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Dog With Flowers (left), oil on canvas, 31" x 26", 1995 and Bunny With Chainsaw (right), oil on canvas, 8" x 6", 1995, both by local artist Roy Kortick.

Even Peace Won't Revive Belfast's Tiny Jewish World

by Michele Chabin
BELFAST, Northern Ireland (JTA) — It will take more than peace to rejuvenate the Jewish community of this strife-ridden republic. It will take a miracle.
Worn down by 25 years of sectarian violence between Catholics and Protestants, Northern Ireland's tiny Jewish community is on the verge of extinction. The community here is rapidly aging, and there are few young people to ensure its continuity.
Although Jews here share their neighbors' hopes for a continuation of the five-month

cease-fire agreed to by the Irish Republican Army, they have no illusions about their own community's future.
With a shrug of the shoulders and a shake of the head, they acknowledge that Jewish life here will likely cease to exist within 50 years, at the most.
And if new blood is not introduced soon, they say, the end could come much sooner.
Like many of Northern Ireland's non-Jewish residents, the younger generation of Jews has fled the republic's political
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Regarding Roy: Portrait of an Artist

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor
Roy Kortick is a local boy — an artist who grew up in Rhode Island, graduated from Moses Brown, went on to Bennington College and achieved recognition in New York. His parents Janet and Laurence Kortick still

live in Cranston, and are justifiably proud of their son.
Kortick's work attracted the attention of the first curator for 20th century art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art — Henry Geldzahler — who had an unerring eye for up-and-coming talent.

Geldzahler acquired a small Kortick painting for his own home, which is convincing evidence of his appreciation.
Geldzahler died last year, but Kortick has been brought into the "young lions of art" arena in New York, and will undoubtedly justify Geldzahler's confidence in the coming years. The fact that there is an element of, in some cases, playfulness, in others, primitivism, doesn't mean that this is not art to be taken seriously. It seems to me to be bold, and direct, and strong. And I do see a little "anxious whimsy" in there, too.

Literary Awards to be Given in Honor of Polish Doctor Who Went to Death With 'His' Children

A pediatrician in Poland before World War II, Janusz Korczak was known throughout Europe as an authority on child development and as the successful author of children's books. He was the director of progressive orphanages in Poland when the Nazis occupied his country. In 1940 he and his 200 Jewish orphans were moved to the Warsaw Ghetto. Although he had opportunities to escape, he chose to remain with the children when he received a deportation order in 1942.

published in English in any literary style during 1993 or 1994. They must reflect Janusz Korczak's belief in the value and dignity of every child. Prizes of \$1,000 each will be given to the winners in two categories: books for children: fiction and non-fiction at the elementary and secondary school levels; and books about children: the welfare and nurturing of children written for parents, educators and those in the helping professions. Honorable Mention Awards will also be awarded.

Telling the children they were going to a picnic, he and his staff led them through the streets of the ghetto to trains that took them to the Nazi death camp in Treblinka where they all perished in the gas chambers.
"Fifty years after the horror of the Holocaust, we are proud to remember and recognize this extraordinary man," said David H. Strassler, ADL national chairman. "The Janusz Korczak Literary Awards are a testament to his humanitarianism."
Submission must be books

The winners will be recognized at a ceremony in the fall of 1995. Submissions will be judged by an interdisciplinary committee of prominent writers, editors and child education and welfare specialists dedicated to the love of children. Contestants should send five copies of their book on or before May 15 to: Janusz Korczak Literary Awards Committee, Braun Center for Holocaust Studies, Anti-Defamation League, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017. Books will not be returned.

Police Nab Seven Suspects in Buenos Aires Bombings

by Joseph Mills
London Jewish Chronicle
LONDON (JTA) — Seven people allegedly connected to the bombings of Israeli and Jewish targets in Buenos Aires have been arrested in the Paraguayan capital of Asuncion. A tip-off from Israeli intelligence reportedly led to the arrests.
Argentina has asked for the extradition of the seven sus-

pects, but Israeli sources this week expressed concern about possible delays in granting the application.
According to police, the suspects were arrested after a raid on their flat, which they had rented for a month. Weapons were found, in addition to a list of addresses and phone numbers of members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah.

