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Watch Out Behind You!

Elyse Berman poses fearlessly in front of an apparently harmless dinosaur at Roger Williams Park Zoo, May 14. See story on page 2.

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Rabbis Denounce Assisted Suicide

Rabbi Moshe S. Gorelik, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Rabbi Dr. Moshe D. Tendler, chairman of its Bio-Medical Ethics Committee, issued the following policy statement regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide.

'Assisted suicide' has achieved a measure of respectability by being placed before the voting citizenry of two states in a referendum to legalize physician-assisted suicide. Judaism views assisted suicide as murder.

"Death with dignity," the rallying cry of those who favor legalizing assisted suicide, is but a slogan designed to confuse. Neither ventilators, nor pressor drugs, nor I.V. feedings affect the dignity of man created in G-d's image.

The decision of the Dutch courts to prohibit doctor-assisted suicide, but to approve a system of notification, that if adhered to will protect the physician from prosecution, reflects the ambivalence of secular society. Judaism has no such ambivalence.

Judaism espouses the principle of the infinite value of human life. All biblical and rabbinic commandments (except murder, idolatry and adultery) must be waived to save a human life. Physicians are divinely licensed and obligated to heal, and patients are mandated to seek healing from physicians. Any deliberate hastening of death of even a terminally ill patient is prohibited as murder. Active euthanasia is not allowed in Judaism.

Judaism recognizes that a physician is obligated to heal only when he has some medical treatment to offer the patient. If the patient is dying from an incurable illness after all therapy has failed, the physician's role changes from curing to caring. Only supportive care such as food and water, good nursing care and maximal psycho-social support should be provided.

If a patient near death is in severe pain and no therapeutic

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Local Student Recounts Search for Suri Feldman

by Ernest Isaacson

Nestled in the heart of the East Side on Blackstone Boulevard lies the New England Rabbinical College, a small institution of higher Talmudic learning, or yeshiva, consisting of 25 students from various parts of the country. In New York or Jerusalem, such an institution is as common as a college in Cambridge, but in New England, it remains one of a select few. As a transfer to Brown from a yeshiva in Chicago in 1992, I took it upon myself to continue my talmudic studies at the New England Rabbinical College, and until one Thursday night, I expected to fulfill only my own religious and scholarly goals. The call I received at 1:30 a.m. from the dean of the yeshiva changed my perspective greatly.

Suri Feldman, a 14-year-old Hasidic girl from Brooklyn was lost in the woods in Union, Conn., and search parties totaling 1,200 people were being gathered to assist in the quest. Consisting mainly of Orthodox Jews from the New York area, most had no connection to Suri, beyond that intangible bond felt between a people so accustomed to bonding together in times of potential tragedy.

The Providence Jewish community had contributed food to the search party, but now the

word came in that food would not be sufficient — more manpower was needed to comb the woods.

On Friday, I and two other carloads of students arrived at a remote site separate from the main search party where 300 Orthodox, mostly Hasidic, Jews had gathered to organize the search. It was 6 a.m. — the time for morning prayers. The sight of 300 Jews wrapped in prayer shawls and phylacteries, shaking and mumbling silently, each cognizant of his purpose and fully willing without hesitation to comb the woods in search of a stranger, was overwhelming.

In Union, Conn., that morning, all were silently praying for the safe return of a girl who had



Ernest Isaacson
Herald photo by David Payne

never spent a night outside of Brooklyn, and all were haunted by the specter of Holly Piiraniemi, another young girl whose re-

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The Future of Gaza and Jericho

by Stacey A. Pacheco
Herald Co-Editor

As 330 Palestinian police gathered wearing their new olive green uniforms and red berets donated by the Norwegian government, to assume their duties in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho, the Palestine Liberation Organization told Israel it needed more time before as-

suming control of the two areas — delaying the implementation of the self-rule accord.

At the chronicle signing of the "semi" final agreement on May 4 in Cairo, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat asked Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for more time to name the 24-member Palestinian Authority, who will have overall

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Oldest U.S. Synagogue Still Educates The Young

The year-end event of Touro Synagogue's Hebrew School will be celebrated during a special weekend on May 21 and 22, announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro (center left), the school's principal and Dr. James Herstoff, school's Education Committee chairman (not pictured). Both past and present students will participate in Shabbat services and serve as the choir for the "Musaf" services. The following morning, the children will perform an original skit, written by Rabbi Shapiro, for the annual B'nai B'rith breakfast.

Herald photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Saturday in the Park

by Alison Smith
Herald Co-Editor

The new Dinamation exhibit opened on May 14 and was an instant rip-roaring success.

As I started through the exhibit, I heard the man in front of me explaining about how you could tell the predatory dinosaurs from the "clean-up crew" — the scavengers, and I began to tune in, and close the distance between us. This man really knew his dinosaurs. His name was Ed Hooks, and he and Leana were going through the exhibit to renew old acquaintances. Hooks worked as a volunteer the last time the dinosaurs came to the zoo. The volunteers — a group of them has been trained to help explain the exhibit to the public — are really an important part of something like this. It's so helpful to have a person, a real live person, listen to your questions and give you an on-the-spot answer.

Next, I met Elyse and Wendi Berman, who were taking their parents through the exhibit. The Bermans attend Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket. I got the impression the girls thought the dinosaurs were terrific.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Veterans who suffered a compensable, service-connected disability rated 10 percent or more may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation.

The Veterans Administration must determine that the veteran's disability causes an employment handicap, and that vocational rehabilitation services are necessary to restore employability. Generally, the veteran must complete a rehabilitation program within the 12-year period following notification of entitlement to VA compensation. This time limit may

The life-size figures move naturally, make appropriately loud noises, and are shown in poses that, while gory enough to satisfy a 12-year-old boy, are not so graphic that toddlers run screaming down the path to get away from them. It seems a very good mix — plenty of entertainment value and a hands-on, close-up educational experience that will probably stick with the kids that go through it.

You enter the exhibit by walking through a small house where the youngster whose voice is used throughout the display is being scolded by her mother for her interest in bones, and the resulting dirt. When the girl falls asleep in her bedroom, we enter her dream-world. To our right, concealed nozzles float clouds of mist over the vegetation, and the first dinosaur comes into view.

The path is well laid out, and only a quarter of a mile long, so almost everyone should be able to go the distance if they take their time.

While the dinosaur exhibit is special and should not be missed, the rest of the zoo is pretty special, too. In fact, the whole park is a thing of beauty. Why not plan to make a day of it?

be waived, however, if the disability poses a serious handicap to employment.

Vocational rehabilitation services include counseling, payment of educational expenses, subsistence allowance and extended medical and dental benefits.

Following training, VA will assist the veteran in finding suitable employment.

Applications should be made on VA Form 28-1900, Disabled Veteran Application for Vocational Rehabilitation.



WHAT THIS MAN DOESN'T KNOW about these dinosaurs is hardly worth knowing. Ed Hooks worked as a volunteer the last time dinosaurs came to Roger Williams Park Zoo, and he and Leana came back May 14 to say hello to his old friends.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Free Wednesday Organ Concerts

Soloist Alden Mitchell will provide free noontime entertainment during the first organ concert of the spring Wednesday at the Wurlitzer series, May 25 at the Providence Performing Arts Center.

The spring series includes five concerts from noon to 1 p.m. on consecutive Wednesdays until June 22.

Guest soloists from throughout Southeastern New England present varied pro-

grams of organ music for each concert of the series.

For more information, call 421-ARTS.

Research Facility Evaluates Medication for Impotence

Clinical Programs Ltd., a research and treatment facility in Providence is seeking volunteers for a research study of a new investigational medication for the treatment of impotence.

About half the male population experience impotence (inability to obtain or sustain an erection) at some point in their lives. For some the problem persists. Impotence can occur because of reduced blood flow, damage to the nerves or from psychological causes, such as clinical depression or anxiety about sexual performance. In most instances, impotence results from a combination of factors. Most men with this problem suffer in silence.

Currently available treatments are less than satisfactory. They include counseling,

uncertain value, injection of drugs and surgical procedures. The oral medication now being evaluated at clinical programs in Providence and at research centers throughout the United States and Europe would represent a major advance in the treatment of impotence.

Men eligible for this research program must be 18 or older, have difficulty obtaining or maintaining an erection, be in good general health and have a partner willing to participate in interviews. Participants will receive a thorough medical evaluation, research medication and follow up visits all at no cost.

For further information, interested men or their partners can call Clinical Programs at 273-2950.

Roger Williams Hosts Interfaith Memorial Service

As has been the tradition for the past 19 years, the Roger Williams Medical Center invites the families and friends of patients who have passed away during the year to an Interfaith Memorial Service on May 23 at St. Pius Church, Eaton Street, Providence, R.I., at 7 p.m.

"Gathering together in prayer and remembrance provides support for many trying to cope with recent loss," says Roger Williams Medical Center Chaplain Jim Willsey. "Being among others who understand

their loss is both comforting and helpful in confronting emptiness and beginning the healing process."

In addition to the annual service to help families and friends cope with loss, the hospital offers a bereavement support group series throughout the year to aid in handling grief. For more information about the interfaith service or bereavement support group, call 456-2284.

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VA Publishes Benefits Handbook

The latest edition of *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*, a publication consistently on the government's best-seller list, is currently available from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

It describes federal benefits for veteran and dependents, such as medical care, education, disability compensation, pension, life insurance, home loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation and burial benefits. It also explains requirements for eligibility and outlines claims procedures.

