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## Colliding Comet Co-Discovered by Jewish Man

by Bram D. Eisenthal

David Levy, who was co-responsible for discovering the heavily publicized comet, which has been colliding with Jupiter, is a Jew who was born and bred in Montreal.

Levy, 46, an astronomer, author and columnist for the magazine *Sky and Telescope*, discovered this comet along with Carolyn and Eugene Shoemaker, prominent American astronomers with whom he has discovered 13 comets.

On March 23, 1993, the three astronomers were scanning the skies for undiscovered comets through an 18-inch telescope. Carolyn saw something in the sky not far from Jupiter.

Analyzing the film they had shot of the sky, they saw that the object was a streak, not a dot. What would become Levy-Shoemaker 9 was subsequently determined to be a comet breaking up and on a collision course with the solar system's largest planet.

The course that led Levy to be part of the discovery of this and other comets began with his observations of the skies over Montreal when he was a boy, and to a book he was given to

take his mind off a cast wrapped around a broken arm.

"When I fell off my bike the last day before vacation and broke my arm, my cousin Roy Kaufman gave me a book on the planets," recalled Levy from his home in Tucson, Ariz.

He was further ensnared by a used 3.5-inch Skyscope reflector telescope his uncle gave him at summer's end. "I still use it today," said Levy.

Levy did not discover his first comet until Nov. 13, 1984, after 19 years and 917 hours at the telescope. Since then, Levy has discovered or co-discovered 21 comets, all of them containing his name.

Among Levy's many finds, Shoemaker-Levy 9 is arguably his most fascinating. In the past week, telescopes all over the Earth have been pointed toward Jupiter.

Shoemaker-Levy 9 was one solid body until 1992, when Jupiter's gravitational field caused it to fracture into 21 pieces, known as a "string of pearls."

As a Jew, Levy has found his patience sorely tried by doom-sayers who have predicted that

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### Helping Rhode Island Seniors

Eunice Morris, recipient of the 1994 Beneficiary Services Certificate of Merit, volunteers her time for the betterment of older women. Morris is a spokesperson for the American Association of Retired Persons, which looks out for the needs of senior women. See story on page 16.

## A Cure Is In Sight and Reach

It has been brought to our attention, at the *Herald*, that one of our subscriber families has a young daughter who is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant to fight her leukemia.

As we learned more about the situation, it became clear that she is not alone... that many members of the Rhode Island community need transplants to survive. The process of entering the program — simply allowing a few

drops of your blood to be classified at a blood donor center — is quick and simple. The actual donation of marrow, if your blood is one of the few that exactly matches the type of a leukemia patient, is so brief and uncomplicated and the rewards so great, we decided to make a general appeal to all our readers to consider becoming part of this life-saving program by calling 453-8564 or 1-800-283-8385.

An estimated 16,000 American children and adults are stricken each year with leukemia, aplastic anemia or other fatal blood diseases. For many, the only hope for survival is a marrow transplant. Nearly 70 percent cannot find a suitable match within their own families. These patients need to find unrelated donors — people who have offered to give the living gift of life to a specific patient in need.

As the pool of potential marrow donors increases, so do the odds of a match for the thousands of patients in need.

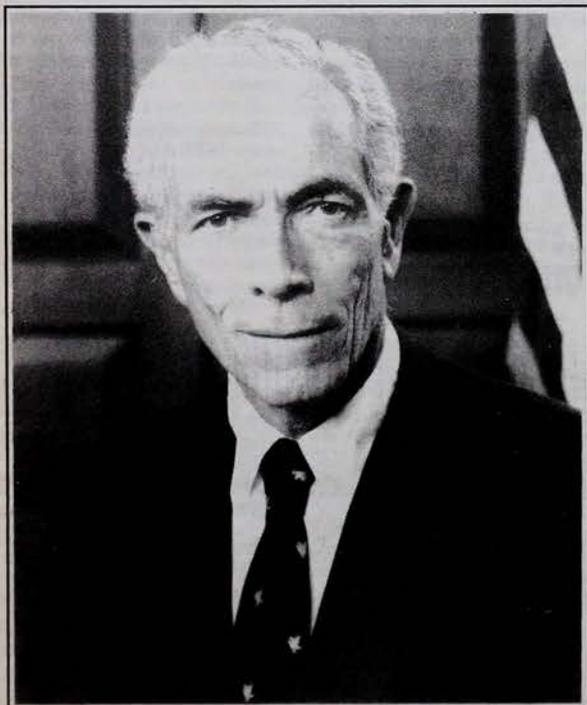
Most of the generous volunteers who have joined the National Marrow Donor Program Registry will never be asked to donate marrow. For the few who are called, it is because their tissue type precisely matches a patient in need. The only way to find those lifesaving matches is to tissue type hundreds of thousands of volunteers around the world who are willing to offer the living gift of life to a fatally ill patient.

#### Just what is leukemia?

Leukemia is a malignancy of the blood-forming tissues — bone marrow, lymph nodes and spleen. It appears as uncontrolled multiplication of abnormal blood cells. Millions of abnormal and useless white blood cells accumulate in the tissues, preventing the production of normal red and white blood cells and platelets.

The loss of red blood cells leads to anemia. The lack of mature white blood cells impairs the body's ability to fight infections.

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Senator Claiborne Pell

## Taking Another Step Towards Peace

Excerpts from a release dated July 15

Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told the U.S. Senate recently that Jordan's King Hussein and Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have accepted an invitation from President Clinton to meet in Washington at the White House on July 25.

"Although King Hussein is reported to have met occasionally in secret with Israeli leaders for more than 30 years," Pell said, "the upcoming event will be the first-ever public meeting. As such, it will send an unmistakable signal of Israel's increasing acceptance by its neighbors. The meeting, and the inevitable handshake between the prime minister and the king, will also bring an enormous amount of goodwill to the continuing peace negotiations between Jordan and Israel.

"As one of Israel's traditional friends and supporters, I am extraordinarily pleased by today's news. The meeting will help to remind Israeli citizens that Prime Minister Rabin's courageous efforts for peace are not without reward.

"I would like to reflect a moment on my appreciation for King Hussein's acceptance of President Clinton's invitation. I know that the United States has had its differences with Jordan, and many members of Congress would have wished that the king had taken greater risks for peace during past years. But we should never lose sight of the fact that King Hussein has been a stalwart force for moderation in the Middle East peace process, and that his cautious, steady approach has brought an element of stability to an otherwise volatile region."

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Nominations are Sought for Public Service Awards

The Robert M. Goodrich Distinguished Public Service Awards recognize career public employees who make a sustained superior contribution in the service of the Rhode Island taxpayer. One outstanding local and one outstanding state employee are selected annually for this honor.

The awards are named in honor of the late Robert M. Goodrich, Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council's first executive director and an advocate of improving state and local public service throughout his career. The 19th annual awards will be presented in October 1994.

Nominees for the awards must have a total of at least five years of non-elective, full-time public service in Rhode Island state and/or local government. It is not required that the nominee's position be part of a civil service or merit system and non-supervisory as well as su-

pervisory personnel are eligible.

Selection will be based on sustained superior performance or accomplishment, personal initiative, resourcefulness, diligence, ability to lead by example or persuasion, and productivity. A record of integrity and devotion to public service is also essential. The qualifications of nominees will be reviewed by a selection committee which will determine the final recipients.

Nominations for the awards should be sent to: Carol Grant, Chair, Selection Committee, c/o Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, Suite 200, 300 Richmond St., Providence, R.I. 02903, by Aug. 19. Include nominee's name, current position, history of public service and a list of significant accomplishments for the selection committee's review. Since the committee may require further information on your nominee, please include your name, address, and telephone number with your nomination.

## More Than Half A Century Of Friendship Is Remembered

Contributed by George Labush from old records of the O.H.C.

On October 18, 1969, at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Mass., the Olneyville Hebrew Club celebrated its Golden Jubilee year, bringing to a close a half-century of dedication to friendship.

It was a Sunday in September 1920, when nine young men, ages 16 to 18, first met at the home of Earl Davis in Olneyville to form a club between friends. It was before the advent of the automobile, and Sunday was not a day to be spent alone, if possible.

Mrs. Davis acted as chairman, and officers were elected for three months, with the host, Earl, accepting the office of president. The purpose of the organization was to promote Judaic culture, and to further comradeship. It was called the Olneyville Hebrew Club. The nucleus group rapidly expanded, and became one of the finest and largest Jewish social organizations in Rhode Island.

The O.H.C. met every Sunday, and dues were 10¢ a week until years later this sum was upped to \$1 a month. The meetings were lively — discussions and debates were held, one-act plays, with anxious actors, were enacted; there were hikes, and all sorts of exciting events were held. Membership increased steadily.

One of the well-attended annual affairs was the O.H.C. motorboat party to Prudence and Conanicut Islands. Invitations for this boat party were in such great demand one year that two boats had to be used to accommodate all those seeking reservations.

The following account of that year's trip was also written by Mr. Labush.

## Roger Williams Seeks Volunteers for Osteoporosis Study

The Division of Endocrinology, Bone and Mineral Laboratory at Roger Williams Medical Center is looking for women age 70 or older to participate in a national study to evaluate the effects of a new medication designed to prevent hip and other osteoporosis-related fractures in post-menopausal women.

If you are a woman 70 years or older who has not taken any hormone supplements within the past six months, has not taken Calcitonin within the past six months, and has not taken Didronel within the past year, you may be eligible to participate in this new therapy study.

This research is being conducted under the direction of Joseph R. Tucci, M.D., its principal investigator. Dr. Tucci is the director of endocrinology and metabolism and the director of the bone and mineral unit at Roger Williams Medical Center. He is also an associate professor of medicine at the Brown University School of Medicine.

For more information, call 456-2305.

## Fog Bound

For many years O.H.C. went on an annual motorboat party around the bay, and landed at Prudence Island for bathing and a picnic.

The demand was so great for this affair, that one year two boats had to be hired... for about 80 people.

We headed for the boathouse where our ships were docked. The boathouse had a refreshment stand for cookies and soda and a 5¢ slot machine that used up all our nickels.