McGarry Recognized for Service

Doris S. McGarry will be honored as the Centennial Recipient of the Rhode Island Section National Council of Jewish Women's 1995 Service Award at the organization's annual luncheon on May 11.
McGarry has an extraordinary record of community service. She was the founding president of the Community Counseling Center in 1964 and has been a member of the board since then. Some of her other offices and board memberships include the Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Centers, The Miriam Hospital Women's Association, the Jewish Federation as area vice president, member of the executive committee and board; a two-time past president of Providence Hadassah; a member of the board of trustees of both Temple Beth El and the Jewish Community Center.
She has been state president of the League of Women Voters and was the first recipient of the Doris S. McGarry Award for Leadership, named in her honor and now given annually by the Com-



Doris McGarry

munity Counseling Center. She is married to Robert J. McGarry, lives in Lincoln, has two children, Dr. Aron Viner and Samara Viner Brown, and three grandchildren.
The luncheon, at noon at the Marriott Inn, will benefit NCJW community services and their scholarship program.
Chairperson for the day will be Judith Litchman and guest speaker will be Susan Katz, national president of the NCJW.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Understanding VA Disability Policies

Editor's Note: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at the Providence VA Regional Office.

Q — How do I file for service-connected disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs?

A — Monetary benefits, called disability compensation, are paid to veterans who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service. Application should be filed on VA Form 21-526, Veterans Application for Compensation or Pension. Contact the Providence VA Regional Office at 273-4910 or toll free (800) 827-1000 for additional information.

Q — I recently filed a claim for compensation benefits at my VA Regional Office. What happens next?

A — Generally, additional medical evidence is necessary to complete a claim for VA com-

pensation or pension benefits. VA assists veterans in securing any additional evidence for the claim by requesting it directly from private sources. A VA examination is sometimes necessary. If so, the veteran will be notified directly by the VA medical facility assigned to secure the examination. Once all the evidence is secured, it is referred to a VA rating board for review and determination. The process time for a decision varies depending on the length of time to secure the evidence and the number of claims before the rating board. A VA counselor where you filed a claim can advise you as to the average processing time for each specific claim.

Q — Are compensation rates for service-connected disabilities the same for veterans who served in peacetime as they are for those who served in wartime?

A — Yes.

Prepare for the Safari Ball

The Hope Center has announced its second annual Safari Ball, to be held on April 21 at the Roger Williams Park Casino.

It will run from 6 to 11 p.m., with celebrity host Ann Halloran from Channel 10, and music by Big Johnsons Band.

Safari dress is encouraged. Featured will be a food safari coordinated by Guy Abelson, including specialties from the Catering Collaborative, CAV,

Cozy Caterers, Custom Catering, Extrasensory, Gallimaufry, The Islander, Morgan's Fancy, Morin's Caterers, and Wes' Rib House.

There will also be a silent auction featuring many items with a safari theme.

Tickets are \$35 per person, \$40 at the door. Call 454-0404 to make a reservation.

All proceeds will benefit The Hope Center.

Get Your Free Trees

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during April 1995.

Colorado blue spruces have silver blue-green color and compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornamentals, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to 10 Free Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30.

Go To The Greenhouses!

The Charles H. Smith Greenhouses of Roger Williams Park will present a spring flower show from April 8 to 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Thousands of plants will be on display, including tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, hydrangeas, mini roses, azaleas, impatiens, bromeliads, cacti, topiary rosemary bushes and citrus gardens.

"For example" is not proof."

YIDDISH FOLK SAYING

Channels 2 and 44 Mark Month of Remembrance

On April 10, at 10 p.m., on Channel 2, "Diamonds in the Snow" will be shown. This is a documentary about the people who dared to save Jewish children, and the children themselves.

