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Hebron Trial Reopening Draws Dozens of Jews, Few Muslims

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Dozens of Jewish worshipers, but only a handful of Muslims, took advantage of a brief opportunity recently to pray at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank town of Hebron.

The tomb was reopened Nov. 7 amid new security measures, but neither group appeared satisfied with the changes.

The site had been closed since February, when a Jewish settler from nearby Kiryat Arba, Dr. Baruch Goldstein, opened fire on Muslim worshipers, killing 29 people.

Following the Cabinet's approval on Nov. 6, the site was reopened for a trial period of two days, during which time a maximum of 300 Jews and an equal number of Muslims were to be

allowed in each day.

Barring any incidents, the tomb will be reopened again the week of Nov. 14.

Turnout on the first day of the trial was low.

Many Muslims respected a boycott called by Islamic fundamentalists who oppose any Jewish presence at the site, which is considered holy by both religions.

According to the new security arrangements, Jews and Muslims will hold their prayers in separate halls. They also will enter from different doorways. Each side also will have exclusive use of the site during 10 religious holidays each year.

In the wake of the February killings, all weapons are banned from the site. A specially trained unit of border guards monitor the worshipers, who have to go through metal detectors to get inside. Closed circuit television cameras and intercoms have been installed to enhance security.

Jewish and Muslim groups alike complained that the new security measures were unfair, and the security measures were apparently not airtight.

One member of the militantly anti-Arab Kach movement, Avishai Raviv, bragged Nov. 7 that he had been able to get past a security check despite an army ban preventing some 25 Kach members, including himself, from entering the site.

Will Oman Be Next To Tie The Knot?

by David Landau

JERUSALEM — The Persian Gulf state of Oman may be the next Arab country to establish full diplomatic ties with Israel.

Without providing details, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Nov. 8 that an Arab state would take the step in January. According to local media reports, the most likely candidate is Oman.

Strategically located at the tip of the Persian Gulf, Oman has maintained a secret relationship with Israel for 15 years, including a permanent Israeli presence on Omani soil, it was reported here last week.

The Israel presence in Oman was maintained by representatives of the prime minister's office, according to the daily newspaper *Ha'aretz*. The paper added that the Omani foreign minister, Yussuf ben-Allawi, had secretly visited Israel "more than once."

The publication of this report was apparently in anticipation of the forging of formal diplomatic relations between Israel and several Gulf states in the months ahead.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin held talks in the Omani capital of Muscat on Nov. 8, and his visit there was officially published by the government of Oman.

Oman, along with the Persian Gulf states of Qatar and Bahrain, indicated during the economic conference in Casablanca, that they would set up formal ties with Israel within six months.

Their decision was widely understood to carry the blessing of their rich and powerful neighbor, Saudi Arabia.

The foreign minister of Oman was among the dignitaries attending the Oct. 26 signing of the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty.

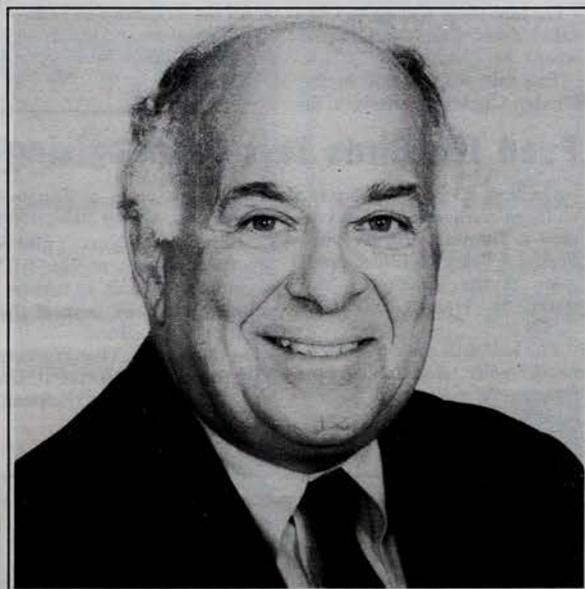
George Miller to be Honored

George Miller, community leader and Jewish Federation board member, will be honored at Meeting Street Center's Unsung Heroes luncheon. The luncheon is scheduled for Nov. 29, at the new Westin Hotel in downtown Providence.

Also being recognized are Adelaide Nicholson, William DeAngelus and Patricia Fournier Moran.

Miller has been involved in the organization of Meeting Street since 1974, eventually serving as chairman of the board as well as on several committees including nominating, strategic planning and capital campaign.

Meeting Street Center, the local affiliate of the National Easter Seal Society, provides educational and therapeutic services to children and adults with disabilities. Through programs such as Early Intervention Services, Meeting Street School and Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, the agency is committed to helping all indi-



Honoree George Miller

viduals achieve their maximum level of independence.

To obtain tickets for the Unsung Heroes luncheon, call Maureen Krasnow at Meeting

Street Center at 438-9500, ext. 234. Tickets are \$50 each, with individual patron tickets available at \$100. Patron tables of 10 are available at \$1,000.



Sure! He Can Smile!

Winter's coming. Attitude is everything in winter. To help you bolster yours, think "Skiing," as everyone was at the Ski and Travel Show at the Convention Center in Providence last weekend. Story on page 10.

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Israel and Syria Include Military Officials in Security Talks

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and Syria reportedly have agreed to allow military officials to join negotiations regarding security arrangements that would accompany any peace agreement between the two countries.

According to sources, Syria and Israel have made enough progress on the principles of a peace agreement to include military officers in the talks. Negotiations reportedly are centering on the extent of and timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, and the nature of relations between the two countries.

Israel's ambassador to Washington, Itamar Rabinovich, flatly denied the report that senior officers will take part in the Israeli-Syrian negotiations.

The development follows President Clinton's recent visit to the region, which was believed to have brought Syrian flexibility in two areas.

On the timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, Syrian President Hafez Assad has reportedly agreed to a withdrawal over a

period of 16 months.

Prior to Clinton's trip, Assad was demanding an Israeli withdrawal within one year, while Israel expressed its willingness to make a staged withdrawal over a period of five years.

After his talks with Clinton, Assad reportedly also agreed to make symbolic moves toward normalization of ties after the first phase of an Israeli withdrawal. But Assad was still against the full establishment of diplomatic ties, including the exchange of ambassadors, as Israel has been demanding.

In a related development, *The Sunday Times* of London quoted Rabin as saying that Israel has no plans to assert "sovereign rule over any part of the Golan Heights."

Political sources in Jerusalem reportedly denied the quote attributed to Rabin.

Citing Arab sources close to the talks Clinton held in Damascus, the *Times* article also said Clinton had agreed in principle to the stationing of American forces along a buffer zone between Israel and Syria.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Westin Will Open Dec. 1

The Rhode Island Convention Center Authority has announced that the official opening of The Westin Hotel, Providence, will take place on Dec. 1. The 363-room hotel is directly connected to the Rhode Island Convention Center. Opening festivities begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony

in the hotel's lobby. Gov. Bruce Sundlun and Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr., are scheduled to speak.

Following the ceremony, a brunch reception for invited guests and media will be held in The Arbor Cafe, the hotel's 220-seat casual restaurant.

1994 Nursing Grads Score High

More than 98 percent of the Bristol Community College's 1994 nursing class passed their licensing exam this year. In comparison, the pass rate of all those who took the exam in Massachusetts and took the exam nationally, including those who graduated from four-year colleges and universities, was only 90 percent.

Last year, Rhode Island area media coverage of low pass rates found in some schools raised the issue of nursing preparation, and BCC nursing faculty were interviewed to discover the college's secret to success on the nursing boards.

"It's no secret," said Dr. Marie Marshall, director of the BCC nursing program. "It is a credit to our faculty, who keep up with the trends and set demanding standards for our students to attain. Our students are also very motivated, and work hard to learn the material."

But Marshall does point to

some educational resources and some new techniques from which the students benefit. "The nursing program has had the generous support of some local donors who have given money to support our tutoring efforts. Through their generous gifts we have been able to buy videotapes and other learning materials. We have also been able to hire some recent nursing grads to tutor current students, which has been very helpful to the students."

Technology has also entered into the mix, added Marshall. "We have set up computer learning stations all over campus where nursing students can reinforce their classroom instruction," she said.

Bristol Community College's nursing program has a strong reputation throughout the state and region, making it one of the college's most competitive programs. The program receives as many as eight applications for every spot in the class.

Let's Talk Turkey

The Museum of Natural History at Roger Williams Park has something to "gobble" about. On Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. the museum will be unveiling a newly acquired piece of original artwork depicting a wild turkey in a natural setting, created by local artist Alan Carlson.

In addition, Brian Tefft, principal wildlife biologist with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Division of Fish, Wildlife & Estuarine Resources, will discuss the history of the wild turkey in Rhode Island.

The wild turkey painting is being donated by the R.I. National Wild Turkey Federation.

A mounted wild turkey, recently donated to the museum by the Department of Environmental Management, will be on exhibit in the museum's lobby.

The Museum of Natural History is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 785-9457 for further information.

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Thousands of Books For Sale

The Cranston Public Library will hold its semi-annual book-sale at the William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St. on Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Nov. 20, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. On Nov. 20, all books will be sold at half price. On Nov. 21, from noon to 6 p.m., selected remaining items will be available free of charge.

"Early birds" can attend The Friends of the Library Preview Sale on Nov. 18, from 7 p.m. to

10 p.m. Current members of The Friends of the Cranston Public Library, or those who join Nov. 18, will be admitted to the sale.

On Nov. 18 and 19, most hardbound books are priced at 75 cents each or three for \$2, paperbacks at 50 cents each or three for \$1.25, children's books at 50 cents each or three for \$1.25. In addition to the thousands of books available, phonorecordings and reference

books will be for sale.

A silent auction of books of a collectible nature will be held. Bids will be accepted throughout the booksale. Bids will be opened at 3 p.m. on Nov. 20.

Also on Nov. 19 and 20, most hardbound fiction books will be selling for \$2 a bag. Mass market paperback books will be sold for \$3 per tray.

Celebrating Our Lives

On Dec. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m., the HOPE Center and will present its fifth education program of the 1994 series on "Celebrating Ourselves and Our Lives."

Anna D'Epiro Mason, LICSW, GATC, will encourage participants of this experiential workshop to explore the celebration of themselves and their lives with words, thoughts, images and symbols.

After an initial introduction of the process of expressive art making, there will be a time for sharing and a brief quiet period of reflection. Participants will then be asked to become involved in an image making process, choosing from a variety of materials.

D'Epiro Mason states, "The objective of this workshop is to offer a way for individuals to claim the life they lead, increase self-awareness and promote self-esteem and connection to themselves and each other."

The presentation will be held at St. Martin's Church, Washburn Room, 24 Orchard St., Providence.

Call The HOPE Center at 454-0404 to reserve a seat.

The public is welcome. A \$5 donation is requested. Space is limited. The HOPE Center for Life Enhancement, at 297 Wickenden St. in Providence, R.I., offers support groups, educational series, and resources for persons living with cancer and for the people who love them.

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Designer Labels at Half Price

On Nov. 26, the Groden Center in Providence will host a special clothing sale.

Distinctive fashions and designer-labeled new apparel for men and women will be sold at 50 percent to 70 percent off original prices.

For her there will be items in sizes 4 to 20 — cocktail, career and formal dresses.

For him there will be jackets, suits, dress shirts and casual wear.

This sale will be held in the Groden Center gymnasium, 86

Mount Hope Ave., from noon until 3 p.m. There will be holiday music, punch with cheese and crackers, and a chance to win an "additional discount" prize! This is an unusual opportunity to purchase exclusive clothing at very affordable prices.

All proceeds will benefit the Groden Center, which is a center for the treatment and education of children and youth with autism and other developmental disorders.

Feed The Birds This Thanksgiving

On Nov. 23 from 3 to 5 p.m., children can learn how to prepare a Thanksgiving for birds during A Feast for Birds, a program at the Children's Museum, 58 Walcott St., Pawtucket.

The kids will see a tree decorated with delectable bird treats, and make bird feeders with Corelyn Senn, an expert. Senn will tell stories about how

to give the birds a delicious winter. Same day telephone registration is required; please call the museum at 726-2591 beginning at 9 a.m. to register.

There is no fee beyond the usual price of admission.

On Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day, the museum is closed. On Nov. 25, the museum re-opens, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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FEATURE

Bryant College Professor Forecasts Sagging Economic Future

We received the following economic survey and forecast in the mail this week from Dr. William B. Sweeney, professor of economics of Bryant College in Smithfield. We tried to edit it down to a short article. But not much fat remained on these bones. So here is the first half, substantially as we received it. (We hope events prove Sweeney erred on the side of caution.)

U.S. Economy

As interest rates climb and as the dollar falters on international markets, a recessionary downturn begins to look more likely in 1996.

The outlook for 1995 still remains favorable but forward motion of the Gross Domestic Product should diminish somewhat when compared with a greater than three percent rate projected for 1994.

Rhode Island Economy

The economy of the Ocean State is on the upswing. Nonetheless, this momentum will be something less than outstanding.

Rhode Island carries the dubious distinction of being the weakest sister in the New England group with the exception of Maine.

Unemployment will stay above the national average and personal income will continue to languish at below average growth rates.

As this country's recovery moves into its 14th quarter (3 years and 6 months), its strength has begun to wane. Economic growth this year (1994) and next year (1995) should be strong enough to make some progress on the employment front and to keep consumer purchasing on the upside. But there are some indications of a downturn developing by 1996.

The U.S. dollar overseas is very vulnerable to set backs due to a growing trade deficit. Consequently, the Federal Re-

serve will be forced to raise interest rates this year as well as next year. Higher interest levels here will attract investment funds from foreign sources.

Consumers are becoming more cautious about making important commitments to big ticket items.

