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Teens Arrive in Tel Aviv for Aliyah

A group of 26 teenagers from the former Soviet Union recently arrived Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv on their way to study in Youth Aliyah instructions as a part of "Aliyah 16" — a program which is bringing young people to Israel without their parents to study. This is made possible through an extension of the United Jewish Appeal's Operation Exodus.

A Terrorism Round-Up

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish leaders and organizations are applauding the recent convictions of four defendants in the World Trade Center bombing case.

After a five-month federal trial, Mohammed Salameh, Ahmad Ajaj, Mahmud Abouhalima and Nidal Ayyad were found guilty on all 38 counts in the case.

Six people were killed and more than 1,000 wounded in the bombing last February, one of the worst terrorist incidents ever to take place on American soil.

The defendants were convicted of charges including conspiracy, explosive destruction of property, interstate transportation of explosives, assault upon a federal officer and using or carrying a destructive device during a violent crime. Many of these carry a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Terming the bombing "a wake-up call about the dangers of religious extremism," the American Jewish Committee issued a statement saying the organization is "gratified that justice has been served with the conviction, on all counts, of the four defendants" in the case.

Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), chair of the Crime and Criminal Justice Subcommittee, also hailed the verdict, which he described in a statement as the "result of outstanding efforts by federal and local law enforcement officials.

"These guilty verdicts send a strong message to other would-be terrorists: You won't be tolerated and you will be caught," he said.

Following are brief descriptions of the four men convicted in the case:

• Mohammed Salameh was found guilty on 10 counts for renting the van used in the bombing, the apartment in Jersey City where the explosive ingredients were mixed and the locker where the explosives were stored. He was also convicted for helping to mix the chemicals and bankrolling the bombing with a co-defendant.

• Nidal Ayyad was found guilty on nine counts. An engineer, he ordered the chemicals

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Israeli Guards Not at Posts When Goldstein Opened Fire in Hebron

by Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The terrorist attack at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron might have been prevented had Israeli security guards been at their posts, the Israel Defense Force admitted in testimony before the state commission of inquiry investigating the incident.

But Maj. Gen. Danny Yatom, commander for the West Bank, said that while lax security made the killings at the shrine possible, a similar attack elsewhere could not have been averted.

"A crazy murderer acting alone who decides and is determined to carry out an attack" cannot be stopped, Yatom said.

"There are many opportunities every day to kill Arabs," said Yatom.

He said that two IDF soldiers and three border policemen were not at their posts when Baruch Goldstein, a Brooklyn-born settler from neighboring Kiryat Arba, opened fire and killed Palestinians at prayer.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, who heads the panel, asked Yatom if the massacre could have been prevented had the posts been properly manned.

The head of the central command replied, "To the best of my knowledge, yes."

In response to questions, Yatom also made it clear the military had no intelligence that warned of such a violent attack by a Jewish settler. He said the military had been alert to disturbances from the settlers, but not to terrorism.

IDF preparedness overall focused on Arab terrorism against Jews and not the reverse, he said.

The commission has far-reaching legal powers to investigate what happened, to draw conclusions and make recommendations.

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Volunteers at Miriam Offer T.L.C.

by Alison Smith
Herald Co-Editor

Sally Irons' and Trudy Mulvey's volunteer group at Miriam Hospital is trained to listen. Listening is what they do best. They listen to anxious families who are waiting for news about a loved one, and then they listen to the clinician in charge of the case while he or she tells them what stage of surgery or recovery the patient is in, and then they go back to the family with the reassuring bulletins.

These messengers of good news are on duty in the Miriam lobby from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and if anybody still needs them, they are likely to be on duty into the evening. Irons says she tells them "Do what you have to do."

The group has been so successful that it won the New England Hospitals Assemblies Award for Innovative Programming, last year. And that was "before beepers."

Each family is handed a beeper, when they start their vigil in the lobby. The beepers have a range that covers all of Miriam and its grounds, so if the family would like to have a cup of coffee in the next building, or just stretch their legs outdoors for a minute, they can do so without fear of missing an important page. When anything happens, their beeper will alert them to the need to report back to the lobby or the floor.

Success of the program may be judged not just by awards, but by testimonials from the families, and the patients, themselves... letters, calls, flowers.

Each volunteer goes through extensive training, and is then asked to accompany an experienced volunteer until the time comes when they feel competent to handle their first families alone.

Every six weeks there is an "in-service" meeting where one of the group's major responsibilities is discussed, where members may pose complicated questions, where past situations may be reviewed for the group's benefit. Twice every day, Irons tries to get down to the lobby to chat with the day's volunteer... to keep a finger on the group's pulse.

Each group member receives

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A BRIEF CONFERENCE between Sally Irons, director of volunteer services, and Betty Femino, volunteer, is held in the lobby of Miriam Hospital. Femino offers reassurance and up-to-the-minute information to families of patients in surgery or undergoing tests. Among other services, these volunteers provide families of patients with beepers, so that they may feel free to take a walk or go for a cup of coffee while a loved one is in surgery or undergoing tests. *Herald Photo by Alison Smith*

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Health Department Warns Against Lead Inspector Imitators

The Rhode Island Department of Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Control Program is advising families to be wary of any person who comes to their homes claiming to be a lead inspector from the Health Department, or any other agency or organization such as a hospital.

According to Barbara A. DeBuono, M.D., director of health, the department has received reports of a man who has falsely claimed to be a lead inspector from a local hospital.

The man, who was wearing an identification badge, knew the resident's name and claimed he needed to take pictures of the lead inside her home. He used a 35 millimeter camera and said that he would send a report to her in a week, after the "experts" had examined the photographs.

"Lead inspectors from the health department are required to carry a photo identification badge at all times," said Dr. DeBuono. "None of the local hospitals employ lead inspectors who visit children's homes. Pictures are rarely taken by state lead inspectors."

The health department advised Rhode Islanders to always ask for identification from any person who visits their home claiming to be a lead inspector.

Parents are also encouraged to contact the Rhode Island Childhood Lead Poisoning Control Program at 277-1417 to verify that an inspector was sent by the health department to their home on that day.

Persons who believe that they have been approached by an imposter should call their local police department.

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These funds were aimed at establishing a Community Service Learning Project at the high school. Because of the success of the original funding, the school has recently been awarded an additional $25,000 by the foundation.

The purpose of the new funding is to have students become involved in disseminating funds to non-profit charitable organizations in the community.

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Rhode Island Hospital Doctors Named Among Top in Nation

Nineteen physicians associated with Rhode Island Hospital have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the second edition of *The Best Doctors in America*, a selective directory of the top two percent of doctors practicing in about 350 specialties across the country.

Doctors named in the directory are drawn from a yearlong survey involving more than 13,000 telephone calls and 11,000 letters to doctors nationwide.

Doctors contacted were asked to rate the clinical abilities of their peers by answering the following question: "If a friend or loved one came to you with a medical problem in your field of expertise, and for some reason you could not handle the case, to whom would you send them?"

The survey produced a directory of some 7,200 physicians in America, about two percent of the nation's 350,000 practicing physicians. *The Best Doctors in America* is published by Woodward/White, Inc.

Rhode Island Hospital physicians included in the directory also hold faculty posts with the Brown University School of medicine.

Rhode Island Hospital physicians included in the directory are:

• Darrell Abernethy, M.D., for clinical pharmacology.

• Kirby I. Bland, M.D., for surgical oncology, with subspecialties in breast cancer, colon and rectal cancer and melanoma. (Bland is surgeon-in-chief at Rhode Island Hospital as well as executive surgeon-in-chief at all the Brown University affiliated hospitals.)

• Sidney S. Braman, M.D., for pulmonary and critical care medicine.

• Paul Calabresi, M.D., for clinical pharmacology.

• Donald R. Coustan, M.D., for endocrinology and metabolism, with subspecialties in diabetes and maternal and fetal medicine. (Coustan is surgeon-in-chief of the RIH Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and obstetrician and gynecologist-in-chief at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island.)

• J. Donald Easton, M.D., for adult neurology with a subspecialty in stroke diagnosis and treatment. (Easton is also associated with Women & Infants Hospital.)

• Barry S. Fogel, M.D., for psychiatry, with subspecialties in geriatric psychiatry and neuropsychiatry.

• Gregory K. Fritz, M.D., for psychiatry, with a subspecialty in child and adolescent psychiatry (Fritz is also associated with Bradley Hospital).

• Douglas R. Gnepp, M.D., for ear, nose and throat pathology.

• Martin B. Keller, M.D., for psychiatry, with a subspecialty in mood and anxiety disorders. (Keller is associated with all Brown University affiliated hospitals.)

• Charles J. McDonald, M.D., for clinical dermatology. (McDonald is also associated with Roger Williams Medical Center.)

• John M. Monchik, M.D., for endocrine surgery.

• William Oh, M.D., for pediatrics, with a subspecialty in neonatal and perinatal medicine. (Oh heads pediatrics at both Rhode Island Hospital and Women & Infants Hospital.)

• Georges Peter, M.D., for pediatric infectious disease.

• Suzanne Riggs, M.D., for pediatrics, with subspecialties in adolescent and young adult medicine, and pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

• Patrick K. Sullivan, M.D., for plastic surgery, with a subspecialty in head and neck surgery. (Sullivan is also associated with Roger Williams Medical Center.)

• Peter G. Trafton, M.D., for orthopaedic surgery, with a subspecialty in trauma surgery.

• David O. Williams, M.D., for cardiovascular disease, with a subspecialty in cardiac catheterization.

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In and Out Surgery

A one-day care facility — Wayland Square Surgicare — opened recently at 17 Seekonk Street on the city's East Side. The center will offer "in and out" surgery performed by area doctors and an assisting staff of 15.

OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

March 19, 8:30 a.m.-noon, at URI's Campus of Continuing Education, behind the State House, a **forum of gubernatorial candidates,** and environmental workshops. Call 621-8048.

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March 20, 7:30 p.m., at Barrington Public Library, **Girls Night Out,** a program celebrating women in story and song. Call 247-1920.

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March 22, 12 noon, at CCRI's Warwick campus, a seminar called **"Get The Job You Want,"** featuring job expert David Swanson. Free. Call 825-2237.

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March 23, 6:30 p.m., at the law offices of Pearlman and Vogel, a meeting of **Personal Injury Lawyers of New England.** Call 726-6200.

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March 23, 3 to 5 p.m. and March 27, 1 to 3 p.m., workshops for children age 5 and older, called **Fly Paper** (making paper airplanes) at the Children's Museum, 58 Walcott St., Pawtucket. Same day registration required — call 726-2591.

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March 24, 7 p.m., at Ruggles Gym, Bradley Hospital, a talk, **"Educating Your Special Needs Child"** by Greta Francis, associate director of Bradley School. Please call 434-3400, X161.

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March 24, from 5:30-9 p.m., at Roger Williams Park Casino, a **"Taste of Elmwood"** dinner and entertainment to benefit The Elmwood Foundation. Call 273-2330 for reservations.

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March 24, 7:30 p.m., at St. Martin's Church, 24 Orchard St., Providence, a program on **Authentic Movement,** by Joan Webb. Call 454-0404 to reserve your seat.

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March 25 is the **deadline for registering** for 29th annual Early Childhood Conference on April 9, at Coventry High School. Call Alida Frey at Henry Barnard School, 456-8127.

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March 26, Gourmet Guys prepare **special dinner** at Golden Antler Room, Elk's Lodge, 887 S. Main St., Attleboro, Mass. Call (508) 226-4015 for details and tickets.

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HERALD ADS GET RESULTS!

FEATURE

Shakespeare and the Jews

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"If you prick us, do we not bleed?" James Shapiro of Columbia's English Department takes a deep look at Shakespeare's Shylock soliloquy. The talk presented at Brown will come out in print as a forthcoming book on the bard and the Jews.

Research really amounts to a matter of courtesy. A scholar goes back to thank the thinkers and writers who put down milestones to guide your footsteps. Shapiro says that Jewish critics mainly stayed away from Shakespeare. Our first experts still live and work. In fact, Jewish academics used initials rather than rub in their ethnic identity with Old Testament names.

Renaissance Britain practiced anti-Semitism even without an actual Jewish presence. They hoarded images of Jews that served them as mythical villains. They claimed Jewish men menstruated. Intercourse with a Jew ranked with sodomy or bestiality. Stateless, the Jew was the vagabond. "Today, Jews have Israel, a nation, but a racist and imperialist one at that." That quote rubbed me wrong.

Shapiro cites the feminist reading of "Merchant of Venice" by Karen Newman and complains that the problem of the Jew as outsider, other, has been displaced by other minority issues, notably feminism and color racism. The Jew gets left out, as usual.

Shapiro deals with the work of Cecil Roth, an Oxford don and noted Jewish historian, who describes, almost lyrically, the way British Jews began to fit into English society without the fuss of rhetoric. But Shapiro makes a case for the continuing virulence of anti-Jewish prejudice even in the lofty realms of Shakespearean theory. He gets into the ways Shylock has been staged all over the world.

In Nazi Germany, Hitler exploited the blood-thirsty symbol. In Israel, of course, the legitimacy, irony, and pathos of the merchant replaced the stock heavy. And here in America, the play with the portrait of the Jew has for half a century proved radically controversial. Should the tale of the usurer be banned and censored, or used as a base of discussion and analysis?

Lovers of the lore of the lyric, bardolators, worshippers of Will, those among us who dig Shakespeare have always wanted to believe that his picture of the Jew of Venice is a liberal and sympathetic sketch — against all evidence. But English writers inherit a gross bias, and James Shapiro sets out to clear the record and make room for Jewish professors to enter this academic scene.

Thanks to Professor Coppelia Kahn of the Brown English Department for making a manuscript of the proposed text available for perusal.

A Local Talent of Many Worlds

You may not be familiar with the name Gardenia Benros unless you are a member of the United States Cape Verdean or Portuguese communities.

"makes me feel close to my country."

Benros resides with her family in Pawtucket and is a student at Rhode Island College in her third year in the music and theater areas of concentration.

College to her is "very important" but she does not look for a degree to get a job.