On Channel 44, on April 10, at 8 p.m., there will be another viewing of "The American Experience," a gut-wrenching documentary on American leaders' reactions to the Holocaust. Please watch this. Also on April 10, on Channel 44, at 9:30 p.m., there will be a presentation of "A Birthday Trip in Hell," a photographic record of Polish Jews enduring life in the Warsaw Ghetto, taken by a Nazi sergeant.

On April 10, on Channel 44, at 10 p.m., there will be a repeat showing of "Passover Traditions of Freedom," which correlates new and old traditions from many cultures.

On April 16 on Channel 2, and on April 22, at 10:15 p.m. on Channel 44, there will be a broadcast of the Papal Concert to Commemorate the Holocaust (1994), which includes magnificent music, and readings.

On April 22, also on Channel 44, at 11:15 p.m., there will be a repeat showing of "Heroes of Conscience" — a tribute to Nazi resister and theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and others in the resistance. Great musical performances are accompanied by inspired readings.

On April 26, on Channel 2, at 10:30 p.m., "Art and Remembrance," will be shown. This is a profile of a German Jewish painter, Felix Nussbaum, who, while hiding in Brussels, produced a body of work on the Jews of Europe during the Holocaust.

April 29, on Channel 2, at 9 p.m. an Academy Award-winning documentary "Hotel Terminus" about Klaus Barbie's part in Nazi war crimes, will be shown. "The Butcher of Lyon," as Barbie was called, was untiringly hunted for 40 years after the war. One hundred twenty hours of interviews with people affected by Barbie, have been concentrated into a four-hour film. Perhaps this one is one to tape, and see in several sittings.

Palangio Takes On Tax-Exempt Institutions

Another assault on tax-exempt property in the city of Providence was launched recently by Rep. Thomas A. Palangio, who wants to block any new additions to the city's exempt roll after July of 1995.

The legislation proposed, 95-H 5791, would prohibit non-profit institutions such as private schools and colleges, hospitals, and religious organiza-

tions from adding to their exempt holdings. According to the bill, any real property that is acquired by an exempt institution or organization after July 1, 1995, would remain taxable at the same tax rate as other taxable properties in the city.

"Enough is enough," said Palangio, whose District 8 includes the neighborhoods of Elmhurst, Eagle Park, Wanskuck and Providence College. "The city is being strangled by exempt properties and every year that exempt roll gets bigger."

Palangio said that he was very concerned about Providence's fiscal health.

Talking Business

Learn how to develop your own part- or full-time home-based business on April 11 and/or 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Airport Comfort Inn, Warwick.

Listen to those who have achieved success in consumer electronics, catalog marketing, and health and wellness. Free admission.

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FEATURE

Reform Rabbis Grapple with Religious Pluralism

by Uriel Masad

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Waiting to board the buses that will take them to the Western Wall for morning prayers, there is nothing to distinguish this group of American rabbis from any other American Jewish group touring Israel.

These 200 rabbis and their families are here for the annual gathering of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinic arm of the Reform movement.

They chat amiably, not betraying the underlying apprehension justifiable for a group preparing to become the first full Reform conference to hold services at the Wall, albeit at its southern flank.

One rabbi, half-jokingly inquires whether the haredim — the fervently Orthodox — start their protests with stone-throwing, or with yells and shoves, using stones only as a last resort. No one answers, and the topic is quickly dropped.

The last time such a prayer service was scheduled apparently was in 1968, at a convention of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Then-Prime Minister Levi Eshkol promised to provide police protection for the mixed-sex prayers, but pointed out the possible consequences of haredim riots at the Wall, known in Hebrew as the Kotel. The leadership, however, decided to abandon the plans, and instead held separate prayers for men and women in their Orthodox-designated enclaves.

This time around, the Reform rabbis vow to proceed, but have agreed to hold their service at the Wall's southern flank, the area the Israeli government seems to have unofficially designated for prayers and ceremonies of the non-Orthodox.