Prudence Island at that time had one means of communication — a daily ferry that brought supplies to the few people who lived there mostly for hunting. No telephones, no telegraph and no radio. There were a few dirt roads and if you owned a Ford you didn't need any registration.

When we were about to leave, around 7 p.m., Ike Hanna, our

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## Shelter Needs Volunteers

The Elizabeth Buffum Chace House in Warwick, a temporary shelter for women and children who have been victims of domestic violence, is seeking volunteers for hotline positions and child care positions.

There are both summer and year-round positions open. Hotline shifts are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. Duties include offering support, options, and information to callers and residents who are victims of domestic violence.

The child care program operates Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, offering a safe, structured environment for infants and preschool children.

Caring and energetic women who can volunteer at least three shifts a month are asked to contact the shelter's volunteer coordinator at 738-1700 for more information and an application.

## Local Heart Assn. Officers Elected

The American Heart Association, R.I. Affiliate has elected its board of directors and officers for the 1994-95 year. Volunteers elected to serve, or continuing their terms as officers are: president, Marc S. Weinberg, M.D.; chairman of the board, Lawrence B. Sadwin; Armand P. Leco, chairman-elect; Paul Levinson, M.D., president-elect; Leo W. DeRouin Jr., treasurer; and Catherine Alteri, MS RNC, FNP, secretary.

Newly elected members of the board of directors are Betty deRamirez, Cleo Graham, R.N., Carol Keyes, Christopher Luttmann, M.D., Robert Mukhsian, Ph.D., Linda Sullivan and James Yashar, M.D.

## OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

July 23, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., a blood drive at The Aquidneck Island Donor Center, 700 Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown.

July 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a blood drive at the West Warwick Elks Lodge, 60 Clyde Street, West Warwick.

July 25, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., a blood drive at Tiverton Middle School, Quintal Drive, Tiverton.

July 26, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., a blood drive at the Primrose Fire-Main Hall, 35 Providence Pike, North Smithfield.

July 26, 7 p.m., a slide presentation on Copper Canyon, Mexico at the Barrington Public Library. Call 247-1920.

July 27, 7:30 p.m., a blood drive at the Woonsocket Fire Department, Cumberland Hill Road, Woonsocket.

Aug. 15, a week-long workshop for seventh to twelfth grade teachers on using drama as a learning tool, at Moses Brown School in Providence. Call 831-7350.

## Metropolitan Tennis Championships Coming

The Metropolitan Tennis Championships-1994 will be held Aug. 3 through 8 at the Todd Morsilli Tennis Center, Roger Williams Park, Providence. The tournament is sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association and the R.I. Tennis Organization, and is run by the organization in conjunction with Alpine Ski & Sports of Warwick, Newport and Westerly.

Players may enter the MET A in the men's singles and doubles, or the MET B in men's singles, doubles, women's singles and doubles, the father and son doubles, or men's 50 and over singles (a new event offered this year). Players may also enter the mixed doubles event.

Alpine Ski is again offering a free T-shirt to all entrants.

Mayor Vincent Cianci, Jr., of Providence will present his award to the men's A winner at the conclusion of the 'A' singles event on the evening of Aug. 8 at the park.

Fleet National Bank will again be on hand to present winners with cash prizes awarded by the bank. The men's A winner will receive \$400, the runner-up will take home \$200, the Met B men's and women's winners each will receive \$100.

The deadline for entries in singles events is 6 p.m., Aug. 1 and 8 p.m. for doubles entries on Aug. 5.

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Also effective August 1, 1994... The R.I. Jewish Herald is offering a

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## But there's still time...

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## FEATURE



## Sands of Summertime

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Like Calvin in the comics, I make daily demands on summer vacation. Every second counts, as each one ticks onward in the march of time like my footprints in the sands of North Beach. But something is sure to backfire each morning, noon or night.

The motor conked out on my blunt-end canoe. A traffic jam fixes me stuck on 95. Thick damp towels won't dry out in the sweltering laundromat. So I have to invent my daily dose of happiness by looking at the hourglass from a new point of view, tilting it like a crystal in the light.

This month, the little square deck I put in my weedy backyard garden near the shore has come to serve as center stage for my portion of contentment. I tell myself or a guest that these planks form a life raft among the waves of minutes. This dock-deck outdoor room on the crabgrass makes me focus on simple things. The first time I spent July and August here in South County, decades ago, I was breaking up a flat in Manhattan, getting rid of things. And I went around at Narrow River without socks or even shoes, no watch on my wrist, in cut-offs you could jump into the surf with. There's a folktale hero, a fool or jester, who goes to the fair with a cow and comes home empty-handed. He keeps trading downward at the market, but he gets back to his yard joyous and in good spirits. That's how I felt during that long-ago Middlebridge midsummer. I still feel that way.

My son and I stroll the beach at day's end. I take a quick dip to cool off. Reuben hunts for white stones, shells, or best of all boards with rusty nailholes. We lug the driftwood lumber to the car. We stick the stuff in our garden patch around the deck. At the base of a broken pine, split by a hurricane, we scatter our finds from the sands. That's what we stare at while we sit with our sleepy pooch in the shade of the umbrella.

I'm a lazy gardener, and a clumsy handyman. A wasp stings my finger. A rock stubs my toe. An ache in a leg muscle or a callous on my palm keep tabs on the chores I did yester-

day. Mostly, I would rather keep my hands unsoiled. I choose to sit still and talk about the Meaning of Life, over cold water, coffee or beer with whoever stops by like a bird at the feeder or the bath.

If I'm by myself I watch the sparrows make late use of the box I nailed to the stump of a missing pine branch. I smile at the July tiger-lilies glowing in the afternoon light. Along with the black-eyed susans they surround our chairs and frame the



Greta (center), Reuben and me.

space with the jewelry of their gaudy petals. Rubyred beebalm is starting to take over, and the leaves of the cucumber plants and the wild mint spill over onto the flooring or poke through the gaps. For some visitors this is a pleasant and relaxing oasis. Others who have come from grander environs make me realize what a skimpy world I live in.

A white, yellow or orange butterfly drifts by. A catbird flutters and preens in a basin of faucet-water. I hum a lyrical line from Dietrich's wartime song about the happiness of "a summer with a thousand Julys."

Our cabin may qualify as the smallest in the state of Rhode Island. We sleep in the parlor. If we watch the late news, it blues and bleats out at us in black, white and grey tones from a set that came with the house 20 years ago. We just take the wicker chairs and tables out the front door and hose them down. I store my minimal wardrobe under the bunk bed.

Some years I make a vow not

to motor into Providence no matter what, but these weeks I just about commute every morning. I rise from the mist into the fog and on to the East Side. Something surreal struck me among those deeply familiar blocks where I work and live in winter. I take fresh notice of those old fashioned fire-alarm boxes nailed to telephone poles. They carry a bas-relief logo of a human fist grasping a bolt of lightning like Zeus, or like the promise of a summer thunderstorm. Nobody uses these antiques anymore. 911 works faster. The bright crimson paint

has faded into a flowerpot earthtone, as if the little rooftop magic boxes were returning to nature. What these fire-alarm teapots tell me is, the town's ablaze with its heat wave. It's time for me to get back to my deck. I twist and turn my way back heading east toward Jerusalem and Galilee. I enter an enchanted zone where my son and I can bike, hike, sip and just set out back while the world turns. "Are you having a good summer?" somebody is sure to ask. It's a tough question. Every day something wonderful happens, a word exchanged among

the gulls and the sandpipers at the Pier beach, or a little melody chirped from the top branches of the mulberry over our fence. Something doesn't work out and wrecks a pleasant picnic or a charming outing. Words that bring grins bring frowns. Your kids say something sweet or something sour. The dog knocks over the garbage, wets the rug or steals the dessert.

The fine silvery sands of time in South County sift through my sandals and moccasins on the porch, the deck and the parlor. Don't bother to sweep them up. I savor every grain.

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# OPINIONS



## The Transformation: Material to Spiritual

The Torah-readings of these current weeks mark the opening of the fifth book of the Torah, Deuteronomy, or Devorim in Hebrew. The book of Devorim is also called Mishneh Torah, meaning "repetition or resume of the Torah" which Moses began to recite to the Jewish people on the first day of the Hebrew month Sh'vat.

The timing of the repetition of the Torah was especially significant for the Jewish people in that it served to prepare them for their entry into the Promised Land. During their years of wandering in the desert all their needs, food, water, clothing and shelter were miraculously provided. The delicious white manna fell daily; the well of Miriam provided a constant supply of water, while the clouds of glory sheltered them from harsh winds, made the mountainous paths flat, killed the poisonous snakes, serpents and scorpions that abounded in the desert, and miraculously kept the clothes of the Israelites fresh, clean and pressed.

Now the Jews were on the verge of leaving this place where for years they had had no material cares, and were about to settle in a land and a way of life which necessitated tilling, sowing, reaping and all the other mundane preoccupations of life. It was now that they were exposed to the repetition of the

Torah, for they needed an additional and special measure of spiritual re-energization and inspiration, so that they would not become materialistic and debased in the material world that lay ahead. On the contrary, the whole purpose of their coming into the land was to instill holiness, and elevate and make more spiritual the material aspects of daily life and thereby transforming the material into the spiritual through Torah, worship, of G-d, performance of His Divine precepts, giving charity and doing acts of loving kindness.

The Divine purpose of our entry into the Holy Land — to elevate the environment and transform the material into the spiritual — is the very same purpose that every individual Jew has in his mundane activities. As the Alter Rebbe expressed it: "The material things of Jews are spiritual; G-d gives us material things, that we may transform them into spiritual." G-d grants the Jew parnoso — livelihood — and he, in turn, utilizes the money for mitzvah purposes in general and for the support of Torah study in particular, since the study of the Torah is equivalent to all the other mitzvot combined. In this way we truly convert the material (money and worldly possessions) into the spiritual.

Transformation of the material to the spiritual can be achieved in other ways also, such as through elevating and

## Re-enactment: A Case of Farce or Fact?

by Michele Chabin

JERUSALEM (JTA) — During a three-day sea voyage from Brindisi, Italy, to Haifa, North American teenagers re-enacted the voyage taken by the Exodus '47 — one of the many ships engaged in Aliyah Bet, or "illegal" immigration of Jews to pre-state Israel during the 1930s and '40s.