While personal income growth should remain robust, consumers have become more dependent on debt financing. It is up 10 percent since the end of 1993.

It is becoming progressively more difficult to reduce unemployment below six percent as the economy approaches the full employment rate at five percent. Demand for unskilled workers is falling, and those that are able to find jobs discover very quickly that the remuneration is low.

There has been a slowdown in the rate of plant and equipment expansion as measured in real terms. A leveling out of capital investment on the part of the business community is indicative of strong reservations about the future.

The economy seems to be working towards a flat position. The following economic indicators have leveled out:

- Consumer confidence
- Housing starts
- New factory orders
- Average work week
- Industrial capacity level (84 percent).

The New England economy is beginning to show signs of strength. The recession of the early 1990s lingered longer in New England than it did in any other section of the country. The region has recovered fully and is now moving forward, especially on the unemployment.

Four states enjoy jobless rates that are lower than the national average (5.9 percent rate for September), but Maine and Rhode Island have chronic problems with growing jobs.

The outlook for Rhode Island

seems less favorable than the region as a whole. For the most part, the debt and tax burdens of these sister states are lower than that of the Ocean State.

In addition, business borrowings for 1994 were essentially flat in Little Rhody while they were expanding in the other New England states. Finally, retail sales over the past five years, according to the U.S. Government, jumped ahead regionally with the notable exception of the Ocean State.

Rhode Island is burdened by economic disincentives. They are as follows:

- One of the highest personal income tax rates in the United States;
- Gasoline excise tax and sales tax rate that rank in the top three nationally;
- Ninth highest corporate profits tax rate;
- Fourth highest per capita debt position;
- Worrisome debt service obligation that is sapping an estimated eight percent of the state's total yearly tax revenue.

These problems are compounded by the fact that the state government over the past three years has committed itself to several dubious investments, each of which holds the potential for huge losses to the taxpayer of Rhode Island. These obligations represent a future drag on the economy of the Ocean State for the next 30 to 40 years:

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Cinema at Coolidge Corner

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

If you got through both the ticket and the seating lines at the Coolidge Corner Theater in Brookline, Mass., you settled into a klezmer concert by the Boston Klezmet. Then the Jewish Film Festival got going with the screening of "The Last Klezmer." Filmmaker Yale Strom went to Poland to interview Leopold Kozlowski, whose father, mother and only brother were murdered in the War. "My wife has Parkinson's Disease, my daughter at 40 is unmarried, and a Pole," he tells us without further information or imagery. The beauty of this intensely focussed film lies in its concentrated and haunting simplicity. Kozlowski hugs a fellow Jewish partisan who had shared tombs in the cemetery where they hid out on the Nazis and the collaborators, coming out of Hell to steal food. At age 70, he lights candles in the forests and says kaddish for his lost family, remarkable musicians going by horse and wagon to bring joy to weddings. He brings back their spirits by teaching Yiddish and its melodies to youthful Polish students with clear voices but no grasp of the tone of this lost culture. "You have to feel the music in your heart. You have to be born with it. It grew in your mother's womb." Kozlowski speaks with the eloquence of Isaac Stern in "Mao to Mozart" but without Stern's American smugness. "No, I would not leave my graves to go to Israel at my age. At this point nobody insults me anymore. I have my space and my klezmer work. Poland, with-

out Jews, enjoys Fiddler and the Jewish spirit that gave so much art and beauty throughout Europe."

Documentary film packs lots of surprise and paradox. Kozlowski tells a passenger on a bus or metro that he is making a film about "Ukrainian national folk music." He doesn't trust his neighbors with the frank facts of what the Strom team is pursuing, a lost genre, a harmony hacked to death with knives and bayonets.

We drove to Boston with Sandy and Sally Kirshenbaum. They brought a picnic supper, which we ate in our seats while waiting for the second film of the festival, "Genghis Cohn," a British production by Elijah Moshinsky. This dybbuk story, adapted from a tale by the French survivor Romain Gary, author also of "The Roots of

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EDITORIAL

Is It Racist to Love Jews 'Put Away The Strange Gods' More Than Non-Jews?

by Rabbi Avi Weiss

In the course of a dialogue with a Reform colleague, Rabbi Stephen Franklin, I remarked that I feel greater pain when coming across the name of a Jewish victim of a plane crash than that of a non-Jewish victim. During a question and answer session, I was accused of having made a racist comment. The questioner protested that one should feel equal pain for all human beings.

Was he right? Is it racist for Jews to love other Jews more than non-Jews?

Why is there a separate Torah prescription to love Jews?

In the Torah there are two distinct commandments relating to loving one's fellow human being. One is the mitzvah to love humankind, ahavat habriyot, as every human being is created in the image of G-d. The other mitzvah is specifically related to love of one's fellow Jew. Isn't loving Jews subsumed under the general commandment to love everyone? Why is there a separate Torah prescription to love Jews?

Responding to this question, Rabbi Aharon Soloveichik suggests that the two loves are fundamentally different in nature. Loving all humankind is an intellectual love. It is a love which emanates from the mind, from objective reasoning. As such, the love is condi-

tional. If you were to cease caring about me, I would cease caring about you.

Loving other Jews, on the other hand, is an emotional love. It is a love which emanates from the heart, and is unconditional. I will love you regardless of whether you love me. If you cease loving me, I will yet continue to love you.

The distinction becomes clearer when comparing love of family to love of non-family. I love my spouse, children, grandchildren, parents and siblings in a way I don't love others. My connection is emotional. The love for them is more intense.

Would anyone accuse an individual of being prejudiced because he or she feels more pain when hearing that a family member has, G-d forbid, been tragically struck down, than a non-family member? Is it not natural to feel the intensity of that loss, more powerfully than the loss of others outside one's innermost circle?

If you were to cease caring about me, I would cease caring about you.

Am Yisreal is my family. Not my inner family, but my family nonetheless, my larger family. Rabbi Yehuda Halevy, the medieval poet and philosopher took it a step further. The Jewish people he wrote, can be compared to a human body.

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This week's Torah portion, Vayishlach, contains the episode of Dina's violation by Shechem, and her brothers' vindication of the crime. Finding idols among the spoils his sons had taken, Yaakov (Jacob) instructed them, "Put away the strange gods that are among you, and cleanse yourselves."

Maimonides cites this verse to support the ruling that the worship of idols renders a person spiritually unclean and impure.

The fact that Maimonides brings this verse as proof is unusual, for he rarely cites a textual basis in his writings. Interesting, too, is the fact that the Talmud cites totally different verses to support the Jewish law that idolatry causes spiritual defilement, whereas Maimonides quotes a little-known Midrash.

We must therefore conclude that Maimonides' intent was to teach us something else about the nature of idolatry and its consequences.

The very existence of idolatry raises certain fundamental questions. How can an entity even exist whose sole purpose is to conceal the oneness and unity of G-d and His dominion over creation? This very ques-

tion was asked by the ancient King Ptolemy of the 70 sages whom he forced to translate the Torah into Greek. Their answer was that G-d is in no way required to destroy His world just because some foolish people choose to worship the sun and the moon.

And yet, one may still wonder why the world was created in such a way as to leave room for people to worship false gods. Why didn't G-d make His presence and rulership over the world more obvious, so that no one would ever be led astray and the futility of idol worship would be immediately apparent?

The answer lies in the above verse itself: "Put away the strange gods that are among you." The existence of paganism was allowed by G-d solely for the purpose of it being rejected and refuted.

G-d wants the Jewish people to actively fight the notion that any power can exist aside from Him, and to constantly demonstrate His oneness.

The prohibition against idolatry is different from all other prohibitions in the Torah, first it proscribes something which does not really exist; laws such

as those against eating non-kosher food or possessing leaven on Passover deal with actual entities that the Torah forbids us to eat or derive pleasure from.

Idol worship, however, is only an illusion, for in reality, nothing can exert any influence over creation aside from the Creator Himself. G-d's desire is that man, through his service, uncover this truth and come to the realization that idolatry is false.

On a deeper level, not only does idolatry have no independent existence, but neither can any entity outside of G-d; the entire world is but a part of G-d's unity. The divine mission of the Jew is to reveal this underlying reality through the medium of Torah and mitzvot.

This realization should give us much encouragement in life, for no matter how many obstacles we may encounter in our service of G-d, we must always bear in mind that they are just as illusory as the worship of idols.

G-d is the only reality that truly exists. All we need do is "put away the strange gods" that are among us and the truth will be revealed.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

'A New Spin on Chanukah'

Judaism is rich with traditions, and among the Jewish holidays, Chanukah, with the lighting of the menorah, the eating of latkes and donuts, and the playing with dreidels, is no exception.

However, Judaism cannot just be defined as a religion of resonant traditions, because such a definition obscures its vital, vibrant and relevant nature. When our sages said that the words of Torah must be as new as on the day when they were given on Mount Sinai, they surely meant to emphasize the need to view Torah as belonging to the present, not the past. The daily blessings we recite on the Torah express this truth. We don't say "Blessed are you G-d, who has given the Torah," but rather "Blessed are you G-d who gives us the Torah" ... who gives the Torah this very day, this very moment.

In this context Chanukah can be seen not as the day when the brave Maccabees of the past defeated the Syrian Greek forces, but as today, when we are given divine assistance to defeat the forces of alienation and indifference.

Menorah lighting is not just a reminder of an ancient temple ritual. It brings spiritual light to this world, transforming darkness into light, a dual commemoration of the dedication of the temple 2,400 years ago and the dedication of the temple this year.

In viewing Chanukah as an ongoing saga one comes to realize the basic concept of Judaism. A religion which is obsessed with the past represents a philosophy that has essentially yielded to the forces of convention and mediocrity. History students tend to be pessimistic about the future. For those focused on the past, the

future will never change. Too many live by the cliché "History is condemned to repeat itself."

The traditional Jew who commemorates the defeat of the Syrian Greeks, is just one rung above the pessimistic historian. He hopes that despite the fact that we will always have to struggle with the modern day Syrian Greeks for our survival as Jews, with G-d's help we will make it.

From one battle to the next, Jewish life seems to be a continuous struggle to regain our footing so that we can be pushed down once more. But, not to worry, G-d will rescue us once again. The difference is not one of substance, but rather one of degree and nuance. Both the secular historian and the Jew of faith who lives with the past, acknowledge the futility of real change. Both have resigned themselves to an uncertain future. Both lack awareness of the actualization of the ultimate radical changes that G-d has promised.

Chanukah represents the opposite of convention. The Hasmonians, commentators inform us, were permitted to use any olive oil. Yet they insisted on only untouched, undefiled oil, not because defiled was unkosher, but because they were intent on excellence, doing things "unconventionally." From this we can view Chanukah as a time when we say to G-d, "We know that you will accept us even if we are not perfect." We know that circumstances are such that we can get away with basic observance, but is that really what we are all about? Can G-d not make it so that we don't have to get away with less? For our part, we will not allow ourselves to be satisfied with mediocrity, we will do things with excellence and

beauty, according to the highest possible standards."

And G-d reciprocated. He performed the great miracle where the pure, undefiled oil lasted for eight days instead of only one.

It is interesting that our commentators raised the question of why we celebrate Chanukah for eight days. A one day supply of oil was available, so the first day cannot be considered miraculous?

The answer to this question can be drawn from the explanation given previously. One who has a single cruse of pure oil and thinks that for the future he will make do with something substandard ... for him even this pure oil becomes tainted with despair and resignation.

Our ancestors, however, lit the menorah without compromise and regarded the lone jug of pure oil that lasted for eight days as heralding a glorious chapter for the future of the Jewish people.

This is Chanukah, an obsession with optimism, with excellence, with hope and certainty. An attitude like this can only exist for those for whom Judaism is a way of life ... who seek to live their lives to the fullest.

And, as our mystical sages tell us, Chanukah represents the "Hidden Light" which will be fully revealed in the age of redemption, the light that will enable us to "see from one end of the world to the other," that is, light that will remove all barriers and constraints.

The hope that we express for the coming of Moshiach and the age of redemption, is our way of expressing what the Hasmonians of the past felt.

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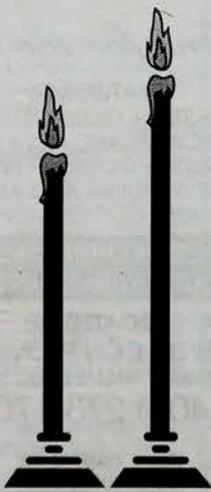
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EDITORIAL

Survey Finds Jewish Educators Committed, But Not Trained

From an article
by Larry Yudelson
of the JTA

NEW YORK (JTA) — Most teachers in Hebrew schools, day schools and Jewish preschools see their job as a career, even if they are only working part-time. That is one finding of a study, conducted by the Council of Initiatives of Jewish Education, based on questionnaires filled out by more than 80 percent of the Jewish educators in Atlanta, Baltimore and Milwaukee.

The study also found, however, that only a small percentage of those teachers had any formal training as Jewish educators.

"This goes part of the way to explain why people's supplementary (Hebrew school) experience was the way it was," said Alan Hoffman, executive director of CIJE.

Taken together, Hoffman insists the twin findings "offer a huge opportunity for the Jewish community."

"You have teachers in classrooms for whom investment in their professional backgrounds, both as educators and as Jews, will have immediate payoff," he said.

Currently, according to the survey, day school teachers receive only one-sixth the amount of continuing education that a state like Wisconsin mandates for public school teachers.

Most of the supplementary school teachers had little or no Jewish education since their bar or bat mitzvah. And the majority of preschool educators had no more than one day a week of Jewish education as children.

In the three cities surveyed, discussion has already begun on what to do in light of the data. One emerging possibility is the creation of master's degree programs in Jewish educa-

tion in communities which now lack them.

Such moves toward professionalizing Jewish education will be boosted by the survey, which dispels an image of Jewish educators as transient.