"I already have a job — as a professional singer. It's the other way around for me," she explains, but adds, "I don't want to be any singer, but an educated singer."

She enjoys the study of classical music at R.I.C. as well as her studies in theater.

One of her goals is to turn a play she has written into a movie, a musical about the culture of Cape Verde in her grandmother's time.

Fluent in five languages, Benros regularly performs in the above-mentioned countries and has six recorded albums, including two CDs, on the international market.

Born in Praia, Cape Verde, a daughter of Thomas and Maria Filomena Benros, she left the island at age 3 with her family and relocated to Lisbon, Portugal, where she stayed until the age of 12. Then she and her parents and two sisters and a brother came to the United States and settled in Rhode Island where they already had relatives living.

A graduate of Shea High School in Pawtucket, Benros attended the Sawyer School for a year studying communications.

During these years, she won the Miss Pawtucket Pageant, the Miss Ocean State Rhode Island Pageant and Miss Cape Verdean USA title.

WITH A JEWISH-PORTUGUESE FLAVOR — Gardenia Benros is of Jewish descent and is pictured with two of her CD recordings.
Photo courtesy of Gordon E. Rowley

But in Portugal, Italy, Spain, France and, of course, the islands of Cape Verde, her name is not only known, it is synonymous with the romantic music of Portugal and the islands.

Of Irish, Jewish and English descent, Benros traces her Cape Verdean roots to the 1800s when her great-grandfather relocated to the islands from Tangiers, Morocco.

"Benros is a Jewish name," she points out with pride.

She is equally proud of her Cape Verdean heritage and says unabashedly that the Cape Verdean music she sings

When you announce the birth of a child why not include a black and white photo?

The Search for the World's Best Granny

YAKIMA, Wash. — The search is on to find the world's greatest granny.

The Washington Apple Commission has announced the official beginning of its second annual Search for Granny Smith — a nationwide hunt to find the perfect grandmother to promote the state's famous green fruit.

"We're looking for grannies on the go," said Vicky Scharlau, vice president of the Washington Apple Commission. "Someone who personifies the healthful attributes of our apples."

Scharlau said a successful candidate should meet the following guidelines:

* Be sweet — but not too tart or mushy — and have good moral fiber.
* Stem from a big family tree, hand-picked by children, grandchildren, spouse or friends.
* Have beauty that's more than skin deep, and just the right amount of maturity.

Those wishing to nominate their favorite granny should write, in 100 words or less, why the nominee should be considered and enclose a photo.

Nominations should be sent to Granny Smith, P.O. Box 18, Wenatchee, WA 98807, and received no later than April 29, 1994.

"We've extended the deadline this year so more grannies can participate," said Scharlau. "Nominees don't have to have the last name 'Smith,' and the photos sent to us, like our Granny Smith apples, should be in good taste."

Last year's winner was 63-year-old Ruth Ray of Lincoln, Mass., a children's dance instructor and TV producer. Ray was selected out of 7,000 entries from all 50 states to be the official "spokesgranny" for Washington's apple growers.

She's been busy.

"It's been a lot of fun," Ray said. "In Atlanta I judged an apple dessert recipe contest with the proceeds going to a local charity, and in Virginia it was a kids' fair. I've learned a lot about nutrition, and seen a good portion of the country."

Eight grandmothers, and the person who nominated each of them, will be chosen to participate in the "Granny Finale," to be held May 15 at the Capitol Theatre in Yakima, Wash.

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OPINIONS

Not So Fast!

by Alison Smith
Herald co-editor

Long ago — well, during the first half of this century — when children had to be hospitalized, their parents were expected to bring them to admissions, say good-bye, and leave.

They could keep in touch with the nursing staff by phone, and come back for the child when he or she was ready to go home.

The child was frequently not told where he or she was going, or why, till the last possible minute, "to spare him."

It was said that this routine was much better for the child. No anticipatory anxiety, no visits from parents who would eventually have to go home, leaving the nurses to calm the weeping child — no interruption in hospital routine.

It was not said, loudly enough or often enough, what this orderly scheme did to the child.

An innocent car ride turned into his admission to the hospital, strangers took him from his parents, and then he faced surgery or treatment in unfamiliar surroundings, with no contact with the people he loved till he recovered.

But because a terrified, shocked and grieving child is often withdrawn and quiet, there were very few interruptions in the hospital routine.

Finally, psychiatrists, parents and enlightened hospital staff members began to speak out about how traumatic and cruel this was for the child and the whole system of pediatric hospital care underwent a metamorphosis.

It was so bad then, and it is so much better now, it is hard to believe the change took only 50 years.

Nowadays, parents work with the staff, are encouraged to be there for their children whenever possible, and do many small comforting tasks that can be done as well by a mother as a nurse.

The most important, longest-lasting benefit, though, is that the child is not left feeling that he cannot even trust his own parents or doctor any more, that when he was most vulnerable, helpless, frightened, he was stripped of everything familiar without warning.

So — what has all this to do with us today?

This. All through our lives, we need to feel there are people and institutions we can rely on. We never grow out of the need for someone we trust.

When we are very old, or very young, or sick, resting secure in a familiar, reassuring setting, among people we know and trust, becomes even more crucial to our mental and physical health.

The decisions to close the Jewish Home for the Aged and to merge Miriam Hospital with Rhode Island Hospital were done so swiftly that many people felt as if too much decision-making, conferring and planning had gone on before the community was let in on the situation.

Like the little kid suddenly having his tonsils out, they knew darned well this must have been in the works long before the family car pulled up in front of the hospital.

It is easier to close a nursing home or merge a hospital if you don't have to deal with counter-proposals and offers, emotional outcries and stormy meetings ahead of time — if you just announce that this is what is happening. It's easier if you're one of the decision-makers, but it's a lot more painful if you're one of those affected.

A basic step — letting the people most involved in on what might be going to happen — was skipped in both cases, and now those people wonder which authority figures they can still trust.

In the future, when some Jewish institution is facing a crisis, it will be more important than ever that all those concerned be told the truth, and allowed to have their input before it is, you should pardon the use of this over-used expression, "a done deal."

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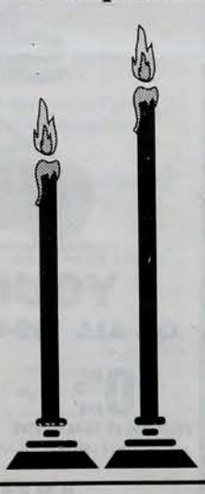

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Reform Rabbis Condemn Killings

The Northeast Region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis deplores the violent invasion of sacred religious space in Hebron by a fanatic.

We believe that his actions were a perversion of the values taught by our Jewish tradition. In this spirit, we extend our sympathy to the Muslim community.

We pray that all reasonable leaders of the countries in that region will not be distracted by this reprehensible act and that they will exert their influence and will focus their energies on achieving peace.

Signed: Rabbi George J. Astrachan, Temple Sinai, Cranston, R.I.; Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman, Temple Beth-El, Providence, R.I.; Rabbi Paul Menitoff, regional director, Northeast Council-Union of American Hebrew Congregations and chairman, Boston Area Reform Rabbis; Rabbi James B. Rosenberg, Newport Havurah, Newport, R.I.; Rabbi Rifat Sonsino, Temple Beth Shalom, Needham, Mass., and president, Northeast Region-Central Conference of American Rabbis.

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You must have a touch-tone phone and have certain information available to use the service. You'll need the first social security number shown on your return, the filing status and EXACT whole dollar amount of the refund. IRS updates the refund information once a week (usually Friday morning.)

Taxpayers who do not have touch-tone phones can get refund information by calling (800) 829-1040 during normal business hours.

Letters to the EDITOR

Lenka Rose Speaks Up

To the Editors:

Re: Article Money Talks, Ad Provokes in the *Jewish Herald*, Feb. 17.

An ad placed by a certain B.R. Smith in the University of Rhode Island's newspaper questions whether the Nazis sent millions of Jews and "others" to gas chambers in World War II.

To begin with, the editor of that paper should have his or her head examined for giving credence to such nonsense.

How kind of B.R. Smith! He is willing to include "others" in the bargain as well. For B.R. Smith's information, the gas chambers were built for one purpose, and one purpose only — to wipe the Jewish people off the face of the earth.

B.R. Smith must have just arrived on the scene, from the planet Mars since he is so ignorant of fact. Might he be a Holocaust denier? If he is, he fails to distinguish between the truth, when he sees it, and fiction. To answer B.R. Smith's question further, I am the most likely person to do it, since I was there in hell on earth ...

Upon arrival in Auschwitz, I lost my mother and three little sisters, right away. They were selected by the infamous Dr. J. Mengele. They disappeared in the direction of Birkenau where the gas chambers were located. Heavy smoke and stench permeated the air, from huge smokestacks, without a let-up, day in and day out.

Thereafter, daily selection took place. One horrible day my sister, Rifkallah, was chopped down with a bayonet by order of Mengele the beast.

She perished tragically, knowing what was in store for her and many other Jewish young girls who were selected that day, once the truck took off in the direction of Birkenau.

She was only 14 years old. How can the world deny her her death as well?

I ask you, Mr. B.R. Smith, have you sold your soul to the devil or have you gone stark crazy?

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Cool Moose Healey Protests

"If the *Providence Journal*, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and Providence College tell you that they are great defenders of free speech and that they make every effort to foster a lively debate, you can know that they are hypocrites," said Robert J. Healey Jr., the Cool Moose Party candidate for governor discussing his exclusion from a forum which was held March 15 at Providence College.

"My invitation to this event must have been lost in the mail" maintained Healey.

"It is most unfortunate," said Healey "that I cannot be heard. This is the Catch 22 of third party politics."

Traditionally, third party candidates do not get invited to events. Since they do not get media coverage, they fall behind in polls. Once behind in polls, event sponsors justify the exclusion on the basis of low poll showings.

"If anything, I am an outspoken candidate. I am willing to put my positions in black and white. I am not a joke and shouldn't be treated that way," stated Healey.

"As an announced candidate for governor, I am equal to those candidates receiving an invitation. What puts them into the special select group? The answer may be that the institutions want people only to consider candidates that would not upset the apple carts of the institutions."

> **"I hate having to feel like a skunk at a lawn party."**
>
> *Robert J. Healey Jr.*
> *Cool Moose Party*
> *candidate for governor*

Healey, not being invited, will attempt to rearrange his schedule so that he can be present to hear what the invited guests have to say at the forum. "I hate having to feel like a skunk at a lawn party, but if that is what I must do to get the opportunity to get my positions out to the people of Rhode Island, that is what I must do," said Healey.

"My only hope is that people will demand that all candidates be heard in public forums and in the debates. I can't blame a voter for overlooking me if he or she doesn't know what I stand for politically. I just want to tell them."

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NATIONAL NEWS

Landmark Study on Jews in Alaska

The Jewish community of Alaska will soon receive its first systematic study, to be conducted by Bernard Reisman, director of the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University.

Looking at the question of "why Jews come to Alaska," Reisman, the Klutznick professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies, will conduct demographic research, meet with Alaskan Jews, and initiate some community organizing.

The study will explore what draws Jews to Alaska or pushes them away from their places of origin, how these Jews differ from those living in urban centers in the continental United States, what kinds of Jewish institutions exist in Alaska, and what the future prospects are for this community.

Alaska's Jewish community, as befits its location in the last frontier, was not included in the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey. The data emerging from the Brandeis study will be made available to leaders of Alaska's Jewish communities as well as to their counterparts in the lower 48 states.

Reisman seeks to help Jews living in the same geographic area define their shared interests and organize structures and programs to be responsive to those interests.

This study has been planned in cooperation with a statewide advisory committee of Alaskan Jews, and in collaboration with the faculty of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis.

Historic Speech in New York

Ukrainian President, Leonid M. Kravchuk (center) spoke recently in front of the Holy Ark in the sanctuary of Manhattan's Park East Synagogue. In his talk, President Kravchuk told of his country's progress toward democratization and its commitment to "civilized norms" of religious rights and religious freedom. Rabbi Arthur Schneier (left) is senior rabbi at the synagogue. At the right is Ambassador Oleh Bilorus, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States.

'Stop Hate'

by Steven Weiss

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Following several weeks during which Jewish and black leaders made headlines discussing inter-ethnic relations, a group of ethnically diverse teenagers entered the debate with actions as well as words.

Nearly 200 teenagers from the United States and from around the world, including 90 Jewish high school students from the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, recently gathered to promote understanding and tolerance among various ethnic groups.

BBYO, the world's largest Jewish youth-led group, initiated the program, called "Stop the Hate."

"We want the teens to realize how pervasive hate has become in our society and to provide ways for them to deal constructively with it," Lauren Brownstein, BBYO's director of community service, said in a statement.

"Stop the Hate" took place Feb. 18 against a backdrop of worldwide racial tension, including continuing reports of "ethnic cleansing" taking place in Bosnia and the rise of right-wing extremism throughout Europe.

The teenagers conducted interviews about prejudice with members of Congress, spoke out against hate in various pub-

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U.N. Condemns Anti-Semitism

Following a year-long campaign by the World Jewish Congress, the United Nations, for the first time in its 50-year history, formally condemned anti-Semitism in a resolution adopted March 9 by its Commission on Human Rights in Geneva.

The 53-member Human Rights Commission included the condemnation of anti-Semitism in a general resolution on all forms of racism, which culminated weeks of behind-the-scene wrangling with Western countries lined up against a rejectionist group led by Syria.

Spearheading the effort on behalf of the WJC was the head of its UN Watch program in Geneva, Ambassador Morris Abram, who in 1975 had proposed a similar resolution when he was then a representative of the U.S. delegation to the Human Rights Commission.

"Today, under the leadership of Turkey, which drafted the original resolution and included anti-Semitism in the preamble, and with the support of the former Eastern Bloc, the West and especially the United States and Canada, these hopes for the resolution have become a reality," Abram said.

As adopted, the Turkish-sponsored resolution condemns not only anti-Semitism but also discrimination against Arabs, Muslims, and what it calls "Negrophobia."

Syrian opposition to inclusion of a U.N. special investigator to examine incidents of anti-Semitism in its report on racism around the world delayed adoption of the resolution for more than 2½ weeks.