Organized by the Joint Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education of the World Zionist Organization as a means of bringing diaspora youths closer to their Jewish roots, the cruise proved to be an eclectic mix of fun and education.

The adventure began during the long bus ride from Rome to the port of Brindisi, during which WZO staffers and leaders from the eight participating youth groups described the hardships faced by Holocaust survivors in the years following World War II.

As the buses approached the port, the leaders drew the shades and began role-playing: "Soon we will attempt to board

refining one's business or professional environment by setting a personal example of Torah-guided honesty and good conduct. Some people think that the main purpose of a Torah education is to train rabbis, shochetim and other functionaries. This is not so; the essential and main purpose of religious training is to prepare Jewish laymen who, before going out into the world of business, trade or profession are imbued and permeated with Torah values and with "yiras shomayim," fear of G-d. Such laymen, living within this society of ours, elevate their entire environment by inspiring every Jew with whom they come in contact, with love of G-d, love of Torah, and love of one's fellow — in actual daily practice.

In all matters of sanctity one must go from strength to strength, constantly increasing holiness; one must strive to produce more and more spirituality and of material things. In this way the blessing of "prosperity through charity" becomes realized, with G-d giving material blessings in a growing measure, enabling us to create more, and still more, spiritually, at a reciprocal pace from strength to strength.

Submitted by Rabbi Laufer, based on a letter of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, O.B.M.

## He Gets Your Attention

To the Editors:

Where can a nice Jewish woman meet a real nice Jewish man, who is caring, of fine moral character, a real joy to be with, and truly sensitive to her needs?

I got your attention! Why, many Jewish men, usually every morning, are at the morning minyan! See for yourself. Try it for 30 days, just a month. A great time of spiritual refreshment with unusual benefits too!

Gentleman who wishes to remain nameless.

the ship. There will be many British soldiers and spies who will try to stop us from getting to Eretz Yisrael. If asked, tell them you are sailing to Colombia. Never utter the word Palestine."

Having been forewarned, the teens were prepared when mock British soldiers suddenly appeared and began to question their presence on the dock. Already living the fiction, the teens refused to give away the fact that they were indeed bound for Israel.

After boarding the Atalante, a circa-1950s ship that the

WZO had renamed the Exodus '94, the teens settled down into a routine that included seminars, workshops and sun-bathing around the swimming pool.

Divided into their respective youth groups — among them Habonim, National Federation of Temple Youth and Young Judea — the teens nonetheless shared many of the same experiences. At different times throughout the trip, each group had to grapple with difficult issues in role-playing workshops.

While grappling with these dilemmas, the teens had the opportunity to meet some of the real leaders of Aliyah Bet.

Ike Aranne (Isaac Aronow) (Continued on Page 15)

## Malaysian Dreaming

by Andrew Silberberg

Andrew Silberberg is a journalist at Australia/Israel Publications.

### Part 2

In light of the entrenched antipathy towards Israel in Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur's apparent overtures towards Jerusalem have come earlier than expected. What motives could lie behind the slight warming towards Israel? One view has it that Kuala Lumpur wants to avoid the tag of international laggard in its recognition of Israel. Other Asian Muslim states, such as Kazakhstan, have recently recognized Israel or, in the case of Indonesia, are forging trade links. In late June, the Maldives, a member of the Organization of Islamic Conference, agreed to let Israeli passport holders visit.

The prime motivation, however, is trade, according to Yitzhak Shichor, a Malaysia watcher at Jerusalem's Hebrew University. Israel is one of the world's leading producers of "hi-tech" equipment and has established itself as a major player in the world's communications, agricultural, medical and military industries. Malaysia is keen to buy such technology.

The importance of the trade angle is borne out by comments made in the Malaysian press last year. In September 1993, Berita Harian Malaysia quoted Malaysia's Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Chua Jili Meng as saying the Israeli market would be a new area for Malaysia investors to expand their operation. Chua went so far as to say that his ministry had identified sectors for Malaysian investment.

Before Malaysian funds flow into Israel, Kuala Lumpur will need to lift the trade ban it enforces in its dealings with Israel. In 1992, trade between Israel and Malaysia totalled a puny U.S. \$1 million. A recent survey by the Israeli Manufacturers Association, however, estimates that Malaysia could absorb U.S. \$4.9 billion of electronics alone. Malaysia will also have to lift the travel ban it enforces against its citizens visiting Israel. In early July, the director-general of Malaysia's immigration department, Mohd Zakri Abdul Rashid, said any Malaysian found to have visited Israel would have their passport confiscated. The im-

migration department would then wait for further instruction from the home ministry, he said.

In April, Israel's Ambassador to Singapore Danny Megido visited Kuala Lumpur as part of a two-man delegation to the International Co-operatives Association conference. One of the first Israelis to visit Malaysia, Megido came away saying that he had been treated courteously and with respect. While full diplomatic ties between the two countries might be some way off, there has been, it seems, a sea-change in the way the Malaysian ruling elite now views Israel.

Diplomats in both Kuala Lumpur and Jerusalem say, however, that it is most likely that such a prominent Malaysian would have visited Israel without bringing a personal message from Mahathir.

Despite the slight thawing of relations between Jerusalem and Kuala Lumpur, the establishment of full diplomatic ties between Malaysia and Israel is likely to take some time.

As it did with China, Jerusalem is attempting to normalize relations with Malaysia through the creation of unofficial, non-diplomatic links. Israel opened an "academic mission" in Beijing before full ties were established between the two countries in 1992. Malaysia has been offered the same deal but has yet to take it up.

After its signing in Washington last September, Mahathir publicly endorsed the Rabin/Arafat peace accord. He also made promising statements about the prospect of a rapprochement between Israel and Malaysia, saying: "If Israel has changed its attitude, we need to review our stand, especially since the Palestinians themselves have recognized Israel."

His comments on the peace process, aside, Mahathir's record on Israel is not heartening. A long-time supporter of the Palestinian cause, Mahathir claimed in 1986 that: "The expulsion of Jews from the Holy Land some 1,000 years ago and the Nazi oppression of the Jews have taught them nothing. If at all, it has transformed the Jews into the very monsters that they condemn so roundly in their propaganda materials. They have been apt pupils of Dr. Goebbels."

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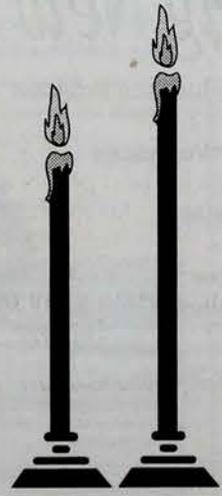
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# WORLD NEWS

## NEWS

### BRIEFS

#### INTERNATIONAL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — At a time when many of the world's airlines are reporting losses, El Al Airlines has reported a profit for the eighth year in a row. Rafi Harlev, president of El Al, announced recently that the airline had a profit of \$9.9 million on revenues of \$947.1 million.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin came a step closer to extending his majority in the Knesset this week when he signed a coalition agreement with a small right-wing party. The agreement enables Rabin's governing coalition to extend its majority in the Knesset by at least two, and possibly three, members. As a result, Rabin will control 58 or 59 out of 120 seats.

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GENEVA (JTA) — Two 11-year-old boys have confessed to the desecration last month of more than 100 grave-stones at Switzerland's oldest Jewish cemetery, in Zurich, police announced. A police spokesman noted that in Germany, extreme right-wing groups use young boys to commit acts of violence.

#### NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (UAHC) — Asserting that the relationship between Israel and the United States is "the strongest in many years," Samuel Berger, security adviser to the president, says the White House "will not pressure Israel" to accept inadmissible peace terms but will "keep pressing Yasser Arafat to fulfill his commitments to Israel and to peace."

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CHICAGO (JTA) — In the latest of several recent incidents of vandalism at Jewish facilities on Chicago's North Side, a synagogue founded by Holocaust refugees from Tiktin, Poland, was hit this week by a makeshift bomb. According to an Anti-Defamation League survey, there have been more reports of vandalism so far in 1994, in that area, than in all of 1993.

## N.Y. is Poised to Mandate Human Rights Education

by Abigail Pickus

NEW YORK (JTA) — New York is poised to become the fifth state in the country to mandate the teaching of major human rights violations, including the Holocaust and slavery.

## Israel Denies Torturing Palestinians

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Defense Force has denied allegations contained in Amnesty International's annual report on worldwide human-rights violations that Israeli security forces systematically torture Palestinian prisoners.

According to the report, which was released recently, Palestinian prisoners in 1993 were "systematically tortured or ill-treated during interrogation" by Israeli authorities.

The report said the methods of torture used during interrogation of Palestinian prisoners

included beatings, sleep deprivation and solitary confinement.

"IDF activities are directed against terrorists in order to prevent and foil terrorist attacks aimed at innocent civilians, Palestinian and Israeli alike," according to an IDF

statement rejecting the accusations.

"All types of torture or use of violence are against the law, and of course any confession which is made against the subject's free will is inadmissible as evidence in a court of law," the statement said.

The Amnesty International report also detailed other in-

stances where Palestinians were tortured by Palestinians, including one instance where 12 Palestinians were shot in the legs by alleged members of Al Fatah, the mainstream faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization, apparently as punishment for acts such as burglary.

## Police Recover Artifacts Stolen From Museum

by Agnes Bohm

BUDAPEST (JTA) — Hungarian police have recovered most of a collection of Jewish artifacts stolen from the Jewish museum in Budapest in December 1993.

Nearly 90 percent of the collection, valued at \$200 million, was recovered recently near the Romanian capital of Bucharest. Hungarian police chief Gen. Ion Pitulescu said the Mossad, the Israeli secret service, helped Hungarian and Romanian police in tracking down the collection.

Two suspects in the case, Romanian citizens identified as Emilian Stefan and Nicolae Chirita, have been arrested in Vienna and Frankfurt, respectively, and Hungarian authorities are currently seeking their extradition. Local reports indicate there may have been additional people involved in the robbery.