Listed in the book are addresses and telephone numbers of all VA offices, medical centers, national cemeteries, veterans counseling centers and other VA facilities. In addition, VA's toll-free number — (800) 827-1000 — is listed for veterans to reach the nearest benefits counselor.

For copies, request GPO stock number 051-000-00202-4 from the Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220, and enclose a check for \$2.50 per copy.

FEATURE

A Paris Forget-Me-Not

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter



The path of the olive trees is nothing but dust now. The grass has gone, carried off by misery, under the footsteps of our fallen brothers. They died while searching for liberty. So that tomorrow you will remember. I sang this melancholy lyric, in French, at International House on Stimson Avenue the first Monday of May.

What do those words mean? I bought a record in Paris 40 years ago and memorized the melody and the message. The disc broke in my valise, but stayed in my head. Imagine it's about the War that still haunted the France I went to for my junior year at Yale. I tried to bring back its mood

derers" debuted on the Left Bank. The actor Daniel Gelin starred in another movie I saw called "The Snow was Black."

I got to France by boat, a weeklong ocean trek that left my homeland behind hour by hour over the horizon. My folks and my brothers didn't fly over, because the easy age of jet travel hadn't quite hit the airways. I learned my way around town, and the perfume mixed the smoke of Gitanes and Gauloises with the acid odor of the subway, the noble rot of red wine, the smell of cheese, and the aroma of strong coffee. We took onionsoup at the Halles after an out of the way cinema prowl. I met Ingrid Bergman at a rally for the homeless. I schlepped the trunkful of family clothing my mom had packed to the flea market outside the gates of the city and sold them like a peddler for the small luxuries of student life.

The truth is, I took that Paris home with me. It isn't there any more. I go back once in a while, but only in space, not in time. We have plenty of coffee houses on the East Side, or up Federal Hill. I wake up and smell the beans and fall into my reverie of 40 years ago. I find the wines whose caves I had gone to, with their barrels and bats, on shelves round the corner. I order the old films for my classes. My girls read the scripts of the plays I saw new, in high school French classes.

Stimson Avenue made me think of the chateaux of the capital and of the wine countryside I biked through. It's a curved cul de sac of towered mansions with charming small gardens pink, lavender and sun-yellow with May blossoms. I dug into my bank of old songs and came up with Gilbert Beaud's salute to springtime. "A new clear sky, blue and bright with hope." I sang a few lines to leave 'em with a refreshing refrain. It only took me five minutes not five days to get home.

I had described my home to the Jean who took me for a Canadian. He sketched his version of my information. It came out like a little villa. We dwell in our dreams.



My home, envisioned from by Jean Couture, c. 1954.

for a small group who gather to speak and hear the Gallic tongue.

It was a hard winter, dark and grim. The homeless huddled over subway grids. If you had a few sous hid in your pocket you would settle over your brandy, your red wine, your demitasse, at a corner cafe. My student room had a coal stove, an armoire, a desk and window. I sketched these objects on my letters, which I wrote on cheap paper. We took public baths once a week. The palaces of Paris were still black. Before Mendes France and De Gaulle, Malraux had not yet got the buildings sandblasted back to their pearly white.

You still felt the long shadow of the occupation. Elie Wiesel met Francois Mauriac and wrote "Night" that year, but I knew nothing of it. I sat with Jean Jacob, a displaced person who held forth with tales from hell at the St. Germain des Pres cafe I frequented. I met another Jean, who had munched the chocolate bars of the GIs, and of the gestapo before that. He lived in the Jewish quarter but disliked the Jews. I spent my French year passing. Jean took me for a Canadian Protestant. I told the roomful of gentle people at International House, Armenians, Jews, French, and some Brown undergrads, about the movies that came out that year. Andre Cayatte, a lawyer, directed a series of films condemning collaboration and indicting bourgeois complicity. The titles alone carry a charge. "We Are All Mur-

Canavan's Disease

Children with Canavan's disease are severely disabled. Although there is some range of ability in children with the disease, generally they cannot sit, crawl, or walk, nor can they say a single word. They have very limited ability to move their hands to play or even to perform the simple task of feeding

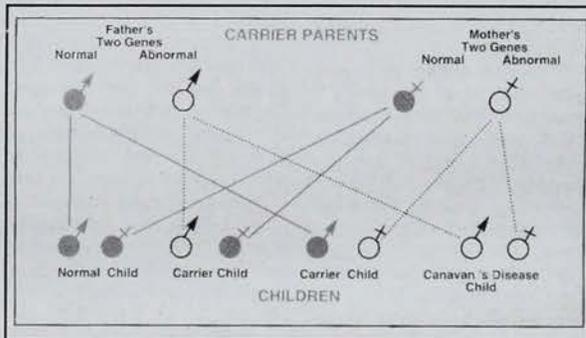
toms vary, but the most obvious problems are:

- lack of head control
 - rapidly increasing head circumference
 - reduced visual responsiveness
 - abnormal muscle tone (stiffness and/or "floppiness")
- These symptoms can be signs

Parents have no symptoms or warning signs telling them that they are carriers. When two carriers have a child, there is a one in four chance with each pregnancy that their child will be born with Canavan's disease. They may already have one or more perfectly healthy children and be totally unaware of the possibility of having an affected child until that child is born.

Doctors can now check an affected child's enzyme level

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Genetic Diagram of Canavan's Disease

themselves. Over time they generally lose the ability to see, to swallow food, and to move their limbs voluntarily, and they may suffer from seizures. Children with Canavan's disease quickly become profoundly mentally retarded and have a limited life expectancy.

Canavan's disease is an inherited childhood condition which is always fatal. This degenerative disease is most frequently found among Jewish families who came from Poland, Russia, and Lithuania, but it has been found in other ethnic groups as well.

Canavan's disease, also known as "spongy degeneration of the brain," is one of the leukodystrophies — diseases of the white matter of the brain. In this disease there is a degeneration of the white matter, or myelin. Myelin insulates the nerve cell processes much like the covering of electrical wires, and is necessary for normal brain function.

For decades, Canavan's disease had been classified as an obscure disease of unknown origin, but in 1988 the cause of Canavan's disease was discovered. It was found that a child with Canavan's disease is genetically unable to produce enough of a particular enzyme (aspartoacylase) that regulates the fluid in the white matter.

Parents of children with Canavan's disease generally report becoming concerned about their infants' development when their children are three to six months of age. The symp-

of a great variety of conditions and diseases, and therefore children with Canavan's disease may be misdiagnosed. Concerned parents who have observed these symptoms, particularly in families of Eastern European Jewish background, may want to ask their pediatricians to consider Canavan's disease, and, if appropriate, to have their child tested.

In order for a child to have Canavan's disease both parents must be carriers of the defective recessive gene that causes it. A child with Canavan's disease has two defective genes for the disease — one from the mother, and one from the father.

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EDITORIAL

Exotic

by Mike Fink

Anybody recall the song, "Ever get the Feelin' that you wanted to Go, but also have the feelin' that you wanted to Stay?" That's how I deal with life in the smallest state. I make believe and I make do. I mix up the exotic and the familiar. A lovely lady sat across from me at a table laden with treats at a bar mitzvah brunch. Sarah Barcion came to Rhode Island from the Isle of Rhodos — far away in the land of Aesop. "My synagogue in Greece looked exactly like the Touro in Newport," Lady Sarah told me in a soft, charming accent.

Her daughter Sylvie Moubayed created Cav, the cafe in our old Jewelry District. "But I raised my family in Egypt. Now I live in Florence. And also in Providence."

We spoke in French, Italian, English, and in a language of eye contact, smiles, and gesture. "Jewish people talk over food, the tongue of good manners and hospitality. In my childhood rice was served as the last course out of many plates. Just in case you were still hungry. Sephardic rice was prepared in a special way, without much water. It had a weight and texture of its own. Superb. My aunt was hurt if you didn't have room for it. But there was so much delicious fare that went before the rice!" A lyrically lovely lady, with an oval face, thoughtful eyes, a look both serious and playful, Madame Barcion brings an exotic dignity to our town. "My brother survived Buchenwald. But my aunts and cousins died among the throng, deported from Rhodos to perish in the

camp. I go back to the countries I grew up in, but they've changed everything, commercialized, obliterated, erased my world. The best part of life is your grandchildren. You can spoil them, show them love." She says it with a half smile that stirs regret and joy in a batter like the stuff being baked for the crowd stepping into the kitchen and out among the rooms of tables, flowers and guests. Emerson said guests are the best ornament of a household. Sarah proves it, crowning the occasion.

"How do Ashkenazim and Sephardim look different?" I asked her. "Ashkenazim have blond hair, and Sephardim have olive skin," she responded. "People tell me I don't look Jewish, but what does that mean? It's not a compliment. What are Jews supposed to look like? Everybody's against us. The world has always held images of us to use as weapons." She says this with a certain regal resignation. "Did your family come from Spain?" Somebody who stepped into the kitchen asked her this when she explained that Sephardic Jews were named for the places where they dwelt. My noble companion brought the world into a small Providence pantry.