Under a compromise formula proposed by the Turks, the special investigator was asked to examine in addition to anti-Semitism discrimination against "blacks, Arabs and Muslims."

Abram told a news conference he was not troubled by the additions. "I don't give a damn what else they put in there. The thing they did not want to put in was anti-Semitism — that has taken 50 years," he said.

Resolution on Racism that Includes Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK — Will the U.N. Human Rights Commission finally vote to condemn anti-Semitism as a form of racism?

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations — a coalition of 50 national Jewish groups — recently urged members of the commission, currently meeting in Geneva, to join the United States in calling for an early vote on a resolution dealing with "measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance."

The preamble to the resolution, which was approved on Feb. 18 by a vote of 35 to 0, with 17 abstentions, specifically mentions anti-Semitism as one form of racism.

Following the vote approving the preamble, the operative section of the resolution — which has not yet been voted on — was amended in response to a demand by Syria, Libya and Sudan to include within its scope "any form of racist attitude and discrimination against Arabs and Muslims" in addition to anti-Semitism. There was no effort to remove anti-Semitism from the paragraph.

Lester Pollack, chairman of the Conference of Presidents, and Kent Schiner, chairman of the group's U.N. committee, said: "We are opposed to all forms of racial discrimination, no matter who the victim." He added:

"The time is long past due for the U.N.'s human rights agency to identify anti-Semitism for what it is — the oldest form of racism the world has ever known. The U.N.'s failure to do so until now is a blot on the U.N. Human Rights Commission."

The Presidents Conference statement noted that unless the resolution is adopted by March 11, when the commission adjourns, the whole process must be repeated next year. Former Rep. Geraldine Ferraro (D-NY) heads the American delegation to the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

Gulf States Becomes Citizens' Mortgage

ATLANTA — Gulf States Mortgage Co., Inc., the largest mortgage servicing company in Georgia, became Citizens Mortgage Corporation effective March 1 according to Robert A. Goethe, president and chief operating officer of the Atlanta, Ga.-based company.

The name change follows regulatory approval of an acquisition made in April of 1993 by CMC's parent company, Citizens Financial Group, Inc., of The Boston Five Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiaries, The Boston Five Mortgage Corp., and The Boston Five Cents Savings Bank FSB.

The mortgage operations of Boston Five and Citizens are now consolidated under CMC with a combined mortgage servicing portfolio of $8.5 billion which boosts the company from 84th to 50th on the *American Banker* listing of top U.S. mortgage banking companies.

CMC doubled its volume to $4 billion earlier in 1993 when it assumed mortgage servicing responsibilities from Citizens' headquarters in Providence, R.I.

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WORLD NEWS

Fine Sculptures Found in Remains of Roman Bath

JERUSALEM — A collection of marble statues, rare among sculptures discovered in Israel, were found in excavations carried out this year at Beit She'an by The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Archeology. The statues were found among the remains of a large Roman bath structure.

The excavations at Beit She'an, an important city in ancient times known by the Greeks and Romans as Scythopolis, are being conducted under the direction of Professor Gideon Foerster and Professor Yoram Tsafrir of The Hebrew University.

The project continues to reveal portions of the remains of a magnificent city. Preservation and restoration work are also proceeding at the site.

The marble statues apparently served a decorative function in the baths. Especially impressive is a statue of the love goddess Aphrodite accompanied by Cupid riding on a dolphin. There is also a statue of the goddess Athena, a statue of a nymph and a headless bust of an (unidentified) Roman emperor.

A singular discovery was made this year near the base of the hill at the center of Beit She'an: a clay document, written in the cuneiform Accadian language, from the 14th century B.C.E. The object, tiny and round in shape, hints at a revolt against the Egyptian rulers of the period, and mentions persons discussed in the El Amarna letters from ancient Egypt.

At the northern limit of the excavations, where in previous years a magnificent propylaea (entranceway) was discovered, additional sections have been found, indicating a beautiful square leading to a stairway that led from the city to the acropolis in the city center. Further work on excavating the stairway will be continued in coming years. During the Roman period there was a temple and other important structures on the acropolis, while in the Byzantine period a large church occupied the site.

On the Byzantine-era street, in the southern sector of the excavations, work continued this year on preparations for the opening of the site to visitors. A number of the shops that once existed along the street during Byzantine and early Moslem rule will be restored, as will a reflecting pool from the Roman period.

In the recently concluded excavation season, 150 residents of Beit She'an were employed on the project, as were volunteers from abroad. The scientific staff included 15 people.

The Beit She'an archaeological site, managed by the National Parks Authority, is one of the most important Roman and Byzantine sites in the world.

The archaeological project, conducted under the auspices of the Antiquities Authority and the Institute of Archaeology of The Hebrew University, is part of the tourism project of the town of Beit She'an.

Elderberry Syrup Does It Again

Hadassah immunologist Dr. Madeleine Mumcuogou has developed an elderberry syrup that can significantly reduce flu symptoms after one day. Shown here, she is testing the activity of the syrup she markets under the name Sambucol.

Vatican To Host Concert

On the evening of April 7, when Jews throughout the world begin the observance of Yom HaShoah memorializing the six million Jewish victims of the Nazis, Pope John Paul II will host a Papal Concert in commemoration of the Holocaust.

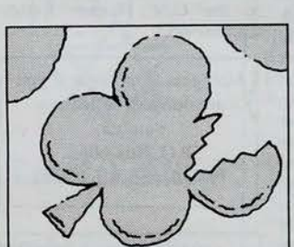
The landmark event is an historic first for the Vatican and will be televised worldwide.

The concert will be held in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall.

Among those attending with Pope John Paul II will be Rabbi Elio Toaff, chief rabbi of Rome, and an invited international audience of Catholics and Jews, including Holocaust survivors, according to Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Interreligious Committee.

"This concert will serve as a symbol of reconciliation between the Roman Catholic Church and world Jewry," he said. "It also represents dramatic Vatican acknowledgement and renunciation of the hideous crime of genocide directed against the Jewish people 50 years ago."

The artistic director and conductor for the concert is Gilbert Levine, conductor of the Krakow Philharmonic, who will lead Britain's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and international soloists in a program that includes Leonard Bernstein's "Kaddish," Gustav Mahler's "Songs on the Death of Children" and Franz Schubert's "Psalm 92," sung in Hebrew.



NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The U.S. government is warning Americans not to enter east Jerusalem, the West Bank or the Gaza Strip, as violence continues to plague those areas.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jews were the most frequent targets of hate crimes based on religion in 1992, according to an FBI report recently released. Crimes against Jews constituted 87 percent of all reported crimes motivated by bias against religious groups in 1992.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Syrian government has reportedly taken steps to protect its Jewish residents from violent threats recently made by a group calling itself the Syrian Muslim Party of Justice.

INTERNATIONAL

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Three times as many racist incidents were reported in 1993 as were reported in 1992, the Dutch government reported. Thirty percent of the incidents were threatening letters and telephone calls. Some 40 percent involved fights or verbal attacks. A total of 612 incidents were reported.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — More than $4 billion were wiped out on the Tel Aviv stock market last week in what was described as a psychological, rather than an economic, phenomenon. It is widely believed that the panic and crisis were a response to a wave of arrests and investigations of senior bank officials, notably those of the Discount Bank.

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lic locations and attended a discussion about the ethnic conflict in Bosnia.

The Bosnia discussion concluded with a letter-writing campaign in which students wrote public officials urging them to put an end to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

At one of the protests against hate conducted throughout Washington, a woman confronted the teens and said, "I hate Jews. Farrakhan was right," referring to recent comments made by the leader of the Nation of Islam.

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Jews and Palestinians Hold Joint Rally

by Michele Chabin

TEL AVIV (JTA) — In a show of solidarity, Jews and Palestinians from Israel and the terrorists rallied recently to demonstrate support for the peace process and to denounce the murders of Palestinian worshipers that took place in the West Bank town of Hebron.

Sponsored by Peace Now, the rally attracted an estimated 10,000 Jews, Christians, Muslims and Druze, many of whom had traveled by the busload to attend the demonstration.

Placards proclaiming "Dismantle the Settlements" and "There is a Mandate for Peace" were held aloft during the demonstration.

Following a moment of silence in memory of the murdered Palestinians, peace activists such as Dr. Ahmed Tibi, an Israeli Arab confidante of Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasir Arafat, and Chanah Meron, an Israeli entertainer who lost her leg in a terrorist attack, spoke in favor of the peace accord and called for an end to violence by both Jews and Palestinians.

Across the street, several hundred right-wing demonstrators burned a Palestinian flag and brandished placards depicting Arafat leading Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by the nose.

A large police contingent equipped with riot gear formed a human barrier between the two groups of demonstrators, preventing clashes.

For the most part, a feeling of good will prevailed at the rally. Palestinians and Jews mingled before and after the speeches, and it was clear that many had come to the rally together.

"We're here to support the government," said Baruch Shifman, who attended the demonstration with his wife and 13-year-old daughter. "The country is undergoing a difficult period, and we have to show our support and solidarity."

'Guardians of Peace' Program

Israel Bonds will launch an important new program to help provide Israel with a solid economic foundation for peace, announced Israel Bonds President Nathan Sharony.

Sharony said the new program, Shomrei Shalom (Guardians of Peace) will focus on "encouraging the widest possible participation in the Israel Bonds program."

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All individuals who purchase a minimum of $1,000 in Israel Bonds will become members of the Shomrei Shalom Society. Shomrei Shalom will be officially launched the week of April 4 to 11. The inaugural phase of the campaign will include the participation of prominent Israelis who will visit communities throughout North America in an intensive effort to convey the importance of strengthening Israel's economy as the basis of a durable peace.

Tour for Teens

For the third consecutive summer, American teens are invited to experience the modern world of technology while encountering their history and heritage in Israel.

The 1994 High Tech Study Tour will be held on the campus of the ORT Braude International College of Technology in Karmiel, Israel, and is open to American high school students between the ages of 15 and 18.

For further information, contact Dr. Pinchas Swinger, director, ORT Braude, P.O. Box 78, Karmiel 20101 Israel.

Shas Prepares to Return to Cabinet

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The religious Shas Party has agreed to rejoin Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's governing coalition immediately.

An understanding to this effect was reached during a recent late-night meeting in Jerusalem between Rabin and the spiritual leader of Shas, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

Shas left the coalition last fall, when its political leader, former Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, was indicted on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of public trust.

On another coalition front, Rabin and his left-wing coalition partner Mertez, locked horns over Rabin's desire to bring Rafael Eitan's right-wing Tsomet Party into the government.

Meretz's four ministers told Rabin they would resign if he began negotiating with Eitan.

Rabin, infuriated, shouted at Meretz leader Shulamit Aloni, the minister of communications, that he would negotiate despite her threats.

Political observers said that Rabin and Eitan have been negotiating for months, but that recent events have given added impetus to their talks. The most important factor, they say, is that Rabin fears a wave of revenge attacks following the Feb. 25 killing of more than 40 Palestinians at a Hebron mosque, and that he wants to bolster his Cabinet ahead of time.

Meretz leaders said Rabin can take comfort from the fact that his "flirtation" with Eitan hastened Shas' return to the coalition.

Observers expected Shas Knesset member Rabbi Moshe Maya to take over the Religious Affairs Ministry, with a battle between Knesset members Yosef Azran and Shlomo Benizri over the Interior Ministry.

Rabin is currently holding those portfolios.

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The Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Boston is creating "A Walk Through Jerusalem: An Interactive Exhibit" jointly with the Striar JCC Perkins Gallery.

The show will highlight the eight gates of the Old City of Jerusalem. In each gate visitors will participate in activities which explore various aspects of the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Art, music, literature, geography, archaeology and comparative religions will be addressed in the exhibit. Games, videos, costumes, hands-on art activities and creative writing exercises will be available for all visitors to participate in.

This interactive Jerusalem exhibit allows both the gallery and the BJE to reach their constituents in a more evocative setting as they have over several years in various joint community programs such as the BJE's Hagigat Limud — Festival of Learning.

Classes visiting the exhibit will add a hands-on component to their studies about Jerusalem, while casual visitors to the gallery will have a chance to do more than just view Jerusalem art passively. They will have a complete interactive experience in the gallery.

A festive opening reception including guests from the Israeli consulate is planned for the evening of April 14.

General hours will be Monday through Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Schools and groups of 10 or more are by appointment only. Admission is $3 for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rental of the exhibit after July, for periods of up to one month are available as well. Call (617) 341-2016, ext. 276.

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AJCongress Travel Watch

A series of tour presentations in the New York area is set for this March and April as part of the American Jewish Congress International Travel Programs.

Each presentation will include a premiere screening of AJCongress' new "Six Continents Travelogue" as well as the organization's exclusive session on Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Travel to Israel and Didn't Know Whom to Ask.

Entry is gratis, but reservations are required.

AJCongress will feature visits to the Negev Desert and its capital, Beersheba, it was announced recently in New York by Geoffrey Weill, director of the human-rights organization's International Travel Program. Beersheba, first settled by Abraham 3,500 years ago, is now Israel's fastest-growing city, with a population nearing 200,000. Travelers who have not visited Beersheba in 10 or more years are invariably shocked to discover a vibrant metropolis of apartment towers, villas, shopping malls, ultra-modern hospitals, theaters and sports facilities — not to mention the beautifully manicured campus of the prestigious Ben Gurion University of the Negev — altogether a far cry from the honky-tonk desert outpost that was Beersheba less than a quarter-century ago.

AJCongress is also offering its members five different 1994 tour routings featuring Russia and the states of the former Soviet Union, each with a particular stress on sights and regions of special interest to Jewish travelers.

AJCongress' 18-day Grand European Odyssey tour, set to depart the United States on June 23, includes four days in Denmark, two days in Amsterdam, and a 13-day cruise aboard Holland America's luxurious Statendam to Scandinavia, Scotland, the Shetland Isles, England, France and Belgium.

Alternatively, participants in AJCongress' traditional 2-week Israel the Beautiful tour, departing the United States on June 26, can continue with AJCongress to Paris, Deauville, the D-Day beaches and the St. Laurent cemetery, and then sail home from France aboard the legendary Queen Elizabeth 2, arriving in New York on July 18.

