk Show" to take place at the North Shore Music Theatre on Nov. 10. Chairwoman Janet Richman can be contacted at 461-7108.

The annual Chanukah party, at Venus de Milo, will be held on Dec. 8, and will be chaired by Selma and Sam Price. To make reservations, call 943-3427.

President Harry Portney is looking forward to greeting members at this next meeting, and will be gratified to see a large turnout.

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Domestic Violence Topic for Upcoming Hadassah Meeting

Ruth Fink and Ruth Ross, copresidents, will chair the monthly meeting of the Cranston/Warwick group of Hadassah on Oct. 4 at the Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane at 6:45 p.m.

Steve Pollock and Evelyn Wasser, cochairwomen for program, announce the appearance of Nancy Goldberg, a member of the board of the women's Center of Rhode Island, as well as the board of Hospice Care of Rhode Island, who will speak on domestic violence.

Many events are in the planning stage for the coming months, and the officers and board of directors, and the various chairwomen have been following through on Hadassah projects.

Some of our members are still busily making dolls for the Children's Hospital at Rhode Island Hospital, and with Hasbro's Children's Hospital soon to be completed; additional cooperation is most welcome.

Many new members will be

honored at a paid-up brunch scheduled for Nov. 7. More news will be forthcoming about the annual Special Gifts Luncheon slated for Oct. 24.

Bergeron Plans Fitness Program

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting on Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick.

Dolores Casey Bergeron, a principal community program liaison worker, will show us a fitness program.

Refreshments will be served. On Oct. 20, members will go on a trip to the Hawthorne Country Club in North Dartmouth, Mass. The trip will include lunch, entertainment and transportation.

Contact Sally Goldman for more information.

Seabury to Address Hadassah

On Oct. 12, South County Hadassah will hold its first meeting at the home of Linda Zell in Kingston at 7:30 p.m. B.J. Seabury, past director of Child Life at Rhode Island Hospital, will be the guest speaker. Seabury played a major role in helping design the new Hasbro Children's Hospital now under construction.

Hadassah members across the state have taken on a statewide community service project helping the children at Rhode Island Hospital. Therefore, it is most appropriate that Seabury meet and greet some of the women who work behind the scene for the hospital.

The members have devoted thousands of hours to a variety of activities, ranging from reading to the children, coordinating play activities and greeting visitors to knitting booties, hand puppets and hats

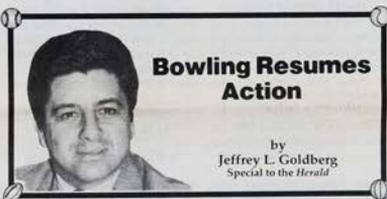
for cancer patients.

Their major contribution is the medical teaching dolls given to pediatric patients to work through their anxieties regarding their various medical treatments. Seabury has helped Hadassah members have a better understanding of what volunteers do to help hospitalized children.

Seabury grew up in Cranston and earned her bachelor of arts in child development at the University of Rhode Island. She served as director of patient activities at Boston Children's Hospital before coming to Rhode Island Hospital, and served as president of the Association for the Care of Children in Hospitals and was its liaison to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Seabury was instrumental in seeing that children were made more comfortable, received their schooling and fought for cheerier playrooms and facilities for all hospitalized children.

All are welcome to attend. For information, call Diane, 364-0503, or Lori, 789-1392.



Bowling Resumes Action

by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

After a one-week layoff, the Temple Beth-El Bowling League struck back into action. The team of Howie (small, medium or large) Rappoport, John (Oy Vay) Murphy, Peter (I can explain but not excuse) Klein, and Barry (I found my groove) Rotenberg, blistered the lanes with a team and league high 799 single. Nice going fellows.

When team captain Rappoport was asked about this unusually high team score, he (if you can believe it) was at a loss for words. What's in that lemon-ade, Howie?

The early going looks much like many races of the past. Rick Ressler and Benny Diaz are off to spectacular starts. Ressler missed the first week, but certainly left his mark with

an opening night of 247/623. Diaz opened the season with a 234/601 series. Newcomer Rick Bloom threw a 200/570 series, and Sy (low key) Brooks threw a high single of 246.

Top Five Bowlers

After Two Weeks
Benny Diaz, 198.5; Sy Brooks, 187.5; Larry Steingold, 184.3; Rick Bloom, 183.5, and Howie Rappoport, 181.6.