Another exotic and charming lady came into my life over the weekend, Audrey Hepburn in the role of Rima the Bird Girl in "Green Mansions," directed by her husband Mel Ferrer. I watched a video of the film taped from cable TV. The movie didn't do well at the box office or at the hands of the critics of the day. Everybody but me missed the point. They filmed it on location in British Guyana and Venezuela, and it co-starred Lee J. Cobb and An-

thony Perkins. Absolutely marvelous in its magical, allegorical unreality, it recounts the story of a European explorer seeking gold like Columbus who discovers instead the goddess of the trees, a strange and sweet creature wearing something gossamer, and at peace with the birds, beasts and reptiles. The last of her race, she dies violently, leaving behind a legend of hope and gentle promise. Almost Biblical in its tone, it reaches beyond the obvious. A delight to watch Audrey without cityscapes and high fashion costumes, it has gained, not lost, over the years. There's a pet fawn and a closeup study of the hummingbird that no cinematographer would risk these days, for fear of boring a restless audience.

So I met two wonderful women, one in person, one only a phantom, both from places beyond our borders, but still part of us. Something enchanting happens every day and haunts me like a melody. I went out to an antique store and bought an instrument from Italy, a piano keyboard with only a couple of octaves. You blow it like a flute and finger an old tune with one hand. I take it with me everywhere to try and memorize the scores that keep the mood of these moments of mood indigo. I sang an old French ballad to Sarah Barcion, "a truly Jewish plaint," she commented.

I'm writing these thoughts on a Monday, trying to pull my weekend into shape. Between Sarah from the island for which our state was named and Audrey, or Rima, who marked my youthful values with an indelible imprint, I feel like I'm unpacking my bag — the one that holds my new-old pianetto — after a long journey. It's nice to be back.

"She Was My Cousin" . . .

by Moshe Feuer

Thursday started out badly and the phone call that I received that morning did nothing to change the direction of my day. A girl was missing in Bigelow Hollow State Park in northern Connecticut, just over an hour from Providence. She was a young Jewish girl. She was my cousin. The rest of that day is a blur. There were phone calls to New York and Connecticut, a brief conversation with the child's mother, and not much business done.

After discussions with my parents in the evening, I decided that I would meet with my father and hundreds of other volunteers at a staging area near the park. Early Friday morning we would set out on foot as hundreds of volunteers had done the day before to search for 14-year-old Suri Feldman.

Our wives had packed enough food to feed an army, which is precisely what we were about to encounter. One local newspaper labeled them "Soldiers from the city." I would more appropriately call them "The army of Hashem (G-d)."

Arriving at the command post deep in the state park at 12:15 a.m., I expected a small crowd of drowsy-eyed individuals on the brink of despair. Instead, things were humming. Plans were being drawn for the search to resume at 6 a.m. Maps had been broken down into individual sections and state police officials were being briefed on whom and what to expect.

Whom to expect? Yes. Over 15 busloads of people had departed Brooklyn, N.Y., at 2:30 a.m. Carloads of people were converging on this sleepy, little New England town from places like Monsey, N.Y.; Lakewood, N.J.; Stamford, Conn., and Providence, R.I. At about 2 a.m. we were given the word that volunteers would be needed to search the woods, come sunrise. This was Suri's second night in the woods alone. She would be frightened, cold, and exhausted, and Shabbos was coming. She had to be found on Friday or the chances of ever finding her alive and well would be minimal.

Sekeres Candidacy

Bonnie A. Sekeres of 225 Freeman Parkway, Providence, has announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Representative District 4, Providence-Pawtucket.

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island named her to serve on its Task Force on Services to the Elderly.

She is married to Joel H. Sekeres, a section editor at the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*.

Reform Jewish Movement Endorses Single-Payer Health System

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of the Reform Jewish movement, is asking the more than one million members of its affiliated congregations to support legislation now before Congress calling for a "single-payer" plan of universal health insurance.

In a letter to rabbis and congregations, the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism called the single-payer system "the best means of delivering coverage with comprehensive benefits, quality service and equitable financing, while containing ballooning health care costs."

While five major health care bills, including the Clinton Administration's proposal, are

We were all to meet at 6 a.m. at a staging area just about a half mile from the park entrance. There we would daven (pray), eat a quick breakfast, and follow orders from the search team coordinators.

The sun peeked out over the horizon, to create a warm glow on the dew-covered earth. Cars began arriving just before 6 a.m., slowly at first. The pace soon picked up with a steady stream of cars, vans and buses.

Close your eyes and imagine for a moment more than 300 people swaying back and forth in fervent prayer, all with the hope of finding one little girl. The feeling was indescribable.

Time was now the enemy. We were busy organizing ourselves into groups of 50. As the minutes ticked by, a feeling of apprehension permeated the crowd. People were getting edgy.

At about 8:30 a.m., the first of six buses pulled up to take our groups to the command post. We would be briefed on the hazards and technique of the search and escorted through the forest by a park ranger or a state trooper.

The news reports over the radio all seemed to be negative. Concern was mounting that she might have been abducted, or drowned in one of the many lakes and swamps scattered through the park.

We paid them no heed. Our thoughts were all positive. Some people were just sitting quietly contemplating their upcoming search through the woods. Others were intently reciting Tehillim (Psalms). Two more groups now boarded buses and left towards the site.

It was 10:40 a.m. I was sitting with my father in our van listening to the radio broadcasts. I was physically and emotionally drained. There was a news flash.

"There are unconfirmed reports that a girl fitting the description of Suri Feldman has just been found approximately three miles from where she was originally lost. Once again, these are only unconfirmed reports."

It was obvious she had been found. I placed my head down on my father's hand and wept as never before.

Spontaneously the remaining group of 150 erupted in uncontrolled dancing, while singing praises to G-d. Complete strangers hugged each other and greeted each other with chants of "Mazel Tov." Tears of joy streamed down peoples' faces as they pointed heavenward. This was going to be some Shabbos.

And what a Shabbos it was! It was a time to reflect on what had just unfolded before our eyes, and to appreciate what we have learned to take for granted.

Providence has been blessed.

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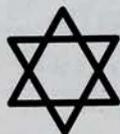
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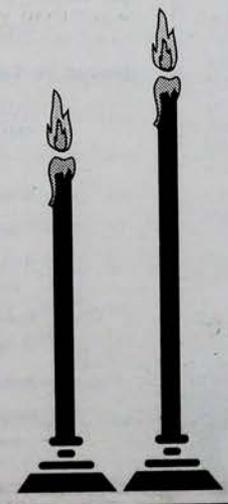
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Canavan's

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through a simple urine test which can diagnose the presence of Canavan's disease. Before the discovery of the enzyme defect which causes the disease, the only way a definitive diagnosis would be made was through a brain biopsy.

At the present time there is no treatment for Canavan's dis-

ease beyond relieving discomfort.

Researchers are working hard to devise a simple, accurate prenatal test. They are also striving to improve current methods of carrier detection. To create both of these tests, researchers are trying to identify the defective gene that causes the disease. They are also trying to measure the level of the

enzyme (aspartoacylase) that is deficient in the brains of Canavan children, and are attempting, to measure the acid (NAA) which occurs in elevated amounts in such children. The levels are being compared to levels in normal children.

Although there has been tremendous progress in these and other areas of research, no definitive prenatal test has yet

been established. The current carrier test has not yet been proven completely reliable.

To spread the word about Canavan's disease contact your local synagogue or other Jewish organizations, and your friends. Write or call the Canavan Foundation for more information. You may also help by sharing any information you may have received from other

sources.

Volunteer your help. The foundation needs science writers, data entry experts, word processors, events planners, envelope stuffers and people with many other skills.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Seminar in Israel

A high-technology seminar/field trip to Israel is being organized by Professor H. G. Kaufman of Polytechnic University in Brooklyn, N.Y. The seminar will run from July 7 to 15. It will provide an opportunity to study Israel's technological achievements first hand through lectures by industry, government and university experts and field trips to high-tech sites throughout Israel.

The seminar program provides an introduction to the challenges and opportunities in Israeli high-tech industry. Lectures from experts are integrated with field trips to Israeli firms and institutions. In addition to tours of facilities in industry, site visits will also include discussions with key individuals in each organization. In the past the seminar has met with Israeli leaders, such as Professors Herman Branner, Ephraim Katzir and Yuval Ne'eman.

The seminar is open to a limited number of participants. Those eligible include undergraduates, graduate students and working professionals from a variety of backgrounds. The program provides individual attention that takes into account the interests and background of each participant.

Seminar participants may receive credit from Polytechnic University, the largest technological university in the New York metropolitan area. The seminar is being conducted in cooperation with the AZYF University students' department, student and academic department of the WZO, and the National Council for Research and Development of the Ministry of Science and Technology in Israel.

For further information, write to Professor H.G. Kaufman, Management Department, Polytechnic University, 6 MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 or call (718) 260-3485/fax (718) 260-3136.



There Are Always Refugees

The Chinese port city of Shanghai accepted 20,000 European Jews who were fleeing from the Nazi regime. In this picture, taken in 1941, the refugees are receiving one of their two daily meals provided by the JDC. The last member of the European Jewish community in Shanghai died in 1982, still cared for by the JDC.

Teenage Suicide Rising in Israel

A rise in suicide in Israel is further evidence that the nation has moved from a closely knit community of Zionist nation builders to an increasingly prosperous middle-class nation of individual strivers, according to a family research expert.

Dr. Sol Gordon, author of *When Living Hurts*, a widely used book on the prevention of youth suicide, says the problem has been especially marked in the Israeli army.

"Today, the growing emphasis in Israeli society on individual motivation coupled with the need to measure up to the high standards of Israel's military places greater stress than ever before on young soldiers," Gordon says. "In the past, such pressures were eased by a group cohesion inspired by the old Zionist concept of working together to build the nation of Israel. Today, communal solidarity is being replaced by

rugged individualism."