The collection consisted of more than 180 pieces collected since 1916, including gold and silver religious objects, paintings and carpets.

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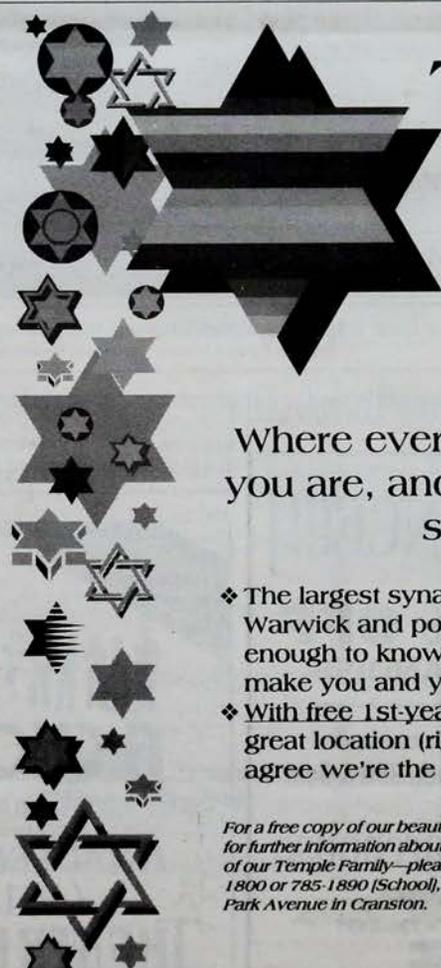
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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Go West From Boston

"Weston's Westons: California and the West," an exhibit of 120 photographs, will be on view in the Torf Gallery at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, from July 22 through Oct. 23.

In "vintage" Weston prints, that is, those that he printed himself at or around the time he developed the negative, Weston achieved a phenomenal variety of tones and textures within what is often thought of as the limited range of black and white.

Over 20 prints in the exhibition were taken in Death Valley, an area Weston visited three times in two years and described as "the most exciting place in the world."

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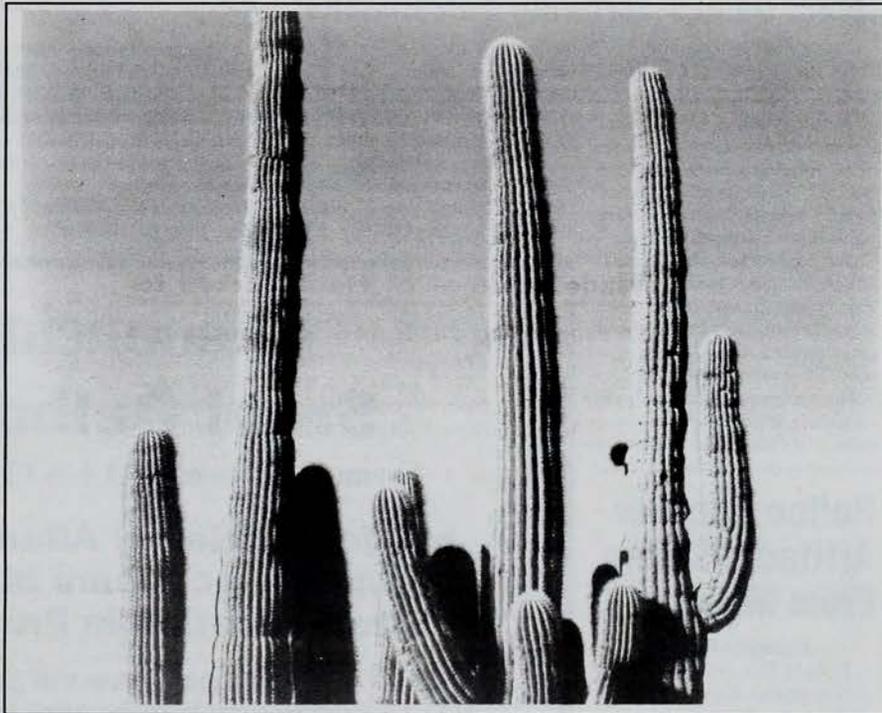
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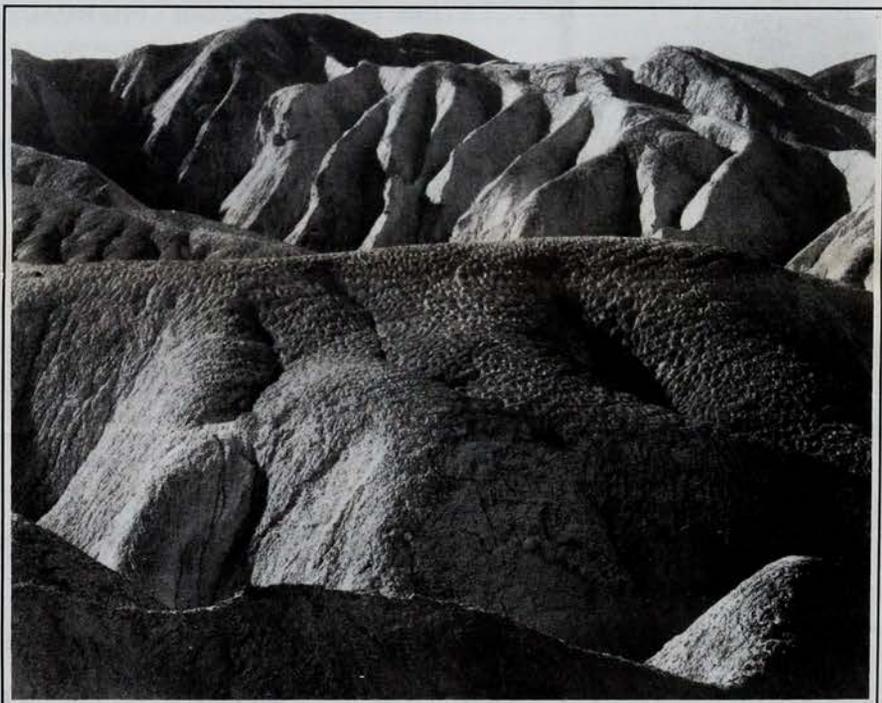
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July 21-23 at 8 p.m. and July 24 at 2 p.m., "Off Main Street," an original cabaret at the George Houston Bass Auditorium, 155 Angell Street, Providence. Call 861-6567.

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July 27 at 10:30 a.m., storyteller Charlotte Blake Alston will perform at the Zeiterion Theatre, 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford. Call (508) 997-5664.

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August 1 and 2, 7 p.m., open auditions for "Never Too Late," a Broadway hit comedy, at City Nights Dinner Theatre, 27 Exchange Street, Pawtucket. Call 723-6060.

### German Play Reflects on Nazi Criminals

by Gil Sedan

BONN (JTA) — At one time he thought of getting a pistol and shooting Anton Malloth in revenge for killing his grandfather. Instead he sat down and wrote a book.

German Jewish writer Peter Finkelgruen's book, *House Germany*, has since been dramatized and is currently appearing to full houses at a theater in the western German city of Dusseldorf.

With the staging of the play, "Handsome Tony," the 52-year-old Finkelgruen now hopes the former Nazi who killed his grandfather in Theresienstadt will finally be brought to justice.

The play by Israeli playwright Yehoshua Sobol tells the story of Malloth, 81, a former SS officer currently living in an old-age home with all his expenses paid for by the German government.

According to eyewitness accounts, Malloth clubbed to death Finkelgruen's grandfather, Martin, a German Jew, on the street in broad daylight on Dec. 22, 1942, the day he was brought to the Gestapo prison in Theresienstadt.

According to Hermann Weissing, a state prosecutor in the western German city of Hamm, some 130 former Nazis suspected of committing war crimes are still at large in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia alone because of insufficient evidence against them.

But Finkelgruen's book and the play on which it is based may soon have an effect after all.

Recently, Weissing said in an interview that an unnamed witness from Austria contacted the police saying he would supply them with sufficient information to incriminate Malloth.

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# Head of Hebrew Union College Retires

by Pamela Druckerman  
NEW YORK (JTA) — Alfred Gottschalk, 64, recently announced his retirement after 24 years as president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform movement's rabbinical seminary and academic center.

In a recent interview at his spacious corner office at HUC's Manhattan campus, Gottschalk reflected on his quarter-century at the helm of an institution that during his tenure saw the ordination of female rabbis and cantors, the admission of openly gay and lesbian students and the ordination of the first Israeli-born Reform rabbis.

He said the ordination of women was one of his seminal achievements.

"This is not a question of gender, it's a question of the use and abuse of power," he explained.

Gottschalk said the biggest problem facing contemporary Judaism — assimilation — is

one that requires innovative, interdenominational thinking.

"We need an entirely new approach to this generation," said Gottschalk.

"I'm not that provincial to believe we have all the answers in the Reform movement. We don't. We're constantly seeking new directions," he said.

But despite his modernization efforts, Gottschalk said that in the Reform movement's tug-of-war between modernity and tradition, he has often rallied for the latter.

His first act as president of HUC was to permit worshippers to wear traditional prayer garb — such as yarmulkes and tallisim — in the college chapel.

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# SUMMER CAMPING

## Girls Find Challenge and Camaraderie at Pembroke

Story and Photos by  
Jeanette Hidalgo  
Special to the Herald

Camp Pembroke, the only all-girl Jewish camp on the East Coast, is located in Pembroke, Mass. The camp is one of three sponsored by the Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation. This year, 275 girls are spending at least part of their summer at the camp.

The girls are offered a variety of activities to engage their

minds and bodies. Watersports include windsurfing, sailing, waterskiing, canoeing, and funyaking (a form of kayaking). Landsports include non-competitive cooperative games along with softball, tennis, basketball, lacrosse, field hockey, volleyball and soccer.

Plays are produced in two different age groups each session by the drama department. Girls attending camp either session are encouraged to participate. There is a building for arts and crafts, where the girls can draw, paint or experiment with pottery. A heated pool and the camp's own private beach on

Lake Oldham offer lots of fun in the sun.