The group enters the Old City through the Dung Gate. Not a haredi in sight. They are led along the excavations, through a narrow gate, to a secluded area, a steep slope of long stone steps that faces the southern flank of the Ottoman wall. Here, out-

side the Old City, the rabbis hold their service — without incident.

The March 9 prayer service was one manifestation of the Reform rabbis' continuing push for religious pluralism in Israel. But it is a push that many of their Israeli colleagues see as insufficient.

The Orthodox rabbinate has authority over most religious matters in Israel. As a result, non-Orthodox rabbis are not officially recognized. Nor are non-Orthodox congregations.

At a meeting with Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, it was an Israeli Reform rabbi who broached the subject of religious pluralism in Israel. Rabbi Meir Azari, congregational rabbi of Beit Daniel, the Center for Progressive Judaism in Tel Aviv, asked Netanyahu about his position on Reform rabbis in Israel.

Netanyahu replied that on the question of state and religion, he adheres to the status quo developed by Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion.

Ben-Gurion realized that there is no formula for reconciliation between secular and Orthodox Jews, Netanyahu said, and that one cannot be imposed on the other for fear of a cultural war.

"What works for American Jews does not always work for us. We have too many changes to grapple with, so on this topic we should leave it to evolve slowly," said Netanyahu, whose appearance before the Reform rabbis had drawn some strongly worded criticism from some of the fervently Orthodox members of Knesset, with whom Likud has formed an alliance.

Azari and his fellow Israeli Reform rabbis were clearly angered by Netanyahu's response on the status quo. But they seemed even more outraged by the reaction — or the lack of one — by their American counterparts.

"They have just been spat at in the face, and instead of pressing Bibi on this issue, they continue with their political ques-

tion, the answers to which they have read and heard a hundred times," Azari said, using Netanyahu's nickname.

"Israel is the only place in the free world where Jews do not enjoy religious freedom. Just look at where we have to pray, hidden in this corner of the southern Wall."

Rabbi Uri Regev, Israel Religious Action Center

Azari said he believes that the encounter with Netanyahu was evidence of the lack of resolve on the part of many American Jews to work toward achieving religious pluralism in Israel.

"They don't seem to understand the significance the Reform movement here has for them, not just for us," Azari continued. "They may find themselves one day an isolated community devoid of any status in

Israel. Their children won't be recognized as Jews, but the politicians will continue to take their money. They should support our supporters, and oppose our detractors."

Rabbi Peter Knobel, senior rabbi of Beth Emet, The Free Synagogue in Evanston, Ill., said he understood the Israelis' anger and frustration, but disagreed with their conclusions.

"We are facing different problems which demand different solutions, but we all believe in our partnership, and continue to work together to build the Jewish people," he said.

As an example of the American Reform movement's commitment to religious pluralism in Israel, Knobel pointed to "Operation Equality," a campaign

recently launched by the Association of Reform Zionists of America.

Its immediate goal is to raise \$2 million to help expand religious pluralism in Israel. The money will be used to fight for legislation that would allow civil marriages and would allow non-Orthodox rabbis to officiate at life-cycle events, Reform Zionists officials said.

Israeli law does not currently recognize marriages performed by non-Orthodox rabbis.

"Israel is the only place in the free world where Jews do not enjoy religious freedom," said Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Israel Religious Action Center, which is sponsored by the Reform Zionists. "Just look at where we have to pray, hidden in this corner of the southern Wall. The Wall is not an Orthodox synagogue — it is a national site from which no Jew should be barred."

Thousands Pray at Schneerson's Grave

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — It does not take long to realize that this is not just any cemetery.

A billboard greets approaching visitors who are coming to pray where the Lubavitcher rebbe is buried.

"Let's Welcome Moshiah With Acts of Goodness and Kindness!" it exhorts. The large lettering is beside an enormous photograph of the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who led the Lubavitch movement for 44 years and died last June at the age of 92.