Gordon, professor emeritus of Child and Family Studies at Syracuse University who now lives in San Francisco, notes that despite the recent worrisome increase in youth suicide — once an exceedingly rare phenomenon in Israel — the overall suicide rate remains significantly lower in Israel than in other developed countries.

Since 1960, the overall Israeli suicide rate has jumped from 2.75 to 7.5 per 100,000 population. Although still far below the rate for the United States and Europe — in some cases less than half — the surge in suicides, particularly among the young, has Israeli health officials, psychologist and military commanders worried.

Almost all suicides are preventable, Gordon asserts in his book.

The most important suicide-prevention rule for parents is to maintain communication with their children, "no matter what they do." He offers the following advice to parents of teenagers suffering from depression who suspect their child may be thinking of suicide or who have been alerted to the possibility by a sibling or friend of the youngster:

- Take the warning seriously. Do not trust your own judgment about whether the warning is serious or not. Many suicides are committed after the depression has lifted and the youngster has regained the energy to go through with the act. The "calm period" must be treated with urgency.

- It is crucial to understand that suicidal intent is always temporary. It can be reversed.

- Don't argue with the teenager or attempt to prove that thinking about suicide is silly.

- Talk about the problem and don't be afraid to ask questions about suicidal intent. Try to find out what is troubling the youngster. Direct sympathetic discussion about suicide does not provoke suicidal behavior.

- If the crisis is urgent, seek the assistance of a counselor, minister, rabbi, suicide prevention clinic or whatever support system is available. If the child refuses to meet with anyone, call for help anyhow — secretly if necessary.

Copies of *When Living Hurts* at \$8.95 (plus \$2.50 for postage and handling) may be ordered by writing or calling the UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021. Telephone (212) 249-0100.

Lubavitcher Rebbe's Condition Worsens

by Pamela Druckerman

NEW YORK (JTA) — The health of the Lubavitcher rebbe, who has been hospitalized in very critical condition since March, has reportedly deteriorated further.

The 92-year-old rebbe — who is in a coma and breathing with the help of a respirator — was diagnosed Friday with pneumonia, but is reportedly responding to treatment.

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AMSTERDAM (JTA) — In what was the second arson attempt in three months, a fire was started at the Jewish community center in the Amsterdam suburb of Buitenveldert. The fire was extinguished before any major damage could occur.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Greek government agreed to suit the newly created Palestinian police force with garments and guns, following through on a request made last November from PLO Yasser Arafat. The government apparently did not include intricate military equipment in its aid package, however, did commit to giving uniforms, helmets, armored vehicles, patrol boats, helicopters, radar, mine sweeps and an undetermined number of rifles and handguns.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In an unprecedented defeat for the traditional Labor Party establishment, upstart Haim Ramon has succeeded in his quest to head the Histadrut labor federation. With 84 percent of the ballots counted, Ramon received 47 percent against 33 percent for Labor incumbent Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld.

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) — Newly elected South African President Nelson Mandela made a special gesture to Israel by meeting with Israeli President Ezer Weizman before greeting any of the other heads of state gathered for his inauguration ceremonies.

ROME (JTA) — Italy wants an accused former Nazi, Erich Priebke, who allegedly helped carry out a 1944 reprisal massacre of 335 Romans, to be extradited from Argentina.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Argentine President Carlos Menem has told a group of Jewish leaders that the country will establish a special agency to track down Nazis who found refuge there after World War II.

NEW YORK (JTA) — The civil war in Yemen has not yet threatened the 500 Jews remaining in that country, according to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Calendar of Jewish Events

Thursday, May 19

6 p.m. — Sandy Cahn, chair of the National Business & Professional Women's Cabinet for United Jewish Appeal will speak during their annual meeting at Temple Beth-El in Providence. Call 421-4111.

6-8:30 p.m. — Opening reception for Richard Harrington, who will be featured in Gallery 401, the art gallery of the JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove in Providence. The paintings will be exhibited until June 7. Call 861-8800.

7-9 p.m. — Jewish Family Service's discussion group for adoptive families and those considering adoption will meet at the JCCRI. Guest speaker is Barbara Tannenbaum. Free. Call 331-1244.

Friday, May 20

The Ladies Auxiliary at Touro Synagogue will conclude Oneg Shabbat. Call 847-4794.

Ahavath Achim Synagogue will host Rabbi Rafael Grossman, senior rabbi of Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, Tenn., as the Scholar In Resident for the weekend of May 20 to 21. Call (508) 994-1760.

Parent's orientation night for JCCRI summer camps beginning June 15. Call 861-8800.

Sunday, May 22

9 a.m.-5 p.m. — Spring Open House at The Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove in Providence. Call Evy Rappoport at 861-8800.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — The JCCRI will hold a brunch to honor volunteers of the year, the I.S. Low Youth Leadership award winner and individuals who volunteered during the past year. Call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

Send calendar entries to: R.I. Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940, or fax to (401) 726-5820. Must be received by the Friday prior to publication.

Sunday, May 22 cont'd

1 p.m. — Temple Beth-El's Brotherhood and Scouts are sponsoring an outing to see the Pawtucket Red Sox. Call David Rubinstein, (508) 695-0704.

2:15 p.m. — Club 456, for children in grades four through six, will meet at the JCCRI to depart for a field trip to see the All Children's Theatre perform "James and the Giant Peach." For members \$8, for non-members \$12. Call Alisa Yanow at 861-8800.

4 p.m. — The 139th annual meeting at Temple Beth-El in Providence will begin with dessert and coffee and then elect the Officers and Trustees. Call 331-6070.

Monday, May 23

Last day to register for the JCCRI Outdoor Club's field trip to Block Island on June 5. Those in grades seven through 12 are invited. Members, \$12 and non-members \$20. Call Alisa Yanow at 861-8800.

Tuesday, May 24

12 p.m. — Neil Downing, financial reporter at the Providence Journal-Bulletin, will speak on personal finances at the JCCRI Brown Bag lunch. Call 861-8800.

7 p.m. — The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will hold their 42nd annual meeting at the JCCRI in Providence. Call 861-8800.

Wednesday, May 25

7 p.m. — The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will hold its 49th annual meeting at the JCCRI. Call 861-8800.

Open House and Brunch

WOONSOCKET — In the Northeast corner of Rhode Island, an enthusiastic congregation led by Rabbi Vicki Lieberman is facing the future with optimism. A group of dedicated volunteers are helping to steer Congregation B'nai Israel into the next century with a focus on family needs. A young membership is vital to the growth of any synagogue and at B'nai Israel they make children a priority by planning programs geared for them.

Led by one of only two female rabbis in Rhode Island, the synagogue has a unique perspective. It also offers a professional Hebrew school where

children receive individualized instruction twice a week. For the teenagers, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is a way to socialize and broaden their appreciation for Judaism.

Belonging to B'nai Israel is like joining a family where congregants know each other and offer support and friendship. It is a Conservative synagogue where intermarried families are welcome.

You are invited to attend an open house and brunch on May 22 at 11 a.m. Congregation B'nai Israel is located at 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket, R.I. For directions, call 762-3651 between 1 and 5 p.m.

Brotherhood Presents Gift to Holocaust Museum

Marvin William Lax, president of the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood, presented checks totaling \$525 to the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum on May 10. Receiving the gifts was Jennie Klein, board member of the museum. The checks represented gifts from Temple members following the successful Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle project. Special yellow yahrzeit candles were distributed to children in the Temple Beth-El Religious School by brotherhood members on April 3. Accompanying the candles was a letter from the rabbi and brotherhood

leaders urging families to light the special candle on the evening of April 7 in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Kindling this flame creates a moving ritual to remind Jews of what happened 50 years ago. The letter also urged families to consider making a donation to the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum.

After receiving the checks, Jennie Klein told the members of the brotherhood board, "You are helping the Holocaust Museum survive and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

BJE to Hold Annual Meeting

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will hold its annual meeting May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence.

The annual meeting includes the presentation of awards to teachers for creative teaching,

recognition of students traveling to Israel during the year, announcements of grants for family education programming, recognition of educators receiving fellowships and teacher certification, honoring of participants in the BJE's Morim program, and presenta-

tion of numerous student awards.

New officers and board members will be nominated, elected and installed at the meeting. This year's meeting marks the conclusion of three years in which Alice Goldstein has served as president of the BJE. As she completes her term, her accomplishments will be recognized during the evening.

For further information, call 331-0956.

New England Fair Plans Early Return

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Hadassah President

Rita D. Slom of Newport will be installed as president of the Rhode Island chapter of Hadassah, which includes nine local groups in the greater Rhode Island area. The inauguration will take place June 5 at Temple Emanu-El, Providence, at 10 a.m.

Slom has worked for the state of Rhode Island since 1977 serving as secretary to the chairman of the House Finance Committee and as executive secretary to the Speaker of the House. Currently, she is a research analyst to the Rhode Island Legislative Council at the Statehouse.

She has the distinction of being the first woman elected to the board of directors of both Congregation Jeshuat Israel-Touro Synagogue and the Newport County Chamber of



Rita D. Slom, President
RI Chapter of Hadassah

Commerce. Slom has also served as president of the Western New England Region of Hadassah, Newport Chapter of Hadassah, and the women's division, Newport County Chamber of Commerce, and has been actively involved in Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Newport Guild and Family Service, and the Ladies Auxiliary of Touro Synagogue.