After One Week

Rick Dressler, 207.6
Team Standings
Hovie's Hammers, 7-1; Come Screen With Me, 7-1; Baker Furniture, 7-1; Standard Glass, 5-3; Oakland Mobil, 5-3; Shamrocks, 4-4; Trinkle Design, 4-4; Halperin & Lax, 3.5-4.5; Tooth Fairies, 3-5; Goldstein Electric, 1.5-6.5, and Spare Change, 1-7.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| OCTOBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Cranston/Warwick Meeting/Program, 6:45 pm, at Warwick Library 4. Providence Group Mtg./Program, 12:30 pm, at Temple Emanu-El 5. Nurses Council Open House, 7:30 pm, at Linda Fletcher's home 5. Donor Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, at Hadassah office 12. South County Meeting/Program, 7:30 pm, at Linda Zell's home 13. Pawtucket Group Board Meeting, 7:30 pm 13. Kent County Group General Meeting, 7:30 pm, at office 19. Newport Group General Mtg., 7:30 pm, at Renee Kamenitz's home 19. South County Group Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, at the Gullery 24. Cranston/Warwick Special Gifts, 12:00 pm, at L.S. Legend's home 25. Pawtucket Group Fashion Show, 7:15 pm, at Temple Emanu-El 25. Cranston/Warwick Board Meeting, 10:30 pm, at office 25. Chapter Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, at office |
| NOVEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Cranston/Warwick Ptd. Memberships Event, 11:00 am, at Temple Beth 8. Pawtucket Group Board Meeting, 7:30 pm 8. Nurses Council Open Meeting/Program, 12:30 pm 11. Chapter Fundraising Meeting, 10:30 am, at office 15. Newport Group Board Meeting, 7:30 pm 17. Chapter Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, at office 18. Kent County Group Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, at office 21. Worcester Group Breakfast, Congregation, 10:30 am, at local, 10 am 29. Pawtucket Group Meeting/Program, 7:30 pm |

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



A Family Affair

The Gibber family sizes some posters to hang in their sukkah Tuesday in the backyard of their Vassar Street home.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Erog and Lulav: The Ritual of Sukkot

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

For centuries, observant Jews have paid homage to G-d and their deliverance from slavery during Sukkot — which follows after Yom Kippur. But the significance of the holiday wouldn't be complete without the etrog (a citron) and lulav (a sheaf of palm fronds combined with myrtle branches and willows).

It's a mitzvah for each family to have their own etrog and lulav before conducting the ceremony, according to custom. The etrog represents the heart, the myrtle represents the eye, the palm represents the spine and the willow represents the mouth, according to midrashim, Rabbi Sidney Helbraun said.

"The reason we use them together is because we need all of them to become a whole caring person," Helbraun said, adding that a person who lacks any one of these parts would be unable to act fully and completely in doing good deeds.

The four items symbolize —

in the wisdom of the sages — the Jewish people through their unique characteristics. The etrog is said to taste good and have a pleasant aroma; the fruit of the date-palm, from which the lulav is taken, has taste but

If the yellow fruit is blemished, missing a pitom (stem) or deformed, then it cannot be used.

no fragrance; the myrtle has fragrance but no taste; and the willow has neither taste nor fragrance.

The sages interpret these as differences in their own people. The etrog represents a person who cares about people and is always there for them demonstrating understanding and unselfishness.

The lulav represents someone with knowledge of Torah but who is selfish. The myrtle branches symbolize a caring

soul who has no knowledge of Torah, while the willow possesses neither knowledge of Torah nor good deeds.

But G-d recognizes a need in each person to forgive others for whatever their faults may be.

It is for these reasons the four ceremonial items — used in the daily morning prayer — must be perfect in every way. In fact, the etrog is referred to as the beautiful fruit in the Bible and is considered to produce a smooth complexion for whoever eats it, said Rabbi Hershey Worth, spiritual leader of Congregation Ohave Shalom in Pawtucket. If the yellow fruit is blemished, missing a pitom (stem) or deformed, then it cannot be used.

The finest etrots are grown in Genoa, Italy, and are often used as the main ingredient in Chanel #5, because their fragrance is more aromatic than those grown in Israel, Yemen or Morocco. It's no wonder why etrots are meticulously packed into a soft, silky wrapping

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'Golden Oldies' to Highlight Leisure Club's Meeting

The opening meeting of Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will be held on Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. with a concert titled "Golden Oldies for the Young at Heart."

Irina Matt, who arranged the program, graduated from Odessa Musical College with a degree in choral direction. She has worked in musical theater as a piano accompanist. Currently, she directs programs at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and is the director of the Kol Simcha Chorus.

Joanne Mouradjian, lyric soprano, is a frequent recitalist and choir soloist throughout New England. A winner of numerous vocal competitions, her many awards include the Cantor Jacob Hohenemser prize at Rhode Island College and honors at the Boston Uni-

versity Department of Vocal Performance. She is the soloist at the Mathewson Street Methodist Church and Temple Beth-El.

Diana Smirnov, accompanist, was a child prodigy in Russia. After Music School for Gifted Children in Leningrad, she received a master's degree in performance. A second master's degree followed at Boston's New England Conservatory of Music. Her local engagements have included the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art, Temple Beth-El and Grace Church. She serves as organist and choir director of Providence Presbyterian Church and Providence College.

A social hour will be held after the concert.

Sollosy To Address Hadassah

Providence Hadassah opens its fall season on Oct. 4 with a meeting and program at Temple Emanu-El, Bohnen Vestry, Providence, at 12:30 p.m. Sheldon Sollosy, featured guest speaker, will discuss "Peace in the Middle East — The Impossible Dream?"

Sollosy, president of Manpower, Inc., of Providence, currently serves as president of the Providence Public Library, chairs the Rhode Island Human Resources Investment Council and the Rhode Island Workers Compensation Advisory Council.

He serves as vice chairman of the Government Affairs Council, Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and the Library Board of Rhode Island. Sollosy serves as associate chairman of the Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and has been a director of numerous local organizations.