The survey found that two-thirds of the educators had been teaching for more than five years. Even among part-time teachers, more than half consider Jewish education their profession. Only 7 percent are Israeli, dispelling another common myth about these educators.

But only 31 percent of the teachers had been trained in Jewish studies, and just more than half had professional education training. A third had training in neither field.

The 983 teachers surveyed, 84 percent of whom were women, were almost evenly divided between day school, supplementary school, and preschool teachers.

The survey was conducted by Adam Gamoran, professor of sociology and educational policy studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Ellen Goldring, professor of educational leadership and associate dean of Peabody College of Education, Vanderbilt University.

The survey was undertaken as part of CIJE's Lead Communities Project, which aimed to use the Jewish educational systems in the three communities as laboratories for revamping Jewish education. Hoffman, of CIJE, believes that the results can be generalized across North America, noting the similarity of the results in the different cities — as well as their similarities to previous studies of Jewish teachers in Miami and Los Angeles.

Improving teacher training has been a central mandate for CIJE, which was created in 1990 as an outgrowth of the

Commission on Jewish Education in North America.

Headed by Morton Mandel, a billionaire Cleveland industrialist and former president of the Council of Jewish Federations, the commission had warned in its final report of "a shortage of well-trained and dedicated educators for every phase of Jewish education."

The new survey will be officially released at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, being held in Denver this month.

While supplementary school teachers are less likely to have general education training than their day school or preschool counterparts, nonetheless 41 percent have a university degree in education, and a further 5 percent a degree from a teachers institute.

Sixty-two percent of preschool teachers, and 60 percent of day school educators, have a degree in education.

One finding that particularly disturbed the CIJE researchers was the clear lack of Jewish background among the preschool teachers.

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'We Must Dance!'

by Rabbi Hershy Worch

Reb Shlomo wrote a hauntingly melodious song about an event in this week's Sedra, no, not a kiss, a fight!

Jacob found himself alone, in the middle of the night, on the wrong side of the River Jabok, when a man began fighting with him. They struggled till daylight.

But why was Jacob alone? What had he mislaid on the previous trip across the river that was worth risking his life for? Small flasks of oil, says the Talmud, Jacob was anxious not to abandon them. So, after he had safely seen his family over the river he went back to find the flasks of oil in the dark.

The Torah tells us, "Jacob was left all alone." Now, is there, or was there, I ask you, ever anyone so alone as Jacob? Has anyone had to struggle so long through such a never ending night? And then, who could ever be as lonely as Jacob if not G-d?

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A New Spin

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We do not want mediocrity any more than we want oppression. We refuse to be satisfied in finding solace in the knowledge that things were worse in the past.

Relatively speaking, life is quite good now. The belief in and anticipation of Moshiach, seen as the true nature of Chanukah, is a powerful repudiation of this quasi "theory of relativity." We want essential goodness, we want unadulterated purity, we want uncompromised Jewish life and happiness. And this awareness rises to our consciousness especially during Chanukah, with the knowledge that G-d will fulfill on His promise to make this world ideal.

This year, as we light the Chanukah menorah, let us look forward to a time when there will be no restraints on our Jewishness. Our task now is to remove all self-imposed constraints as we beseech G-d to usher in an age characterized by purity and integrity — the age of redemption.

Submitted by Rabbi Eliezer Levy

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS



Dr. Robert Satloff

Dr. Satloff to Speak at Temple Emanu-El

An expert on Arabs and Islam, Dr. Robert Satloff, will speak at Temple Emanu-El on Nov. 20 at 10 a.m.

This lecture, "The Old and the New Middle East," is presented by the Temple Emanu-El library and Kulanu, successor to the Men's Club and the Sisterhood, in celebration of Jewish Book Month.

Satloff is the executive director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a foundation established in 1985 to promote informed debate on U.S. policy in the Middle East.

He has written widely on Palestinian and Jordanian affairs and the repercussions of Islamic elections, and served as a member of President-elect

Jews Fear For Domestic Agenda

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Stung by Democratic defeats in the recent elections, many Jews find themselves grappling with the rightward tidal wave that has swept the country.

"The entire domestic agenda is clearly in trouble," said Jerome Chanes, co-director for domestic concerns at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, an umbrella organization.

With new Republican majorities in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, Jewish activists across the political spectrum predict a tumultuous time for Jewish domestic concerns on Capitol Hill beginning in January.

Faced with the loss of many longtime supporters of Israel and other Jewish causes — including nine Jewish lawmakers — many in the Jewish community have already begun to re-evaluate strategies and legislative priorities for the coming year.

How the Jewish community reacts to the altered balance of power in Washington depends in part on the level of cooperation that Republicans strike with the Clinton administra-

tion, analysts say.

American Jews, who vote overwhelmingly Democratic, and Jewish organizations, which tend to have a liberal bent, basked in the past two years of Democratic rule.

Organizations were generally more concerned with shaping good legislation than opposing what they saw as harmful initiatives.

Jewish organizations supported much of the recent congressional domestic agenda, including abortion rights legislation, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. They also supported Clinton's goal of universal health care coverage and welfare reform.

But now many activists fear a new role will emerge for Jewish groups as the Republican majority launches more conservative initiatives, such as school prayer and budget cuts that could harm social programs.

Jews in the 104th Congress:

Senate — Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Russell Feingold (D-Wis.), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Herb Kohl (D-Wis.), Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), Carl Levin (D-Mich.), Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), Arlen Specter

(R-Pa.), and Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.)

House of Representatives — Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.), Anthony Beilenson (D-Calif.), Howard Berman (D-Calif.), Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.), Peter Deutsch (D-Fla.), Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), Bob Filner (D-Calif.), Jon Fox (R-Pa.), Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Martin Frost (D-Texas), Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), Sander Levin (D-Mich.), Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), Bernard Sanders (I-Vt.), Steve Schiff (R-N.M.), Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Norman Sisisky (D-Va.), Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Sidney Yates (D-Ill.), and Dick Zimmer (R-N.J.).

Blood Drives Continue

Blood drives are scheduled for the following dates:

On Nov. 22 at Brown University in Sayles Hall on Waterman Street, Providence, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Nov. 23 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Auditorium, 5th floor, 830 Chalkstone Ave., Providence, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and at WHJY Radio, 115 Eastern Ave., East Providence, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



TAMING LETHAL PARASITES, (from left) doctoral student Miriam Argaman and Dr. Michal Shapira of the Weizmann Institute of Science make progress that will benefit people all over the world.

Clinton's National Security Transition Team, focusing on the Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Satloff also lectures at Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced and International Studies. He received degrees from St. Antony's College, Oxford University, Harvard University and Duke University.

Sunday's program brings him back to his native city. The event is open to all concerned members of the community and will take place in the Alperin Meeting House, starting at 9:30 a.m.

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Key to Parasites' Survival in Man Identified

Part of the genetic mechanism that allows Leishmania — one-celled parasites that infect millions of people worldwide — to survive in man has been identified in a recently published Weizmann Institute study.

This development may even-

tually enable scientists to interfere with this mechanism so as to impair the parasites' ability to reside in the human body.

Leishmania parasites are carried by sandflies and transferred to man and other mammals, causing severe skin lesions and mucosal infections

as well as attacking internal organs in an often fatal form of the disease.

Upon moving from insects to mammals, Leishmania must adapt to an environment with a radically different temperature and chemical composition. In the course of this adaptation their lashlike appendages used for motion — called flagella — disappear, and their genetic instructions for protein production are altered.

The Institute team — consisting of Dr. Michal Shapira, post-doctoral fellow Rady Aly and doctoral student Miriam Argaman of the Institute's department of membrane research and biophysics — has now pinpointed where and how these genetic alterations occur.

They found that unlike heat-shock gene expression in all other organisms — whose regulation depends mainly on the transcription of DNA to RNA

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Poland Retracts Arafat's Invitation

by Susan Birnbaum and Naomi Segal

NEW YORK (JTA) — Nobel Peace Prize winner or not, Jewish groups opposed Polish President Lech Walesa's invitation to Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat to attend ceremonies in marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Walesa, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983 for his leadership of the Solidarity union movement in Poland, reportedly had planned to invite all living winners of the award to the Jan. 27 event.

But the Polish president has backed down on the Arafat invitation, according to Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and the World Jewish Congress, whose executive director, Elan Steinberg, received the word Nov. 4 from officials at the Polish Embassy in Washington.

The decision not to invite Arafat was made according to a formulation under which "Walesa and the Polish government will invite all Nobel Peace Prize winners up to last year only," Peres told Israel Radio.

Parasites

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— control of protein gene expression in Leishmania takes place only after the RNA is formed.

"This finding," says Shapira, "gives us a basis for genetically engineering a non-virulent species of Leishmania that is sensitive to body heat, which could be used for vaccination purposes."

In a related study the researchers designed a novel approach enabling them to determine how the parasites control the expression of a set of genes encoding for a small RNA molecule well known for its key role in the parasites' regulatory mechanisms. "While gene regulation in non-protzoan organisms has been largely clarified in recent years," says Shapira, "very little is known about this process in Leishmania and parasitic protozoa of the same family."

There are 12 million victims of leishmaniasis worldwide, with 700,000 new cases reported each year. There is no effective vaccine against the disease, and chemotherapy — based on drugs such as Pentostam and Glucantime — is toxic and often harmful.



Life Is Better Now

Jewish students in front of a local public school in Sofia, Bulgaria. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee helps organize Jewish educational, cultural, social and religious programs for children and young adults in the Bulgarian Jewish community. Photo by Roy Mittelman

German Jewish Leader Charges New Party Anti-Semitic

by Gil Sedan

BONN (JTA) — The leader of German Jewry, Ignatz Bubis, has said that Germany's party of Democratic Socialism may share the anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist views of its predecessor, the Communist Party of East Germany.

In an interview, Bubis urged "all democratic parties" to dis-

tance themselves from the Democratic Socialists.

Charging that the politics of the leadership of the former East Germany was stained with racism, Bubis said the successors to the Communist Party had failed until now to disengage themselves completely from the policies of the parent party.

"With the followers of (former East German President Erich) Honecker, one cannot tell whether they just adapt or whether they have been persuaded (to change their ways)," said Bubis.

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Jordan's Lower House OKs Peace Treaty

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jordan's lower house of Parliament approved the peace treaty with Israel on Nov. 6, with 55 members of the 80-member chamber voting in favor of the historic accord.

The voting in the Jordanian Parliament took place the same day the Israeli Cabinet also approved the treaty.

The full Israeli Knesset had overwhelmingly approved the accord Oct. 25, a day before Israel and Jordan signed the treaty officially ending the 46-year state of war between the two countries and opening the way to full diplomatic, economic and cultural ties.

The treaty must now be approved by the 40-member upper house before being signed by King Hussein.

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At a first-ever joint press conference given by Israel's minister of tourism, Hon. Uzi Baram and Hon. Dr. Mohammed Adwan, minister of tourism and antiquities of Jordan, in Lisbon, Portugal, future cooperation between the two countries was discussed.

Baram pointed out that despite the fact that Israel may lose tourism overnights because American visitors who normally come to Israel for an 11-day visit would probably for the next few years reduce their stay to eight or nine days in order to accommodate a visit to Jordan, the benefits to Israel would be immense.

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The three works from the 1994 WCRB top 40 play list that will be performed are Beethoven's ever-popular "Symphony No. 5 in C minor," Rimsky-Korsakov's dramatic "Scheherazade" and Handel's "Suite No. 2 in D major" from "Water Music."

The program will be conducted by guest conductor Kirk Muspratt, resident conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony. The concert is sponsored by Narragansett Electric.

Recognized as one of the outstanding figures in the new generation of conductors, Kirk Muspratt has earned international critical acclaim. He was promoted to the position of resident conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony by Music Director Lorin Maazel last season.

Tickets to the concert are \$18, \$28 and \$32 for adults and \$15, \$25 and \$30 for students, seniors and the disabled. Tickets may be purchased at the Philharmonic office, 222 Richmond Street, Providence, by phone 831-3123 or fax 831-4577 using Mastercard or Visa, or in person during business hours, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Temple Am David to Host Mishuganah Wedding

On Dec. 10, Temple Am David will be the setting for "Aaron and Sharon's Mishuganah Wedding." The public is invited to attend this hilarious Jewish traditional

wedding. Hors d'oeuvres and a full dinner will be served.

Temple Am David is the first Rhode Island temple to host this comedy wedding. In fact, it could be said that the temple's

The Leisure Club Celebrates Jewish Book Month

The topic for Jewish Book Month this year, Nov. 4 to 26, is "Adventure With Jewish Books."

The Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will present a book review on Nov. 20, at 2 p.m.

Lillian Schwartz, temple librarian, will discuss the latest fiction by author Gloria Goldreich. Her novel, *That Year of Our War*, takes the reader back to 1944. It has received enthusiastic reviews.

Schwartz has served as librarian at Temple Emanu-El since 1974. She has created several award-winning cooperative reading incentive programs for the religious school, and has presented many adult and children's book reviews for temple and community groups.

Leisure Club members and friends are welcome to attend the program and the social hour which will follow.

Proposals Invited for New Play Commissions

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture has announced for the third year its grants program to support New Play Commissions in Jewish Theater. The program for the NFJC's Jewish Endowment for the Arts and Humanities is supported by a special project grant from the Nathan Cummings Foundation for New Creativity in the Arts.

The grant can be used for any aspect of new play development including commissioning fee, the playwright's residency, expenses or workshop costs. Commissions must be undertaken between summer 1995 and spring 1996, and the theater company must commit to presenting the play to the public in at least a workshop production and/or staged reading.

Proposals must be received at NFJC's offices by Jan. 27, 1995.

Applications can be obtained by contacting Matt Price at the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 330 7th Avenue (21st floor), New York, N.Y. 10001, (212) 629-0500, ext. 213.