For outstanding leadership, Slom was elected "Woman of the Year" by the Newport County Chamber of Commerce women's division in 1971.

Currently serving as vice president of Congregation Jeshuat Israel-Touro Synagogue and secretary for the Society of Friends of Touro Syna-

gogue, Slom is finishing her term as recording secretary for the Rhode Island chapter of Hadassah.

The honoree and her husband, Aaron, have three sons and five grandchildren.

Group presidents also being installed are Ruth Fink and Ruth Ross, co-presidents, Cranston/Warwick; Debi Gordon and Wendy Spellun, co-presidents, Kent County; Enid Levinson and Doris Fischer, co-presidents, Newport; Lesley Zuckerman, president, Pawtucket; Diane Jewett, president, South County and Roslyn Guarnieri, president, nurses council. Providence and Woonsocket officers are to be announced.

Serving on the executive board with Slom are Jenny Klein, vice president education; Fran Weisman, vice president fund-raising; Karen Dannin, vice president membership; Eunice Greenfield, vice president programming; Fran Sadler, treasurer; Evy Rapoport, recording secretary and Donna Ross, financial secretary.

Prior to the installation, breakfast will be served. Lorraine Webber, chairman of the event, cordially invites all Hadassah members and associates. Sue Mayes, vice president of organization for Western New England Region of Hadassah, will be the installing officer. Respond by May 26 by calling 463-3636.

Touro Fraternal Installs Officers

Touro Fraternal Association, the largest independent Jewish Fraternal order in New England, will install its officers for the coming year at a special meeting on May 25, at the association's headquarters, 45 Rolfe Square, Cranston.

The officers of the association's two lodges and the five newly elected members of the board of directors will be installed for a three-year term. Lodge officers serve one-year terms. Touro's annual elections were held May 4.

The five men to be installed as board members were re-elected to their positions. They are Alan Gourse, Nathan Lury and Robert Miller, all of Warwick; Irving Wolpert, Providence and Andrew Lamchick, West Warwick.

The officers of Harmony

Harleman to Speak

Writer Ann Harleman will give a reading and discussion of her book of short stories at the Barrington Public Library, on May 23 at 7:30 p.m. *Happiness* is the 1993 winner of the Iowa Short Fiction Award.

Among Harleman's awards are Guggenheim and Rockefeller fellowships, a Rhode Is-

Lodge are Alan Hochman, Providence, president; Bruce Weisman, Warwick, vice president; Jeffrey Stolzberg, North Kingstown, secretary, and Peter Hodosh, Cranston, treasurer.

Friendship Lodge officers are Charles Dressler, West Warwick, president; Stevan Labush, Warwick, vice president; Ronald Berman, Warwick, secretary, and Jim Rottenberg, North Kingstown, treasurer.

Arthur Poulten, chairman of the Touro board of directors, will serve as installing officer. Burton Fischman, a past president of Touro, will be master of ceremonies. The installation ceremonies will be preceded by dinner.

For more information, call 785-0066 or (508) 675-5421.

RIJHA New Officers

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association held its annual meeting on May 15 in the hall at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. The nominating committee recommended that the following members be asked to fill out the final year of their two-year term: Dr. Sidney Goldstein, Edith Salhanick, Melvin Zurier and Selma Stanzler.

New members nominated for a one-year term expiring in 1995 were: Hadassah Davis and Dr. Calvin Goldscheider.

Members-at-large nominated for a two-year term expiring in 1996 were: Alvin Rubin, Toby Rossner, Grace Alpert, Dr. George Goodwin, Kenneth Abrams and Robert Berkelhammer.

Officers nominated for a two-year term expiring in 1996 were: president, Aaron Cohen; 1st vice president, Herbert Brown; 2nd vice president, Charlotte Penn; secretary, Sylvia Factor; and treasurer, Dr. Alfred Jaffee.

The nominating committee entered the name of Bernard Kusnitz as a candidate for honorary membership on the board of directors, only the third time such an honor has been bestowed.

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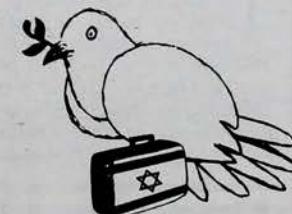
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Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in vegetarian discussions, enjoy a vegetarian cooking demonstration, and dine on scrumptious vegan meals. Singles, couples, and families are welcome.

At breakfast, feast on dishes such as sweet rice pilaf, oven baked potatoes, BBQ tempeh, or peach barley casserole. Diners will include treats like vegetable kabobs, pizza with cashew cheese, tofu barbecue

on whole grain buns, a baked potato bar, pasta fajole, various soups, steamed vegetables, and delicious fruits. Weather permitting, Thursday night will feature an outdoor vegetarian barbecue.

In addition to scheduled activities, hiking by waterfalls in a nearby state park and exploring wildlife in a local subarctic swamp nature preserve can be enjoyed. Relax at the hotel's pool, play golf, rent a boat, or swim at nearby lakes.

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5-8 Ayalon Valley. Hot Air Balloon Festival. Phone 8-502240.

19-21 Safed. Sixth Kleizemer Festival — Jewish Soul Music. Phone 3-5663323.

19-30 Jerusalem. Khutzot Hayotzer Arts & Crafts Fair.

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Reconstructionist's Rebuild Prayer Book

by Stacey A. Pacheco
Herald Co-Editor

The prayer book, titled *Kol Haneshamah: Shabbat Vehagim* — translates in Hebrew to "Voice of the Soul: Sabbath and Holidays" — updates an edition that was publicly burned when it was published in 1945.

The 882-page book repeats many of the tenets of Reconstructionist philosophy of Judaism that led some critics a half a century ago to reach for a match. Sabbath services and all festivals are covered except Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Passover. Separate prayer books for those holidays are in preparation.

The book was enthusiastically received and recently implemented by Rabbi Gail Diamond of Congregation Agudas Achim "Reconstructionist," in Attleboro, Mass.

Other volumes in the series include a prayer book of songs and blessings designed for use in the home, released in 1991; a daily prayer book to be published in 1995; and one for the High Holy Days set for release in 1996.

The books are designed to encompass all Jewish prayer life.

"The Jewish community is undergoing a great deal of change, and many of those coming to synagogue now come without much Jewish education or experience," said Rabbi David A. Teutsch, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pa.

"This prayer book is designed to be rich in Hebrew sources on one hand, and on the other, to make Jewish liturgy as accessible as possible."

The Reconstructionist movement claims the allegiance of two percent of American Jews, versus 41 percent for Reform, 40 percent Conservative and seven percent Orthodox.

Movement leaders believe its influence is far greater than its numbers, recalling Reconstructionists celebrated the coming-of-age rites for girls in this country when Judith Kapland, daughter of the movement's founder, Mordechai Kaplan, received her bat mitzvah.

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College outside Philadelphia was the first Jewish seminary to ordain openly gay and lesbian rabbis. This is the college's 25th year anniversary and some Reconstructionists date the movement's history from its founding.

Others date it from 1934, when Mordechai Kaplan published its philosophy. Congregations began using the new prayers and readings immediately.

Reconstructionist belief allows women to initiate a Jewish divorce. Traditionally, this right was reserved for men.

"We study Talmudic text because we want to know what we can learn from the moral questions, the spiritual questions, not just the laws per se,"

Teutsch noted.

In the updated pages of the books, the traditional terms for G-d are rendered in an inclusive, non-sexist way. With G-d's gender neither indicated nor assumed. Terms such as "King" and "Adonai," which is commonly translated as "Lord," are replaced by "Awesome One," "The Redeemer," "The Eternal" and "The Magnificent."

A phonetic version of Hebrew in English is available and is not limited. There are many commentaries featuring ancient, contemporary, Jewish and non-Jewish sources. Works by Shmuel Hanagid, a medieval Sephardic poet share sections with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and folksinger, Woody Guthrie.

The revised prayer book, is the first in which gender-neutral language has been featured in any of the four major American movements of Judaism.

Another attraction is the calligraphy and artwork created by Teutsch's wife, Betsy Platkin Teutsch, intended to guide people through the prayer book and to serve those for whom pictures — not words — are the best pathway to the spiritual.



Touro Auxiliary

A special Oneg Shabbat — late Friday service will be held at Touro Synagogue of Newport on May 20 at 8 p.m. A group of Touro's Ladies' Auxiliary members will join Rabbi Chaim Shapiro (left) in conducting the program. This is a "first" in America's oldest synagogue. The program will mark the culmination of a special project, renovating the synagogue's decor, that the women completed this year. Mrs. Betty B. Teitz, of the American Society of Interior Decorators, supervised the new adornment of the sanctuary and will be honored during the ceremony. From left to right are just a few members of the auxiliary — Susan Woythaler, Jill Handel, Ruth Meirowitz, Bea Ross and Rene Cohen.

Herald photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

JCCRI Seeking Singles

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm-grove Ave., Providence, is seeking individuals who would

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Around Town

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Yom Bayla Frima

An outpouring of accolades and affection were showered on Barbara Long, this year's recipient of the Community Service Award given by Rhode Island's National Council of Jewish Women on May 10 at the Marriott.

Honored as an outstanding humanitarian whose dedication to the community knows no bounds, Barbara was praised for her ability to get the job done successfully in any project she undertakes.



Debbie Waldman's snappy song style vocalized Barbara's love of vintage clothing. Debbie's dressed in one of Barbara's smashing costumes.