He is a past president of the Providence Rotary Club, Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce Federation, the Association of Manpower Franchise Owners and the Sales and Marketing Executives Club.

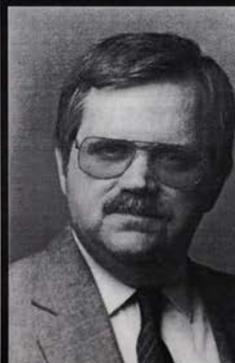


Sheldon Sollosy

Sollosy, serving in many capacities for both civic and community organizations, is a frequent visitor to Israel.

With the historic scene recently held in Washington of the Middle East leaders, Sollosy will discuss the peace process.

Refreshments will be served in the sukkah. The program is open to Hadassah members, guests and friends. For information, call 463-3636.



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Touro Scholar to be Introduced

The Touro National Heritage Trust will introduce its fourth Touro scholar, Mordechai Arbell, in a program at Touro Synagogue on Oct. 3, at 2:30 p.m.

The Touro National Heritage Trust is an organization that works to further knowledge of the early Jewish experience in this country. The Touro Heritage Fellowship, for post-doctoral scholars, is administered by the John Carter Brown Library.

Arbell is a scholar-diplomat, a Sephardi descendant of Marranos, who has lived in Israel since 1941 and has had an out-

standing career in both the diplomatic and academic.

He also has served as director and archivist at museums and other institutes and has been a valued adviser to world-wide commissions.

The general public is invited to join in welcoming this captivating scholar who will be doing research on "Spanish and Portuguese Jewish settlers in the Western Hemisphere during the 18th-19th Centuries" for the next three months through the auspices of the John Carter Brown Library.

Arbell: A Hero of Our Time

by Mike Fink
Herold Contributing Reporter

"I found empty synagogues, just four posts and a sand floor, in the depths of the jungle. The posts stood for the four patriarchs, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel. The sand spelled the desert on the way to Canaan. But it also kept away the snakes from the soil of the rain forest."

Mordechai Arbell, 1993-94 Touro Heritage Trust Fellow, told me the romance of the Jewish Caribbean on the Sunday between Yom Kippur and Sukkot. He greeted me in the downpour-soaked garden of a guest house off Benefit Street. The stone stairway leading to their pleasant East Side retreat made me think of a marrano hideaway.

I asked Mordechai some tough questions. "Did we sell slaves?"

"Yes, but only a small part of the Jewish economy, a much bigger part of Dutch, British and American trade. Not only that, but I came across a letter from a Jewish trader who went to the Carolinas and then returned to Surinam. He couldn't bear the suffering of the slaves in North America. Jews freed slaves in Jubilee years. Christian slave owners, like the Providence Browns, they held those Hebrew scruples against the Jews."

I also wondered about the mixing of Jewish blood with the Indians or the blacks. "I read Hebrew words among the native names in the phone books of Mexico, Costa Rica, all through the region."

Mordechai Arbell, a distinguished visitor to our state, has served as diplomat, ambassador in Panama and Haiti, consular and scholar, historian and professor, fluent like most Israelis in many languages, and at ease with wide-ranging topics.

I even asked him to follow me down a lane of literary and poetic references to the romance of the islands. "Was the bird girl of Venezuela in Hudson's *Green Mansions* a hint of hidden Jews?"

He answered in kind. "The low skies and dense foliage of the Caribbean and of Central America, they lead you to visions, bright and dark."

Even his names evoke legend and lore. Mordechai is the hero of our own great folktale, and Arbell goes back to the start of the European Sephardic history. We are honored to have him with us. It's a treat to talk and listen to Mordechai Arbell.



A Chicken Delight

Max Ryder, a member of the Harmony Lodge of Touro Fraternal Association, receives some biscuits from a volunteer at the Kosher fried chicken dinner and meeting held recently.

Herold photo by Omar Bradley

Sukkot Lunch Set for Seniors

Seniors from the JCCRI's kosher meal site are invited to Temple Emanu-El for a Sukkot luncheon, free of charge, on Oct. 5 at noon. Call Sandy Bass at 861-8800 for specifics.

Other kosher meal site events for the week of Oct. 1 to 8 include the VCR program, "Japan, The Island Empire," on Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to noon.

The center will be closed on Oct. 1 due to the holiday of Sukkot, Oct. 7 due to Shemini Atzeret (eighth day of Sukkot) and Oct. 8 due to Simchat Torah.

Kosher meal site invites seniors to join in a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon weekly, Sunday through Friday. Doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour.

Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. 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; and "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 a week.

Nurses Council to Host Open House

Would you like to know more about nursing and the Jewish connection? Are you concerned about the status of nursing in Israel? Would you like to be an advocate for the nursing profession?

If you said "yes" to any of the above, join other nurses (working or retired) at an open house social on Oct. 4, at the Pawtucket home of Linda Flescher, at 7:30 p.m.

The recently chartered Hadassah Nurses Council offers nurses from across the

state the chance to get together to expand their networks and enjoy programs of similar interests.

The councils are formed to establish an international partnership with the nursing division of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, and enhances and supports the nursing profession in Israel and the United States.