The girls make close friends at camp, friendships that last a lifetime. Patti Ducoff, a counselor at the camp, has been spending her summers at Camp Pembroke for 13 of her 20 years. She told me that some of her best friends are girls she met in camp years ago and has kept in touch with through the years.

Patti showed me around the camp, and introduced me to some of the girls as they were hurrying off to get ready for lunch. I met quite a few Rhode Islanders... even a few pairs of sisters.



Having fun — wish you were here! From left, Ori Korin, Danielle Ostrosky and Rachel Segal.



George Marcus, executive director of the Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation Camps, sings "Thank Heaven for Little Girls," as the campers file in for lunch.



Inside Bunk #4, the 9- and 10-year-old campers share a cabin. Each girl has brought along necessities from home.

The camps buildings and grounds are well maintained. Set in the beauty of a wooded area, the cabins all have shutters, screens, bathrooms and showers and are centrally located. Each girl has her own bed and dresser. The cabins house

about a dozen girls each.

Campers range in age from 7 to 15, but some come back, first as C.I.T.'s (counselors in training), then as counselors. About half of the girls stay at the camp for one session while the rest stay all season.

Camp Pembroke's other features include all kosher foods, Friday night and Saturday morning services presented by the campers themselves and two registered nurses on premises at all times.

Tours of the camp are offered for those who are considering sending their daughter to camp next year. To set up an appointment, call Pearl Lourie at (617) 294-8006.



Lynn Ducoff, 13, and Patti Ducoff, 20, have been spending their summers at Camp Pembroke for years.



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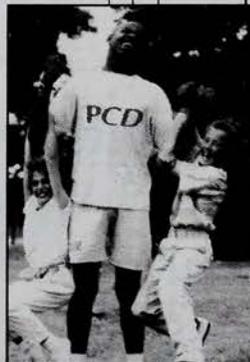
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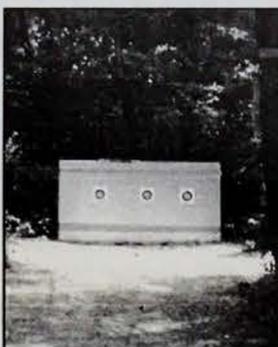
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## Grossman Scholarship Awarded

Christine M. Fleet, a junior at Tufts University, is the 1994 recipient of the Stanley Grossman Scholarship. The Grossman scholarship, established in 1979 in honor of Stanley Grossman, former chairman of Miriam Hospital's board of trustees, is awarded annually to a worthy son or daughter of a Miriam Hospital employee to help finance education in an undergraduate college or university. From the left, David Bohy of Miriam Hospital; Christy Fleet, scholarship recipient, Stanley Grossman; Jeanne Fleet; and Steven D. Baron, president of Miriam Hospital.

## Long-Term Care Issues to be Discussed July 26

Paul Isenberg, a specialist in the long-term care division of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, will discuss

long-term care issues, including maintaining one's independence, medical insurance, adult day care, asset protection, and health care reform, July 26 at noon at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

## Brandon Joseph Waldman

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Waldman announce the birth of their second son, Brandon Joseph Waldman, on July 5. Brandon was welcomed home by his brother, Shawn Michael Waldman, age 6.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. Waldman of Providence and Mr. and Mrs. John Kosinsky of Cranston. Great-grandparents are Rae Pickar and the late Sidney Pickar and the late Morris and Dorothy Waldman.

## Lori Sussman Weds Kevin Land

Lori Ilene Sussman and Kevin Marc Land were married June 5 at Temple Am David, Warwick. The bride is the daughter of Sheila Sussman of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Jay L. Sussman of Warwick. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Land of Warwick.

Rabbi Nechama Goldberg officiated at the noon ceremony which was followed by a reception at Temple Am David.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Julie Sussman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Debra Sussman, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Colleen Windham, Elaine Land and Nicole Soffin. Richard Land was best man for his brother. Ushers were Jeffrey Land, brother of the bridegroom, Harris Sussman, brother of the bride, Stephen Kopech and Christopher Hamilton.

The bride graduated from the

University of Pennsylvania and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The bridegroom graduated from the University of Rhode

Island and is currently employed as vice president of Electronic Data Management Systems, Inc. of Illinois.

After a wedding trip to St. Maarten the couple will reside in Champaign, Ill.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Land

## Lori Bergel and David Kreidberg Wed

Dr. Lori Ellen Bergel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Bergel of Providence and David Leslie Kreidberg, son of Dr. and Mrs. Marshall B. Kreidberg of Newton, Mass., were married on May 30 at the Glen Manor House, Portsmouth, R.I.

Rabbi Alvin Kaunfer of Temple Emanu-El, Providence and Cantor Aryeh Finkelstein of Temple Mishkon Tefillah, Chestnut Hill, Mass., officiated at a 5 p.m. garden ceremony.

Lori is the granddaughter of the late Sally and Arthur Saltzman and the late Anna and Irving Bergel.

David is the grandson of the late Pearl and Henry Mintz and the late Nellie and Jacob Kreidberg.

The maid of honor was Rhonda Bergel, sister of the bride. The best man was Dr. Jordan Kreidberg, brother of the bridegroom. Holding the chuppah were Steven Bergel, brother of the bride, Brian Saltzman, Joel Werrick and Craig Belson.

The bride attended Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J., and received a doctor of veterinary medicine from Tufts University, School of Veterinary Medicine. She is an associate veterinarian at Woburn Animal Hospital, Woburn, Mass.

The bridegroom received a bachelor of arts degree from Tufts University and a master of business administration from Boston University. He is a management consultant in the Bos-



Mr. and Mrs. David Kreidberg

ton area.

After a honeymoon trip to St. Maarten, the couple is residing in Watertown, Mass.

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## Danielle Talia Magaziner

Dr. Allan and Suzanne (Posner) Magaziner announce the birth of their daughter Danielle Talia (Hassie Rachel), born May 23.

Her grandparents are Ernest and Gretel Posner and Irvin and Mary Magaziner and her great-grandfather is Max Tishler of Providence.

Danielle Talia is named in loving memory of her maternal great-grandmother Rose Tishler and her paternal great-grandmother, Helen Goldberg.



# School Beat



## Johnson & Wales Offers Criminal Justice Program

The Business College of Johnson & Wales University, department of continuing education, has announced a new criminal justice curriculum beginning in September.

The associate degree program has been introduced in response to a growing demand for law enforcement officials with education "beyond the academy." Over the past few years, a number of Rhode Island communities have instituted policies requiring their new law enforcement officers to at least have an associate's degree.

"Being a police officer today goes far beyond the application of a badge and the wearing of a gun," said Al Martin, coordina-

tor of the program. "In addition to human relations and critical thinking skills, computer literacy is a valuable commodity." Benefits graduates could look forward to might include more opportunity for promotion and higher salaries.

Johnson & Wales University, known for its career-focused education, plans to develop an internship program to complement a full-time, four-year program in criminal justice slated to begin in September 1995. Credit will be given for those who have taken part in police academy training.

For more information call the public relations office at Johnson & Wales.

## Teikyo Post University Offers Grant to Pawtucket-Area Student

Teikyo Post University, Waterbury, Conn., has announced the expansion of its Middle Income Family grant program to include one Pawtucket-area student to attend Teikyo Post for the fall 1994 term.

"Our middle income family grant program has struck a positive chord with the general public," stated Dr. Phyllis C. DeLeo, president of Teikyo Post. "Therefore, we are providing a zero-interest loan of up to \$5,000 per year for one Pawtucket-area middle income student attending Teikyo Post in the fall of 1994. If that student graduates within four years, Teikyo Post will forgive

that MIF loan and those monies become a grant, free and clear," said DeLeo.

Students who wish to apply for a MIF grant to attend Teikyo Post should contact the Office of Admission immediately at (800) 345-2562.

Teikyo Post enrolls students from 35 foreign countries and across the United States. We are part of an international education consortium. Priding ourselves on providing a "global education without prejudice," the university awards more than \$1 million in scholarship and financial aid to deserving students each year.

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## Circus Smirkus

Circus Smirkus, a world-class youth circus with acrobats, clowns, wire-walkers and aerialists, will perform at Pembroke Field, next to the Wheeler School on the East Side of Providence on July 30 and July 31.

Smirkus has the traditional circus acts under the tent, but there are no animals and the

stars are all children. The circus is internationally acclaimed with performers from all over the United States and with international guest artists from Russia's Moscow Circus.

Performing in the circus as a juggler, is 14-year-old Michael Plotz, a resident of the East Side of Providence. Plotz, who will

be entering Classical High School, is in his first year traveling with the circus.

The show will serve as a benefit for the Childhood Lead Action Project which works to prevent childhood lead poisoning in Rhode Island.

Tickets can be ordered by sending check or money order (\$8 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under) plus \$1 for postage and handling to Childhood Lead Action Project, 421 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R.I. 02907. For more information, call 785-1310.

## Yeshiva Student Attacked

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Los Angeles County sheriff's department is continuing its investigation of a recent attack by a self-proclaimed skinhead on a yeshiva student.

The victim, Zev Katz, a 19-year-old student working as a counselor at a Chabad summer camp for Russian immigrant children here, suffered minor bruises after being attacked with a three-foot pipe and a screwdriver.

Katz said he was hit in the stomach once, before he grabbed the pipe and his friend grabbed the screwdriver.

*World Report* as a distinctive international business and liberal arts university, Teikyo Post's curriculum offers students the opportunity to experience inter-cultural and international environments. The 60-acre, suburban, hilltop campus is located in Waterbury Conn., only 30 minutes from Hartford, 90 minutes from New York City, and two hours from Boston.

## Providence Resident Earns First Honors

Leslie I. Rosen, a resident of Providence, has been named to first honors on the Clark University dean's list. This marks outstanding academic achievement during the spring 1994 semester.

To be eligible for this honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher. No more than 20 percent of any class may receive dean's list honors.

Leslie, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Rosen, graduated cum laude from Clark University in June.