BCC Theatre Explores Murder

In most small towns, things aren't always as they seem. On Nov. 17, 18 and 19, Bristol Community College Theatre Rep will perform "The Rimers of Eldritch," a play that exposes some ugly truths about the peo-

ple in one small town in the midwest. The play begins at 8 p.m. in the arts center, on the main stage at BCC.

"The Rimers of Eldritch" was written by Lanford Wilson. "The play ... is an exploration of the way people are misled by following appearances," according to Rylan Brenner, artistic director of BCC Theatre Rep.

Tickets are \$8 and \$3 for students and seniors. For more information on this production, call 678-2811, ext. 2442.

Lights

by Niles Welch

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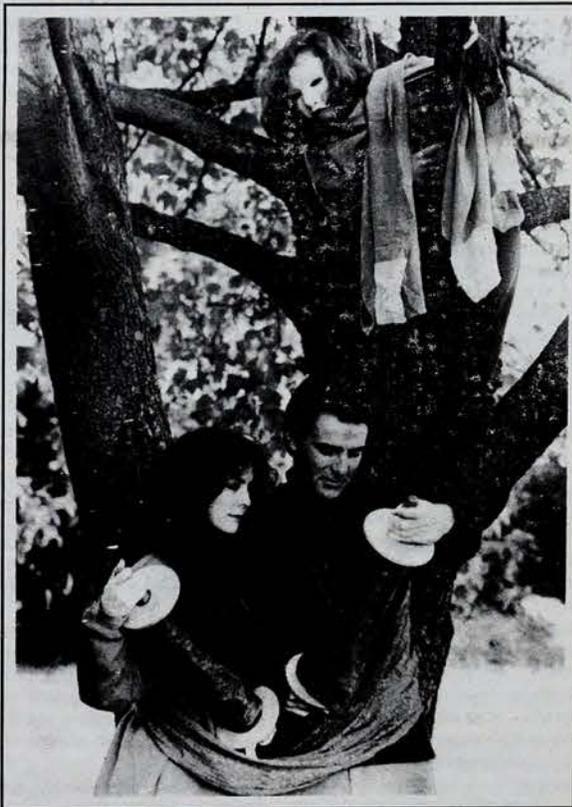
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'Guarding the Garden'

Temple Torat Yisrael will present a musical production called, "Guarding the Garden" on Nov. 26 at 8 p.m.

This production is the annual Ira and Anna Galkin concert, and is free and open to the public due to the generosity of the Galkin family.

The production will be staged by the New Legends theatrical company from Philadelphia. It is a hilarious and daring musical interpretation of the Garden of Eden story, also touching on the ori-

gins of our environmental crisis.

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Stories From Survivors And One Who Didn't Make It

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Appropriately, during the month of November when we remember Kristallnacht, we received two small books to review that focused on the children of the Holocaust.

One, *Hiding To Survive*, by Maxine B. Rosenberg, is a collection of first person stories of 14 children who made it through the Holocaust and into adulthood and tell us what it was like to survive.

The book starts with a short introduction which sets the stage, historically, for what happened to these children. Each story begins with a picture of the child involved as a child, usually smiling out at us with their family around them. By the end of the story we know who in the family did not make it.

At the conclusion of each story there is a follow-up, giving us details of any contacts and reunions with the savior families, and a description of what the survivor is now doing. Pictures are included — both of the survivor in adulthood, and of any rescuing family members still alive today. The pictures bring each story closer to us. Who would have guessed that that grim old couple would risk their lives for a small, shy child they'd never met before? Why would anyone shoot a little 4-year-old girl named Mala? Look how close they were, these kids. But only two of them survived and found each other after the war.

This is a book about a terrible event, but it is not a book that leaves you despairing. After all, these kids did make it. "The number of Jewish children who were hidden during the Holocaust is estimated to be somewhere between ten thousand and five hundred thousand. The range is so vast because there are no records of the children and rescuers who were caught and killed by the Nazis. ... In any case, it's guessed that about 1 percent of the Gentile population in Europe hid Jewish children."

When I read this book, I was amazed at the fortitude and courage of the rescuing families. Not only were the parents putting their lives on the line, they were also putting their own children's lives on the line. The Nazis were as quick to shoot the children of traitors as they were to shoot Jewish children.

Survival demanded hardihood through the most awful conditions, month after month. It also demanded lightning quick reflexes and decision-making. The Germans turned into your yard, there was a Jewish child having a bit of bread in the kitchen, you stalled the Germans any way you could while your wife or son hid the fugitive. As soon as the Germans left, you took the child by the hand and started walking to the next "safe" house, hoping someone would still be there to take the child ... and on, and on ...

And the people who did the rescuing were not saints, did not seem particularly fond of Jews, were not getting rich by doing it, and in many cases, weren't even that fond of children. Apparently, the thing they had in common was that they knew it was the right thing to do. Where a heart-overhead, compassionate person might waver, might hesitate to break up families at the sound of a bootstep, might weep when tear-stained eyes would draw dangerous attention, these people were as matter-of-fact as surgeons performing difficult surgery. And that's probably what made them successful rescuers. They saw reality clearly, knew what had to be done, and did it as soon as possible, dry-eyed. There were scenes, now and then, and tears, but the rescuers continued to function. Their nerve did not fail them. And that, not pity or horror or righteous indignation, made them effective when it counted. Read this book, if you can. It's fascinating.

The other book, *Tales From the Secret Annex*, by Anne Frank, is a collection of little essays and short stories written by Anne herself.

They reveal her sweetness of nature, her sense of humor, and her really astonishing ability, at that age, to see and understand what was motivating the people around her, and what was important.

Would these stories have been published if they'd been written by some other youngster?

I don't know. Probably not. It's very hard to break into publishing. But the fact is, they were written by this youngster — Anne Frank — and so they are special, because through them we get to know her more deeply.

If you have a child of 9 or 10, he or she will find this book very moving. You might too.

JCCRI Presents 'A Show of Hands'

Handmade children's clothing, ceramics, woven scarves and throws, sterling silver pieces ... these are a few of the items available for purchase at this year's Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island "A Show of Hands" 19th annual Artisans' Crafts Fair.

A special opening night preview and reception, where attendees can meet the artisans and enjoy gourmet refreshments, will be held on Nov. 19 from 8 to 10 p.m. at the JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. The craft sale continues on Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Since 1975, the JCCRI's annual "A Show of Hands" fair has grown to be widely known for its selection of handmade items including clothing, jewelry and artwork. Last year's fair attracted everyone from the occasional browser to the holiday shopper to the avid collector. Over 30 artisans from around the northeast region, selectively chosen from a pool of applicants by a special committee, will display their crafts for sale.

Three "Best of Show" awards will be chosen by judges: *Rhode Island Monthly Magazine* Editor Dan Kaplan, Rhode Island School of Design

Klezmer Concert Is Thanksgiving Weekend

Michael (Fishel) Bresler's Klezmer orchestra will serve up an evening of Eastern European and Sephardic Jewish music at the Stone Soup coffeehouse on Nov. 26.

The show will start at 8 p.m. and tickets will be \$6 at the door.

The coffeehouse rents space in the social hall of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 15 Hayes St., near the Statehouse. Call 826-7743 or 781-0061 for more information.

Museum Director Doreen Bolger and artist Patricia Schreiber, who has previously displayed her works in the JCCRI's Gallery 401.

Tickets for the opening night preview and reception are \$7.50 and include Sunday admission. Reservations by Nov. 15 are appreciated. The Sunday Craft Fair tickets, which may be

purchased at the door, are \$3.50 per person with a \$10 maximum per family; children under 12 are admitted at no charge.

There will be a kosher lunch cafe, bake sale and children's entertainment and activities on Sunday. Babysitting is available while parents shop. For more information about this year's show, contact Evy Rapoport at 861-8800.

Walnut Oil Perfect for Chanukah Cooking

NEW YORK — As is traditional, Jews throughout the world celebrate Chanukah by indulging in such fried foods as sufganiot and potato latkes. For the health-conscious consumer who wants to enjoy these traditional dishes but is concerned about the calories and cholesterol levels of vegetable oil, walnut oil is an alternative for preparing healthier Chanukah meals.

Walnut oil contains no cholesterol, sodium or addi-

tives and has high levels of polyunsaturated fats and linoleic acids which help reduce blood cholesterol levels. A truly all-purpose oil, it can be added to salad dressings and marinades and is good for grilling, baking and broiling. Its high smoke point also makes it ideal for frying.

Kedem Walnut Oil, a kosher product, is available in a 24-ounce bottle with a suggested retail price of \$3.69.

Safam/Zamir Chorale Benefit Concert

On Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. the Safam and Zamir Chorales will reunite at Northeastern University's Blackman Auditorium in a concert to benefit the scholarship fund of Camp Yavneh, the oldest operating Hebrew-speaking camp in the United States.

Zamir has been performing under the musical direction of Yavneh alumni Joshua Jacobson for 25 years. It specializes in the music of Israel and the various Jewish traditions.

Safam, in its 20th season, will sing with Zamir as it first did 20 years ago to the month. Safam's original compositions make them the most sought after Jewish-American band in the country.

For ticket information, call the camp office at (617) 739-0363.

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Craft and Gift Fair

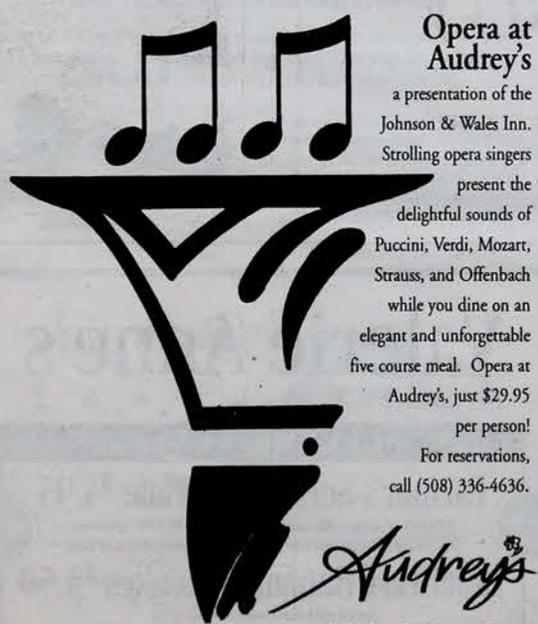
Temple Am David, Warwick, will be sponsoring a craft and gift show on Nov. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be gift items for all ages, including toys, books and collectibles. Temple Am David is located at 40 Gardiner St. near Hoxie Four Corners. For more information, call 463-7944.

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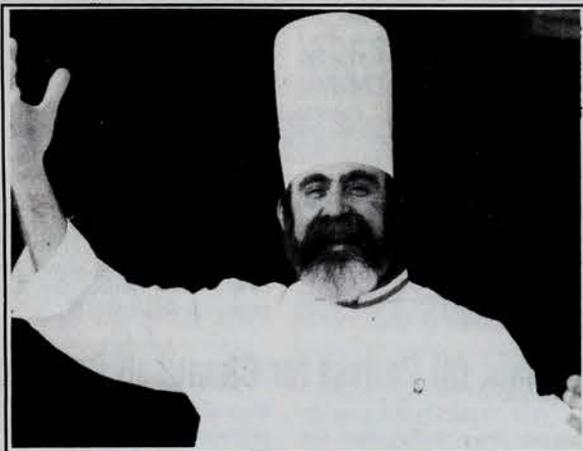
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GEORGE KAROUSOS, master chef and owner of the Sea Fare Inn, presents fine dining in an elegant atmosphere. Karousos and the restaurant have earned numerous national and international awards.

Sea Fare Inn: Excellence In Fine Dining

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

The Sea Fare Inn, at 3352 East Main Road in Portsmouth, takes the dining experience to a new level.

Every detail, from the food, to the service, to the ambiance are taken into consideration. The result is a meal that will put a smile on the face of even the toughest critic.

The restaurant is the recipient of the Four Diamond Award. This distinction is given to those establishments that have passed a rigorous American Auto-

motive Association inspection. The award is presented to less than four percent of the nearly 29,000 AAA-rated restaurants and lodgings in the United States and Canada.

However, the Sea Fare Inn isn't content with this high achievement. Next year it aspires for the Five Diamond Award. For this goal to be achieved, a few improvements will have to be made, such as increasing the service team for each table from four to five and adding cloth chairs.

The driving force of this culi-

nary gem is owner and master chef George Karousos and his wife Anna. George does a great deal of the cooking himself and Anna is responsible for the elegant decorations, training the staff and a number of other responsibilities.

Karousos' philosophy of cooking is known as Archestratious Cuisine, which involves fresh, seasonal ingredients and light sauces used to enhance the foods' natural flavors.

The 14-year-old restaurant is housed in an 1887 Victorian mansion. There are several beautifully decorated rooms to choose from. Many special occasions, such as weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs are hosted by the Sea Fare Inn.

On a recent visit, my guest and I had the opportunity to sample several items from the extensive menu, including stuffed mushrooms, chowder, seafood bisque, filet mignon with garlic sauce and swordfish with black caviar.

For dessert we had chocolate pate with dark and white fudge chocolate, surrounded by a pool of white and dark chocolate sauce and a trio of cheesecakes. All the food was as delicious and aesthetically pleasing.

The service was remarkable. After each serving, the used silverware was removed and new silverware put in its place, and all crumbs were brushed away. Our waiter, Lee, made sure the table setting was neat at all times.

The waiters at the Sea Fare Inn are not only well trained, but all hold a four-year culinary degree.

For reservations or more information, call 683-0577.

What Was Missing?

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

We've been to several "shows" at the Convention Center this year, and, of course, they have varied in excitement level. The flower show was such a hit, it's hard to see how they'll top it next year. The bridal show worked quite well, and will probably be more entertaining next year. The ski and travel show needs help.