And before entering the cemetery, visitors can now stop at the newest Chabad house, a small, one-story edifice recently purchased by a prominent member of the movement and turned into a hospitality center on the edge of the graveyard.

Australian mining magnate and Lubavitch benefactor Yosef Gutnick bought the house in December for \$200,000 cash.

It had been the home of a middle-class family in this remote section of Queens called St. Albans. Today it serves as a stop-over for the hundreds of visitors who visit the late Lubavitcher rebbe's grave each week.

Inside the house, visitors sit in what was previously a child's bedroom — teddy-bear decorations still trimming the walls — and watch videos of the rebbe handing out dollars to those who came to see him every Sunday while he presided over his community in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

Those who come to the house pray in a room turned into a synagogue by the presence of a Sefer Torah, which is kept in a 7-foot-high steel safe covered with an embroidered curtain.

They write down their requests for heavenly intercession on the unlined paper provided, pick up a candle to light at the grave and walk through the kitchen, out the back door and through the postage-stamp-sized back yard.

Visitors have access 24 hours a day, seven days a week, though the cemetery is officially closed after 5 p.m. and on Shabbat.

So that the rebbe's spirit will have company on Shabbat, when driving is prohibited and few other visitors are likely to come, a minyan of male Lubavitch yeshiva students sleeps overnight Fridays at the hospitality center and spends Shabbat at the grave.



Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson

Inside the house, two fax machines churn out a constant stream of requests for blessings from people who are ill, down on their luck or considering marriage.

And every hour or so Rabbi Abba Refson pulls a thick sheaf of them off the machines to take them to the rebbe's grave, where he reads them and places them on top of the pile of notes.

All told, about 1,000 faxes come in each day, said Refson, each from someone hoping that

the rebbe's spirit will intercede on his or her behalf in heaven.

Refson, a dark-bearded, affable young man of 23, is kept busy greeting visitors and answering the incoming calls on the incessantly ringing phone.

Chasidim, including Lubavitchers, believe that their deceased rebbe's spirit hovers over the grave site and that his spiritual interaction with his followers increases after his death, according to Zalman Shmotkin, an aide at Lubavitcher headquarters.

Among the visitors to the Lubavitcher rebbe's grave are Jews and non-Jews, the pious and the secular, all of whom were touched in some way by Schneerson or his teachings.

"More people come here on a day-to-day basis than were able to come to the rebbe during his lifetime," said Refson.

Even in death, the Lubavitch separate the sexes. The deceased rebbe and his late father-in-law, Rabbi Yosef Schneerson, are surrounded by the graves of men, including their deceased aides and Ari Halberstam, the Lubavitch teen who was murdered last year in a shooting on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Across a narrow path are the graves of Lubavitch women, including the rebbe's wife and his mother.

Surrounding the Lubavitch section of the graveyard are the graves of non-Lubavitch Jews.

Schneerson's Words to be Published

For the first time, the words and teachings of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Grand Rebbe and worldwide leader of the Lubavitch movement, will be published in English in a contemporary edition for the general public.

Toward a Meaningful Life: the Wisdom of the Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson will be published on July 1 to commemorate the first anniversary of his death last year at age 92. One of the world's most influential spiritual leaders, the rabbi is believed by many to have been the long-awaited Messiah foretold by ancient Jewish tradition.

Prepared and adapted by Rabbi Simon Jacobson, who served as the rebbe's personal scribe since 1977, *Toward a Meaningful Life* is a non-denominational spiritual guide for daily life. Grounded in 20th century sensibilities, it offers the rebbe's teachings and thoughts on the most important matters that affect and touch all individuals.

For more than 40 years, Schneerson served as the world leader and guiding light of the Chassidic Lubavitch movement. He reinvigorated the Chassidic movement, asking each Jew to simply perform one "mitzvah" (good deed) that could begin to transform the world.