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Insider's View

The second annual North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry mission to Israel — an "Insider's View through Ethiopian Eyes" — is now being formed by the conference.

The 10-day visit is scheduled to leave New York's JFK International Airport on May 19 and will return on May 29.

In addition to general sightseeing through Israel, mission participants will visit Ethiopian children in pre-school and elementary school classes, and meet teen-agers and students in youth aliyah villages and colleges. Ethiopian leaders and Israeli authorities will discuss the current situation with the mission.

Spin With Hadassah

NEW YORK — Spring in Netanya — a unique one-month work/study/tour program in Israel — sponsored by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America — is scheduled from May 18 to June 16.

SPIN is for men and women of all ages who want to spend meaningful time in Israel. Participants are headquartered in a four-star hotel in Netanya, a Mediterranean resort town 20 miles north of Tel Aviv. Here they have the opportunity to volunteer their services each morning as tutors, carpenters, painters, gardeners, tailors, or aides at local hospitals, nurseries, senior centers, schools and an army base. Afternoons are devoted to conversational Hebrew lessons and sight-seeing tours. In the evenings there are concerts, folk-dancing, entertainment, discussions, study groups and festive dinners.

Hadassah's "Spring in Netanya" includes accommodations, three meals per day, volunteer program, Hebrew instruction, tours, and gratuities.

For information, contact Selma Mammen, Hadassah, 50 West 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10019; or call (212) 303-8133; or contact your local Hadassah chapter.

43 Years of Dirty Hands and Happy Hearts

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Jewish teens who've outgrown conventional camping and want to take on the challenge of helping others, will want to know about summer work camps sponsored by the American Jewish Society for Service.

For the 44th summer in a row, AJSS will send two or three co-ed groups of motivated teen volunteers on supervised service projects in disadvantaged U.S. communites. It's a unique opportunity to put the Jewish ideals of justice and righteousness into action while having a fascinating summer.

AJSS is now recruiting talented high school juniors and seniors who are attracted to the dual challenges of performing physical labor and group living. No special skills are required, but all applicants are interviewed to assess their maturity, character, flexibility, and their willingness to live without the comforts of home.

Over the past 44 years campers have built, renovated and repaired homes, constructed child care and community centers, built parks and recreational facilities, erected fences, laid water lines, created ball fields, and demolished old buildings that were eyesores to the community.

Volunteers also discover, in a very personal way, what it means to be Jewish. Campers conduct their own Shabbat services and explore their Jewish beliefs in weekly discussions. As "ambassadors" of Judaism, their presence in a community radiates caring and concern for all people. And though they may be the only Jews in their host communities, AJSS campers are always warmly welcomed by the larger local Jewish community, however small or remote it may be.

For more information, call (212) 269-4310.

The Legacy of Dona Gracia de Nasi

by Mike Fink

She fled the Inquisition in Portugal, wandered Europe and rose to financial power in Antwerp and Turkey. Four centuries ago, this diplomat, philanthropist and educator led a life that might make today's feminists gasp in marvel.

The Portuguese American Historical Foundation and the Sousa Mendes Society co-sponsored a talk about the career of the great lady presented by Dr. Ron Schneider, vice president of the Mendes Society. Following a display of artifacts about the Flemish connection in the Azores by Frances Sylvia Gracia, secretary of the Portuguese Historical Foundation, the paper was delivered in the Cultural Center of Fall River, on a snowy evening on March 9, with wines, brandies and some dainties to chase away the chill.

"Although the Mendes family was nominally Christian in Portugal, the watchful eye of the Inquisition stared them down. As a young widow, Donha Gracia left for Antwerp with several other Marranos. They were able to emigrate there because of a prior Portuguese connection, Prince Henry the Navigator's sister, the Duchess Isabella....Later, plagued by harrassment, spending vast sums to help fellow Marranos by ransoming them from pirates and jails, they escaped even from Antwerp. They moved across Europe through Venice and on to the Ottoman Empire. Dona Gracia reconverted to Judaism, ran the family business from Constantinople with agents in Lisbon, Venice and Antwerp. She even managed to have her husband's remains exhumed from a Lisbon churchyard and carried to Jerusalem."

Dr. Schneider told the group that the Tarshish to which Jonah went was Cadiz in Spain. Jews had lived in the Iberian Peninsula since ancient times. But the House of Nasi brought the Jewish world together with family letters serving as magical passports. He distributed maps of the extent of her influence. Portuguese people in the audience traced their own

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PASSOVER SAVINGS

Public TV Celebrating the Story of Passover

NEW YORK — "Passover: Traditions of Freedom" is a one-hour documentary exploring modern and ancient Passover customs, including the traditional seder and preparation of typical holiday delicacies. The program will air March 23 at 10 p.m. on WGBH, Channel 2, Boston.

"The story of Passover, as a symbolic and historic struggle for freedom, is one with universal appeal," said Scott Jacobs, group marketing director for Hebrew National, one of the sponsors of the program. "We sponsored this public television special because it tells this story of triumph over adversity in an educational and entertaining way. We're confident the program will have lasting value for both Jewish and non-Jewish viewers."

Hebrew National is the largest kosher meat processor in the United States.

PASSOVER IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR — Sesame Street is celebrating the Exodus in many ways this year.

Shalom Sesame Street

This Passover, kids can discover a different kind of Passover celebration. There'll be matzoh and a seder plate and even some bitter herbs. This year there will also be the Shalom Sesame characters! Introducing the Shalom Sesame Sharing Passover family kit, chock full of games, books, a video, and an audiocassette, all of which star the residents of Shalom Sesame.

For this special celebration, Kippi ben Kippod, a giant porcupine, his friend Moshe Oofnik, Big Bird, Bert, Ernie, and Elmo team up to help make Passover even more meaningful for children and adults alike.

The kit is designed to "surround" children with the sights and sounds of the Passover story and to immerse them in the richness of the holiday.

Kits and individual items can be purchased separately; including *Kippi and the Missing Matzoh Storybook* featuring Elmo, Bert, Ernie, and their Shalom Sesame pals all put on detective hats to help Kippi ben Kippod solve the mystery of the missing matzoh! Join along as they follow the trail of clues and discover both the culprit and the matzoh so that the Passover seder can begin.

An audio cassette of the story is also available, and includes a sing-along of traditional Passover songs.

Other Passover-related items include The Story of Passover: A Coloring and Activity Book, Shalom Sesame Muppet Matzoh Cards, The Passover Overpass Board Game, Jerusalem Jones and the Lost Afikoman: A Sholam Sesame videotape.

For more information, call (800) 428-9920 or contact Tikva Traditions in East Providence at 421-0309.

UTJ to Arrange Sale of Hametz

This year the UTJ will serve as an international center for the sale of hametz. Arranging for the sale of hametz just prior to Passover is a step that is taken after a thorough housecleaning and the removal of residual hametz. The sale assures that all hametz is released from one's possession during Passover.

Rabbi Price notes: "The aim of our national center for mehirat hametz is to make this important procedure easier and more accessible, especially for those without a local rabbi, and the infirm, who cannot get to their local synagogue to fulfill this requirement.

"Simply by sending in a note of authorization to UTJ headquarters, you may be assured that the transaction will be completed at the correct time."

The UTJ will accept authorization notes through March 22, in order to insure that the transaction is completed by March 25 (Passover begins at the end of the Sabbath, March 26. Thus the transaction must take place a day earlier than usual since contracts may not be entered into on the Sabbath). The authorization should be worded as follows:

"I hereby authorize Rabbi Ronald D. Price or his delegate to sell all of the hametz in my possession, of whatever kind, on or by March 25, 13 Adar, 5754."

The authorization must be signed, and include the person's address(es) and phone number, as well as an indication of where in the house the hametz will be stored. A small donation (at least $1) customarily accompanies the authorization; it will be used to cover the costs of Operation Pesah. Checks or money orders may be made payable to the Union for Traditional Judaism, and sent with the authorization to UTJ headquarters at 241 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, New Jersey, 07666.

Kosher Holidays Announce Passover Program

NEW YORK — Jewish travelers seeking a memorial Glatt Kosher Passover vacation in a tropical setting need to look no further than the Caribbean. The Passover Holiday Vacation Program is being offered by the Hyatt Dorado Beach Resort.

Presidential Kosher Holidays is organizing the retreat from March 25 to April 3 in Puerto Rico.

"The Hyatt Dorado Beach was selected because it is an ideal location for an elegant Passover vacation," according to Stuart Vidockler of Presidential Kosher Holidays.

The Passover program is a 10-day, 11-night series of events with all the traditions of the holiday. The package includes air-conditioned accommodations; round-trip transfers between the resort and Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in San Juan; and three Glatt Kosher meals a day. The program also includes a complete religious program under rabbinical supervision with two seders, a rabbi and cantor, an on-site synagogue and daily services.

Special Passover menus will be planned for this program, and prepared under the supervision of New York's Levana Restaurant. They will feature contemporary classic cuisine including traditional holiday foods as well as continental and Caribbean selections prepared in cooperation with the Hyatt's culinary team.

For more information, contact Presidential Kosher Holidays, 3163 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235, or call (718) 332-3900 or (800) 950-1240.

Passover Dilemma

This year, with the first Passover seder starting on Saturday night, we face a curious-but-complicated halachic dilemma.

One is not permitted to partake of matzoh before the seder, so that one can experience the first taste of matzoh at the seder.

At the same time, we have a requirement to destroy/do away with all chometz or all manner of bread by the middle of the morning of the day before.

Since it is Shabbat this year, obviously the traditional manner of destroying these last elements of chometz by burning them cannot be performed.

Greatly complicating this problem is the requirement to eat three shabbat meals. This is usually done with the Friday evening dinner, Saturday lunch and Saturday pre-evening meal.

Thus, the two Saturday meals present a problem, since one is required to have some sort of bread/challah to start these meals. There are many suggested ways to avoid this problem. Probably the most acceptable one involves the following steps.

First, all chometz/bread is destroyed on Friday, before Shabbat, but a few small loaves are saved for Shabbat.

At the Friday evening Shabbat meal, this bread/challah is eaten, with special care not to allow crumbs to get spread around the house.

However, enough of the bread/challah is left to make the blessings for Saturday's meals. (Many people choose to use rolls, bagels, or small challahs on these occasions, since they may reduce the problems of crumbs.)

Then, on Saturday morning synagogue services are conducted quite early, to enable the worshippers to complete services in sufficient time to return home and eat and complete their "early lunch" meal, before the chometz destruction deadline. (Check with your temple or synagogue for times.)

Some pious Jews, eat two meals then, to serve as lunch and the traditional "third meal."

At the conclusion of the meal(s), all remaining crumbs are flushed down the toilet, to "destroy" them, and remove them from the premises.

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PASSOVER SAVINGS

Toll-Free Passover Help Available

The Union for Traditional Judaism will once again conduct "Operation Pesah," a program to assist Jews in observing the laws and customs of Passover.

The program includes a day set aside for taking Passover questions on the UTJ toll-free number (800) 843-8825, and a national center for the mehirat hametz (sale of food with leavening).

In announcing the eighth annual "Operation Pesah," U.T.J. Executive Vice President Rabbi Ronald D. Price said: "We would like all Jewish families to have the joy of knowing that they and their homes are ready for Passover. We realize that sometimes the preparations can seem daunting, especially if you are unfamiliar with all the laws and traditions concerning this very special time. No question is too simple or complicated. The UTJ wants to lend a helping hand in bringing Jewish tradition into Jewish homes."

We realize that sometimes the preparations can seem daunting.

The UTJ will open its toll-free phone lines to answer Passover questions on March 21 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST.

Rabbinic and lay volunteers will be on hand to provide information and advice on all aspects of Passover observance. Anyone, regardless of affiliation, who is interested in making their home kosher for Passover, should either contact their local rabbi or call (800) 843-8825. If lines are busy, please keep trying.

Passover for Kosher Mealsite

The Kosher Mealsite at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, hosts Bonnie Smith of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, who will present a special Passover program on March 24 from 12:45 to 2 p.m. after lunch.

Kosher Mealsite Holds Passover Program

The Kosher Mealsite at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, will host Rabbis Sidney M. Helbraun and Deborah Helbraun as they discuss "Passages from Sefa Hagadah" translated by the late Rabbi Braude on March 18 from 11 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 861-8800.

Temple Am David Pesach Seder

It is commanded that on Passover we tell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt, when Moses went to Pharaoh and said "Let my people go!" It is also commanded that we obey the Jewish bubbie that said "Let my people eat!"

You can fulfill both of these traditions at Temple Am David's communal Pesach seder, on the second night of Passover, March 27. Seder immediately follows the mincha ma'ariv at 5:45 p.m. service.

For more information, call Jill Sholes at 463-6987.

A Pesach Message

The festival of Pesach calls for early and elaborate preparations to make the Jewish home fit for the celebration. It is not physical preparedness alone that is required of us, but also spiritual preparedness, for in the life of the Jew the physical bration of our Sabbath and festivals.

On Pesach we remember the liberation of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery and negation of the ancient Egyptian system and way of life, the "abominations of Egypt." Thus we celebrate our physical liberation together with our spiritual freedom. Indeed, there cannot be one without the other. There can be no real freedom without accepting the precepts of our Torah, as the guide in our daily life; a pure and holy life eventually leads to true freedom.

It is said, "In every generation each Jew should see himself as though he personally had been liberated from Egypt." This is to say, that the lesson of Pesach has always a timely message for the individual Jew. The story of Pesach is the story of the special Divine Providence which alone determines the fate of our people.

What is happening in the outside world need not affect us; we might be singled out for suffering, G-d forbid, amid general prosperity, and likewise for safety amid a general plague or catastrophe. The story of our enslavement and liberation of which Pesach tells, gives ample illustration of this. For the fate of our people is determined by its adherence to G-d and His Torah.