The day's chairwoman, Barbara Coen, told the 235 members and guests attending the heartwarming event, "Your presence today certainly validates and supports NCJW's important work here in Rhode Island, the United States and Europe."

Longtime family friend Rabbi Jerome Gurland, religious studies director at Western Springfield College, considered that day to be neither the first or second day of a holiday, but the third. The first was Sunday, Mother's Day, and the second on Monday was Yom Yerushalayim.

"Today is the third day in our calen-

dar of celebration, for you have chosen to make this a special day—Barbara Long Day.

"Her parents knew when she was born, there would be a yom tov named Barbara Long's Day. So they named her Bayla Frima, which translated means the beautiful and the religious.

"That is certainly a name worthy of the third day of holidays this week as we now declare it Yom Bayla Frima.

"I know all of you will agree that these names do reflect Barbara Long," said Gurland.

The Long family presented a perspective of poems delivered by Barbara's son, Louis, and daughter, Roberta Kirshbaum, who began with a touching, personal note:

"How moved I am today to be your daughter, not just that I'm proud of you, but that I feel proud.

"The feeling I feel for others, not being judgmental, open to all ideas and beliefs, I want to thank you. I believe I've gotten that from you, Mom."

Both Louis and Roberta read their dad's poem, "Tribute to my Wife," in which Sidney Long's sentiments were:



A family tribute was lovingly given to Barbara by her children, Roberta Kirshbaum and Louis Long.

"It would be redundant to repeat the list of her good deeds.

What can be said is she went on To meet the Council's many needs. Your decision to place her among the finest in Jewish womanhood, Expresses your appreciation for all she's done that is good."

On a light and fanciful side, Doris Hirsch tabbed Barbara as "the gift shop entrepreneur of Rhode Island."

When Barbara was president, she worked arduously for the Council Thrift Shop, the group's major fund-raising source at that time.

Known for her love and collection of



Barbara Long, left, was presented the 1994 Rhode Island National Council of Jewish Women's Community Service Award by Irma Gross, right.

costumes and vintage fashions, Doris told of Barbara's love for acting and playing dress-up.

"Who," she asked, "could catch Barbara's spirit and vivacity in music more than Debbie Waldman."

And with that cue, Debbie sauntered in wearing Barbara's five-tier fringed frock, flapper-style, and sang verses strictly about the honoree to a medley of zippy tunes.

Irma Gross, a past recipient of the Community Service Award, made the presentation to Barbara.

"How do I tell you about this wonderful woman, a woman who is admired, respected and loved by everyone who knows her, a woman who has always been committed to Council's credo to improve the quality of life for everyone, regardless of age, race, religion or economic standing."

She commended Barbara's unique ability to relate to people of all ages in a supportive and nurturing way.

"Barbara has been a true role model for many of the young Jewish women, who are leaders in our community. She is there as a resource, a wealth of knowledge and expertise."

Four years ago, Irma presented Barbara with Council's prestigious Hannah G. Solomon Award.

"I described her as the woman who epitomizes the ideal Council woman, compassionate, caring, highly motivated, creative, intelligent, and tenacious.

"Barbara is all of the above and more."

Her link to community service predates her Council years, Irma noted, and when Barbara's children were young, her activities focused on health and education.

"Later, perceiving a need for family life education, she took courses at a local college, and subsequently presented a series of family life education workshops in several Pawtucket schools," Irma said.

Barbara was responsible for the establishment of polio immunization clinics in Pawtucket during the summer of 1959, a direct response to the death of her neighbor's child from polio. "Thousands of children were immunized who might not have been," she said.

In 1986 Barbara was convinced of the need to update the Council Thrift Shop.

"She was the motivating force and the energy behind the establishment of a second store," Irma said. "It was a Herculean task, but her tireless efforts produced a beautiful thrift shop in East Providence.

"Barbara's talents are legendary, full of novel ideas, and ready to execute them whenever the needs arise."

The 1986 paid-up membership meeting was nothing short of a Cecil De Mille production with Barbara, author and producer of a spectacular fashion show, featuring thrift shop clothes modeled by council members.

"It was a true labor of love and reflection of her wonderful sense of humor," Irma said.

"One of the things that sets Barbara apart from many of us is her willing-



Rabbi Jerome Gurland warmly expressed his thoughts about Barbara.

ness to accept responsibility and to face challenges many of us choose to avoid."

Despite her numerous commitments, Barbara took on the huge task of chairing the 1989 Community Service Award Luncheon when no one could. "I'm reminded," said Irma, "of the song from Oklahoma—I'm Just A Gal Who Can't Say No."

"Well, Barbara won't say No! Not when something has to be done, whether it's for Council or Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, or any one of the many other organizations that she works for.

"Needless to say, whatever she undertakes is a great success because of her remarkable efficiency, her organizational skills, and the harmonious personal relationships she enjoys with her co-workers."

Though Barbara's commitments and dedication to her volunteerism are so vital to her life, family has always come first.

"She has never failed to administer to their needs, or to give her total help, support, and encouragement," Irma said.

"It's the same for her friends. She's always there when you need her sound advice, help and moral support."

With those tender words, Irma said, "Our wish is that you to continue to bless us with your loving mitzvot for many many more years to come."



A Long family portrait: Seated are Sidney and Barbara Long. Above are grandsons Alex and Jesse with Valerie and Louis Long, and Roberta Kirshbaum.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Solati Trio to Perform

The Solati Trio will perform at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. in Providence, June 5 at 2 p.m. in the Silverstein Meeting Hall. There is no admission charge and the concert is underwritten through the Temple Beth-El Graubart-Irving Music Fund.

The trio features Sophia Herman, violinist, Ludmilla Lifson, pianist, and Hrant Tatian, cellist. These three artists joined forces in 1984 to become the Solati Trio and are winners of the 1985 Shoreline Alliance New England Chamber Music

Competition and most recently traveled to Bratislava, Slovakia, to record a compact disc as soloist with the Slovak Radio Orchestra.

In 1996, the ensemble will travel to Warsaw to record a Triple Concerto by William Thomas McKinley with the Warsaw Philharmonic.

The Solatio Trio will perform Loeillet's Sonata in B Minor, Debussy's Trio in G Major and Mendelssohn's Trio Number 2, in C Minor Opus 66.

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THE SOLATI TRIO — Sophia Herman, violinist; Ludmilla Lifson, pianist; Hrant Tatian, Cellist



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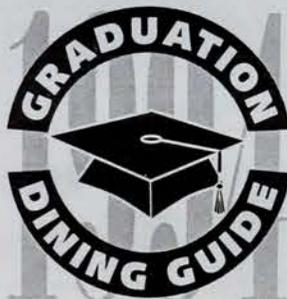
The show takes place at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, on Brownell St., at 8:30 p.m. and costs \$35, \$25 or rear

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May 22 to June 2, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sundays, noon to 3 p.m., a **Wickford Art Association show** featuring Chris Benvie, Sylvia Petrie, Arthur Swoger, and Alice Benvie Gebhart, at 36 Beach Street, North Kingstown. Call 294-6840.

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Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Rodyn

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Rodyn of Warwick recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party given in their honor at the Classic Restaurant in

North Providence. The couple has two children and two grandchildren. Guests attended from Rhode Island, Florida and New York.

Teacher to Receive Award

Donna Fishman of Jamestown has been selected to receive one of the six Global Education Teacher of the Year awards.



Donna Fishman

Fishman was chosen by the Schweitzer International Center, one of the Bay State Skills Centers for Global Education at Framingham State College.

A teacher in Rhode Island public schools for more than 25 years, Fishman is currently the Gender Equity Project Specialist for the Attleboro, Mass., public schools.

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Thomas Scott Fownes

Jodi and Ian Fownes of North Smithfield, R.I., announce the birth of their first child and son, Thomas Scott, on April 22.

Maternal grandparents are Max and Rona Dressler of Warwick, R.I., and Palm Beach, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Douglas and Jean Fownes of Tipton, England. Great-grandparent is Mollie Snyder of Pompano Beach, Fla.



Rose Helen Jones

Eric and Susan Jones of Winfield, Pa., announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Rose Helen, on May 3.

Mrs. Jones is the former Susan Goodman, daughter of Charles and Claire Goodman, formerly of Warwick, and now of West Palm Beach, Fla., and the granddaughter of the late Helen Bosler-Diutsh.

Yurman and Ackerman Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Yurman of Merrick, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mia A. Yurman of Cranston, R.I., to Barry J. Ackerman of West Warwick, R.I., son of Gloria Kolodoff and stepson of Max Kolodoff of Warwick. He is the son of the late Selwyn Ackerman.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of SUNY-Binghamton with a bachelor of arts in political economics. She is self-employed as a title examiner.

Her fiancé graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor of science in applied mathematics. He is employed at Cadre Technologies, Inc., Providence, as manager of business development.

An October 9 wedding date has been set.

Alumni Club Meets

The Boston University Alumni Club of Rhode Island will hold its monthly planning meeting on June 14 at 5:45 p.m. at the home of Emmanuelle Wiggett, 184 Oak Hill Ave. (off East Avenue on the East Side/Pawtucket border), Providence, R.I. All Boston University alumni are welcome.