The basic idea was good ... at the very beginning of the season, heighten the interest by bringing a big show to town, complete with demonstrations, suppliers and promotions by the ski area.

The execution didn't work. When you've seen one blue-gray Green or White mountain netted with ski trails, you've seen them all. No one enjoys skiing from a small plane, overhead. Line up a dozen of these promotional booths, and the effect is that of one continuous travel agency. You enjoy skiing moment by moment, turn by turn, panoramic view downhill by panoramic view. Mount some three-dimensional viewers on those booth counters and treat potential customers to a 20-slide trip down one of the beginner or intermediate trails.

Bring down one of the instructors from each major re-

sort — one who deals well and patiently with beginner questions — and let him or her interact with individuals who might actually try skiing this year. Give him or her space to demonstrate the correct body torque for entering a turn. Hand out passes for one free lesson with that particular instructor. People will spend hundreds of dollars to take advantage of a truly free offer — or to try something a little scary with someone they already feel they know.

As people enter the hall, walk them through a short tunnel where the air temperature is just above freezing, and artificial snow is falling. Keep the demonstrations on fake snow going all day long. Have young actors or mimes wander the aisles in chic ski clothing, amusing the children and catching the eye of the adults. Have a drawing every single hour for a weekend at one of the resorts — preferably one of the lesser known ones, where the publicity will be worth its weight in gold, and such an opportunity fully appreciated.

We are interested in skiing, and are planning to become skiers again, so when we criticize this show, it's because we want it to succeed in future years.

Mike Fink

(Continued from Page 3)

Heaven," stars Antony Sher as Genghis, a Jewish comedian who perished at Dachau, Robert Lindsay as Schatz, a postwar police commissioner who as an SS had shot Genghis and now is possessed by his ghost, and Diana Rigg as the widow of a Nazi commandant.

The black comedy moves along at a sure and fast clip, darkly, subtly, with complex art, like a very good Yiddish joke. Daring and startling, it contrasts the bizarre serial murders of the citizens of a Bavarian town in the 1950s with the enormous crime of the Holocaust.

The shtick didn't work for some in the audience at Coolidge Corner. "I'm complaining to the box office management," said a gent with white beard to me as we left the theater. "I appreciate your opinion," was all I could muster in defense and response. "But I'm not sure that it was intended with any disrespect for the victims of massacre. It's just that it deals in ironies, not illustrations," I added pompously.

My wife put in, "This double feature has restored my faith in movie-making. I liked both films." And our hosts, Sally and Sandy, seemed to agree.

Sally had cut out reviews from New York and Boston newspapers. We felt we took part in the revival of an interest in Jewish films both actual and fictional, that take a risk and follow their own path toward truth.

It's a marvelous program, not commercial but cultural, funded by foundations, patrons, friends, the *Jewish Advocate*, and a festival honorary committee that lists Lauren Bacall, Lee Grant, David Mamet, Dustin Hoffman, Joan Micklin Silver and Frederick Wiseman. It runs from November 10 through 20.

"Somebody around here should pick up the idea," said both Kirshenbaums, as we drove home to Providence. "Ditto," we chorused.

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Americans with diabetes about the dangers of diabetic eye disease.

Diabetes is a leading cause of new cases of blindness in adults 25 to 74 years old. Each year, an average of 25,000 people lose their sight because of the disease. The most common

form of diabetic eye disease is diabetic retinopathy, a disorder caused by changes in the blood vessels of the retina.

"Because diabetic retinopathy often has no symptoms, it's essential for people with diabetes to obtain a dilated eye exam at least once a year to de-

tect any problems early and possibly prevent blindness," says Dr. Alessi Rispoli.

To reach people with diabetes and encourage them to see an eye care professional regularly, a free brochure entitled *Don't Lose Sight of Diabetic Eye Disease* is available to all

those who call the American Optometric Association at (800) 365-2219. Additionally, people with diabetes are urged to call (800) DIABETES for a referral to a local eye care professional and free diabetes information.

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Temple Beth-El Members Aid The Traveler

For the past two months, members of the Temple Beth-El Social Action Committee have gathered in the temple's kitchen to prepare individual bags of fresh vegetables for Travelers Aid. Members have washed, peeled, cut and bagged enough for more than 100 servings. The vegetables were donated by members of the committee and children in the Temple's Religious School.

On Oct. 16, members of the committee also helped to plant a garden at the Mt. Hope Day Care Center. The garden in-

cludes a crabapple tree, a holly, a creeping juniper and an assortment of daffodils. The garden is adjacent to a new wheelchair ramp into the center. The social action grounds crew — organized by Julie Gutterman and Alan Axelrod, included Daniel Birch, Stephanie Cascio, Ann Frank, Roberta Kaufman, Barry Meltzer, Bev Rich, Marion Goldsmith and Ida Millman.

For more information on the committee's social action committee, call Lillian Birch at 331-6070.

Step Forward, Rabbi Wiener

The Academy for Jewish Religion in New York announces the inauguration of Rabbi Dr. Shohama Harris Wiener as the first woman president of a rabbinical and cantorial seminary, on Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism in New York City.

The Academy for Jewish Religion is the only pluralistic seminary in the United States where students combine Jewish scholarship with an exploration of the full range of Jewish religious and spiritual practices. The Academy's mission is to prepare mature men and women with a love of Torah to serve as spiritual leaders, committed to pluralism within the Jewish community.

Wiener has served as the executive dean and spiritual director of the academy for seven years. Ordained by the academy, Wiener went on to earn a doctor of ministry degree from the New York Theological Seminary.

Prior to the ceremony, the academy is sponsoring a con-

McGarry To Talk to Dvorah-Dayan Club

The next meeting of the Dvorah-Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will be held Nov. 21 at the home of Rhoda Fischman, 274 Morris Ave., Providence, at 7:45 p.m.

The speaker will be Doris McGarry, a devoted member of Na'Amat and a dedicated community worker. Doris has returned from a mission to Israel with the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and she will talk about her exciting trip.

Members and friends are invited to attend.

ference on Women and Spirituality, with keynote speaker Blu Greenberg. Workshops will be led by Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, Rabbi Dr. Sue Elwell, Dr. Bonna Haberman and Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Magonet. The conference will take place at 10 a.m. on Nov. 20 at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Rabbis and dignitaries from the Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist and Jewish renewal movements will be present at the conference and the inauguration.

The inauguration event is free and open to the public. Tickets are required for the conference and the luncheon at \$36 per person.

For more information, please call Rabbi Harris Goldstein (212) 875-0540, ext. 11.

Adoption Group Schedules Chanukah Party

The local chapter of the Stars of David, a support group for Jewish or partly Jewish adoptive families sponsored by Jewish Family Service, will hold a Chanukah party on Dec. 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Scout Room at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence.

There will be a kosher dairy buffet and a group candlelighting ceremony. Guests are asked to please bring their own menorahs. There will also be a gift exchange for the children. All gifts should be under \$5 and clearly marked with the age group for which they are intended. There will be a special area with activities and toys for children and a children's coordinator will be available.

The fee is \$15 per family or \$10 per person. Please R.S.V.P. by Nov. 28 to Rick Reamer or Deborah Siegel at 728-4428, or to Marjorie Kupchan DeLuca at 949-3759.

Please note: the original date for this event was changed from Dec. 4.

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For more information, call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.

Temple Beth-El Plans First Shabbaton

Temple Beth-El's Adult Enrichment Committee is sponsoring a distinctive spiritual weekend on Dec. 2 and 3. The first-ever Beth-El Shabbaton will feature Rabbi Mark E. Washofsky, associate professor of rabbinics at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Washofsky is a widely published scholar in the application of traditional Jewish law to current problems confronting liberal Jews in America. He is currently co-chair of the Committee on Responsa of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

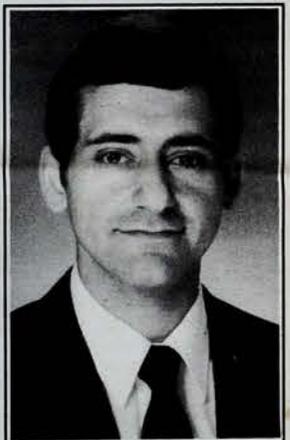
The weekend begins Friday evening when individuals will gather for a welcome program at 6:45 p.m. Shabbat worship services follow at 7:45 p.m. with an oneg shabbat and a lecture delivered by Washofsky at 9 p.m.

The program continues Saturday morning with Shabbat morning services at 9 a.m., Washofsky's second lecture at 10:15 a.m. followed by lunch and a song session. Individuals can then choose among different activities for the early afternoon.

The wrap-up for the program begins at 4 p.m., followed by a song session and Havdalah at 5:15 p.m.

The weekend will conclude

at 6 p.m. with the lighting of the temple's outdoor Hanukkah. Individuals in the community are welcome to come.



Rabbi Mark Washofsky

You may register by calling the Temple Beth-El office at 331-6070. The fee for the weekend is \$25 which covers meals and materials. Washofsky's participation is made possible through the generosity of the Temple's Brotherhood and the Freda and Louis Kaufman Family Fund.

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Authors To Debate in Woonsocket

Congregation B'nai Israel is sponsoring an author's debate on Nov. 20 at 2 p.m., at 224 Prospect St., in Woonsocket.

Rabbi William Kaufman, from Temple Beth El in Fall River, a professor of philosophy at Rhode Island College,

received his rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston College. His writings have appeared in many journals.

He will be debating with Morton Shor, now retired after

40 years as president of Shor International, importer and distributor of machinery and tools for jewelry manufacturing. Shor received a bachelor of chemical engineering degree from City College in New York and pursued post graduate work at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and Columbia University.

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A WALKWAY TO HEALTH is what concerns Dana Lee, on the left, who named the project, and Joanne Summer, who is heading up the funding drive, as they pose in front of an artist's rendering of the finished walkway.

Miriam Women Use Innovative Funding For Heart Care Unit

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association focuses on the hospital as it serves the community. The association has more than 1,500 members. It sponsors free educational programs, open to the public, throughout the year, and through its gift shop and various funds, raises money for hospital equipment, education, and expansions.

The Bricks for the Miriam program will help fund the hospital's new Early Cardiac Care Program and Chest Pain Center.

Because heart health education is an important component of treatment and recovery, Miriam-sponsored education and cardiac hotline programs will be available to the community in conjunction with the Chest Pain Center.

"The Walkway to Health" will help make the Early Cardiac Care Response Program a reality. Through the purchase of personalized bricks for the walkway, funds will be raised for the Chest Pain Center.

The Bricks for the Miriam will be installed by the fall of 1995. So far, the walkway project has raised \$50,000.

High quality porcelain bricks are available in two sizes. The standard size is a 6" x 6" brick which will provide space for four lines of type, with up to 12 characters per line, at a cost of \$50.

The limited edition is a 12" x 12" brick for a donation of \$500 from a group or individual, which will provide space for

five lines of type, with up to 15 characters per line. The brick may be custom designed with a company or organization logo.

When it is finished, the walkway will be a long-lasting testimonial to the efforts of the Women's Association and the generosity of the individuals in the community.

Magaziner to Speak at Aging 2000

Ira Magaziner, senior advisor to the president for policy development, will speak at the Aging 2000 symposium "Change: It's Happening," on Nov. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings in Warwick. Aging 2000 is a statewide program designed to improve health care for people over 65 in Rhode Island. Magaziner will present an update on national health care reform. For more information, call 521-7930.

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Chanukah Lights Up the Mall

Hundreds watched closely, quietly as a giant menorah was lighted at Rhode Island's largest Chanukah celebration last year, at the Warwick Mall.

Once again Chabad of West Bay Chai Center will conduct this ceremony at the mall. "This year's celebration will be larger and more beautiful than in the past," said Rabbi Levy, director of the Chai Center.

The program will get underway at the center of Warwick Mall, on Nov. 27 at 4 p.m.

Dignitaries will address the gathering, and the menorah will be lit.

Chaim Fogelman, a world-renowned Jewish singer and entertainer will sing traditional Chanukah songs, contemporary Jewish music, and a children's program.

All children will receive the traditional Chanukah "gelt" (money) and dreidels. All participants will be treated to fresh, hot potato latkes.

The holiday of Chanukah is a festival of victory and celebration for all times, highlighted by the kindling of menorahs each night of the holiday. "It is a holiday replete with traditions and display of Jewish pride and unity," said Levy, "yet it also contains a universal message for people of all faiths, which is that ultimately good will overpower the forces of evil, freedom over oppression, and light over darkness."

The menorah will be displayed at the mall throughout the entire week of Chanukah. Chanukah guides will be available free of charge as a service to the community.

Throughout the holiday, Chai Center will be visiting hospitals, nursing homes and shut-ins to make sure that those who are unable to make it to a Chanukah party or celebration will not feel left out of the Chanukah spirit.



Chaim Fogelman

A special program for seniors will be held at Shalom Apartments in Warwick on Nov. 29 at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, to re-

ceive a free holiday guide, or to request that someone in a hospital, nursing home or a shut-in be visited, call the Chai Center at 884-4071.

Holocaust Museum Docent Orientation

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, located at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, will hold a docent orientation on Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon.

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MILESTONES

Ivan Perlman Is Honored By Jewish Theological Seminary

NEW YORK — Cantor Ivan Perlman of Boca Raton received the honorary degree of Doctor of Music at the first annual convocation honoring members of the Cantor's Assembly who have served the Conservative movement with distinction.

The event was held on Nov. 1, in the Feinberg Auditorium at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Born in Flushing N.Y., in 1925, Perlman served several congregations in his 46-year career, most recently Temple Beth Sholom in Century Village, Boca Raton. Prior to coming to Beth Sholom, he spent 22 years as the hazzan at Temple Emanu-El in Providence, and before that served pulpits in Des Moines, Iowa; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Fairlawn, N.J.; and Lyndhurst, N.J.