Another important thing we must remember. The celebration of the festival of freedom must be connected with the commandment, "Thou shalt relate it to thy son." The formation and existence of the Jewish home, as of the Jewish people as a whole, is dependent upon the upbringing of the young generation, both boys and girls: the "wise" and the "wicked" (temporarily), the "simple" and the "one who knows not what to ask."

Just as we cannot shirk our responsibility toward our child by the excuse that "my child is a wise one; he will find his own way in life; therefore no education is necessary for him," so we must not despair by thinking, "The child is a wicked one; no education will help him." All Jewish children, are "G-d's children" and it is our sacred duty to see to it that they all live up to this title; and this we can achieve only through a kosher Jewish education, in full adherence to G-d's Torah. Then we all will merit the realization of our ardent hopes: "In the next year may we be free; in the next year may we be in Jerusalem!"

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Passover Holiday Schedule

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Fast of the Firstborn ..... Thursday, March 24
Search for Chometz ..... Thursday Night, March 24

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PROVIDENCE TIME ONLY

Eating of Chometz before 9:40 a.m.
Burning of Chometz until 10:40 a.m.
Shabbos ends, Passover preparation begins 6:50 p.m.
Passover ends Sunday evening, April 3, at 8:10 p.m.

Candlelighting Times for Greater Providence

Saturday, March 26	6:49
Sunday, March 27	6:50
Friday, April 1	5:53
Saturday, April 2	6:57

BLESSINGS

March 26	First eve of Passover	Blessings 1 & 2
March 27	Second eve of Passover	Blessings 1 & 2
April 1	Seventh eve of Passover	Blessing 3
April 2	Eighth eve of Passover	Blessing 1

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLIDAYS (BUT NOT SHABBOS)

On holidays, it is forbidden to create a new fire by striking a match, lighter, etc. However, it is permissable to use a flame already burning continuously since before the inception of the holiday, such as a pilot light, gas or candle flame.

For a complete Passover Handbook, contact:
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Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, Director of R.I. Chabad Lubavitch, Providence

Temple Shalom Seder

Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County, will hold their annual Passover seder on March 26 at 7:15 p.m. in the social hall. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will conduct the seder, with participation by all those in attendance. To make a reservation and for further information, call 846-9002.

The Temple gift shop has items to enhance your observance of the holiday of Passover. Contact Lois Schneller at 846-3008.

Celebrating an event? Tell us about it.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Temple Beth-El Offers Enrichment Courses

The Adult Enrichment Committee will be offering several educational courses during the spring of 1994. Adult Enrichment is made possible through the generosity of the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood.

Beginning Conversational Yiddish: Learn what your grandmother is saying, and how to answer her. There is no need to know how to read Hebrew or Yiddish. The course will be taught by Varda Stieglitz, and use *Yiddish for Beginners* by Jean B. Jofen as a text. Course fee is $10. Meets March 22, 29, April 5 and 12 at 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the temple boardroom.

Holocaust Literature: This class, taught by Rabbi Deborah Gardner Helbraun, will explore the Holocaust through the literature of survivors and their children. Books to be read will include: *Night*, by Eli Wiesel, *Maus* and *Maus II* by Art Spiegelman and a selection of poems. Discussions will be based on reading. There will be a materials fee of $35. Minimum of five participants required. The course will meet April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the William Braude Library.

Sephardic Storytelling: One of the richest veins of creativity to be mined is the art of the story, particularly in the school of the Ba'al Shem Tov and his disciples. Join Rabbi Hershy Worch in an exploration of this art form. Rabbi Worch was born in Manchester, England and trained in Lithuanian and Hassidic yeshivas. He taught the well-received course on Sephardic Mysticism that was offered during the fall of 1993. The course will meet on May 2, 9, 23 and June 6 at 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. in the temple boardroom.

Beginning and Intermediate Hebrew: Learn Hebrew for the first time or improve your Hebrew reading skills and prayerbook vocabulary. The beginning course is for those interested in learning the basics. It begins on April 3, and there is no materials fee. The intermediate course, taught by Helen Salzberg, is designed for those who already know how to sound out the Hebrew letters. There will be a materials fee of $10.

Courses will meet April 3 (beginning only), 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, and 15, at 7:15 to 8:45 p.m., in the temple boardroom (beginning) and Bennett Chapel (intermediate). Please call 331-6070 for more information.

FINALIZING PLANS — for Hadassah's spiritual retreat are, left to right, Ellen Hershkin, Beth Aaronson, Judy Kulakofsky, Vicki Loring, Barbara Spack, one of the guest speakers at the retreat, Ellen Silverstein and Gail Peristain. *Photo courtesy of Hadassah.*

Spring Retreat

A spiritual retreat is being planned by Hadassah for April 10 at the Publick House in Sturbridge, Mass., from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Women will be attending from seven states, sharing a day of networking as women, Jews and Hadassah members.

Registration for the day is $20 for Hadassah members and $25 for nonmembers, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Checks can be mailed to Hadassah, 59 Amity Rd., New Haven, CT 06515. For additional information, call (203) 389-6740 or the local Hadassah office (401) 463-3636.

"Never Underestimate . . ."

The Women's Association of Miriam Hospital constantly searches for ways and means to benefit the hospital and its guests.

A gift shop was opened in 1956 towards this purpose. The retail space was small, but it contributed approximatrely $1,500 a year to the hospital.

The gift shop kept pace with the growth experienced by the hospital. In 1967 the shop moved to its present location on the first floor. With Rachel Rakatansky at the helm, the inventory doubled and tripled, as did the store's annual contributions to the hospital. In 1983, the hospital received its first $50,000 check from the shop.

Armed with the slogan "Beat Yesterday," Rachel Rakatansky and her then-new associate, Sandra Simon, continued to think "expansion."

1994, the gift shop presented the hospital with its final $80,000 pledge payment.

This February, Miriam's Women have once again set high goals for themselves. The Miriam Hospital announces an additional $150,000 pledge from The Miriam Hospital Women's Association Gift and Coffee Shop.

TO THE LAST PENNY — Rachel Rakatansky, co-chairman, Miriam Hospital gift shop; Edward M. Schottland, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the shop; Sandra Simon, co-chairman, gift shop, pose with the final payment on the shop's pledge to Miriam Hospital.

In 1989, The Miriam Hospital Women's Association Gift and Coffee Shop pledged $500,000 to the capital campaign in support of the construction and equipment costs of the Norman and Rosalie Fain Health Centers.

Five years later in January of

These monies will be used to begin the construction, renovation and completion of the third floor of the Norman and Rosalie Fain Health Centers.

Stop Hate Conference Slated

The National Conference of Christians and Jews and The Rhode Island Commission on Bias and Prejudice will hold a Stop Hate Conference on April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

The purpose of the conference, according to organizers, is to teach those attending how to avoid becoming a crime victim and how to deal with being victimized when it happens. The conference will also feature a general discussion of the issue surrounding hate crimes, small group discussions, and opportunities for community organizing.

Keynote speakers are Jack Levin and Jack McDevitt, sociology professors at Northeastern University and authors of the book *Hate Crimes: The Rising Tide of Bigotry and Bloodshed.*

The conference is open to the public. Registration is $10, $5 for students. To register call, 351-5120.

Calendar of Jewish Events

Thursday, March 17

Temple Shalom — Reservations are still being accepted for the trip to the Holocaust Museum, call 846-9002 or 683-4547.

Friday, March 18

9 p.m. — Jewish Women's Week at Brown R.I.S.D. presents Feminist Kabbalat Service and Convocation at Hillel after 6:30 p.m. services, 863-2805.

Saturday, March 19

7 p.m. — Jewish Women's Cultural Festival. Brown University students from all over campus will celebrate with performances in theater, song, dance, poetry, and more, call Ayelet at 863-2805, extension 5046.

8 – 11:30 p.m. — You are invited to the Steven Shatz Memorial Country Western Regional Dance at Temple Am David. Donations are $7 in advance and $8 at the door. 463-7944

Sunday, March 20

5:15 a.m. — JCCRI Stratton Mountain Family Ski Trip departs the center and returns at 8:30 p.m.

9 – 10 a.m. — Learn about the customs and rituals of Pesach with Rabbi Goldberg at Temple Am David, 463-7944.

Members of the Jewish community are encouraged to submit events for inclusion in the Jewish Calendar. Please mail to R.I. Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940 or fax to 726-5820, before the Friday prior to publication.

Sunday, March 20

11 a.m. – Noon — Part one of the video, "Great Television Moments: What We Watched" will be shown at the Mealsite at the JCCRI, 861-8800.

1:30 – 3 p.m. — Passover Workshop for children (age 3 or older) accompanied by parents will incorporate holiday craft making, hands-on projects and informal discussion at the JCCRI. $2 per child, 861-8800.

2 p.m. — Gallery 401 at the JCCRI will hold an opening reception for two artists, Roy Collins and Vicente Paratore. The show is billed "The Blind Man and the Poet," 861-8800.

2 p.m. — The JCCRI presents "Life of Emile Zola." The film is about the French writer responsible for exposing cover-up in the Dreyfus Affair. Free and open to the entire community. 861-8800.

Monday, March 21

Payment for the Passover seder held at the JCCRI March 27 is due today. Contact Eva Rappoport at 861-8800.

Tuesday, March 22

Noon — The Brown Bag Club at the JCCRI recognizes Women's History month as Eunice Morris, AARP Women's Initiative spokesperson, addresses the group on health care.

2 p.m. — Yiddish Vinkel Show following the Noon Brown Baggers at the JCCRI.

'Stars' Shining Into Future

by Alison Smith
Herald co-editor

The Stars of David met March 10 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Renee Goldstein, initiator and facilitator of the "Stars," and member of the Jewish Family Services staff, and nine prospective or present members were on hand.

The group is open to "people in the adoption orbit" as one member put it. People who are contemplating the adoption of a non-Jewish child, who are in the process of adoption, or who are now learning how to be the best possible adoptive Jewish parents, are all welcome.

The local organization has just joined the national group. Proposed dues will be $25 a year per family, and will cover membership in both the local and national groups.

Discussion began with the definition of the Jewish word for adoption — "ametz" — which means "to strengthen, in the sense of grafting onto a root, to extend, to transplant and make strong."

The members of the group, particularly those who have already adopted, found this idea very affirming.

The fact that an adopted Jewish child must learn to cope with a subtle negative response to adoption, and a more overt discrimination against being Jewish has obviously concerned the group.

The concensus seemed to be that a positive, whenever possible joyful, affirmation of the family's Judaism was one of the best defenses a parent could give a child.

Questions were raised about how to help the child who feels a need to become what his birth mother was — in most of these cases, Christian. At what age is

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

How Will You Know If You Don't Ask?

by Alison Smith
Herald co-editor

Dru Greenwood, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach, spoke at Temple Beth-El March 11 about the joys and problems of the outreach program.

She began her talk by thanking Rabbis Leslie Gutterman and Sidney Helbraun for their assistance.

She said her speech might well be called, "Inviting Jewish Choices."

"Inviting," Greenwood said, did not mean manipulating, coercing or grabbing. "We invite you to partake of something valuable."

The inviter must be ready to answer questions about Judaism, and to face his own questions, and to find a way of speaking about spirituality, which is not something we talk about easily these days.

"Jewish," she said, means truly Jewish, not a watered-down version for easy consumption. She urged the inviter to hold to the highest standards of Jewishness.

"Choices"...Judaism must be chosen. Once made, the choice can be transformative. She spoke of the 6-year-old son of a man in the process of conversion, who said, "Daddy, when you're Jewish, you'll see things, and understand things differently."

Outreach wishes to open the doors of Judaism to all who are religious seekers — those who were born Jews but have never really felt Jewish; those who come from other faiths; those of other faiths who have married Jews.

One of Greenwood's mentors, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, said, "Let us be champions of Judaism." But this does not mean proselytizing, which Jews, having been subjected to it themselves in all its forms, benign and malignant, abhor.

Greenwood says, "We don't do that! This (proselytization) is not what outreach means.

"We're talking about extensions of what we already do — advertising our classes in Judaism, for instance, but in secular newspapers now, as well.

AFTER HER TALK IS OVER —Dru Greenwood relaxes with friends at Temple Beth-El, March 11.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Making available literature on the subject — leaving it out on tables where it may be picked up unobtrusively, literature like 'Inviting Someone You Love to Become a Jew.'"

One rabbi is fond of saying that he never actually sees anyone taking a pamphlet, but they all disappear.

Outreach is most effective, Greenwood believes, when it is one on one. Sometimes, when a couple have been married for years, and the Jewish partner brings home "Inviting...," the other partner will say, "Why didn't you say this earlier? I thought you didn't care."

It is very important to reach young interfaith marrieds before their children are ready for school. By then patterns are set, and five cycles of Jewish celebration have gone by unobserved. It is good to make available introductory materials for parents of very young children to take home.

Invite those with very young children into the cycle for celebrations and observances, Greenwood says.

The role and attitude of the rabbi is crucial during this period. Some rabbis consistently have congregations with fairly large numbers of interfaith marrieds attending services. Some have almost none.

During the question and answer period following her talk, Greenwood admitted that a $5 million goal for an outreach program has caused some to ask if this money couldn't better be spent elsewhere. She pointed out that much of the money is supposed to come from people who would not otherwise have been contributors at all.

The tension caused by the fact that most rabbis will not marry an interfaith couple, but will welcome those already married, was discussed.

Greenwood said the focus of the Conservative branch at this time is on avoiding intermarriage. However, right now about 50 percent of Jewish young people marry out.

Segal to Participate in Leadership Program

PROVIDENCE — Roberta Segal, a member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and Temple Habonim, has been selected to participate in the 1994 Leadership Rhode Island program.

The program, an educational forum, is held once monthly over a course of 10 months, and exposes participants to current community issues concerning Rhode Island such as health care, education, environment, criminal justice, economic development and government.

Segal, president of Roberta Segal and Associates, is one of 52 members representing a mix of professional and cultural diverse backgrounds who were chosen to participate.

Members are selected based upon their commitment to the future of Rhode Island as well as demonstrated leadership in career and community.

Family Trip Series

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island Family Trip Series continues with two exciting trips for families in May.