RSVP to Linda, 702-1576, or Susan, 245-0042.



Mordechai Arbell

"Marrano? No! The Jews of the New World came as Jews, not hidden Christians!" Mordechai stated vigorously. "I found 13 Jewish cemeteries in Jamaica alone. Those islands were stepping stones for the Sephardic Hebrew community setting itself up in the Americas."

Born in Bulgaria but an Israeli since 1941, Mordechai Arbell brings zest, knowledge and a lively, open imagination to his sojourn this fall. He will speak on Oct. 3 at 2:30 p.m. at Touro, and again on Oct. 20 at Brandeis and on the 28th at Brown. He published a book on the postage stamps that commemorate the Sephardic genius.

Those among us who have travelled among the fabulous islands between Florida and Central America may have visited a synagogue. But few of us can imagine the rich tapestry of Jewish life that flourished in Surinam, Barbados, Curacao and Panama.

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Dershowitz Among Those To Examine The Media and Middle East Peace

Harvard Law School Professor Alan Dershowitz, one of the nation's preeminent experts on the First Amendment, will be among the speakers examining media treatment of Israel and its impact on prospects for Middle East peace at a national conference next month.

The day-long conference will be held Oct. 24, at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. It is sponsored by CAMERA, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America, a nonpartisan media watch group comprised of some 25,000 members throughout the United States.

Joining Dershowitz will be former U.N. ambassador and syndicated columnist Jean Kirkpatrick; David Bar-Illan, executive editor, *The Jerusalem Post*; Martin Peretz, editor-in-chief, *The New Republic*; Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Charles Krauthammer, and Richard Hellman, president, Christians' Israel Political Action Campaign.

Additionally, local experts will discuss such topics as how media distortions of Israel are being played out on college campuses, and present case

studies on the performance of NPR and PBS, whose tax dollars are bound by a Congressional mandate for objectivity and balance, in covering the Middle East.



Professor Alan Dershowitz

Dershowitz was appointed to the Harvard Law School faculty at age 25 and at 28 became the youngest full professor in the school's history. Described by *Business Week* magazine as "one of the nation's most prominent legal educators," he is also a prolific writer, with

more than 100 published articles; a column that appears weekly in 50 U.S. newspapers; and five books. *Chutzpah* received critical acclaim as one of the most important books about Jews in post-World War II America.

Dershowitz has lectured throughout the world, from Carnegie Hall to the Kremlin, and in 1988 spoke in Israel on civil liberties during times of crisis, while serving as visiting professor of law at Hebrew University.

He has been a consultant to several presidential commissions, and is considered among the leading experts on constitutional law. His honors include the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's William O. Douglas First Amendment Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship for his work in human rights.

For more information about the conference or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, call CAMERA at (617) 789-3672. General admission, including lunch, is \$65, \$75 after Oct. 13; students \$30. Dietary laws will be observed. Advance registration is recommended.



Dynamic Duo

David, 7, (left) and Michael Radparbar, 11, both students at the Alperin Schechter Day School, try their hand at the violin recently at the Music School's open house.

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Sukkot Services Set at Sons of Jacob

Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue, 24 Douglas Ave., Providence, announces its candlelighting and service schedule for the holiday of Sukkot.

Sept. 30, first day Sukkot: Shacharis, 8:30 a.m.; Mincha, 6:10 p.m.; (candlelighting at 7:10 p.m.); Maariv, 7:10 p.m.

Oct. 1, second day Sukkot: Shacharis, 8:30 a.m.; Mincha,

6:10 p.m.; (candlelighting at 7:10 p.m.); Maariv, 7:10 p.m.

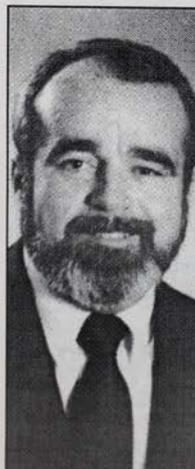
Oct. 2, Shabbos Chol Hamoed Sukkot: Shacharis, 8:30 a.m.; Mincha, 6:10 p.m.; Maariv (Shabbos ends), 7:15 p.m.

Oct. 3, second day Chol Hamoed Sukkot: Shacharis, 7:15 a.m.

Oct. 4 and 5, Chol Hamoed Sukkot: Shacharis, 6:30 a.m.

Oct. 6, Hoshana Rabba: Before lighting candles, bench Eruv Tayshin, page 403; Shacharis, 6:30 a.m.; Mincha, 5:55 p.m.; (candlelighting at 5:55 p.m.); Maariv and Hakafot, 7 p.m.

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Mativ Readies for Fall Season

Mativ, a group of young adults affiliated with Temple Beth El, is ready to begin a new season. Upcoming events for the fall include:

Oct. 2: A big group table will be reserved for the temple Sisterhood's Silent Auction. Gifts will be auctioned off including weekend getaways and works of art. The program begins at 7 p.m. Dinner is included, and the cost is \$12.50 a person. Call Sue if you want to join the table, 461-6202.

Oct. 4: "TGIS" (Thank G-d it's Sukkot). The group will meet after work for pizza and brew in the temple's sukkah. There's no charge, but reservations are required.