Bakelman Honored

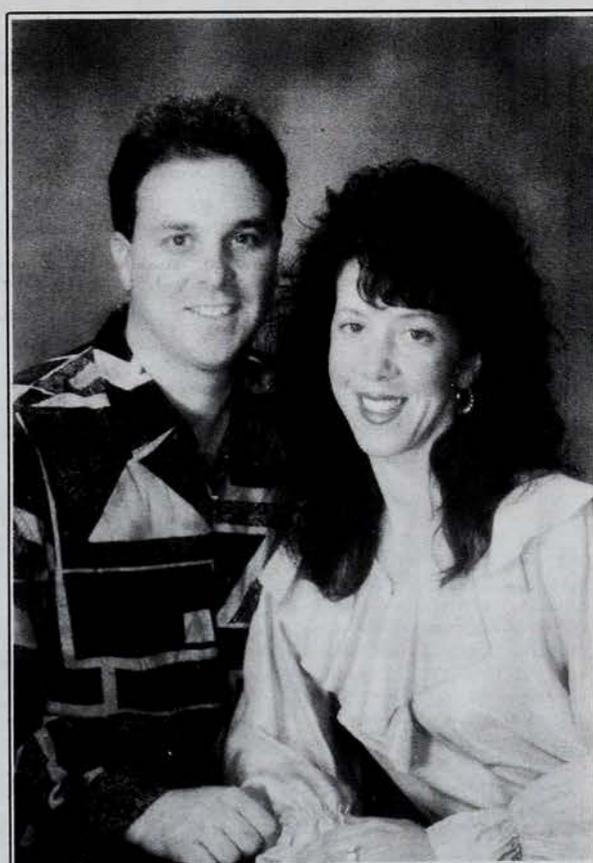
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Bakelman, formerly of Riverside, R.I., has been a Lion for the past four years and president for the past two years. Bakelman and his wife, Fran, will be moving to Blairsville, Georgia in June.

Hope High Reunion

Hope High School Classes of 1974 and 1975 are planning a joint reunion on June 17. If you are a graduate of either year or know the whereabouts of a graduate, contact Gail 273-6963 (1974) or Elena 861-1824 (1975).



Patricia Callahan and Louis Giarrusso

Photo by Genaurio

Callahan to Wed Giarrusso

Mr. and Mrs. John Callahan of Cranston, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, also of Cranston, to Louis Giarrusso of Cranston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Giarrusso of Cranston.

The bride-to-be graduated from Cranston East High School and attended the Community College of Rhode Island registered nursing program. She is employed at Cranston Senior Center.

Her fiancé graduated from Cranston West High School

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The date of the wedding has been set for January 7, 1995.

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Correction

The *Jewish Herald* wishes to correct a sentence in an article by R. Y. Donowitz which appeared under "Torah, Mental Health and You" in the May 12 issue. The sentence read: "Symptoms of low self-esteem come in many forms such as, ... and generalized happiness." It should have read "... generalized unhappiness." We regret the error.

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School Beat



RISE at Moses Brown This Summer

Moses Brown School will offer many programs for enrichment and enjoyment this summer.

For more than 30 years, the school has hosted RISE Camp, Rhode Island Summer Enrichment. The rookie program enrolls 5- and 6-year-olds, lower camp is for students who have completed first and second grade and upper camp enrolls nearly 200 third- through seventh-graders.

Camp runs from June 22 to July 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuition is \$750. Bus transportation is available from some areas for an additional \$75.

"RISE is a fun, creative camp with over 35 different courses," according to Nancy Pedrick, a middle school teacher and director of the camp. "We have all sorts of arts courses, sports sciences and computers. Campers can take courses such as drama, dance, woodworking, photography, Broadway Bound, creative writing, journalism, ceramics, beads, printing and more. Campers swim at the Brown University pool, learn Judo, play tennis basketball and baseball. Sports madness is another selection that incorporates loads of different

sports."

New courses this year include book binding, astronomy and crime lab.

Moses Brown's summer semester program provides academic enrichment and review for students in grades three through 12 and adults.

Librarian Donna Good, who directs the summer school, has also added five evening classes: basic photography, alternative photographic techniques, ceramics, sewing and the conflict resolution class mentioned above. New lower school offerings include reading through whole language, Spanish and French for beginning and continuing students in grades three to five, and computer courses.

Other offerings include a SAT diagnosis course, writing through film, critical thinking, robotics, Mac applications, a U.S. history preparation course and fitness and wrestling, as well as the usual math for credit and review, English, foreign language and computer courses.

For information or a brochure for either program, call Moses Brown School, (401) 831-7350.

Children's Author to Visit Library

The Providence Public Library will be welcoming children's author Faith McNulty for a book and author reception on May 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Central Library, 225 Washington St.

McNulty is a well-known nature writer with frequent contributions to *The New Yorker* and *Wildlife* magazines. She resides on a farm with many deer, rabbits, coyotes, foxes and woodchucks and is recognized for her genuine concern

and fondness for animals.

Her book, *Orphan*, the story of a baby woodchuck, has been nominated for the 1994 Rhode Island Book Award and has already received the John Burrows Award. Her latest releases, *A Snake in the House* and *Dancing with Manatees*, will be available for purchase and autographing.

The reception is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 455-8090.

BCC Offers Review Course for Nursing License

The Bristol Community College department of nursing will offer the American Nursing Review course on May 25 to 31 and June 2 for nurses preparing to take the registered nurse licensure examination.

The course focuses on the essential nursing information needed to practice safely as a registered nurse.

Nurses interested in attending the course should contact the nursing department at BCC by calling (508) 678-2811, ext. 2141, or call (800) 526-4643.

Telecourses Offered

Community College of Rhode Island will offer 11 telecourses beginning May 22 on WSBE-TV and various cable channels.

The courses being offered are: human health and disease, law of contracts, introduction to computers, composition I, introduction to literature, survey of western civilization II, history of the United States from 1877, general psychology, developmental psychology, abnormal psychology, and general psychology.

For more information, call 333-7126.



Sending a Message to the World

Chabad's "Children of Chernobyl" release 1,001 balloons, creating a rainbow in the sky on the eighth anniversary of the world's worst nuclear disaster. Hundreds of young victims have been brought to Israel through Chabad's Children of Chernobyl program.

First Year Hebrew Class Siyum

Forty-four students will complete their first year of Hebrew study at Temple Beth-El. To celebrate this occasion, a special program will be held to honor the students.

On May 26, the students will participate in a Siyum to mark the completion of one book of Torah and the beginning of another book.

The congregation congratulates the following students and their parents: Leah Bernstein, Stacy Berman, Brandon Boucher, Robert Cesaro, Shayna D'Albora, Ari Davies, Adam Finkelman, Jamie Finkelman, Matthew Fishbein, Stacey Formal, Amanda Free-

man, Nicholas Freeman, Lauren Friedman, Sarah Galli, Noa Goldberg, Shana Goldstein, Jonathan Granoff, Laura Gruber, Shira Hirschberg, Suzanne Jacober, Julie Kasdon, Michael Kinnane, Madeline Kitzes, David Koppelman, Allison Krause, Lindsay Krause, Sara Labossiere, Nataniel Lester, Stephanie Levin, Laura Lobosco, Jeffrey Lurie, David Maceroni, Jennifer Maclellan,

Vicky Posner, Elana Riffle, Kathryn Schwartz, Elizabeth Segal, Benjamin Simon, Elizabeth Sinel, Adam Slutsky, Meredith Sondler-Bazar, Laura Walker, Adam Wallick and Jonathan Weinstein.

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Melissa Rene Solomon, a B.S.E. in elementary education, Solomon, 385 Moosehorn Road, East Greenwich, East Greenwich.

Timothy Brent Barton, a B.G.S. in environmental studies, son of Edward and Judy Barton, 82 Columbia Ave., Jamestown.

Erin Easton-Spitz, a B.S.E. in health education, daughter of J. Donald Easton, 7 Seaview Ave., Jamestown.

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OBITUARIES

BENJAMIN CASTLEMAN
WOONSOCKET — Benjamin Castleman, 92, of 544 Grandview Ave., owner and president of the former Castleman Wool Waste Co. for many years before retiring in 1970, died May 11 at the Woonsocket Health Centre. He was the hus-

band of Ida (Baskin) Castleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Castleman celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on March 25.

Born in Worcester, Mass., a son of the late Hyman and Martha (Rosenberg) Castleman, he lived most of his life in

Woonsocket.

He was a member and director of Congregation B'nai Israel. He was president of the Woonsocket Hebrew Free Loan Association for more than 40 years. He was a member of B'nai B'rith for more than 60 years and became an honorary

life member. He was elected its Man of the Year in 1982.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Muriel Nirenberg of Norwood, Mass., and Sandra Brown of West Warwick; four grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

The funeral service was held May 13 at Congregation B'nai Israel, Prospect Street. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery.

SAMUEL FINE

ATTLEBORO, Mass. — Samuel Fine, 96, of 359 Smith St., died May 11 at the Life Care Center. He was the husband of Pearl (Heitin) Fine.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Charles and Bluma (Golden) Fine, he was an Attleboro resident most of his life.

He was a self-employed farmer for 40 years, operating Fine Farm at the Attleboro-Rehoboth line. He also was an employee of the Attleboro School Department for 20 years, retiring 22 years ago.

He had attended Oregon State University, New Hampshire State University and Brown University, Providence.

He was a World War II member of the Massachusetts State Guard.

He was a board member and the oldest member of Congregation Agudas Achim and also a member of the Men's Club of the synagogue.

He was a founder, past president and board member of the Attleboro Municipal Credit Union, a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Attleboro and a member of Ezekiel Bates Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

He was a 1993 recipient of the "Golden Cane" award presented by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for being the oldest resident in Rehoboth.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Harold Fine of Rehoboth; two sisters, Annie Lutsky of Long Island, N.Y., and Mary Friedman of Pawtucket; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was the father of the late Gerald Fine.