A New York excursion is scheduled for May 1. The bus will leave the center at 6:30 a.m. and will return by approximately 10 p.m. The fee includes motor coach transportation, continental breakfast, lunch at the 2nd Avenue Deli and admission into the Jewish Museum and Educational Alliance. The group will also stop at Zabar's, New York's most famous gourmet shop. Register and prepay by April 15.

A Washington, D.C. trip, co-sponsored by the JCCRI and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, is scheduled for May 23. The group will leave T.F.I will return to Rhode Island at 10:05 p.m. Those interested should pre-register by April 1. The fee includes airfare, kosher dairy buffet lunch, kosher dinner, to date a briefing at the Israeli Embassy and trips to the National Jewish War Veterans' Memorial and the National Holocaust Museum. For more information, call Ruby Shalansky or Alisa Yanow at 861-8800.

Volunteers For Israel

Volunteers for Israel is a non-political, non-profit United states-based organization devoted to helping Americans experience Israel in a very special way — by enabling them to live together with Israelis and share experiences with them. Volunteers for Israel is the American outreach arm of Sar-El, the National Project for Volunteers for Israel based in Tel Aviv/Jaffa.

The Young Leadership Program is designed for young people who will complete their junior year of high school in June and be ready to start their senior year in September.

For general or grant information, call Ruth Page at 331-0956.

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ORT Members Want Hospitalized Kids to 'Drop Everything and Read'

The 135 members of Women's American ORT, Elmgrove Chapter at Large are on a new crusade and their motto is "Drop Everything and Read."

The group has launched their campaign in the state's newest healthcare facility — the Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

Beginning this month, members of the chapter will be reading to hospitalized children at the hospital. ORT chapter members are looking for anyone from the community who is interested in participating in this project.

On March 8, a group of members met to inaugurate an ORT-sponsored volunteer program designed to place volunteer readers in the hospital on a regular basis.

Susan Cicchini, M.S., elementary educational teacher for the hospital, spoke about the need for volunteer readers. Cicchini emphasized that hospitalized children benefit from the individualized attention volunteer readers provide. She said that parents are appreciative of the effort and time other adults are willing to offer to their children — especially when parents are called away from their child's bedside because of other responsibilities.

Volunteers to the reading program will be asked to commit to several hours a month, and will be trained by Ms. Cicchini. A volunteer orientation is being conducted March 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the hospital.

Anyone interested may contact 727-2886 or 942-0412 for more information.

Touro's 2-Fer Dinner

Touro Fraternal Association announces their annual 2-fer Dinner will be held April 6 at the West Valley Inn in West Warwick.

Touro's guest speaker for the evening will be Rhode Island General Treasurer Nancy Mayer. Admission is $7.50 per person or $15 per couple for a complete chicken or fish dinner, Touro members only. Call 438-6110.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Cameo Jews in Current Cinema

MOVIE REVIEW

by Mike Fink

I pore over the papers for small notices of out of the way movies in town. The farther out, the better. As the March winds did blow and we got snow, I dug out a trio of fine films. They featured cameo images of Jews.

I tracked down Jean Claude Lauzon's "Leolo" at the Cable Car. It played matinee two weekends. The Canadian Film Board funded this weird screwball memoir set in the back alleys of Montreal. Leo's a fanciful youngest child of a French-Quebec family teetering on the edge of madness. He shares his bed with a muscle-bound big brother, a coward who symbolizes the deep uncertainty of this depressed Canadian community. Thick-legged mama, dumb dad who believes profoundly in laxatives, grandpa the pervert, they come across as frenchified versions of the Portnoy household that Philip Roth penned in his *Portnoy's Complaint*.

There's a Jew in the ointment, the big brother's Jewish boss, a fishmonger with a large apron over his ample girth and a yarmulke like a crown of privilege. In this low world of ethnic Montreal, the Jew can hire and fire. This rich, energetic story features some fabulous images. The picture of the Jew strikes only a minor chord, but it says, Jews have some power.

"The Accompanist" came to the Avon. Claude Miller's visual poem set in Occupied Vichy France shows a beautiful singer who hires a young pianist she both helps and uses. Her husband switches from collaborating to resisting. On a fishingboat crossing the channel to De Gaulle's London, the accompanist meets a Jewish boy who offers her love. She turns him down. Liberation comes too late for the singer's husband. He loses his wife's love to a resistance hero and shoots himself. The accompanist finds her Jewish boy again — on crutches, and married to somebody else. People get left out, left behind.

Going back a week, "Wittgenstein" also came and went from the Avon. I followed up with a little research on the hidden Jew in the film. I asked a philosopher, Professor Don Keefer, for some further details on Wittgenstein's life. "He was Jewish, but his father, a Viennese manufacturer, converted for business reasons. Wittgenstein's moral beliefs, and his rationalist creed, came from his Jewish roots." Yet the movie never deals with the Jewish aspect of Wittgenstein's meteoric rise. "Maybe it's because they dealt with his being homosexual. Anti-Semitism of the time held that all Jews were perverts," noted Professor Don.

Jews figure only as footnotes in these recent showings. You have to wonder though, what do artists nowadays think of Jews as characters? More important, what do we Jews think of our Judaism? Is our religion only a footnote to our footsteps and fortunes? Another way of bringing these three films together is to say, Jews open doors, offer a way for others as well as themselves. Work for me, marry me, study with me. Take it apart and put it together.

The Art of Jazz Tap

by George LaTour

Dance Umbrella's "Fascinating Rhythms: A Celebration of Jazz Tap" featuring Broadway's Savion Glover and other leading jazz-tap performers will be staged at Rhode Island College's Roberts Hall auditorium at 8 p.m. on March 22, as part of the college's performing arts series.

Accompanying the production will be tap historian, critic and teacher Sally Sommer, who will present a slide lecture on the history and aesthetics of jazz tap, "Feet, Talk to Me."

Jazz tap, also known as rhythm tap, was born of many cultural influences.

Like jazz music, it is one of the few completely indigenous American art forms.

Based on improvisation, it was brought to creative heights by black America. Its unique rhythms separate it from all other types of percussive dance styles.

It requires extraordinary technique — the dancer is at once a musician, composer and choreographer.

Audiences are asked not only to see, but to hear, as the performer uses his/her body as a percussive instrument and the floor as the head of a drum.

Like jazz music, it is intensely personal, rooted in improvisational rhythms of individual expression and true spontaneity.

For further information, call 456-8194.

SELLING IT WITH A SMILE — Brian Jones, popular area entertainer, finishes a number with style.

Keeping Up with Brian Jones

The Perishable Theatre offers a lunchtime performance, and munchables, every Thursday at noon, at its headquarters, 95 Empire Street in Providence.

Bring your lunch, enjoy, and be back to work (or at least enroute) by 1 p.m.

On March 31, Brian Jones will sing, dance and reminisce about his 20-year career as an entertainer.

If you saw Jones and his All Tap Revue at First Night 1993, you know this is a very talented, funny and wildly imaginative man.

Jones began dancing in high school — the two step and the waltz clog. Apparently he hasn't stopped since. His credits include working for Trinity Square Repertory Company, the Orion Chamber Ensemble, and the Hawaiian Vaudeville Company. He has taught from Strasbourg, France, to Kealakekua, Hawaii.

Catch Jones on March 31 if you can.

'Brown Women Who Fly'

"Brown Women Who Fly," a play written and produced by poet Nikki Williams, will be performed at Providence College on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Slavin '64 Hall.

Tickets are $3 for the general public and students of other colleges, and free for local college students.

The play follows the issues which arise in the lives of six women and the solutions the women choose to deal with those issues.

At 6 p.m. that evening, Williams will offer a poetry workshop through which she will encourage young writers by reading and critiquing the pieces they have written. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Newhart in Single Concert at the Providence Performing Arts Center

Bob Newhart presents humor as tax relief in "An Evening With Bob Newhart," April 15 at the Providence Performing Arts Center.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are $16.50, $22.50 and $29.50 for limited Golden Circle seating and are now on sale. Call 421-ARTS to order or for more information.

The show is presented in partnership with WJAR TV 10.

Tickets are available at the Providence Performing Arts Center box office and by calling (401) 421-ARTS. MasterCard, Visa and American Express accepted. Tickets are also available at Ticket Master locations and by calling (401) 331-2211.

Blow Your Horns

On March 27 at 3 p.m. the Providence College Music Department will be sponsoring The Rhode Island Saxophone Quartet.

The quartet has been well-received throughout the New England area and is a favorite at local concert series.

Their program selections range from transcriptions of Bach and classical compositions to arrangements of Scott Joplin, George Gershwin, and the Beatles.

The ensemble also perform original twentieth-century works for saxophone including pieces composed especially for them.

This concert is free and will be held on the Providence College campus at Aquinas Hall in the Aquinas Lounge. For more information, call 865-2183.

1994 Holiday Schedule

Purim	Feb. 25
Passover	March 27
Lag B'Omer	April 29
Shavout	May 16
Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 6
Yom Kippur	Sept. 15
Sukkot	Sept. 20
Simchat Torah	Sept. 28
Chanukah	Nov. 28

Holidays begin at sunset on the preceding day

Arts & Entertainment ·····BRIEFS·····

March 13 — 27, Bristol Art Museum, Hope and Wardwell Sts., Bristol, an exhibit of **John Udvardy's Sculpture** and **Reenie Schmerl Barrow's photographs.** Call 245-7693 for gallery hours.

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March 18, 8 p.m., **"Romeo and Juliet,"** by the National Players of Washington, D. C., at the Zeiterion Theatre, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, Mass. Call (508) 994-2900 for details.

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March 18, 8 p.m., **"Lady Day"** at **Emerson's Bar and Grill,** at Trinity Repertory Company Theatre, 201 Washington St., Providence. Call 521-1100.

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March 19, 10:30 a.m., **"Rapunzel and Her Sisters,"** by Kaleidescope's Story Theatre Company of Canada, at Zeitereon Theratre, 687 Purchase St., New Bedford. Call (508) 994-2900.

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March 21, 4 p.m., at Leeds Theatre, **Ricardo Kahn,** artistic director of Crossroads, speaks on Multiculturalism and Cultural Equity in the American Theatre.

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March 21, 8:15 p.m., at Roberts Auditorium, Rhode Island College, the RIC Department of **Music Chamber Singers** and **Chamber Orchestra** in concert. Free.

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March 25-April 25, at the Corridor Gallery, Fine Arts Center, URI, Kingston, an exhibition of **Gary Richman's paintings** called "Crossing Montana," and his art book, **Some Families of Beau Marais.** Call 792-2131.

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Earth Day Has Come

Earth Day, April 22, will be celebrated with a variety of ecology action events planned throughout the state from April 22 to May 1. The Time Has Come has been designated the 1994 theme by Earth Day USA, the national Earth Day organization.

Since 1990, Rhode Islanders have celebrated Earth Day by participating in cleanups, walk-a-thons, hikes and performances.

Those planning Earth Day activities should send information about their events to ECRI, P.O. Box 8765, Cranston, R.I. 02920. For more information, call 621-8048.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Remarks by Jackie Mason Condemned by AJC

In response to comments that comedian Jackie Mason made last week on a radio talk show hosted by Pat Buchanan and Barry Lynn to the effect that "[Blacks are] more susceptible to violent behavior, 100 times more [than whites]," Phil Baum, associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress, recently issued the following statement:

"Jackie Mason and Louis Farakkhan are two of a kind. It is as if each of them seeks to find new lows to sink to in their racist and demagogic ravings. We are appalled by Mason's defamatory claim that "most" Blacks are disposed to violence and criminal activity.

"Fortunately, unlike other current demagogues, Mason cannot claim to have a following or a network of support. His posture is to take pride in being universally offensive. He has certainly offended us and everyone who would like to see an end to race hatred and bigotry. Mason's cover as a comic cannot conceal the hostility and nastiness that underlies his comments. Mason is about as funny as Farakkhan — and as contemptible."

'My Astonishing Self'

The Lyric Stage is presenting the award-winning actor Donal Donnelly in his one-man show "My Astonishing Self," where he portrays George Bernard Shaw.

For five weeks only "My Astonishing Self" will be performed at the Lyric Stage beginning March 18, and concluding its engagement April 17.

Donnelly, who appeared last season in Boston starring in Brian Friel's play "Dancing at Lughnasa," has performed in theaters, film and television sound stages throughout the world. He has acted on Broadway many times.

For more information, call 437-7172.

Donal Donnelly

Celebrating Frozen Food Month

EAST PROVIDENCE — We'll bet you didn't know March is National Frozen Food Month. There are a lot of things about frozen food to celebrate, so Almacs is including its customers in on the festivities.

Frozen food got its beginnings in 1912 from a man named Clarence Birdseye. After he went fishing, he would freeze his catch in the snow. When he thawed the fish later, he discovered they were as fresh as when he caught them. Birdseye later developed the technology to freeze foods without damaging the cellular structure, and in 1930, introduced the first retail line of frozen foods.

In each store, until March 26, parents and children are urged to fill out entry forms for prizes. Kids can color their entry form and have a chance to win a $25 gift certificate to Toys R Us. There will be four weekly drawings, chainwide, for a microwave oven, and on March 27, there will be a drawing for a $100 Almacs gift certificate.

The retail sales of prepared frozen foods reached over $11 billion in 1991 and are expected to reach over $13 billion by next year. Sales of frozen breakfast-related products in 1990 topped over $1.5 billion and frozen yogurt was the fastest growing frozen category from 1990 to 1992.

Dona Gracia de Nasi

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names back to the Flemish connection and possibly the Gracia tie. Manuel Silveira suggested that maybe his own name might be a translation from both Flemish and Jewish beginnings. "I am proud of having Jewish roots, though I was raised as a Catholic. Jews are a religious people, an intelligent people. I count myself lucky to be linked with them," he said in the lively conversations that followed Dr. Ron's lecture and discussion.

The mistress of ceremonies for the occasion was Ada Jill Schneider, Dr. Ron's wife and a well-known poet, a founding member of the Sousa Mendes Society.

'Stars' Shining

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a child old enough to reject or accept a religion? Is it wise to permit a child to experience events like a visit to Santa? (Several group members recalled sitting in Santa's lap, as kids.) How does a family avoid making "the other" religion forbidden fruit?