Nov. 13: This year, the Beth-El Players will present "The Cemetery Club." The group will reserve a section of Saturday's performance, and after the play, around 10 p.m.

all go out for drinks or dancing. Details will follow.

Dec. 3: Mativ will host an annual Shabbat dinner — this time with a twist: dinner will be vegetarian/dairy/pot luck to keep the cost low. Everyone should bring something to eat. Following dinner will be a lively discussion on the topic "Being Jewish — So What?"

The committee has begun discussing future events including a sports night to watch the Providence Bruins, a wine tasting, the annual comedy night fund-raiser, and many other programs. New ideas are always welcome.

The group would also like to build its Steering Committee, which meets monthly. If you are interested, call Gail at 461-5889. The next meeting is Oct. 13, at a place and time to be announced; newcomers are welcome.

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Touro Celebrating the Holidays

With the conclusion of the sober, reflective period of the high holidays, Jews throughout the world are shifting gears to commemorate the joyous festival of Sukkot at the end of September. The first and last days of this festival will be observed as full holidays, with morning and evening services each day. There will be four "intermediate days" and the celebration will conclude with Shemini Atzeret and the joyous Torah dancing of Simchat Torah. Touro Synagogue of Newport is likewise conducting religious services for this holiday.

The schedule of services is as follows:

Sukkot: Sept. 30, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Oct. 1, 9 a.m. Shmini Atzeret-Simchat Torah: Oct. 6, 6 p.m.; Oct. 7, 9 a.m.; (Yizkor — 10:30 a.m.); Torah parade/Hakafot, 6 p.m.; Simchat Torah dinner, 7:15 p.m., and Oct. 8, 9 a.m.

Children of Touro's United Hebrew School will participate in the annual Sukkot party for the families of the religious school. This event will be sponsored by Rabbi Dr. and Mrs. Chaim Shapiro, on Oct. 3, and will be held in the sukkah. The children will recite traditional blessings and will experience the spirit of the holiday at this function.

The holiday of Simchat Torah will feature the joyous parading and dancing with the Torahs on the evening of Oct. 7, followed by the annual Simchat Torah dinner, prepared by the congregation's Program Committee.

For further information, contact the Touro Synagogue office 847-4794.



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School Beat



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Beth-El Students to Mark Beginning of Jewish Education

On Oct. 6 (Erev Simchat Torah), 34 first-grade students will mark the beginning of their formal Jewish education by participating in the 61st annual consecration ceremony at Temple Beth-El.

Each child in the first-grade class will be presented with a miniature Torah scroll, a gift from the temple Sisterhood, to commemorate the beginning of his or her religious studies.

Consecration is the first of many milestones in the course of their Jewish upbringing. It is hoped that this commencement of religious studies will lead the children to the time when they will become responsible, committed members of the Jewish community.

Congratulations are extended to the following consecrants and their families: Amanda Baron, Esther Bell, Zoe Bell, Hal Bernstein, Jonathan Cesaro, Matthew Cipriano, Samantha Cohen, Elizabeth Dunn, Michael Fain, Allison Friedman, Viola Good, Joshua Gordon, Jamie Granoff, Allison Kordon, Lewis Koppelman, Joshua Labossiere, Justin Levine, Jessica Levine, Rebecca Lobosco, David Markus, Caitlin McManus, Lia Milito, Daniel Raphael, Paige Robinson, Eitha Rosenberg, Justin Savage, Matthew Smith,

Hillary Sorin, Alexandra Stahl, Jonathan Stern, Evan Wallick, Julie Wallick, Brian Weinstein and Daniel Winston.

Lincoln Reschedules Roundup

Lincoln School has rescheduled its "Back-To-School Roundup" for Oct. 3 at Faxon Farm, Route 44 in Rehoboth, Mass. The original date of Sept. 18 was postponed due to rain.

The day offers parents, alumnae and friends of the school a wide array of activities from noon to 6 p.m., all associated with a western theme. Some of the festivities include a performance by a country western band, games and hay rides for children of all ages, and a variety of food for purchase.

The Lincoln School Parents Association is the host of this event. In the case of inclement weather, the roundup will be held at the Lincoln School campus, at 301 Butler Ave. in Providence.

For more details, call Lincoln School at 331-9696.



Preparing for Sukkot

First-grade teacher Michal Donowitz (far left) studies one of several mini sukkot made by the children in her class at the Providence Hebrew Day School in preparation for Sukkot, which began Wednesday night.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Rabbi Invites Community to His Home

Rabbi Hershy Worch, the spiritual leader of Congregation Ohave Sholam in Pawtucket, invites the community to attend a traditional Sukkot

gathering at his home on Sept. 30.

The gathering, called a Simchas Beis Hashoevah, will begin at about 9 p.m. and tea and desserts will be served.

"The eight-day festival of Sukkot is a wonderful time to get together with friends, and the atmosphere in the sukkah is particularly conducive to stories, songs and celebration. There's nothing like a steaming hot cup of tea in the sukkah," Worch said.