Perlman was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroism

on Iwo Jima, during World War II, won the Jerusalem Award in Providence in 1984, and received the Lion of Judah Award in Boca Raton in 1993.

He served as president of the Cantor's Assembly from 1983 until 1985, is listed on the Speakers Bureau of the Jewish National Fund and is a member of the Rabbinic Advisory Committee of the JNF. He became certified as a mohel in 1965 and has successfully circumcised more than 2,000 baby boys.

Perlman's resume is rich with community involvement. During the years he spent in Providence and Des Moines, he worked as a youth director for USY, Jr. USY and Kadima. While in Providence, he also instructed deaf children in religious learning and organized the Friends of the Rhode Island School For The Deaf, becoming its first president.

Upon his retirement from



Cantor Ivan Perlman

Beth Sholom, he did a half-year stint as cantor of The Great Synagogue in Stockholm, Sweden. He is married to Muriel J. Perlman and has four sons, Eli, Emanuel, Richard and Josh, two of whom are hazzanim.

Speaking at a Jewish National Fund dinner honoring Communications Workers of America president Morton Bahr at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C., Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich told more than 500 hundred guests that "Morton Bahr has served as a role model, using the power of com-

JNF Honors Morton Bahr



BAHR IS HONORED by the Jewish National Fund. From the left, CWA president Morton Bahr, Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich, JNF world chairman Moshe Rivlin and Ivan Seidenberg, president and chief operating officer of NYNEX gather at the awards ceremony.

munications to lift people's lives," adding, "Morton Bahr wants to bring people together."

Bahr, who has led the 600,000 member CWA for nearly 10 years, received the Jewish National Fund's Tree of Life Award in honor of his de-

votion to the community and his service to the people. JNF, responsible for all land development and reclamation in Israel, has planted more than 205 million trees in Israel and has become recognized around the world for its expertise in arid lands management and water technologies.

The dinner was chaired by Ivan Seidenberg, president and chief operating officer of NYNEX, who noted, "For Morton Bahr, the key is people. He is completely approachable, and is committed to helping people achieve and maintain meaningful, productive lives."

Jack Sheinkman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, recalled the links between the American trade union movement and Israel. "The trade union movement supported Israel since its founding and before, working with the Histadrut (Israel's labor federation), and we continue to stand arm-in-arm with Israel in seeking peace.

Kirschner to Head Israel Bonds Notable Society

Michael Kirschner of Philadelphia has been named chairman of the Israel Bonds Notable Society.

In announcing the appointment, Bonds National Chairman Susan Weikers-Volchok said, "The Notable Society, a major honor society for individuals who purchase a minimum of \$150,000 in State of Israel securities, represents a key component of our campaign objectives."

Added Bonds President and CEO Nathan Sharony (Major General, Ret.), "As indicated by recent events such as the historic summit in Casablanca, Is-

rael's agenda for the future is predicated on economic strength. Accordingly, we anticipate that the Notable Society will help provide the working capital that Israel needs to sustain its economic growth."

In assuming the chairmanship of the Notable Society, Kirschner is continuing his active leadership role with Israel Bonds. The immediate past chairman of Greater Philadelphia Israel Bonds, he helped lead the Philadelphia campaign to new levels of success.

He is president of Kirschner Brothers Company, and a former national president of the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers.

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Rabbi Nechama Goldberg officiated at the ceremony and a

reception followed at Temple Am David.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Jennifer Charvat, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Cindy Grubin and Lisa Simpson.

Richard Hartnett was best man. Ushers were Douglas Stahr, Howard Hofmann and Ronald Yurman.

The bride graduated with a B.A. in political economics from State University of New York, Binghamton. She is self-employed as a title examiner.

The bridegroom has a B.S. in applied mathematics from the University of Rhode Island and is employed in Cadre Technologies, Inc., Providence, as a business development manager.

The couple honeymooned in the English countryside and Paris and will reside in Cranston, R.I.

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FEATURE

Three Success Stories Coming Up

Earlier this year we ran an article on three scholarships — Jewish Family Services Presidential Scholarships — created by the president of New England Institute of Technology, Richard I. Gouse.

We thought you might want to follow the progress of our scholars.

Alla Romanova is in her third quarter of the administrative medical assistant program at the institute. She was born on June 22, 1962 and lives in Pawtucket. In three more quarters she will graduate with her associate degree. She graduated from a University in Wesh, Ukraine, City of Lvov, majored in library science, and worked as a librarian for 12 years.

Her mother is a registered nurse and she has always wanted to be in a medical career, but this was not possible in Russia because of her Jewish heritage. Jews were refused admission to medical school. It took two years for Alla, her husband, and daughter to get into the United States with the help of a U.S. Jewish organizer. She could not speak English when she arrived in the United States. She attended the Jewish Community Center and Rhode Island College where in eight months, she learned how to speak and write English. She got a job in housekeeping at Miriam Hospital and then she was promoted to ward secretary. She then began her studies at New England Tech in March.

Her teachers think she is great and she is doing well in her studies. She said, "I love the program! This is my field and in my heart I know I'm in the right place. The instructors are great! The best part is the laboratory work, because I can practice what I have learned. I'm living a dream!"

Sofiya Fidler is studying New England Tech's associate degree program in Electro-Mechanical Drafting Technology. She was born on March 23, 1963 in St. Petersburg, Russia, and lives in Pawtucket.

Her instructor, Mark Miller, assistant professor said, "Sofiya Fidler has shown herself to be a hard-working, dedicated student. She brings to the class a professional and mature attitude and has done extremely well in all her assignments. She has been a positive addition to the student body here at NEIT."

Fidler says she worked as a building engineer in St. Petersburg before emigrating to the United States in September 1992. Her specialty was heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. Upon arriving in America, she found the differences in culture, language, and building codes to be a major challenge. Now enrolled at NEIT, she says, "It's an excellent school, and the equipment is superior. The instructors have been outstanding and very helpful in explaining new concepts. New England Tech is

a good school with good teachers and equipment."

Larisa Enten is studying in the administrative medical assistant program. She was born October 6, 1972 in Gomel in the Republic of Bellarus and lives in Providence. She arrived in Rhode Island three years ago with her mother. She married a Russian refugee two years ago. She completed high school in Russia and worked in a hospital for two years. Larisa attended English as a Second Language classes at Community College of Rhode Island for one year.

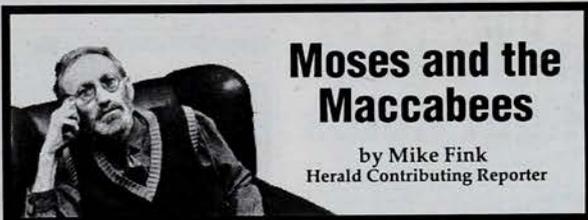
Larisa underwent surgery here in Rhode Island two years ago and found the medical personnel, especially the medical assistants, so kind that she decided to find an educational program that would give her the training and expertise to help people just as she had been helped. Through the personnel at the Jewish Community Center, Larisa found out about the administrative medical assistant program at New England Tech.

In regard to NEIT, Larisa said, "I like all my teachers and feel very excited about attending classes at New England Tech. I'm excited over the idea of graduating from college and finding a job as an AMA." Larisa is currently taking a developmental course entitled "Reading for a Technology." Judy Nabb, Larisa's instructor for the course said, "Larisa is a diligent student whose hard work and determination will insure success. From what I know of her, she is not just interested in a job, but in a career in which she can help others."

Explore Exotic Locales With Jewish Singles

The B'nai B'rith International Singles Network is scheduling two trips with a difference for singles. The primary mission of the network is to provide an atmosphere for professional and social networking, a vehicle for political action and the opportunity for cultural enhancement.

Now that Israel and Jordan have signed a formal peace treaty, the B'nai B'rith Singles Network has planned a timely visit to Israel and Jordan from Dec. 28 to Jan. 8, for younger and mid-aged singles.



Moses and the Maccabees

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Chanukah falls just beyond Thanksgiving this time round, its little lights emerging like bright thoughts among the fallen leaves, like the fires we used to start among piles of twig and foliage.

"God-sightings" make a motif among the chapters of a new book called *Jewish Wisdom* by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. He writes about an angel guiding Moses to the voice within the Burning Bush, and got me going. Can I connect the humble shrub ablaze with glory with the holiday of Chanukah? I did some asking, reading, and wondering.

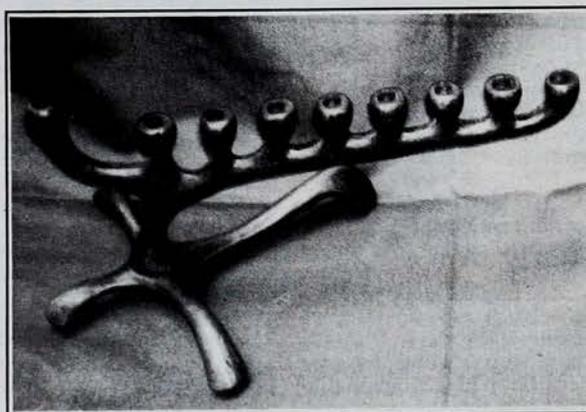
The Conservative Movement took the emblem of the burning bush as its logo, its symbol of a portable Judaism that endures, carrying its rituals flaming like a torch from place to place. You can see a stained glass metaphor of the Burning Bush above the bima at Temple Emanu-El.

Midrashic commentary would have us celebrate the modest lowliness of the desert thorns as a sign of holy blessing upon one and all.

But I also look up the poetic, pagan value of a short tree on fire, within the pages of a dream dictionary. The guide to the sleepy hints that a bush speaks softly of secrets and hidden truths, and the heat and light add to the passion tucked under the folding branches. Then too, a tree has always figured as a female signal. Israelites once cher-

Roman pageants. We stare at Christmas trees glittering through front windows or blue bulbs on evergreens at a neighbor's portals.

But Chanukah too, with all its dainty delicacy, the tiny candles growing shyly each day but going quickly down the wick to make its point swiftly, speaks



MENORAH shrub shape created by Scott Nelles.
Herald photo by Mike Fink

ished a goddess. She lives on like a shechinah above the candlelight within our menorahs.

I tried to put the Chanukah in a new context. From a scientific, botanical viewpoint, a green vine produces chlorophyll, turning sunshine into energy, mixing air and soil into the chartreuse liqueur of lifeblood, green light, an electric elixir.

We Jews focus on this early winter holiday as a military memory of rededication, a victory spotlight for purity and the power of the spirit. We don't give much thought to myth, art or the laurels of nature. We stick these themes onto Greek and

of ancient human and divine mysteries, feminine as well as masculine.

Every menorah, an oil lamp or a brass tree-design, a charming ceramic from Israel or a silver heirloom from Europe, repeats the burning bush which Moses saw in the desert as well as the menorah of the Maccabees. You hear an angel in the voice of your child who sings the blessing. You warm your hands or your heart at the flickering flames that keep going from your own lost childhood. You smile at the quick soul that beats by the black windowpane against the chill winter which waits just beyond your sill.

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SPORTS FEATURE

Cranston West Band Hits All the Right Notes

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Usually the halftime of a high school football game is uneventful. It's an opportunity for the crowd to stretch their legs, grab a hot dog and watch the cheerleaders perform.

However, if one of the football teams is Cranston West, then the fans are in for a special treat.

Hot dog sales are put on hold, as the audience has the pleasure of being entertained by the 100-member Cranston West marching band.

The musical group is so impressive, it often overshadows the game itself, even when the score is close. When the score isn't close, it's not unusual to see a portion of the crowd leave after the band has played.

The band is composed of 16 dancers, known as the Falconettes, 20 members of the flag corps, known as Westernettes, 12 to 13 trumpets, five to six trombones and a range of several other instruments.

Cranston West's track record speaks for itself. In 1977 the band marched in a parade in Italy. The group also had the honor of marching in President George Bush's inaugural parade, the Disney World Main Street parade four or five times, and the New England Patriots halftime from 1988 to 1992.

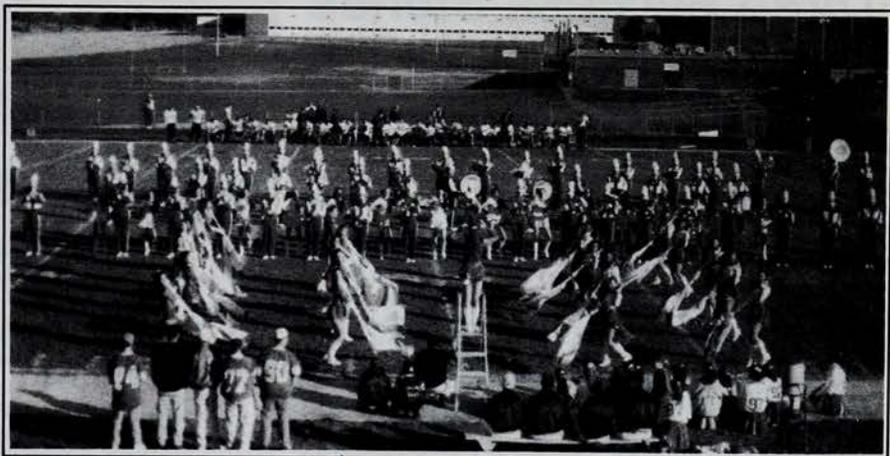
A couple of weeks ago, Cranston West, along with Cranston East, played for President Bill Clinton at his rally in Providence.

This April the band will travel to Honolulu, for the fourth time, to take part in a parade.

"Honolulu will be a great performance opportunity, as well as serving as a reward for the kids' hard work," said band director Dennis DiSano.

DiSano, who is also the music coordinator for the city of Cranston, has been leading the band for 22 years.