One of the members seemed to express the hope of the group when he spoke of all the adopted children now being discussed, some day sitting in a circle in the same room, hashing out their teen-age problems together and supporting each other.

Events at which the adopted children could meet each other, and form lasting relationships, were proposed.

The group welcomes new members. Call Renee Goldstein, at Jewish Family Services, 331-1244, for more information.

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

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Come One, Come All

City Nights Dinner Theatre, in its tenth anniversary season, announces open auditions for their June show, Neil Simon's "G-d's Favorite."

Auditions will be held at the theatre March 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. All roles are open. Needed are five males and three females age 20 to 60.

City Nights provides a stipend payment to all cast, crew and production staffing. Inquiries are always welcome for all areas of participation. Apprentice positions are often available.

Those auditioning for the first time are encouraged to bring, if possible, a resume and a recent photo to be kept on an active file (or a form and photo can be taken at the theatre). Auditions for new shows are approximately every six weeks.

For more information, call 723-6060.

Dance Camp

Rhode Island College High School Theater and Dance Camp for those aged 14 to 17 and currently in grades 8 to 11 will be held June 27 to July 22 at R.I.C.

The college's department of theater and dance will offer instruction on acting, improvisation, auditioning, voice, stage movement, technical theater and dance Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuition is $275 plus a $20 non-refundable application fee. Some scholarships are available. Application deadline is April 30. Enrollment is limited, so early application is advisable.

Call 456-8639 for more information.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR — City Nights Dinner Theater presents "OKLAHOMA," starring Kerry Farrell as "Laurey," and Neil Santoro as "Curly."

Oklahoma, Rhode Island?

City Nights Dinner Theatre, in its 10th anniversary season, announces production of the classic American musical "Oklahoma!," which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The show opens March 18 and runs through April 17.

"Oklahoma!" is one of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved and best remembered musicals which brought us such memorable hits as "Oh, What A Beautiful Morning," "People Will Say We're in Love," "Surrey With The Fringe On Top," as well as the rousing title song "Oklahoma!"

Tickets are by reservation only. For reservations or other information, call 723-6060.

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MILESTONES

Mark Jared Brown

Mark Jared Brown was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah March 12 at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D.C.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Brown. Mrs. Brown is the former Ellen-Sue Sonkin of Providence.

Mark is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sonkin of Lake Worth, Fla., formerly of Providence.

He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Brown of Camarillo, Calif., formerly of Pawtucket, R.I.

Douglas Norris Goldstein

Lynn Burgin and Stuart J. Goldstein of Portland, Ore., announce the birth of their second son, Douglas Norris, on Feb. 17. Douglas was welcomed home by his brother, Andrew Samuel.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Burgin of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Paternal grandparents are Barbara S. Goldstein of Woodland Hills, Calif., formerly of Cranston, R.I., and the late Judge Abraham Goldstein of Cranston.

Nicholas Irwin Scoliard

John and Mara Scoliard proudly announce the birth of their first child, Nicholas Irwin, born Feb. 20.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Burton Priest of Providence.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Scoliard of Providence.

Samuel James Sheffres

Samuel James Sheffres, son of Robert and Karen Sheffres of Temecula, Calif., was born Jan. 28. His grandparents, Ezra and Evelyn Buckler Sheffres are formerly from Providence as was his great-grandfather, for whom he is named.

Sidel to Wed Friedman

Mrs. Susan H. Sidel of East Greenwich, R.I., announces the engagement of her daughter, Elizabeth Sue Sidel to Marc Alexander Friedman of Fairfax, Va. Sidel is also the daughter of the late Arnold M. Sidel. Friedman is the son of Dr. Sholom and Mrs. Lenore Friedman of Arlington, Va.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lotte Hirsch of West Warwick, R.I., and the late Helmut Hirsch, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sidel.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Dora Alexander of Falls Church, Va., and the late John Alexander and the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Friedman.

The bride-to-be graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in pharmacology and Duke University with a master's degree in pharmacology. She is employed at Cato Research in Durham, N.C., as a clinical research scientist.

Her fiance graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in computer science. He is employed as a senior software engineer with the Verdix Corporation, Herndon, Va.

An August 21, 1994, wedding is planned.

Elizabeth Sue Sidel and Marc Alexander Friedman

JEHUDA REINHARZ— was recently named president-elect of Brandeis University.

Brandeis Names New President

For the first time in its 46-year history, Brandeis University has chosen an alumnus and member of the faculty to become its seventh president.

Jehuda Reinharz, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, noted historian, Brandeis alumnus and university faculty member since 1982, was named president-elect of Brandeis University on March 2. He will succeed Samuel O. Thier, who leaves May 23 to become president of The Massachusetts General Hospital.

Louis Perlmutter, chairman of the board of trustees, said, "Jehuda Reinharz is uniquely qualified to lead Brandeis. He is an internationally recognized scholar, an experienced and skilled academic administrator, and an accomplished fundraiser. His ability to win the respect and admiration of the trustees, faculty, students and staff are proven."

Reinharz, 49, is the Richard Koret professor of modern Jewish history, and former director of Brandeis' Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry.

As provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, Reinharz was a partner in the revitalization of the campus that has occurred during the Thier presidency. He has also been intimately involved in the successful restructuring of the undergraduate curriculum.

Reinharz earned concurrent bachelor's degrees in 1967 from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, a master's degree from Harvard University in 1968 and his doctorate from Brandeis in 1972. He was a faculty member in the history department at the University of Michigan from 1972-1982. He also serves on more than two dozen national and international academic boards.

A prolific writer, Reinharz has authored, co-authored or edited 19 books and more than 80 articles.

Born in Israel in 1944, Reinharz is married to Shulamit Reinharz, who also received her Ph.D. from Brandeis and is a professor of sociology and director of the women's studies program at Brandeis. They live in Newton, Mass., and have two daughters, Yael, 17, and Naomi, 12.

Goldberg Named

Barbara M. Goldberg of Entelechy Resource Associates in Cranston, has been named to the Strategtic Planning Committee of the New England Center for Organizational Effectiveness. The not-for-profit educational group is dedicated to helping organizations and individuals measurably improve their effectiveness. Monthly meetings provide participants from throughout New England with the opportunity to upgrade their professional skills.

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School Beat

Bon Voyage — Have a Wonderful Trip

Norman Harnick displays his research board and presentation on Japan as part of the recent annual sixth grade Nationality Day project at the Alperin Schechter Day School.

Travel Under The Sea

Can a mermaid from a small undersea town find happiness above the water? The latest audience-participation play from the All Children's Theatre shows how.

"Little Mermaid" is the classic tale of the beautiful mermaid who falls in love with a handsome human. A spell cast by the wicked sea witch allows the little mermaid to grow legs and feet — but what a terrible price she has to pay!

In this audience-participation play directed by Lisa Vechione, some of the children attending the performance will help create the ocean by making bubbles, while others will become actual sea creatures.

The show will be presented April 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:30 a.m. and April 10 and 17 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $3 for children and $6 for adults for this hour-long play for children 3 to 11 years old, held at the First Unitarian Church. For more information and reservations, call 331-7174.

Get Your Scholarships Here!

The National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section, will be awarding scholarships to Rhode Island area students attending college in the fall of 1994.

NCJW is the oldest Jewish women's volunteer organization in the country with more than 100,000 members dedicated to community service and social action to improve life for others.

The scholarship program is part of this commitment. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, evidence of involvement in community service, and academic worthiness.

Students desiring applications should write to Seena Dittelman, 93 Crestwood Road, Cranston, R.I. 02920, or phone 942-5735.

Deadline for requesting applications is March 25, 1994.

Be the Voice of the Dinosaurs!

Call for auditions. Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to audition to be the "Voice of the Dinosaurs" during Roger Williams Park Zoo's upcoming dinosaur exhibit.

A maximum of 100 children may register by phone to audition to be the "Dino Spokeskid" for the "Return of the Dinosaurs," coming to Roger Williams Park Zoo May 14. The winning child will have his/her voice recorded and used in the new dinosaur exhibit.

The audition will take place April 23 at the zoo.

In addition to becoming the dinosaur exhibit's "Spokeskid," the winner will receive a Dino fun pack, including a private party for their friends and family at the dinosaur exhibit.

Parents or guardians may sign up interested children by calling 785-3510 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Further information will be sent to those who call to audition.

Get Your Forks Ready

Boy Scout Troop #10 in Warwick is holding their third annual spaghetti dinner and Court of Honor ceremony, in memory of Jerome Aron, on March 20. The ceremony begins at 4 p.m.

The public is invited to this fundraising event. Adult tickets are $5 and children's tickets are $3 or $20 per immediate family.

This successful kosher spaghetti and meatball dinner is being held at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick, R.I. Tickets can be purchased from the Scouts of Troop 10 or at the door. Reservations are suggested. Call 463-7944.

THE ALPERIN SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL

What's Up in Computer

by Ezra Lipp and Stephanie Adler

Every week we make a newspaper with our computer teacher, Mr. Santos. Each student in the class has to write an article during the week and hand it in on Friday. We have been writing on all different topics such as weather, real news, contests, and make believe. We are now on our third edition. Mr. Santos puts many graphics in the newspaper and switches the fonts around to make it look good.

We have also been working in "Hyperstudio" in computer. In this program, you click the mouse and you get a world map. When you press the mouse again, you can go to North America or South America or anywhere in the world. 5th grade really enjoys computer class. We can't wait to see what we're doing next.

Art and Music Show

by Jennifer Masi

This year, there is going to be an Art and Music show at ASDS. It will include the whole school. The performance and display will be set up in the Vestry and the Meeting House. Parents will be able to come and see their child's work and performance in a few weeks.

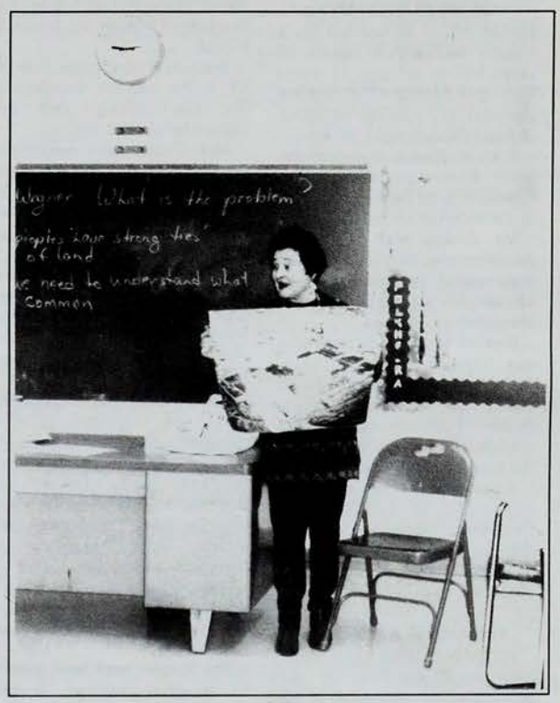
Each student will choose some pictures or structures they have made and put them up for display. We will also be singing. The 5th grade will be using many instruments in their performances such as the conga, maracas, the piano, and xylophones. We all hope everyone can come and see what's going on in art and music.

Study Buddies

by Dov Neimand

What is "Study Buddies"? Is it a time for being away from class? Is it a time for getting out of homework? Is it when people get all of the answers? If that's what you think, you're wrong. "Study Buddies" is a place people go when they need help with certain subjects.

Mrs. Robinson teaches "Study Buddies" and helps kids in grades K-5. She has taught in North Carolina and Virginia and has a Master's degree in Education. I think she is a very good teacher and she really does accomplish what she tries to do. Mrs. Robinson teaches in a creative way and tries to reach all students. She helps them out with organization and with their study skills.



IT'S ALL HAPPENING HERE — Dr. Judith Wegner explains, as she discusses issues in the Middle East with seventh- and eighth-grade students at the Alperin Schechter Day School, recently.

New Medical Records Degree Program

Edward J. Dobbs, of Swansea, Mass., will head the new Medical Records Technology program at Bristol Community College. The program of study, leading to an associate of science degree, will enroll its first class in fall 1994.

"This program will prepare students to become an Accredited Record Technician," said Dobbs. "They will be prepared for positions at various kinds of health care facilities."

The needs of southeastern Massachusetts health care providers for trained medical records technicians, and the promise of excellent, stable jobs, made the start of the program a high priority, he added.

"Local hospitals and other health care providers say that their need for trained technicians outruns the local supply,' said Dean Feeney, dean of academic affairs.

For information on applying to the new program, contact Edward Dobbs at (508) 678-2811, ext. 2329 or the Admissions office at ext. 2179.

Israeli Parents

Calling all parents of children living in Israel. There is interest in reinstituting a Rhode Island group of parents whose children have made aliyah or are living in Israel.

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OBITUARIES

DAVID C. BASKIN

PROVIDENCE — David C. Baskin, 68, of 20 Randall St., a history teacher in Russia for 30 years before retiring 12 years ago, died March 12 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Rosa (Finkelstein) Baskin.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Chaim and Persha (Ukrainskaya) Baskin, he lived in Providence for two years.

Mr. Baskin was a Russian Army veteran of World War II, and served in the European Theater. He was a graduate of a university in Russia.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Gregory Baskin of Providence; two brothers, Israel Baskin of New York, Gary Baskin of Albany, N.Y., and a grandson. He was brother of the late Boris Baskin.

A graveside service was held March 14 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ABRAHAM A. BROWN

WOONSOCKET — Abraham A. Brown, 91, of 368 Woodland Rd., chairman of the board since 1928 of the A.A. Brown Agency, died March 8 at home. He was the husband of the late Rose D. (Reyn) Brown.

Born in Woonsocket, he was a son of the late Wolf and Fannie (Abbott) Brown.

Mr. Brown was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel. He was a former member of the Chevrah Kaddisha. He was a 70-year member of the Elks.

He leaves two sons, Louis R. Brown of North Smithfield, and David G. Brown of North Providence; a brother, Joseph Brown of Palm Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Gertrude Berick, Ruth Shapiro, and Pearl Goldman, all of Miami Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

The funeral was held March 10 at Congregation B'nai Israel, Prospect Street. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery.