The rabbi's sukkah will be decorated with traditional decorations reminiscent of the rabbi's upbringing in a European Hasidic home, such as birds made of hollowed out eggshells, and samples of wine, flour and olive oil, three items used in the temple sacrifices during the Sukkot festival in the time of the Beis Hamikdash.

Services at Congregation

Ohave Sholam are Sept. 29 at 6:15 p.m., Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. and 6:15 p.m., Oct. 1 and 2 at 9 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Hoshana Rebah services will take place on Oct. 6 at 6:45 a.m., and Shemini Atzeret on Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.

On Oct. 7, services will begin at 9 a.m.; Yizkor will be at about 10:45 p.m., and mincha is scheduled for 6 p.m., followed by Simchat Torah prayers and dancing beginning at 7 p.m.

On Oct. 8 and 9, services will take place at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

All are invited and welcome. For more information about the synagogue, Sukkot or directions to the rabbi's home, call 729-1606.

More Scouts, More Activity at Jewish Chapel at Yawgoog

The need to accommodate increasing numbers of scouts at the Temple of the Ten Commandments at Yawgoog Scout Reservation in Richmond is being explored by the Jewish Committee on Scouting of Naragansett Council.

More seating was provided in the Jewish chapel during the past camping season when scouts of Troop 28, St. Cecilia's Church, Pawtucket, under the direction of Ted Edgington, assembled wooden benches to replace folding chairs, according to Jules A. Cohen of North Kingstown, committee chairman.

As a result of the increasing interest shown during the past season, two Sunday morning study sessions, instead of one, will be planned for next summer. Rina Sky Wolfgang, Jewish chaplain at Yawgoog, reported that these sessions will be in addition to the regular Friday evening Sabbath services, which have been well-attended.

For his work in maintaining the chapel and grounds, and for encouraging other scouts to participate in religious awards activity, Allen Cowett of Troop 28, Providence, was presented the Jewish Chaplain's Aide award.

With growing interest in the religious awards, Chaplain Wolfgang, who is Hillel director at the University of Rhode Island, said three Boy Scouts made progress toward receiving the Ner Tamid Award and

others sought information for follow-through during the winter season. The emblem is earned through demonstrated knowledge of Judaism. Cub Scout Jacob Wolfgang earned the Aleph Award at camp.

Additionally, 48 boys earned the Yawgoog Jewish Scouting Award for their participation in religious services and assignments from the chaplain. In the three years this award has been presented, 142 Jewish scouts have received the special patch.

A Sabbath prayerbook for scouts is being developed under the chaplain's guidance and is expected to be an ongoing project each summer. Along with Sabbath prayers, the scouts include their personal thoughts on such current issues as the environment and world peace.

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RAMON F. BERGER

PROVIDENCE — Ramon F. Berger, 64, of Laurel Avenue, an executive in Jewish philanthropic organizations in Rhode Island and New York for several years until 1983, and a business broker in Providence for eight years before retiring in 1991, died Sept. 22 at Hospice Care of Rhode Island, In-Patient Center, Maude Street. He was the husband of Anita Berger.

Born in Albany, N.Y., a son of Graenum and Emma Berger of New Rochelle, N.Y., he lived in Buffalo and Manhattan before moving to Providence in 1977.

Berger received his bachelor of science degree in 1951 and his master of arts degree in 1955 from New York University. He was a Marine Corps veteran during the Korean War, serving as sergeant in the intelligence section of the Close Air Support Squadron. After the war, he became an administrator with the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and Camping Services in New York and Rhode Island.

He was associate director of the Surprise Lake Camp, New York City, and the Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts, social agencies of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

In recognition of his contributions to the furtherance of Jewish values in the social work profession, he received the Israel Cummings Award of the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York in 1971.

He was director of the Union of American Hebrew Congrega-

tions, and a camping consultant to Hadassah on a national level. He was administrator and consultant to the Hebrew Zionist Youth Commission of New York. He was assistant director of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo, and executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. He was noted for his skill in rebuilding and developing agencies in transition.

In Providence, he secured funding from HUD to provide access by ramp and elevator for the handicapped at the Jewish Community Center. For the needs of working mothers with children from three months to school age, he developed child day-care facilities at the center. In cooperation with Miriam hospital, he was active in a center project to provide a cardiac rehabilitation program, which was implemented in 1983.

In Rhode Island, Berger worked closely with the United Way in the funding and management sectors. He became a member of the management assistance and program support (MAPS) committee of the United Way of Southeastern New England. For several years, after leaving the community center field, he was active in business brokerage.

Besides his wife and parents, he leaves a son, Gideon S. Berger of Chicago; a daughter, Elizabeth H. Berger of New York City, and a brother, B. Michael Berger of Vienna, Va.

The funeral service was held Sept. 23 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in the Kneseth Israel Jewish Cemetery of Gloversville, N.Y.

JEROME J. KATZ

CRANSTON — Jerome J. Katz, 65, of 66 East Hill Drive, a self-employed certified public accountant for 30 years with offices in East Providence, died Saturday at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Gertrude G. "Trudy" (Bellin) Katz.

Born in New York City, he was a son of the late Harry and Mae M. (Axelrod) Katz. He lived in Cranston for 33 years, having previously lived in Providence.