The Cranston West band performs in the style of a Big 10 college band, as opposed to a competitive drum corps. DiSano



STRIKE UP THE BAND—The Cranston West band plays three pop tunes during halftime. The eight-minute production delights the fans, even those rooting for the opposition. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

became familiar with the format when he was the assistant band director at the University of Rhode Island.

"I learned the concept and brought it to the high school level," said DiSano. "I really wanted to apply what I learned."

DiSano not only sees the fruits of his labor during every football game, but in those who have continued to use their musical gift after high school. He currently has former students in the University of Miami, University of Southern California and Michigan State University marching bands, as well as many bands at smaller schools.

"Because of their experience at Cranston West, some students look for colleges that have a big (music) program, even if they don't want to be a music major," stated DiSano. "It's a great opportunity to travel all over the world."

The director of Cranston East's band is a former student of DiSano, as is one of DiSano's current assistants.

"It makes you feel good to see those you've taught, start to teach others," said DiSano.

Unlike many high school bands, Cranston West performs at road games as well as home games. This policy has provoked a wide range of reactions from members of other schools.

On one hand, the Cranston West band is capable of generating revenue due to its reputation. On the other hand, the band usually dwarfs the opposing team's band.

"The athletic directors from other schools love to see us because we bring in a lot of money," said DiSano. "Sometimes the other bands aren't so thrilled to see us."

DiSano explained that his

goal is never to make another band feel bad. "It's never my intention to show up a colleague," said DiSano. "I try to point out that it's a long-standing tradition for Cranston West to perform at away games. We're expected to be there."

The band members love to share the field with another band.

"We think of it as competition, and we always blow them away," said sophomore drummer David Zisseron. "It makes us look even better."

While some of the band members have had little or no experience in band, many have been performing most of their lives.

"I've been playing flute since elementary school," said sophomore Jill Asser. "I enjoy performing for the crowd."

Aaron Kahn, a junior, has played several instruments, including trumpet and baritone. Currently, he's the only tuba player in the band. "I just do the best job I can," said Kahn.

Junior Betsy Barker is one of the Falconettes. Unlike the band, where everyone who tries out is accepted, over 75 students audition for the dance team and flag corps and only a handful are accepted.

"You're judged on your appearance, attitude and talent," said Barker. "You can't be afraid to show off. You have to be confident."

Barker has been involved in ballet, tap or jazz since the age of 4.

Many of the students are as gifted in the classroom as they are on the field.

"We have a lot of kids that are honors students and are already focused on a career," said DiSano. "Sometimes honors courses conflict with band prac-

tice, and the students have to decide between the two."

At many schools, band is considered a "nerdy" thing to do. Those who play an instrument are labeled social outcasts by their peers.

However, in Cranston a completely different mindset prevails. The band has a rich tradition, and those associated with it are well-respected by classmates and the community.

"It's considered a prestigious thing to be a band member," said DiSano. "These kids are highly regarded by the other students."

Unlike other communities, where music budgets have been slashed over the years, Cranston's music programs have had the financial support of the administration.

"The city of Cranston has been great," said DiSano. "They've also allowed us to schedule rehearsals during the school day."

In most years, Jewish students account for a large percentage of the band. DiSano is sensitive to these students' needs.

"I'm keenly aware of the cultural diversity of the band," DiSano stated. "We never have practice on the Jewish high holidays, because I don't want the students to have to decide between letting their fellow band members down and letting their family down."

"Over the years, the students have respected the cultural diversity of the band, and there has never been dissension in the ranks," said DiSano.

Chafee and Pell Honored By NCAA

Sen. John Chafee and Sen. Claiborne Pell were honored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association at the Community College of Rhode Island's 30th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 20.

The senators were recognized for spearheading the drive for continued funding of the National Youth Sports Program.

NYSP serves hundreds of thousands of America's economically disadvantaged young people.

At the awards ceremony, the two senators were also inducted into the CCRI Hall of Fame.



LET'S DANCE — The Falconettes entertain the audience at halftime of a recent Cranston West home game. Each year only a few girls make the dance line. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

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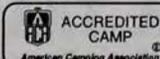
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School Beat



Alperin Schechter Day School To Hold Open House

On Dec. 7, the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, 85 Taft Avenue, Providence, will sponsor its annual recruitment open house from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Bohnen vestry of Temple Emanu-El.

Tours of the school will be led by School Director Myrna Rubel, Assistant Director Marcia Kaunfer, Judaic Studies Coordinator Rabbi Andrea Gouze, and Admissions Director Penney Stein.

Visitors will also have an opportunity to meet with administrators, faculty and parents and get an overview of the Schechter program.

Topics to be discussed include: the application procedure, extracurricular activities,

busing, and opportunities for financial aid.

The Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, with grades kindergarten through eight, fully certified by the state of Rhode Island, is one of a network of Conservative Jewish day schools across the United States and is a member of the Independent School Association of Rhode Island.

The school and its faculty have won awards for innovation and achievement in education.

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such universities as Harvard, Brown, Emory, Brandeis and Yale.

For more information, call Penney Stein, admissions director, at 751-2470.

J. & W. Gets on 'Jobsline'

As part of its annual Career Day, Johnson & Wales University has unveiled a new Career VoiceLink system — a computerized "JobsLine" — which gives students 24-hour access to search for a job.

Using a telephone computer-linked system, students and alumni will be able to call a designated University phone number, enter a code and listen to detailed job listings. The service is free of charge.

medical and psychological guidance to both of you on how to deal with the problem. If you think it's premature for your daughter to see a physician, you can try to broach the subject with her by discussing weight and body image in general terms.

"It's a real battle because there are so many societal messages that skinnier is better," says Freund. "I think it's a challenge on the parents' behalf to get their daughters to rise above these messages and to feel positive about themselves and their body image," she says.

Freund advises parents to help their daughters learn to think critically about the message being sent by society about body weight, particularly as it is communicated on television and in magazine advertisements. "Most models who are put forward as being the perfect weight are severely underweight and very many of them have eating disorders," says Freund.

Adolescents pride themselves on being too sophisticated to be taken in by obvious media claims. Appeal to your daughter's sense of pride by letting her know that she is much too strong and intelligent to be manipulated by even the most subtle ad; then sit down with her and go through a women's magazine. She may know the purpose of advertising, but she may not understand precisely how the ads are affecting her.

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Gotcha!

Justin Ward receives a big hug from Georgia Maroni at the recent fashion show put on by the Cranston/Warwick Group of Hadassah at Temple Sinai in Cranston. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

Is Your Child Struggling With An Eating Disorder?

Question: My 15-year-old daughter has been dieting and exercising constantly for the past month. Although she's thin already, she says that she's dieting because she wants to look good in her new school clothes. When I question her about the need to lose weight, she gets angry. I'm concerned about her health and her preoccupation with her weight. Are these the signs of an eating disorder? How can I get her to eat more?

Answer: While your daughter may lose her preoccupation with how she looks in her new school clothes once the novelty of being back into a school year begins, she may be developing an unhealthy preoccupation with her weight that will lead to an eating disorder.

Most common in adolescent American girls, eating disorders generally occur when people develop a distorted body image that leads them to think that they are "fat" when they are generally, in fact, very thin.

Many of the people who develop the problem are slender to begin with. Others start out dieting and become obsessed with the process to the point that they do not stop when they have reached an ideal weight. Often, obsessive dieting becomes a way for a person to feel "in control" of her life.

Advertisements and the society's preoccupation with being thin have led many young women to feel that, in order to look good, they must be emaciated. This occurs at a time in their lives when they are still struggling to establish their own identities.

"We're dealing with a society that puts undue pressure on women and young girls to be thin," says Karen M. Freund, M.D., director of the Women's Health Group at Boston University Medical Center. "It's not unusual to begin noticing the signs of an eating disorder in girls as young as 10 or 11," she says. "The age at which they develop has dropped dramatically in recent years."

The first step for you as a parent is to be aware of the problem, as you have become. The next steps involve often subtle, patient work.

You have picked up on two of the classic signs of an eating disorder in your daughter — a preoccupation with weight and an unwillingness to openly discuss eating patterns with family members or close friends. Other indications of eating disorders are a refusal to take meals with the family, a tendency to take small amounts of food when eating with the family, and a general sensitivity to criticism regarding eating patterns.

A less obvious, but common sign is the secret habit of vomiting food after eating. This behavior, which generally becomes a constant ritual following meals, is known as bulimia. You should take note of your daughter's bathroom habits. If she is spending an unusual amount of time in the bathroom, particularly after mealtime, she may be vomiting the meal she has eaten.

While cajoling your daughter into eating may seem like the most common sense approach to take, it usually is not very effective on its own. If the problem is already out of hand, you should encourage her to see a physician, who can provide

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A Chabad Chanukah For Children

Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center, in its effort to bring a greater awareness of the joys of the Jewish heritage to the Jewish community, is planning a new program aimed at bringing the beauty of the holidays to children.

Children ages 5 to 10 are invited to Chanukah Fun-time. A Chanukah story will be told by a storyteller, and guest performer Chris Carbone will entertain. In addition, every child will participate in our

Chanukah craft workshop and go home with his or her own project.

The program will take place on Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. at the CHAI Center, 15 Centerville Road in Warwick. Admission fee is \$5 per child. Adults are free. Ample parking is available. For more information on any of our Chanukah programs, or to receive a free Chanukah guide, call 884-4071.

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OBITUARIES

ALEXANDER "AL" BILLINCOFF

PROVIDENCE — Alexander "Al" Billincoff, 89, of 19 Bra-man St., Providence, a professional trumpet player, died Nov. 10 at the Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Ethel (Goldenberg) Billincoff. A life-long Providence resident, he was a son of the late Samuel and Sadie Billincoff.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre.

He played the trumpet professionally throughout the United States for most of his adult life. He was a member of the Post No. 23 of the Jewish War Veterans of America and a member of the Congregation Sons of Jacob. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association and the Providence Federation of Musicians.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sisters, Gertrude Rubinovitz of North Palm Beach, Fla., Sylvia Sheftel of Braintree, Mass., and a brother, Bernard Billings of Carson City, Nev.

A funeral service was held Nov. 13 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MORTON H. BORNSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Morton H. Bornstein, 63, of 15 Bagy Wrin- kles Cove, Warren, owner of Miller's Delicatessen Inc. on Hope Street in Providence for more than 35 years, died Nov. 7 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Jeannette (Berkovic) Bornstein.

Born in Providence, he was a son of Betty (Pritsky) Bornstein of Providence, and the late Louis Bornstein. He moved to Warren 10 years ago.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the United Brothers Synagogue in Bristol.

Besides his wife and mother, he leaves two sons, Larry Bornstein of Wickford and David Bornstein of Westwood, Mass.; a brother, Stanley Bornstein of Syosset, N.Y., and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Nov. 9 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

HYMAN H. GALKIN

PROVIDENCE — Hyman H. Galkin, 87, of 60 Broadway, Regency Apartments, Providence, died Nov. 13 at the Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Rosa (Glass) Galkin.

Born in Fall River, Mass., he was the son of the late Jacob and Jennie (Moskowitz) Galkin. He lived in Providence most of his life.

He was an executive with American Insulated Wire Co. in Pawtucket for over 60 years, retiring 10 years ago.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Brotherhood, Redwood Lodge A.F.&A.M., the Scottish Rite and the Palestine Shrine.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, James P. Galkin of Cranston and Howard M. Galkin of Deerfield, Ill., and five grandsons.

The funeral service was held Nov. 15 at Temple Beth-El in Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

IRENE J. GELB

WARWICK — Irene J. Gelb, 73, of 400 Warnerbrook Drive, Warwick, died according to the *Providence Journal* Nov. 12 at home. She was the widow of Lester D. Gelb.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late David and Mitzie (Slesinger) Zucker, she lived in Warwick before moving to Pikesville, Md. She returned to Warwick in 1986.

She leaves a daughter, Judy Gelb of North Providence.

The funeral was private.

SYDNEY GREGERMAN

WARWICK — Sydney Gregerman, 74, of 59 Belfort Ave., a machinery dealer for many years before retiring several years ago, died Nov. 7 at the home of his son, Alan Gregerman in Warwick. He was the husband of Jacqueline (Kortick) Gregerman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Bertha (Zitkin) Gregerman, he lived in Warwick since 1955.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He received the

Purple Heart in the Pacific Theatre. He was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Harold, Alan and Robert Gregerman, all of Warwick; two daughters, Stephanie Gregerman of New York and Marjorie Rosenfeld of Worcester, Mass.; a brother, Milton Gregerman of Boston; a sister, Sylvia Kaplan of Cranston, and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Rose Kaufman and Harriet Eichelbaum.

A graveside service was held Nov. 8 at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

DR. ARTHUR JOSEPHSON

NEWPORT — Dr. Arthur Josephson, 86, of "Belair," 50 Old Beach Rd., who practiced dentistry in Newport from 1934 until retirement in 1985, died Nov. 11 at home. He was the husband of Sarah (Perelman) Josephson.

Born in Newport, he was a son of the late Israel Josephson, founder of the former Narragansett Clothing Co., and Bessie (Schein) Josephson.

He was a captain in the Army Dental Corps during World War II from 1941 to 1946. He served in Australia and the Caroline Islands, the Philippines and New Guinea. He received the Bronze Star, two battle stars and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon.

He was a 1929 graduate of Providence College and a 1934 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. The Baltimore College of Dental Surgery awarded him a Certificate of Distinction in 1984 for 50 years of practice.

He was president of the Newport Dental Society from 1958 to 60. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the Rhode Island Dental Society, of which he was a trustee from 1950 to 56. He was a member of Touro Synagogue, the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, the Touro Heritage Trust, the Judah Touro Lodge of B'nai B'rith, the Newport Lions Club, the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows and the Newport Art Museum. He was a Shriner and a member of St. Paul's Masonic Lodge 14.