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## Conservative Movement Launches Mitzvah Campaign

The Conservative movement has announced its intention to "shakeup" the North American Jewish community this Sukkot. In an effort to help members feel more comfortable in the realm of ritual observance, the Rabbinical Assembly and The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism are jointly sponsoring the "Make a Lulav Shake" campaign. Through a strategy including both sermons and songs, affiliated synagogues will urge all congregants to purchase a lulav and etrog — the ritual objects associated with the holiday of Sukkot.

Synagogue members will be encouraged to purchase these items through a wide-ranging publicity campaign that will feature distinctive buttons, T-shirts, and sing-alongs, together with more traditional educational programs.

According to campaign spokespersons, "We need to dispel the mistaken notion that only the 'very religious' should purchase these items."

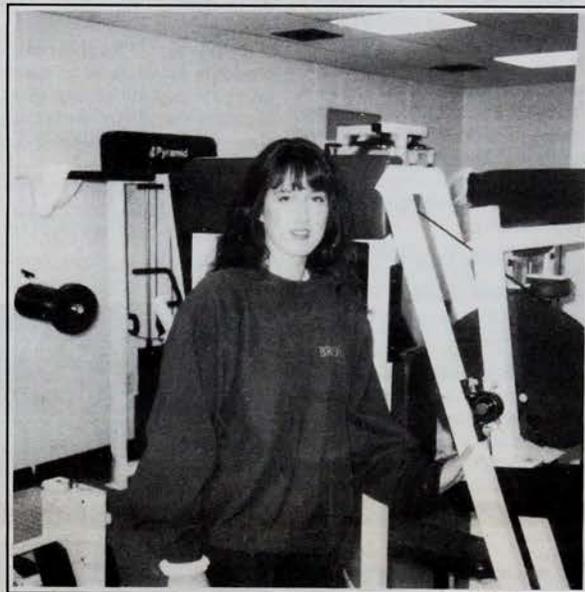
Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum of Beth Israel Synagogue in Worcester, Mass., who originated the concept for the campaign, notes that "one of the great attractions of the mitzvah of lulav and etrog is that it is 'highly focused ... It requires a commitment, but not an overwhelming one. As such, it represents a wonderful entry point into the world of mitzvot.'"

According to Dr. Robert Abramson, director of the United Synagogue Department of Education, "The premise of the project is that capturing the imagination of people who do

not currently observe particular mitzvot is likely to be more effective than appealing to 'guilt.'"

According to United Synagogue President Alan Ades, some 25 congregations have already indicated their desire to participate in the "Make a Lulav Shake" project, and it is predicted that several hundred Conservative congregants will be involved by Rosh Hashanah.

For further information about the "Make a Lulav Shake Campaign," contact Abramson at The United Synagogue, 155 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010, (212) 533-7800, ext. 2500.



MELISSA DANUSIS prepares to work out on a Pyramid machine at the JCCRI Fitness Center.

## Friendship

(Continued from Page 2) chief skipper, said that there was a little fog rolling in and that we should wait awhile.

Well, we waited and waited. The fog got worse. In a short while we cleaned out all the food supplies that were in the boat-house.

Needless to say, we waited all night and started out at 5 a.m. when the fog began to lift. On the way back, Hanna's other skipper was a little tipsy and came within arm's length of colliding with our boat.

With a great sigh of relief we saw the Colonial Line on its way back from New York heading for the pier at Point Street.

What a reception awaited us. The harbor master, two state

police, the *Providence Journal* reporters and about a dozen worried parents (with no shotguns).

Aside from a few sleepy workers in offices and shops, there were no casualties.

The O.H.C. was having growing pains steadily, and the charter group allowed citywide membership. The name of the club became Order of Hebraic Comradeship. O.H.C. was now synonymous with "social success"! No Jewish social event was held in Providence on the last night of Passover other than the annual O.H.C. dance at the Arcadia Ballroom, which yearly saw an attendance of more than 1,000 people.

The O.H.C. bowling league which met at Al Seltzer's alleys on Mathewson Street every week for nine months of the year, with their post-season challenges to other Jewish bowling teams, paved the way for the present Rhode Island Jewish Bowling Congress.

The finest era of this organization came during the decade between 1930 and 1940, with its own quarters located at 37 Weybosset St., and later at the Bond Building. Thursdays were the O.H.C. nights for a meeting or for bowling, or for a card game. As of October 18, 1969, three men were still meeting for a friendly game of pinochle. They'd been playing together since 1928.

When the world was in the throes of World War II, meeting attendance and membership naturally diminished somewhat.

With a sound financial cushion in the treasury, the O.H.C. could have continued weekly, or monthly, meetings to this very day, but it was deemed advisable that members meet twice

or three times a year at ball games in Boston, theater parties, and breakfasts. We continued to meet annually at Sam Kagan's home in Narragansett Pier till, with the death of Sam Kagan and Sam Shindler, the O.H.C. died also.

I would like to know how many who were on that memorable trip remember it. If you do, please contact George Labush, 724-8586.

## Art Calendar, High Holy Day Cards Available

The work of Santa Fe painter-printmaker, Sara Novenson, derived from traditional Jewish folk art sources, is featured in the new Jewish Art Calendar and High Holy Day greeting cards just published by the Women of Reform Judaism — The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The calendar, covering the Jewish year 5755 (September 1994 to September 1995), includes seven color photographs of embossed etchings and monoprints incorporating Jewish symbolism, biblical verses and holiday themes.

The Gates of Heaven theme is pictured on this year's High Holy Day card. A New Year's greeting in Hebrew and English is inscribed inside. The cards are undated, so they can be used in any year.

Calendars and cards may be ordered from Temple Sisterhood Judaica shops in local Reform synagogues or from the Women of Reform Judaism, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021; phone (212) 249-0100 ext. 352. A package of 10 New Year's greeting cards and envelopes is \$7.50, including postage and handling. Proceeds go to the Youth, Education and Sisterhood Projects fund of the Women of Reform Judaism. When ordered by mail, single copies of the calendar are \$6.50, postage and handling included. Quantity discounts are available.

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## Specialist Joins Fitness Center at JCCRI

Melissa Danusis has joined the staff of the JCCRI Family Fitness Center as fitness specialist.

Danusis has been working at the center part-time for the past year. She will conduct equipment orientation sessions for new members, develop fitness programs, including a lecture series, oversee the senior adult exercise program and perform

body composition analysis for interested members.

A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, her education focused on community, corporate and commercial fitness, while her athletic training concentrated on injury and rehabilitation, sports medicine, and recognizing and treating injuries.

Danusis hopes to make the

center a "motivational place" where she and the other staff members can analyze people's fitness needs and design individual programs. "People need to feel good, feel welcome ... they don't want to feel guilty about not working out," explains Danusis.

Members of the community interested in learning more should contact Jay Snyder at 861-8800.

## Golf Tournament Benefit

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm-grove Ave., Providence, is sponsoring the center's ninth annual charity golf tournament on Aug. 29 at the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk,

Mass. A buffet lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by a live auction.

Donation opportunities include: \$1,500 major tournament gold sponsor, includes foursome/tee and green sponsor; \$800 silver sponsor, includes foursome/tee and green

sponsor; \$500 bronze sponsor, includes twosome/tee and green sponsor; \$500 hole-in-one sponsor; \$150 individual participant and \$250 non-participating sponsor.

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USDA is proposing regulations that will ensure that all children have healthier menus at school. This proposed rule will require school menus to comply with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans by the 1998 school year.

USDA is accepting public comments through September 8, 1994.

The complete text of the preamble and proposed rule appeared in the June 10 edition of the Federal Register, Part IV.

To obtain a copy of the proposed rule check with your local library or contact your State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Office.

Written comments or requests for copies should be directed to:

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## Cruising the Open Seas

by Lillian Kline

There is only one way to spend your vacation — take a cruise. A cruise is the most delightful way to spend a vacation of a few days or a few weeks.

I have just returned from my third cruise on the beautiful Vistafjord of the Cunard Line. At the first get-together with Captain Sorenson, he mentioned that 40 percent of the passengers aboard were repeaters.

Once the ship leaves port, you are in a completely different world. A world where every desire will be catered to, where you will be pampered, well-fed and entertained. If you prefer just to relax, there are many quiet places on deck.

As a travel writer and inveterate traveler, I have concluded that pleasure-wise, money-wise and comfort-wise nothing beats a cruise. I have sailed on many different ships and have found that each ship offers a new experience. I always feel rejuvenated having made friends, with new learning experiences. Each time I see my life with new perspective.

Before starting my 15-day cruise, I wondered if my third voyage would be as interesting and exciting as the previous two.

As soon as I stepped off the gangplank a cheerful voice called out, "Welcome aboard, Lillian, wonderful to see you again." Standing there was one of the hosts who invite single ladies to dance. Evidently he remembered me from my previous sailings. His gracious greeting set the tone as always. It is a wonderful feeling to be recognized.

Would my tablemates be as interesting as those on the previous cruises? As it turned out, if I had chosen them individually, I couldn't have been seated with a more congenial and well-informed group.

The two-week trip took me across the Atlantic from Fort Lauderdale to Genoa, with stops at Funchal and Lisbon, Portugal, Gibraltar and Ajaccio, Corsica, and France. The Vistafjord then continued on to Greece and later into dry dock for refurbishing.

My spacious cabin on Promenade Deck was furnished with two comfortable twin beds, a desk, a round table and one whole wall of closet space. A large porthole allowed me to enjoy the changing of the sea.

After boarding at Fort Lau-

derdale, we sailed for nine days before reaching our first stop, Funchal, noted for its magnificent profusion of flowers and plants. It was another day at sea before reaching Lisbon, where a tour took us to Sentra, Cacaís and Estoril. Cacaís is a picturesque fishing village. Estoril, famous for beaches and deluxe hotels, is a popular retreat for exiled royalty.

We spent another day at sea before we arrived at the British outpost of Gibraltar, famous for its playful apes. I didn't take the tour but decided to take a walk on the main street to shop and to appraise the countless small boutiques.

After a two-hour walk in bustling Gibraltar, I was happy to return to the peace and comfort of our ship.

A day later we arrived at Agacio, Corsica, where the whole town seemed devoted to memorabilia in honor of its famous son, Napoleon, who was born there. There are numerous monuments to Napoleon, one inscribed with all his victories and a small grotto where the young Napoleon is said to have played. All the shops are filled with small mementos in every conceivable size or shape. All relating to their famous hero.