MILDRED H. COLITZ

COCONUT CREEK, Fla. — Mildred H. Colitz, 80, of Coconut Creek, formerly of Newport, died March 7 at the Carewest Arizona Center in Santa Monica, Calif. She was the wife of the late Dr. Erwin R. Colitz.

Born in Providence, Feb. 8, 1914, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Eva (Schonfield) Hodosh.

Mrs. Colitz was a member of the Congregation Jeshuat Israel in Newport for more than 50 years. She was also a member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and Hadassah.

She moved to Newport from Providence after her marriage. She and her husband moved to Florida 14 years ago, and for the past two years she had lived in Santa Monica, Calif.

She leaves a son, Stephen H. Colitz of Holmdel, N.J.; a daughter, Barbara Dembo of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; two brothers, David Hodosh of Boca Raton, Fla., and Dr. Milton Hodosh of Providence; two sisters, Ruth Abramson of Newport and Isabel David of Cranston; and five grandchildren, Charles, Bruce and Wendy Dembo and Sara and Seth Colitz.

The funeral was held March 11 in the Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Newport. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown. Donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements were by the Chevra Kadisha Association of Newport County.

SOPHIE COOPERBERG

WARWICK — Sophie Cooperberg, 87, of the Warwick Health Center, formerly of Providence, died March 8 at the center.

Born in Utica, N.Y., a daughter of the late Samuel and Rebecca (Shaner) Bookbinder, she had lived in Providence for most of her life, moving to Warwick six months ago.

Mrs. Cooperberg was a life member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a sister, Bernice Dickens of Seekonk, Mass., and a granddaughter, Beth C. Surdut. She was the mother of the late Sandra E. Surdut.

A private graveside service took place March 9 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MATILDA GARFINKEL

PROVIDENCE — Matilda "Tillie" Garfinkel, 94, a resident of Summit Medical Center, formerly of 500 Angell St., died March 9 at the center. She was the wife of the late Louis Garfinkel. A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Eva (Abramowitz) Goldenberg.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, a life and charter member of the Brandeis University Women's Association, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and Hadassah.

She leaves a sister, Ethel Billincoff of Providence; a niece Barbara Harris of California and a nephew Marvin Lerman of Providence. A funeral service was held March 11 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

HYMAN GELLER

CRANSTON — Hyman "Cy" Geller, of 455 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, died March 13. He was the husband of Marion (Stone) Geller.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Phillip Geller of Cranston and Larry Geller of Easton, Mass., and Boca Raton, Fla.; a daughter, Esther Weitzman, Cromwell, Conn.; seven grandchildren, David and Karen Geller, Lori Adler, Donna Zawisa, Steven Brody, Bruce Weitzman and Neil Alan, and two great-grandsons, Bryan and Ahryn.

The funeral service was held March 15 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Contributions may be made to R.I. Heart Association.

FLORENCE GERTZ

PROVIDENCE — Florence Gertz, 86, of Rosewood Manor, Pitman Street, died March 13 at the manor. She was the wife of the late Harold M. Gertz.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late Nathan and Fannie Harris, she lived in Providence most of her life.

She leaves a daughter, Barbara Salk of Cranston; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held March 16 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

DORIS Z. GREENSTEIN

FOREST HILLS, N.Y. — Doris Z. Greenstein died March 5. She was the wife of the late Harry Greenstein.

She leaves a son, Robert Greenstein of Forest Hills, N.Y., and a sister, Mildred Fabricant of Pawtucket.

Graveside funeral services were held March 10 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL J. LEVY

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Samuel J. Levy, 93, of 14555 Sims Rd., owner of the former State Drug Co. in Providence for more than 20 years before first retiring in the early 1960s, died March 10 at the West Boca Medical Center, Boca Raton, Fla. He was the husband of the late Sara (Pollack) Weinbaum-Levy and of the late Sadie (Zisserson) Levy.

Mr. Levy, who also maintained a home in Barrington, was an employee of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security for 10 years before retiring in 1970.

Born in New York City, he was a son of the late Morris and Fanny (Goodman) Levy. He lived in Providence for many years before moving to Barrington, and then to Delray Beach, where he had maintained a winter home.

Mr. Levy was a 1920 graduate of Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island. He was a member of the former Temple Beth Israel, Providence, and a lifetime member of Temple Am David, Warwick. In Florida he was a member of the Free Sons of Israel. He was a member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

He leaves a daughter, Rhoda Swartz; three sisters, Lillian Levy and Mae Ferdman, all of Pawtucket, Rose Hirsch of Warwick, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was the father of the late Thelma Chorney.

The funeral service was held March 13 at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

SAMUEL J. MEDOFF

WOONSOCKET — Samuel J. Medoff, 90, of 304 Prospect St., vice chairman and treasurer of the former I. Medoff Co., which manufactured fashion fabrics for the retail trade, died March 9 at Miriam Hospital.

A lifelong resident of Woonsocket, he was the son of the late Abraham and Rose (Guzner) Medoff.

Mr. Medoff served several terms as president of Congregation B'Nai Israel, from 1958 to 1963 and from 1967 to 1968, serving when the present synagogue was constructed.

Mr. Medoff was one of four honorary presidents of the congregation. He was named honorary president in 1970, and six years later, the congregation dedicated Medoff Auditorium in honor of him and his late brother, Israel Medoff.

Mr. Medoff was vice chairman of the endowment fund for the former Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, and a member of its board. He was a member of the overseers board and was a trustee of Miriam Hospital, where he served as finance chairman.

Mr. Medoff was a member of the Woonsocket Development Corporation and a trustee of the Industrial Foundation of Woonsocket. He was a past president of the Woonsocket Lodge No. 989, B'Nai B'rith, and was vice president of the Woonsocket Citizens Housing Corporation. In 1983, Mr. Medoff was made an honorary member of Union St. Jean Baptiste, the first non-Christian to be so honored.

Mr. Medoff was a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design. He received a law degree from Northeastern Law School. He also was a graduate of the former Hill College in Woonsocket, and completed courses of the American Banks Association.

Mr. Medoff was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, serving as a captain.

He leaves a brother, Dr. Edward Medoff of Woonsocket, and three sisters, Eve Goldberg, Nancy Robbins and Brenda Smira, all of Providence.

The funeral service was held March 13 at Congregation B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket. Burial was in B'Nai Israel Cemetery.

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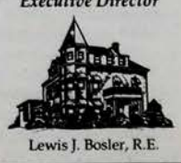

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Posts Abandoned

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Analysts assessing the possible impact of such an inquiry point to two precedents.

In 1973 a state commission investigating the Yom Kippur War found the military at fault for being taken by surprise by Syrian and Egyptian attacks, while absolving the political establishment.

But a 1982 state commission investigating the killing by Christian militiamen of hundreds of Palestinians at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in southern Lebanon implicated politicians and forced the resignation of then-Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

In effect, officials were blamed for not foreseeing the massacre.

There has been some speculation that if the principle of indirect responsibility is applied this time, it could bring down the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Money

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Groups, agencies, or organizations who wish to apply for funding must complete an application form available from the high school. Those seeking funds must also permit on site inspection of the group's facility by members of the ECAC.

Any individual, group, agency, or organization who wishes to apply for funding should call Edward Day at Cranston High School East (785-8112). All requests for funding will be processed by the ECAC.

Best Granny

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Finalists will be interviewed by a board of apple growers named Smith to pick the national Granny Smith winner, who will be featured on grocery store posters and make promotional appearances in the upcoming year. Airfare and trip expenses will be picked up by the apple commission.

"We had to do it again," said search coordinator Jim Thomas. "We have another bumper crop of high quality Granny Smiths this year, so we need an even bigger crop of granny nominees. Plus, if we didn't do it, we'd have thousands of people who's grandmas didn't win last year after us if we didn't give them another chance."

Scharlau said the search has taken a life of its own.

"The search has really turned into something special," she said. "We give people a chance to tell us why grandmothers are a special part of their lives. It also shows just how active grandmas are in the 1990s. Last year's finalists included a real estate executive, a missionary, independent businesswomen and community volunteers.

"I don't think many of them owned a rocking chair, but they all had tennis shoes."

All nominations received will be kept and displayed for the upcoming year at the Washington Apple Visitor's Center in Wenatchee, Scharlau said.

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Gottlieb Family Gives and Gives

In an effort to transcend regional strife and build a bridge to peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors, the Gottlieb Family Foundation of Rydal, Penn., and Boca Raton, Fla., has dedicated two major facilities at the Children's Medical Center of Israel in Petah Tikva, the only critical-care hospital for children in the Middle East.

The Triage Center at the hospital was named in honor of Sam Gottlieb of Boca Raton, father of Bernie Gottlieb, chairman of the CMCI's Bridge to Peace Campaign.

The clinic in Taibe, called the Jean and Sam Sebotnick Bridge to Peace Child Health Center, is the newest addition to a chain of satellite community pediatric clinics affiliated with the CMCI — the first built specifically to serve Israel's Arab population.

The Taibe clinic offers sophisticated therapeutic and diagnostic services to some 20,000 children from the Arab towns of Taibe, Tira and Kalansua. Since opening last October, the clinic has provided primary and secondary heath care to more than 10,000 children.

The Gottliebs smile upon children in Israel.

In another ceremony, shifted to CMCI because of Arab unrest in the wake of the Hebron killings, a child health center at the CMCI's satellite clinic in Taibe, the largest Arab community in the center of Israel, was named in memory of Jean and Sam Sebotnick, parents of Bernie Gottlieb's wife, Carole.

Member of Knesset Dr. Ephraim Sneh praised the Gottlieb family, nine of whom attended the dedication ceremonies, for their "vision and generosity in building bridges of peace and understanding between Jews and Arabs in Israel." Sneh, who is a brigadier-general in the Israel Defense Forces reserves and a former commander of the Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank, said: "The best answer to the acts of extremists who seek to undermine the peace process is to continue that process." He added: "It is most inspiring that good people like you, who live 6,000 miles away, are so committed to promoting coexistence between Jews and Arabs. You deserve our highest thanks."

The Sam Gottlieb Triage Center is an integral part of the CMCI's Department of Emergency Medicine. It is here that more than 100 children per day brought to CMCI for emergency care receive their initial life-saving assistance. After being treated in the Triage Center, patients are transferred to other emergency units, to inpatient and surgical departments, intensive care, or other services of the hospital.

The Gottlieb family has also provided generous support for the establishment of a new state-of-the-art pediatric clinic in the Israeli-Arab village of Taibe.

The dedication of both facilities stem from Bernie Gottlieb's chairmanship of the CMCI's "Bridge to Peace" campaign, aimed at enhancing quality medical care for all children in the region, regardless of their racial, religious, national or ethnic background.

"We are extending a hand into the Arab community because we are living together and living together peacefully in our highest priority," Gottlieb said.

"The Children's Medical Center of Israel is open to all children of the Middle East — Christian, Moslem and Jew alike. Disease, unfortunately, is the great leveler. At CMCI one finds Arab and Jewish children sharing the same room. And their parents who visit them share one common concern — getting their children well. Our goal is to build a bridge to peace by making available the highest quality critical-care medical facilities to all the children in the region."

Terrorism Round-Up

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needed to make the bomb and had them delivered to Salameh's storage locker. After the bombing, he sent messages to news organizations taking responsibility for the act.

• Ahmad Ajaj was found guilty on 10 counts, although he was in prison when the bomb went off. He was arrested after being detained at Kennedy Airport, where he was found carrying four passports in different names and military manuals for making bombs. Phone calls he made from prison, along with fingerprints in the manual linked him to another suspect in the bombing, Ramzi Yousef, who has not yet been captured.

• Mahmud Abouhalima was found guilty on nine counts. He was present in the Jersey City apartment when the chemicals were mixed to make the bomb. He and Yousef bought gas for the van used in the bombing.

Two other men — Abdul Yasin and Yousef — were formally indicted in the case, but they fled the country after the bombing and have so far eluded capture. Another man, Bilal Alkaisi, was also indicted in the case, but according to his lawyer he is hoping to settle the case without a trial.

The defendants in the World Trade Center case were linked to fundamentalist Muslim cleric Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, a key figure in a second, more complex case that is to be tried this fall.

Rahman and at least 13 other defendants have been charged with plotting to blow up several New York City buildings and assassinate political leaders.

Contributing to this report were JTA staff writer Mitchell Danow and intern Michele Berman in New York.

Miriam Volunteers

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a big black notebook upon signing up. The notebook is loaded with schedule sheets, listening advice, crisis handling suggestions, beeper numbers, and accumulated program wisdom. No member on duty is supposed to be without his or her notebook, and Irons says she is often surprised to see even her most experienced volunteers with their heads buried in their notebooks.

The group currently numbers 21, but new recruits are due to start training soon, and will bring the membership to 25 or 26. When a volunteer must drop out, which is extremely rare, he or she frequently finds a replacement on his/her own. Their dedication is very rewarding to Irons.

No volunteer is permitted to give out actual medical information. That is always left up to the physician. But the volunteer can say, "I know surgery was supposed to start at 8 a.m., but there was an emergency, and John's operation was rescheduled for 10 a.m. That's why we haven't heard anything yet. Why not go and get a cup of coffee? It'll be a while, yet." Or, "John's in recovery now. They'll let us know when they're ready to move him to his room. He'll be in room 506. How about having some lunch, while you wait?"

Volunteers must learn to listen carefully to everything the families say and don't say, including their body language, and to respect their preferences for privacy or conversation. In the event of bad news, the volunteer immediately can call upon the services of a member of the clergy, a social worker and anyone else who has appropriate expertise, so that when the doctor speaks to the family, in the seclusion of the family lounge room, a full-support system will already be in place.

Volunteers visit the operating room, recovery room, cath lab, and angiography lab, to obtain updates and reports for the family.

Success of the program may be judged not just by awards, but by testimonials from the families, and the patients, themselves... letters, calls, flowers.

This is evidently a service that fills a great need, and would be welcomed by families at almost any hospital.

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