He leaves a daughter, Ellen Josephson Miller; a stepson, Daniel Shapiro, and a step-grandson.

The funeral service was held Nov. 13 at the Hoffman Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

MOLLIE LUBIN

PROVIDENCE — Mollie Lubin, 89, of the Charlesgate North Apartments, 670 North Main St., a jewelry pad maker for the Buffinton Box Corp., and the Walter Allen Co., both in East Providence, for 30 years before retiring in 1975, died Nov. 8 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Joseph and Annie (Berliasky) Lubin, she settled in Providence in 1918.

She was a member of Congregation Mishkon T'filoh and its Sisterhood. She attended the former Bryant & Stratton Business College, now Bryant College.

She leaves no survivors. She was the sister of the late Harry and Michael Lubin, and Jennie Bloom.

A graveside service was held Nov. 9 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Dance!

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And so, the Midrash begins with a quote from the prophet Isaiah (2:11), "And G-d will be all alone, exalted, on that day," followed by, "And Jacob was left all alone." The Midrash leaves us to ponder solitude, human and divine. Shlomo takes the two verses together and sings songs until the break of day.

This article cannot convey any sense of his music-making, an enterprise spanning 40 years, countless recordings and more compositions than Shlomo himself could ever keep track of. If you have none of his recordings, I urge you to look for them and listen. It wasn't his music though, as much as his attitude to music which captured the imagination.

"There is no other way," he used to say. "We must dance. If I were Chief Rabbi of Israel, I would pass a law making it

compulsory for everyone to go out on the streets and dance at least twice a week. Yeah, so it's true, Israel has a great head and a remarkable brain, but Gevalt where are the feet? We complain the world is chaotic and so we get depressed. Well, who is to say we ourselves are not to blame the world is such a mess because we are depressed."

And dance we did! At his concerts, in his shul, on the streets and all over the world. Men and women of all ages and every color, danced separately and danced together. In India, after he gave a concert at an "East meets West" conference in Bombay, hundreds of people came to him for his blessing, announcing that they, too, would be Jewish like him, donning yarmulkes and going to their homes dancing. Dr. Timothy Leary regretted not having access to Shlomo's music before discovering Lysergic acid. On one occasion, Shlomo told me, he stood on a street corner in Jerusalem where he could hear three different Jewish weddings happening at once. Different pieces of his music were being sung or played at each of them.

It was not good enough, he said, for people to come and listen to his music. We all have an obligation to dance. If you can't get into the Book of Life by virtue of your good deeds on Rosh Hashanah, dance your way in with your feet!

Clap your hands, he said, quoting Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav yet again. Bring the "right" and the "left" together. The right says to the left, "You know I'm right." The left replies "But you are so boring." Clap them together and you will watch the left say to the right, "You are so beautiful" and the right will reply, "I love you." Then we will see there is neither right nor left, but the music and the dance.

This is what Reb Shlomo said about our father Jacob, and why he risked his life to go find the small flasks of oil in the night. Oil in ancient times was a symbol and paradigm of luxury and abundance. Anointing the body with oil was the ultimate in sensuous luxury in those days, as it is today. The oil in those flasks was handed down from the days of Noah after the great deluge. The dove returned for the last time with an olive branch in its mouth. To Noah the olive branch symbolized the promise of abundance.

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Is It Racist

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When one limb hurts, the entire being is effected. So it is with am Yisrael. All Jews are one body. When one Jew is suffering, Jews everywhere feel that suffering. And when a Jew dances and experiences joy, we all dance and feel the joy.

This does not mean that we do not feel the suffering and joy of non-Jews. Of course we do. Jews together with non-Jews are part of the even larger community of humankind, but the ties of kinship and custom, of shared values, experiences and traditions are not nearly as closely meshed. To believe that there is no difference is ultimately to deny human nature.

For this reason I become very concerned when people say: "You know Rabbi, I love everyone." I respond: "It is fine to love everyone, but tell me do you love your father, your mother, your child?" Saying you love everyone is a dangerous self-delusion. It is easy to "love everyone," it is far more difficult to love someone. Paradoxically, when you love everyone you don't have to love anyone. In order to love everyone, one must love someone.

And in order to love all people, one must feel the special love for one's own people. An enlightened sense of national identity, rather than being a contradiction to universal consciousness is in fact a prerequisite for it. It is not uncommon to find that great nationalists are also great universalists. Natan Sharansky, the fearless fighter for Jewish rights in the former Soviet Union is a great universalist. He played a key role on

Survey

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Since Jewish preschool education is being hailed as a great way of getting parents involved in the Jewish community, the findings indicate that an opportunity is being squandered.

"Parents of young children will send their kids to Jewish settings, not only because they're Jewish, but because they have heard the best early childhood program happens to be in the synagogue down the street," explained Barry Holtz, senior education officer at CIJE.

But the goal of turning the Jewish preschools into a "holistic Jewish education" runs up against the fact that more than half the preschool educators had no Jewish education after age 13.

Fully 10 percent were not Jewish ... 21 percent in one of the three communities studied.

For Hoffman, this is one more reason for the Jewish community to take to heart the powerful lesson that has emerged from the field of general teacher education in the last decade: "If one invests in teachers, that pays very high dividends.

"That means investing in their self-image, compensation, and thinking through their role in the community, but it also means investing in their training and their upgrading," said Hoffman.

"We think the North American Jewish community ought to be galvanized by this."

the Helsinki Watch Committee monitoring human rights conditions of all people living in the former Soviet Union. It is the great and abiding love and concern that our synagogue displays for our fellow Jews that has brought us also to initiate activities that have a much larger focus, programs like food drives for the hungry, clothing collections for the homeless, an ongoing program for the mentally retarded which is 50 percent non-Jewish.

People often ask me why I do what I do. Why do I run to Buenos Aires after a terrorist attack? Why I travel to Oslo to protest Arafat's peace prize? Why go here, why go there?

It is because I love my people. That is the basis of my activism. My people are my family. As I love my inner family; unconditionally, as I react to their pain as if it were mine, so do I relate to my larger family, am Yisrael. For me the question is not, why go to the end of the world to help another Jew, rather, how can one not go to the end of the world to help another Jew.

Yes, I feel the pain of Jewish victims of plane crashes more than non-Jewish victims. That's not racism. It is part of the human condition. To feel for all; yet to feel for family more.

Rabbi Avi Weiss is national president of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha and senior rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, N.Y.

Grandparents Group Is Forming

A support group is forming for East Bay area grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. It will be a place to share concerns, feelings, problems and successes in a supportive and friendly environment.

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Eating Disorder

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"Parents should also encourage the notion that a healthy body needs to be a strong body, particularly if a girl is going to participate in sports such as swimming that require a good amount of muscle," says Freund.

One reason some girls are especially vulnerable to advertising is because they have a poor or fragile self-image. You can help your daughter develop a positive self-image by encouraging her to discover her talents and interests.

In some cases, eating disorders stem not so much from an initial desire to be fashionably thin but from other factors, such as the death of a loved one, the divorce of one's parents or a relocation. In these instances, parents should work to address the underlying problems with their children.

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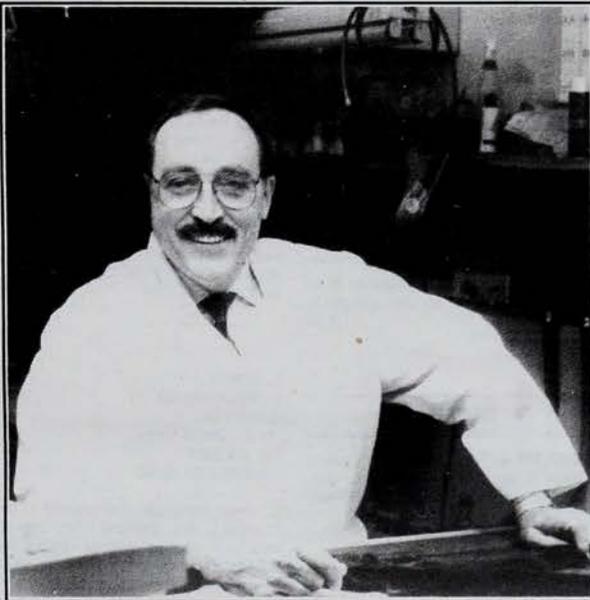
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"DIETER," a designer for Wm. H. Harris, furriers, pauses for a moment at his design table in the Harris workshop.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

The Best Furs Go To Harris

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

When "Dino" met me in the luxurious loungelike atmosphere of William H. Harris, Route 2 in Warwick, he said he'd like to tear me away from the haute couture of the salesrooms and show me the heart of the business, downstairs.

The elevator doors opened at the level below, and I said, involuntarily, "Wow!" A big room, fully as large as the showcase above it, was filled

with furs, desks and cutting tables, tailors' dummies, material samples and smiling, soft-spoken personnel. The whole area was well-lighted — no feeling of being below ground here — and there was an air of efficiency and organization about it.

I was introduced to "Dieter," a Harris designer, who explained the creation of new coats, the redesign and repair of older coats, and the conversion of furs from one use to another, such as the recycling of a mink coat into a mink lining for a fabric coat.

Harris is one of the country's largest fur care and storage facilities. Furs coming "home" for the summer are carefully examined, then stored. At some point during the summer, Harris strongly recommends that each fur piece be cleaned, glazed and treated to retard the drying out of the skin. Every fur skin dries out over the years, but treatment can slow the process down greatly.

Even if a customer has only worn her fur once or twice during the winter, the coat will benefit greatly from this three-step process. Number of times worn is not the problem. Actually, Harris people urge their customers to wear their furs —

to enjoy them at every possible opportunity. A good quality fur that has been maintained carefully can be spot-mended at places where wear shows — across the front, perhaps, or at sleeve edges. As long as the skin is supple and in good shape, a fur can be taken apart and put back together and look marvelous.

During the storage period, furs are kept in a huge vault at about 38 degrees, under controlled humidity conditions. Every fur is entered on the company computer when it is first brought in. From then on, at any moment, the company can tell a customer where the fur is, and what's being done to it. Records are maintained from year to year because much of Harris' business is repeat business ... generation after generation of the same family. The firm has been in business for 86 years. Dieter has been with the firm for 31 years.

Harris has seven vans, with bonded drivers, that pick up and deliver all over the area.

If you bring in a fur for remodeling, or go to Harris for a new coat, custom-designed just for you, it will probably take about four to six weeks to complete your order.

The main fur is still mink, by the way, for good reason. It lies fairly flat, so it has a slenderizing effect; it is a durable fur; it is available in a wide price range; it is relatively lightweight; it's versatile, and it's comfortable. It remains the standard of the fur business.

If you are into fur, you would be wise to start by visiting William H. Harris.

Japanese Paper Apologizes to Jews

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — A prominent Japanese daily newspaper has formally apologized to Jewish groups for advertising books that claim the world is secretly controlled by Jews.

The apology by *Yomiuri Shimbun*, said to be the world's largest-circulation newspaper, was issued recently to the American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League in response to protests by these groups and by the Israeli Em-

JCCRI Event Calendar

Gallery 401 Sunday Afternoon Receptions — There will be two Sunday afternoon artists' receptions for "Perceptions in Watercolors," a collection of paintings by 27 students of artist/teacher Carole Berren Cohen. Free and open to the community, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Chanukah Family Dinner — A Chanukah celebration including a dinner and candlelighting ceremony; children's craft table; and special performance by the Looking Glass Theatre. The cost is \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$18 per family, Nov. 30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Evy Rappoport or Eva Silver by Nov. 28.

Sunday Brunch — Guest speaker Bill Reynolds, *Providence Journal-Bulletin* sports writer, will speak about sports writing and autograph his new book *Fall River Dreams*, at a special brunch on Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. The cost is \$3 per person, Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island members; \$5 per person, non-members.

"World of Song" concert — The "World of Song" operatic concert features Nicole Saul Kogut and Robin Kern. It will be preceded by a luncheon, which is \$4 for JCCRI members and \$5 for non-members, Dec. 6 at 11:30 a.m. The concert is free.

Louis Malle's "Au Revoir Les Enfants" — This film, directed and written by Louis Malle, is based on his experience at a boarding school during the Nazi occupation of France. It is about a child hidden from the Nazis during the Holocaust and will be followed with guest speaker Ellen Zitkin, a Holocaust survivor and herself a hidden child. Free and open to the community, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Chanukah Gift and Book Sale — This sale is held every year in conjunction with the "Celebration." It will include Chanukah gifts, educational toys and books from Ma'ayan Books, Walden Books, Walden Kids and Tikva Traditions. Used books and AHAVA, beauty products created from the mineral-rich Dead Sea in Israel, will also be available for purchase. Items will be for sale in the lobby from Nov. 22 through Dec. 7. Book sale hours are: weekdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is located at 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. For more information on any of the events, call 861-8800.

bassy in Tokyo.

The offensive advertisement by the Tokuma Shoten Publishing Co., which ran two weeks ago in the 10-million circulation newspaper, promoted a number of books that "ex-

plain" modern history as a series of Jewish plots to dominate the world.

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Forecast

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Rhode Island Convention Center

It is unlikely in the foreseeable future that this colossus will earn a profit. Consequently, taxpayers will continue to underwrite huge operational deficits that are estimated at \$2 million to \$3 million a year.

The economy seems to be working towards a flat position.

In addition, the General Assembly, no doubt, will be forced to make special appropriations designed to underwrite debt service commitments. Future losses taken together could easily reach \$25 million per year.

Providence Place (Mall of New England)

There is much confusion surrounding this \$345 million retail mall. My investigations lead me to believe that the state will hold title to the land and accompanying garage.

With a governmental investment of approximately \$120 million, taxpayers in the state are exposed to an undetermined risk that may have financial reverberations for the future.

We will bring you the rest of Sweeney's report next week, including some suggestions for improving the economy.

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