A graveside funeral service was conducted on May 13 at Dodgeville Cemetery, Attleboro. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SHAWN MURPHY

BOSTON, Mass. — Shawn Patrick Murphy, 37, of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and Boston, Mass., passed away April 27 unexpectedly of a heart attack while visiting in California. He was the son of Genevieve (Sarah) Murphy of Providence, R.I.

He was well known in the Boston area for his support of local musicians, especially through his radio programs on station WMFO. Also a well-respected professional preservationist of historical properties throughout the United States,

he had been a phlebotomist in the Boston area for several years and also had art exhibitions in the Boston area.

He was educated at Dennis Hall, Alfred, Maine, and the Assumption Institute in Plattsburg, N.Y. He studied in Jerusalem, Israel.

Besides his mother, he is survived by two sisters, Anna Levy of Providence, a twin sister, Bridget Ann Murphy Valverde of Santa Ana, Calif.; a brother, Gary Murphy of Fort Meyers, Fla.; two nephews, Stephen Levy of East Providence, David Levy of Providence and a grandnephew, Kevin, of Olympia, Washington.

A private memorial service for a righteous gentile was held May 11 in Narragansett, R.I., officiated by Rabbi J. Hershey Worch of Congregation Ohave Sholam, Pawtucket, R.I.

RETHA NEIDORF

EAST PROVIDENCE — Retha "Ruth" Neidorf, 88, of the Orchard View Manor, 135 Tripp Lane, died May 13 at the home. She was the widow of Murray Neidorf.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph and Annie (Lisker) Cohen, she moved to East Providence 11 months ago.

She leaves a son, Daniel Neidorf of East Providence, a daughter, Sylvia Chase of West Warwick; a brother, Dr. David E. Cohen in California; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Dr. William B. Cohen.

The funeral service was held May 15 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ESTHER RESNICK

PROVIDENCE — Esther Resnick, 100, of the Bay Tower Nursing Center, Plain Street, formerly of Charlesgate North, died May 11 at the center. She was the widow of Benjamin Resnick.

Born in Austria, a daughter of the late Isaac and Sima (Pontelas) Waldman, she lived in Providence since 1910.

She was a past president of the former Providence Hebrew Sheltering. She was a founder of Temple Beth David when it was on Oakland Avenue. She was a member of the former Ladies Union Aid.

She leaves three sons, Gilbert Resnick of Cranston, Israel "Larry" Resnick of Providence, and Leon Resnick of Pawtucket; a brother, Leonard Waldman of Providence; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was grandmother of the late Francine Eisenhuth.

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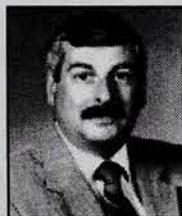
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An unveiling will be held in memory of the late Mrs. Pauline Schuster on May 29 at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, R.I. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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The Future of Gaza and Jericho

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responsibility for directing affairs in Gaza and Jericho.

There was also some concern that the number of officers needed to assemble to guarantee security in the Gaza were not met by the newcomers. Israelis were reportedly calling for at least 1,400 police to assume control.

The lack of Palestinian funds were also questioning the affordability to move their police in position.

Palestinian police gathered at Egyptian and Jordanian borders on schedule; however, they did not take over Israel Defense Force posts immediately. Excited residents of the newly autonomous Gaza also crowded around the crossing waiting for instructions. The hours dragged, still with no word.

It remained cloudy when the transition would take place, as Palestinian police waited in Rafah until several other contingents—trained in Libya, Iraq, Yemen and Sudan—joined them there.

In the meantime, five large police installations in Gaza have been emptied of Israeli troops and are ready to receive the new force. According to IDF officials, nearly all the police and security installations to be handed over to the Palestinians have been evacuated of Israeli troops.

Some joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols already began in an effort to familiarize the rookies with the territory to come under their control of law and order.

Clashes between the IDF and frustrated Gazans took place in several locations. At least 10 Palestinians were wounded when Israeli troops fired rubber bullets into crowds of stone-throwing youths.

In Jericho, the Israeli Nature Reserves Authority has been ordered to relinquish control of three national sites it has been responsible for since 1967—the ancient synagogue, the Tel of Jericho and Hisham's Palace.

Finally, five days later, with cries of joy and PLO flags held aloft, tens of thousands of eager Palestinians swept into the hot and dusty streets of the Gaza

Strip to welcome the first 30 arrivals of the police force. Another 150 were expected to reach the area by night fall—with an additional 150 by morning. They represented the first detachment of a 9,000-member police force to be deployed in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho.

"We have our own police, just like any other people," overjoyed Gazans said. "This is a historic moment."

In Jericho, three joint committees of Palestinians and Israelis met and toured various civilian installations, working out the details of how the trans-

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fer of power is to be effected smoothly. Their arrival is still delayed and once instated is expected to take about one week to complete the transition.

As the Jericho residents realized that once again no law enforcement officers were to arrive, they started throwing stones at Israeli soldiers on patrol. The soldiers responded by firing rubber bullets, and the acrid smell of tear gas burned in the air. Several youths and a foreign journalist were injured in the confrontation.

It was recently announced that according to the autonomy agreements, Jews were to be allowed to worship at Jericho's ancient synagogue during major festivals. During the past several days the synagogue had been occupied by three Likud and National Religious Party Knesset members who were protesting the closure of the Jericho area by the IDF.

What will happen to the Jews occupying in the two areas in question, now that the self-rule has been implemented?

While Rabin and Arafat have agreed to postpone the "settlement question" for two years, the settlers themselves are in a state of limbo.

The first Jewish settlement in Gaza was established in 1946 by a group of young Holocaust survivors. It lasted two years, until the Egyptian army attacked it repeatedly in 1948. It was re-established in 1970 by Nahal, a branch of the Israeli army that combines agricultural work with combat duty.

Today, between 5,000 and 6,000 Jews live in 17 settlements in the strip, most of them in the southern area known as Gush Katif.

To date, no Jewish families have left the Gaza—even though residents are fearful for their lives and many have learned to pull a trigger for the first time; they continue to cultivate tomatoes and flowers, and factories are still operating. The children go to school and ride their bikes along the tree-lined streets of their settlement—always looking over their shoulder.

Tourists still flock to the Palm Beach Hotel, a 114-room hotel in Gush Katif, which is always full on weekends.

In the sleepy town of Jericho, "Everything will continue as usual until the elections will tell us what the changes will be," said Jameil Khalaf, the mayor of Jericho. The PLO has talked of holding elections sometime in October.

It is believed by many residents that "if the economy improves, terrorist actions will decline and politics will be forgotten." Others believe that "relations between the two peoples can be put right. If life is good and there are no soldiers coming into one's home, no one will think of the politics of 1948—they will just look forward."

Contributing to this report are Dvorah Getzler and Jean Cohen from the Jewish Telegraph Agency.

Recounting the Search for Suri

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mains were found in these woods almost a year before. All were unified in a purpose and all had slept two hours or less to rescue one life. The Talmudic adage, "One who saves one life, it is as if he has saved an entire universe" became a guiding force, injecting a somberness tempered only by the complete and unwavering hope that Suri would be returned to her family of 14 safely. It seemed that many placed themselves in the heart of Suri's parents, to attempt to conceive of the horror, the pain, and the consuming anxiety that surely gripped them as they waited for a happy end to an innocent trip, turned terrifying, to Sturbridge.

After a morning of complex logistics, our group discovered the news over the radio at 11 a.m. that Suri had been found—that she was safe, and had suffered only a few scratches. As if by reflex, we suddenly broke out in dance and song, it emanated directly from the soul. "The kindness of G-d does not end, for his mercy does not terminate," was the Hebrew refrain endlessly repeated. Men who had never met Suri broke out in tears and sobbed uncontrollably. It was the most awesome spectacle I have ever witnessed, in my own personal parting of the Red Sea.

During the long ride home, thoughts poured over me like a tidal wave and I attempted to identify and confront those thoughts that 1,500 strangers will gladly drive all night for the opportunity to search the woods for one little girl, and not just her own people, many local volunteers participated in the search.

I am amazed that helicopters, private planes, the national guard, bloodhounds, and state troopers were all mobilized so quickly and efficiently in the search. I am amazed that one

little girl, whose survival the media had doubted due to her "sheltered city upbringing" had the common sense to ration her food and flash her camera at the helicopters, and that this was more than people expected. I am amazed that when Suri was called, she did not answer because she was praying. And I am amazed that it takes a kick in the pants for people to realize the value of unity, perseverance, and faith in G-d.

The triumph of the human spirit certainly showed itself on that miraculous day, and I struggled to internalize and pre-

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serve my feelings, so that I would never forget the sheer joy of the moment.

A rabbi at the yeshiva was asked on Friday night, how can one ensure that the moment of joy is not forgotten? He responded that affirming to change in some way based on the moment is the way to hold the moment forever.

Through small tragedies come great lessons. The mishap of one girl from Brooklyn can have a great ripple effect. I hope all can gain from Suri's courage, resourcefulness, and faith. I hope we can all utilize the many frightened hours and the subsequent joy to propel our lives to greater heights in appreciating what we have and in giving to those who have not. And I hope someday to read these works of mine to my grandchildren.

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Panel 4: The woman says, "But Helen, who should I call?"



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