I had the pleasure of celebrating my birthday on the Vistafjord. When I entered the dining room on that particular evening, I noticed several large colored balloons suspended over our table and soon a group of musicians and other ship's personnel were singing and playing "Happy Birthday" to me. My tablemates toasted me with champagne. Several people from nearby tables came over to wish me "Happy Birthday." It turned out to be a glorious occasion.

After two short weeks my trip came to an end, but I was grateful for a wonderful cruise and several new friends who have promised to write.

To paraphrase Magee's beautiful poem:

"I have skipped the surly bonds of land

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**Correction**  
In last week's *Herald*, the times listed for Sacharit services in the Chai Center ad should have read, "Saturday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, July 17, 8:30 a.m." We regret any inconvenience that our readers or the Chai Center may have experienced.

## Melvin Came Through For Us

Melvin Zurier, a Providence attorney identified the soldier pictured in the July 7 "Can You Help Us?" feature as his uncle. His name was Max Zurier (originally "Zuro"). Zurier served during World War I, and was gassed while in action.

He remained a bachelor, and was a favorite relative of Melvin Zurier. He gave Melvin his first bicycle.

The reason it was probably in the papers belonging to the late Elizabeth Guny was that Max Zurier was a very good friend of her husband, Harry Guny. So the mystery is solved.

Thank you, Melvin.

## Hadassah Organizes Book Club

A group of South County Hadassah members have formulated a monthly book club to be held on the second Wednesday of each month. The club meets at members' homes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Upcoming books will be *Five Seasons* by A. B. Yehoshua, scheduled for the August meeting and *The Assistant* by Bernard Malamud for the September meeting.

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The synagogue is preparing a siyum mishnagot for that Tuesday in her memory and her love for mishnagot and Torah

study. Her good name and great deeds should not be forgotten.

Eighteen exemplifies the humility which portrayed her entire life of charity and mitzvoh. A wife, mother, and grandmother, may her noble soul be bound in eternal life.

Services begin at 6:30 a.m.



JENNY KLEIN AND BRENDA KORN discuss what they've seen at the Jewish War Veterans USA Memorial and Museum in Washington, D. C., on a recent trip sponsored by the JCCRI.

## Jewish Astronomer

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The comet's collision will result in death and destruction, as foretold in Revelations, a book of the Christian Bible.

"It's something I'm not too happy about," he said. "For one, I'm Jewish and don't follow the New Testament."

Levy also finds a bit of sadness within the collision. "Here's a case of a little celestial body that's been out there for 4.5 billion years and we're watching it die," he said somewhat somberly. "There probably will never be another comet like this, certainly not in our lifetime."

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# OBITUARIES

**BRADFORD PORTNOY**  
**CRANSTON** — Bradford Portnoy, 91, of 88 Crestwood Rd., a physician who practiced medicine in Providence for 46 years, retiring in 1976, died July 13 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Sara (Bresler) Portnoy and the late Rebecca (Tanenbaum) Portnoy.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Simon and Eva Portnoy, he came to the United States as a child and settled in New Bedford, Mass. He then lived in Providence for many years before moving to Cranston 30 years ago.

He was a graduate of Tufts University and Tufts Medical School. During World War II, he was a doctor in the Army with the rank of major.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El and a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Jacob D. Portnoy of Cranston; two daughters, Eveline Hunt of New York City and Barbara Dennis of New Bedford; a sister, Paula Portnoy of New Bedford; nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He was the brother of the late Waltham and Max Portnoy and Betty Unger.

The funeral service was held July 15 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**PAULINE VOGEL**

**PLEASANTVILLE, N.Y.** — Pauline Vogel, 92, died July 17. She was the widow of Charles Vogel, a founder of the law firm of Pearlman & Vogel.

Born in New York City in 1901, she was the daughter of the late David and Rebecca Hacker.

She was a school teacher in the New York school system for over 35 years and supporter of the Providence Hebrew Day School where her five great-grandchildren attend.

She leaves a daughter, Miriam Pearlman and a son, Mark Vogel of Pleasantville, N.Y., of the law firm of Weil, Gotchal and Manges of New York. Her grandchildren are Joshua P. Pearlman, Esq., of Pawtucket; Roger M. Pearlman of Providence, realtor; Rebecca Pearlman, a high school math teacher in New York; Jeffrey L. Vogel of Providence and Lisa and Sharon Vogel of Pleasantville, N.Y.

Funeral services were held at the Beth David Cemetery, Queens, N.Y. Donations may be made to the Charles and Pauline Vogel Scholarship Fund at the Providence Hebrew Day School.

**GUSTAVE WEISSBUCH**

**EAST GREENWICH** — Gustave Weissbuch, 86, of the Greenwich Bay Manor, 945 Main St., a sales representative for restaurant and bar equipment in New York for more than 25 years before retiring 17 years ago, died July 14 at Kent Nursing Home, Warwick.

Born in New York City, a son of the late David and Marie (Scherl) Weissbuch, he had lived there most of his life. He moved to East Greenwich last year.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater.

he studied violin and music at the Julliard School of Music.

He leaves a niece, Dana Saladon Del Bonis of North Kingstown, and two grandnieces. He was the brother of

## Leukemia Cure

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A deficiency in platelets interferes with blood clotting and means easy bleeding and bruising. Left untreated, leukemia will lead to death.

### It helps to see the dimensions of the problem

Some 18,600 persons will die from leukemia this year in the United States. Seventy-five died in Rhode Island alone, in 1993.

Death rates for leukemia have declined an average of 12 percent over the past 30 years. Approximately 2,000 Americans are now living each year who would have died of leukemia if treated in the 1960s.

Among children ages 1 to 14, leukemia causes more deaths in the United States than any other disease.

Leukemia and lymphomas are the fourth major cause of cancer deaths in men and women in the United States.

Leukemia and lymphomas are the leading fatal malignant diseases in young women and young men under the age of 35.

Every 12 minutes, another child or adult dies from leukemia or a related illness.

### How many people will get leukemia?

It is estimated that there will be 29,300 new cases of leukemia in the United States this year — about half of them acute leukemia and half chronic leukemia. It is estimated that there were 100 new leukemia cases in Rhode Island last year.

The primary mission of the Rhode Island Marrow Donor

the late Max, Samuel and Jack Weissbuch, and Minnie Saladon and uncle of the late Elliot Weissbuch.

A graveside funeral service was held July 15 at Swan Point Cemetery, Providence. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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Program is to make marrow transplants available to patients as a life-saving therapy.

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To be HLA typed a simple blood test is needed.

Free Rhode Island Blood Center-sponsored public testing drives are periodically scheduled.

Free typing is performed when you become an RIBC Platelet Pheresis donor.

Grant money, when available, is used to type interested donors.

A whole blood donation at the same time is welcome, but not necessary.

A donor may choose to pay the typing fee of \$45, or be on the waiting list until funding is available.

The National Marrow Donor Program was started in October 1986. There are now 1,234,678 registered donors. Since the program began, 2,478 transplants have been completed. There are 552 formal searches ongoing for patient/donor matches. In January 1991 Rhode Island Blood Center joined the NMDP. There are already 7,891 donors registered in Rhode Island.

Because a person inherits the genetic traits that determine a compatible match (in much the same way as one inherits eye, skin or hair color), it is most likely that a patient who is of a racial group will find a donor within that racial group. In other words, it is most likely that a child of Eastern European Jewish descent will find his or her donor in the descendants of Eastern European Jews.

### How do you get with the program?

A small amount of blood (about two to three tablespoons) is taken from the volunteer donor at NMDP-approved donor center or recruitment drive site.

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The donor usually is kept in the hospital overnight for observation.

After the marrow collection procedure, the donor may experience slight discomfort for a week or so in the lower back. The donor's marrow replenishes itself within a few weeks.

For the patient the process begins when his or her physician starts a preliminary search of the NMDP Registry.

A list of potential matches (donors whose HLA-A and B antigens match the patient) is sent to the physician, who requests further testing of the donor's blood.

From these results, the physician determines whether there is a match.

If a match is found, the patient undergoes pre-transplant conditioning, consisting of radiation and chemotherapy, for seven to 10 days.

The donated marrow is transfused directly into the patient's bloodstream, much like a blood transfusion. Healthy marrow cells travel to bone cavities, where they begin to grow and replace the old marrow.

The patient must be isolated in a germ-free environment until the new marrow produces enough white blood cells to fight off disease.

An increased white blood count, a sign that the transplant is beginning to function, generally appears about three to four weeks after the procedure.

The patient may be removed from protective isolation three to six weeks after transplant, as long as the new marrow continues to produce white blood cells and there are no serious complications.

Without a transplant, long term survival is zero to 15 percent — usually not more than five percent. Bone marrow transplantation is more effective as a "cure" than chemotherapy alone.

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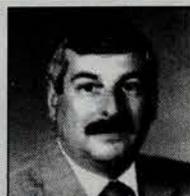
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## A Cure

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Overall, survival rates are generally in the 30 percent to 40 percent range for diseases that would inevitably be fatal without marrow transplants.

The overall survival rates for leukemia have more than doubled in the last 30 years from 14 percent in 1960 to 38 percent in 1988.

Thirty years ago, there was no effective treatment for leukemia.

In children, the most common form of leukemia is acute lymphocytic leukemia. The overall cure rate for children with this type of leukemia now is 72 percent. In 1960, the survival rate was four percent.

There has also been dramatic improvement in survival rates for adult lymphocytic leukemia patients. Over the last 30 years, survival rates for patients with acutelymphocytic leukemia rose from four percent in 1960 to 30 to 50 percent in the last decade.

Acute leukemia is now considered to be a potentially curable disease.

Leukemia has been the proving ground for many new, life-saving advances in cancer treatment. This year, leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma patients have been the first beneficiaries of new drugs and superior treatments developed by Leukemia Society researchers. While it may be a number of years before therapies based on their findings are widely available, it appears likely that in the future very large numbers of patients with other forms of cancers will benefit from their trailblazing research.