Katz founded Shelby Self Storage, East Providence, and he was a partner in Winthrop Associates Real Estate Investors for 21 years.

He received his B.S. in accounting from Providence College in 1951, and his M.B.A. from New York University in 1953.

He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Redwood Lodge 35 AF & AM, the Knights of Pythias, the Plantations Lodge of B'nai B'rith, the Anti-Defamation League, the Crestwood Country Club, the Trowel Club, and the state and national Societies of Certified Public Accountants. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater of Operations.

Besides his wife, he leaves four daughters, Dr. Debra Katz of Ellicott City, Md., Dr. Marcia Katz of Bridgewater, N.J., Elyse Katz and Michelle Katz, both of Los Angeles; a brother, Lester Katz of Potomac, Md., and a granddaughter.

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

PHILIP LAPIDES

WARREN — Philip Lapides, 68, of 21 Bagy Wrinkle Cove, founder of Harvey's Ltd. Men's Clothing Store in Providence and St. Louis, Mo., in 1950, died Friday at home. He was the husband of Selma (Weiss) Lapides.

Born in New Haven, Conn., he was a son of the late Ira and Helen (Muffs) Lapides. He had lived in Barrington for 25 years

before moving to East Greenwich and then Warren.

Lapides also established Harvey's Uniforms, specializing in school uniform sales in the Northeast, in 1980.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he was captain of a PT boat. He was a 1946 graduate of Brown University, where he captained the baseball team, and he played in the New York Yankees farm system.

He was active in Big Brothers of America, American Legion baseball and the Barrington Players.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Sally E. Lapides of Providence and Wendy R. Lapides of Barrington; three stepdaughters, Debra Bento of Easton, Conn., Marjorie Sopkin of Guilford, Conn., and Jane Kunkel of Monroe, Conn.; four brothers, Harvey Lapides of Barrington, Martin Lapides of New Haven, Conn., Theodore Lapides of St. Louis, Mo., and James Lapides of Hamden, Conn.; four grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Sept. 26, at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Provi-

dence. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MARY SCHUSSHEIM

To the Editor:

My wife and I were informed in the Sept. 25 mail that Mary Schussheim, the widow of Rabbi Morris Schussheim who served this community at the former Temple Beth-Israel from the 1920s into the 1950s, died in San Jose, Calif., on Sept. 2.

Her daughter, Mrs. Arthur (Ruth) Roth whom we last saw with her mother in San Jose last November, wrote to us to inform the community.

Mrs. Schussheim was a charter member and founder of the Providence Chapter of Hadassah in 1923 and was the last survivor of the founders.

Bernard Bell
Providence

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officials, Friedman's representatives and members of the Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home, chaired by Pearlman and retired Brown professor Dr. Aaron Wold.

Attending the morning meeting were Dr. Stanley A. Aronson, chairman of the home's board, Ellis S. Waldman, vice chairman of the board, and Mel Alperin, chairman of the finance committee, Pearlman and Wold. Friedman's representatives included one of his sons, Ari Friedman, who directs Franklin Nursing Home in Flushing, N.Y., and Nat Sherman, a comptroller and CPA for Friedman.

"The meeting was primarily [held] to discuss whether it was possible [to re-open the Jewish Home] and how such a management could be affected given the present situation of the home's small population of residents," Wold said when asked about the morning meeting.

Wold noted that it was not "an official meeting" but, rather, it was simply "a meeting between Mr. Friedman and the board for Mr. Friedman to get information so that he could consider whether he wanted to make such an offer."

Friedman's representatives reportedly told Pearlman that

the facility could be up and running in the black in a matter of months.

As a result of the hour-and-a-half meeting — which ended with a guided tour of the facility by Aronson and Waldman — the following conclusions were reached and subsequently released in a prepared statement provided by the Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home:

- The Jewish Home for the Aged is in better condition than Friedman's associates had realized and they believe needed improvements could be done economically — using part-time electricians and handymen.

- The team was impressed by the community and specifically noted Alperin, Waldman and Dr. Aronson as "top-notch" and "devoted leaders of the community."

- The team intends to submit a written proposal stating that they can work with the cooperation of the officers, executive committee and board of the Jewish Home.

- Friedman's representatives also spoke with Henry Godin, chief of long-term care reimbursement for the Rhode Island Department of Human Services. "They feel the home must be kept open and its license must be maintained and a momentary rights of grandfathers of the home not be lost as an essential."

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Martha Finger, president of the Eden Garden Club, holds a ceramic apple, part of table settings prepared in time for the Jewish holidays at the brown bag lunch at Temple Beth-El Sept. 9. In the rear are sisters Bertha Goldberg (left center), Norma Friedman and Dorothy Kramer, who designed individual settings for Passover, Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah.

Herald photo by Omir Bradley

Sukkot

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when shipped to insure their perfection.

The lulav comes from the date palm — which grows extensively throughout Israel. It, too, must be shipped in a way that won't cause the slightest damage to its sheaf, according to Elen Shafner of Tikva Traditions. The sheaf comes from the date palm's center and usually is kept in a finger-shaped woven holder made from palms.

During the ceremony, the etrog is held in the left hand and the lulav in the right — with a willow branch on one side and the myrtle on the other — and held close together and waved slightly at the end of the blessing.

Ben Eisenberg, owner of Tikva Traditions, delays making orders to ensure that his customers receive only the freshest products.

Hasidic Jews often boil the peel of the yellow fruit to make a delectable jam, which is the only way the fruit can be eaten, Rabbi Worch said.

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THE MAGIC TOUCH — Edythe Gulowacz attends to Kitty Reynolds, general manager of Gregory Beauty Supply Company (seated), while Hope Desantis displays a hair-coloring chart used for product demonstrations at Gregory's salon.

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Gregory's Sets the Style in Haircoloring

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

William Gregory, owner of Gregory Beauty Supply Co., Inc., is a giant, but don't let his size fool you. He's really a big-hearted, earnest salesman underneath. "I love hair coloring," the former kung-fu instructor said.



In fact, Gregory was literally born into the business, which his father began in 1954. He stayed — in spite of his kung-fu training — because he enjoys the diversity and working with women — and because he believes in his products.

"We are the largest importer and wholesaler of Tocco Magico of Rome, Italy — the highest quality hair color — in America," Gregory said. The secret to Magico is its natural ingredients — seven herbs — and low ammonia content, which does less damage to hair cuticles, the veteran salesman said. Not only does its coloring look richer, but it lasts longer as well, he said.

Just ask Kitty Reynolds, his office manager, who displays a full lustrous mane of Magico's Titan red — without a trace of her original gray.

Gregory's employs a staff of eight educators who demonstrate to hair salons how to use their unique products. "All my educators are owners of hair salons and some of the best hair colorers and stylists around," he said. Every Monday evening, Gregory's holds hair-coloring clinics for area hair salons that have all the excitement and energy of the Boston and New York hair fashion expos his educators regularly attend.

Last year, at the annual New England Beauty expo in Boston, Gregory's hairdressers Karen Rivora, Steven Emerson and Ken Boucher — blew the competition away for the third year for recognition as the best exhibit in the show. But Gregory gives all the credit to Tocco Magico, voted No. 1 by Geneve Prix D'or of Switzerland — a quality control institute — for being the highest

quality hair products worldwide. That's because "Italy's the hair-coloring capital of the world," he said.

But Gregory is the first to admit that it took him two years of test-marketing other famous-name products before choosing Magico and Graham Webb of England. He also analyzed the dozens of area hair dressing companies "bumping heads" before he decided to downscale the company and upscale his product. Now, Gregory's — despite a sluggish economy — is experiencing a surge in business, which is why Gregory and an entourage of educators, models and stylists are heading to Boston next month for the next annual beauty expo.

Gregory says he often spends \$100 for a demonstrator — to test his products in salons — before the customer spends one dime on it. If so, then Gregory's has nothing to fear from its competition while heading toward success.

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tial part of working things out," the release concluded.

When asked to comment, Sherman called the Sunday morning meeting "very cordial." He declined to comment further, in the interest of negotiations, except to say, "We are working on something."

After Ari Friedman and Sherman had toured the facility, they went to Pearlman's office and told him that the home could be renovated and put into good working order for \$100,000, and not the millions of dollars previously assessed by the board, Pearlman told the *Herald*.

As of Wednesday, the home's census was 11. But the official closing date set by the state is either Oct. 31 or when the census reaches six residents — whichever comes first — Wold told the *Herald*.

The Department of Health would oppose the facility being opened when the census falls below six, because the health and safety of the residents would be jeopardized, said Robert DiCenso, acting administrator of closing of the Jewish Home.

Correction

The front-page story on the Jewish Home in last week's *Herald* incorrectly reported that 100 or more members of the community voted unanimously to support the re-opening of the Jewish Home.

In fact, several members of the audience — which was comprised of Jews and non-Jews — abstained from the vote. Thomas Pearlman, co-chairman of the Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home, opted not to officially document the abstentions.

We regret the error.

Wold said that Aronson, Waldman and Alperin "were willing to receive the offer from Mr. Friedman and have the board consider it."

But in an interview Monday, Wold told the *Herald* that, "There was no discussion at all of anything besides selling the home," when the Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home met last week with the home's executive committee.

When asked if the Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home had been privy to any other offers to run or buy the Jewish Home, Wold noted, "I can only say this: There was no mention to us of any other offers... either of buying or running the home." He added that the executive committee did not discuss Friedman's offer.

"Whatever their plans are, they have not said it prudent to discuss these plans with us," Wold said. "They want to sell the home [and] establish a wing"

for Jewish residents at Rosewood Manor, he said.

However, Wold stressed that in all the group's discussions with Aronson, "He was extremely proper. I honestly think the board [of the Jewish Home] cares."

Meanwhile, community members at the Sunday night meeting were concerned that there be sufficient time for Friedman's proposed plan of operation to go into effect.

According to one person, some at the meeting suggested that residents should refuse to be moved, thus stalling action to close the home.

Under state law, no resident can be moved without going before a hearing board to consider their reasons for refusal.

But unless the executive committee deems Friedman's proposal feasible before Oct. 31 or a drastic census drop, plans to reopen the home may fail.

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