## Re-enactment

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icz), the captain of the actual Exodus '47, shared his experiences, as did a handful of American ex-servicemen who had volunteered on Aliyah Bet ships after World War II.

Frank Lavine, who had served in the U.S. Army Air Corps before joining the Exodus '47 crew, told his mesmerized listeners that Leon Uris's novel *Exodus* bore little resemblance to the real-life Exodus '47.

In addition to other discrepancies, he noted that "the refugees of the Exodus '47 weren't sent to Cyprus. They were sent back to France, and then to Germany."

"The trip itself was rather uneventful until we came within 25 miles off the coast of Palestine and encountered the British blockade. I remember that two children were born during the voyage, and that one of the mothers died in childbirth," Lavine said.

Before the trip was over, the teens had their own opportunity to meet "the British blockade." Within sight of the Haifa port, a two-seater plane from the British mandate period, suddenly swooped over the ship's deck and distributed hundreds of leaflets telling the "refugees" to surrender without a fight.

A few minutes later, a dangerous-looking missile boat — in reality, part of the Israeli navy's arsenal — circled the ship and demanded a surrender.

In response, the teens, who were now gathered on the deck, began to wave banners and chant anti-British slogans. Though they play-acted with gusto, several of the travelers said they felt a bit silly shouting at an Israeli navy boat in the middle of Haifa Bay.

Yet, as the Haifa shoreline drew nearer, even the skeptics seemed to get into the spirit. Spontaneously, the teens joined hands and danced around the deck.

While most of the participants expressed enthusiasm about their adventure, some had reservations.

Hannah Greenstein, a member of Habonim, said, "I learned a lot, but I thought the experience would be more realistic."

Referring to the swimming pools, good food and air-conditioning on the ship, Greenstein said, "The experience would have had greater impact if the conditions had been harsher. There was too much luxury. The trip was too much fun to be realistic."

*Ed. note: The following is a sidebar to the previous story, also by Michele Chabin of the JTA.*

In the film version of *Exodus*, a youthful Paul Newman portrays Ari Ben-Canaan, the Jewish underground fighter whose determination to bring Holocaust survivors to then-Palestine leads to a standoff between his ship and the British navy.

Ike Aranne, the real captain of the Exodus '47, cringes at the very mention of the Leon Uris novel and its movie spinoff.

He becomes upset when people accept Uris' version of history as the truth, since the real story of the Exodus '47 was very different.

In the novel, 300 refugee children reach Palestine after a dramatic hunger strike in Cyprus. In reality, the 4,500 refugees aboard the Exodus '47 never made it to Cyprus. Instead, after trying to run the British blockade around Palestine, they were placed aboard three prison ships and sent to France, and later, to Germany.

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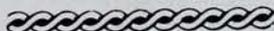
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When the ship's passengers were sent back to Europe, Aranne and several crew members were able to escape British detection by dressing up as laborers. "We learned only later that the refugees hadn't been taken to Cyprus," he recalled.

Aranne called the *Exodus* novel "a lot of B.S."

"If he'd called the book by some imaginary name, it would have been all right," said Aranne. "But to take an historical event of great significance and make a best-seller out of it, it's the wrong thing to do. It goes against my grain."

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## Dorothy Ann Wiener, "Your Travel Agent, Inc."

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

The Scroll of Fire in Jerusalem — don't miss it! And when you're at the Jerusalem Historical Museum, look for the Arch of Titus. In the year 70, when Titus brought the Jews back in chains from one of his conquests, he said, "The Jewish people are dead!"

He was wrong. "Every Jewish visitor who stands before his arch today proves that the Jewish people still live!" Dorothy Wiener says.

This is the type of advice that she gives to a prospective traveler as easily and naturally as if she was telling him how to get to Thayer Street from her office at 766 Hope St. After all, Wiener has been to Israel 42 times, and plans to go again on Aug. 1. She has family there, and sometimes takes groups on tours.

I asked her if the violence that erupted from time to time in the mid-East put a damper on travel to Israel — hers, or her customers. No. She reminded me that there is always "a high military presence" in Israel, which makes the visitor feel protected.

"When there's active shooting, it does matter..." but otherwise, no.

She has traveled on all the major carriers to Israel, including Lufthansa.

Of course, she and her staff can handle arrangements for travel almost anywhere. She says that interest in Europe is always high — particularly France, England, Switzerland and Italy...and that people now are also going to Turkey, the Orient, and the mid-East in increasing numbers. But because I represented the *Herald*, we got back to the subject of trips to Israel fairly quickly.

Her agency specializes in ar-

ranging trips for the purpose of celebrating a bar or bat mitzvah in Israel. She is aware of subtle but important ritual differences. For instance, the celebrants are separated by sex at the Western Wall — but not at Masada and many other holy places.

A young man will read from the Torah in a place of worship at his bar mitzvah. A young woman will present a dissertation on a significant passage in the bible, usually in the auditorium area of a temple. An experienced adviser is a great help when planning this kind of celebration in a different country.

Wiener is slender, erect and soft-spoken. During the course of a short interview, she touched knowledgeably on Judge Breyer's confirmation hearings and qualifications, Shakespeare, the peace process and the future of tourism in the mid-East. She is obviously a well-read, well-informed woman.

She had run Dorothy Ann Wiener Travel in the same location for 20 years as of July 1, 1994. Before that, she was in the industry with another agency for 11 years.

When I visited her office, it was crowded with bouquets from customers and friends who wished her well on her business anniversary and her recent birthday.

## Sail Away on A Tall Ship

The continental sloop Providence, a non-profit educational vessel and Rhode Island's official flagship, is offering family sails during July and August. The 110-foot Tall Ship Provi-

# Eunice Morris: A Life Dedicated to Helping Others

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

Eunice Morris has been a fighter her whole life. Now she's fighting on behalf of the middle-aged and elderly.

The Warwick resident volunteers as the women's initiative spokesperson for the American Association of Retired Persons. The AARP tries to ensure that the economic, social, health and long-term care needs of older women are met.

Morris has given presentations all over the country on the topics of inequality of employment, the lack of adequate pensions and health care.

The AARP is Morris' biggest responsibility, but by no means is it her only one.

Every Friday morning she volunteers for Rhode Island's senior health insurance program by counseling seniors at the Pilgrim Senior Center in Warwick on health insurance issues. She's also the publicity director of "Senior Journal," a program on Dimension Cable which reaches 200,000 homes.

To the ordinary person, Morris' hectic schedule would be exhausting. However, Morris is anything but ordinary.

"This is what's going to keep me young," said Morris. "I have no time to age. I consider it aerobics for the brain."

Morris learned from an early age that if she wants something badly enough, she has to work for it.

Growing up as the youngest of six children in a poor family in Bangor, Maine, Morris wore clothes handed down to her and toys were few and far between.

dence is an authentic replica of the first ship in Rhode Island's navy, and the first commissioned ship in the Continental Navy during the American Revolution. Children and families are invited to step aboard Providence and into history.

Providence became the first command of Captain John Paul Jones during the American Revolution. Jones, the father of the American Navy, later described her saying "she was the first and she was the best." She was the first American naval vessel to land marines and to fly the American flag on foreign soil. Although far smaller than many of the British ships she faced, Providence recorded more than 40 captures or sinkings and was the most successful American vessel of the Revolutionary War, earning the nickname "The Lucky Sloop." In 1779, at the Battle of the Penobscot River in Maine, Providence was scuttled by her own crew to avoid capture by the British.

Today, the Continental sloop Providence offers Classroom Under Sail programs and Tall Ship Summer Programs to school-age children, and apprenticeships for youth of all ages. Education programs aboard Providence are supported by grants from the Rhode Island Foundation, Prince Charitable Trusts and Fleet Charitable Trusts.

One day, the local drugstore held a contest for most sales, with the top boy and top girl winning a new bicycle.

Morris worked hard and won the red and silver bike. She still remembers the drugstore owner's kind words at the conclusion of the contest.

"Mr. Mitchell said, 'These young people will usually get in life what they strive for, because they have the extra drive,'" recalled Morris.

Mitchell's compliment proved to be prophetic. Morris has accomplished everything she has set her mind on.

After getting married in 1945, Morris moved with her husband Jerome to New York City. At a time when few women worked, Morris got a job as the administrative assistant to the dean of liberal arts at New York University.

Later she became the assistant to the agency manager at Equitable Life. Morris was responsible for 68 people on two floors.

Despite doing a good job, Morris was fired and replaced by an 18-year-old woman. Never one to take things lying down, Morris sued for age discrimination.

The state of New York was slow in reacting to Morris' claim, so she decided to represent herself in court, and she won. With the settlement, she would later buy her first car.

Incidentally, the 18-year-old only lasted three months because she couldn't handle the job.

At some point Morris decided she wanted to take the Internal

Revenue Service test, despite being an English student in college and having little knowledge of numbers. She started the class well behind the other students, but studied for 84 hours and scored 126 out of a possible 130.

Morris has worked as a tax counselor for the AARP for the last nine years.

After her husband passed away in 1984, Morris decided to retire and move to Rhode Island to be closer to her sister, Sylvia Shocket. Shocket is an active member of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

Morris loves living in the Ocean State.

"It was the wisest move I ever made," said Morris. "The people here are concerned about others. It's wonderful to wake up to the sound of birds chirping, instead of subways."

After Morris moved to Rhode Island, she became an active volunteer in the court system, serving as a court-appointed special advocate for abused and neglected children and facilitating restraining orders on behalf of abused women. She also worked as a counselor for a rape crisis center.

Morris has been given numerous awards for her unyielding service to the community, including the 1994 Beneficiary Services Certificate of Merit from the federal Health Care Financing Administration.

While awards are nice, Morris receives gratification from just assisting others.

"It's a wonderful feeling to help people," she said.

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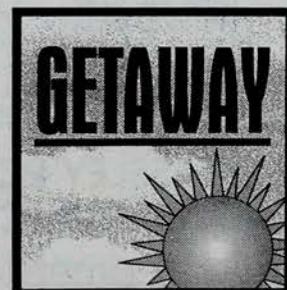
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