Peace Plants

Lester Pollack, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (left), and Leon Levy, chairman-elect, recently planted two olive saplings at the historic site of Kibbutz Gesher in Israel's Beit Shean Valley.

EDITORIAL

'LET US REASON TOGETHER'

Should Jews Fear the Conservative Victory?

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'NO'

Jewish organizations defend their commitment to liberal ideology on two bases: first, they argue that political liberalism is demanded by Jewish values; second, they suggest that they must support liberal positions to create the coalitions that often support Jewish concerns. It is time for the Jewish community to reevaluate both those propositions. Unless Jewish communal organizations rethink what constitutes Jewish public policy, they are in danger of becoming marginalized in the coming public policy debates.

This in no way means that the Jewish community should surrender its scriptural responsibility or refrain from *tikun olam*, the repair of the world. Nor should it ignore the religious requirement of *chesed* (compassion) for our fellow citizens.

What the conservative election victory means is a new-found focus on personal accountability rather than state largesse in addressing social problems. And Judaism is certainly a religion based on notions of personal accountability.

We face today a national crisis of values. We need only look around us — our cities, our schools, our workplaces, our

popular culture. The degradation of women and police in modern rap music is but one example (one which leaders of Reform Judaism have, to their credit, strongly condemned).

There is considerable irony in the Jewish communal agencies' apparent commitment to statist solutions. Few organized communities are as philanthropic as American Jewry and few have



our rich skein of mediating institutions. We raise hundreds of millions of dollars annually to fund important social services to feed the hungry, heal the sick, shelter the elderly and rescue captive Jewish communities. *Chesed* funds and other charitable societies proliferate in the Orthodox world. Similar efforts at *tikun olam* exist in Reform

and Conservative Congregations, including important voluntary work with the homeless and victims of AIDS. Indeed, the scriptural injunction to defend the widow and orphan is personal, not governmental. A worldview that is spurred by private philanthropy is one congenial to Jewish folkways and in keeping with Jewish law. It is, therefore, perplexing that the Jewish community has so vigorously championed government-driven welfare programs.

Jewish communal organizations also need to reevaluate their views on affirmative action and quotas. There is simply no Jewish reason why our community should support a balkanized America fractured into disparate groups, each with claims of entitlement on our nation's purse and spirit. Yet this is the inevitable result of modern day liberalism's fixation on multi-cultural diversity. We should be guided instead by the wisdom of Martin Luther King, Jr., who dreamed of a day when men would be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. This was, of course, the impetus behind the 1964 Civil Rights law. Its floor manager, Hubert Humphrey, announced at the time that if the law required numerical quotas, he would eat the paper it was written on.

Three decades later, instead of King's image of an America based on individual character, we have moved perilously close to a society based on group rights and group claims. The Jewish community should reject this effort to assign power proportionately, according to race, gender or class. It runs directly in the face of Judaism's focus on individual worth, hurts individual Jews and reduces Jewish communal power. The almost obsessive defense of affirmative action and quotas by liberal Jewish organizations does a great disservice to the Jewish community.

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'YES'

Jewish neo-conservatives have been busy for years urging the Jews to move to the Republican Party, and predicting that they would. This did not happen in the "national referendum" which Newt Gingrich called on the steps of the Capitol. The Jewish voters heard his call to vote against liberalism and they spurned it.

What explains this persistent anomaly? Why do Jews continue to vote with the poor? Two conventional explanations have been offered. The first is that Jews remember when they were poor and continue to have sympathy for Americans who still are. But this does not explain the fact that while few of their children and grandchildren have any personal memory of grinding poverty, the large majority of these younger generations also vote consistently for liberal candidates and the liberal agenda.

The second explanation is that Jewish voters are motivated by a biblical compassion for the weak and defenseless. This argument is not entirely convincing. Christian Americans read and study the same Bible, but that has not inhibited the majority of them from rallying behind those who are trying to make liberalism into a dirty word. Consider, too, that Orthodox Jews, who constitute perhaps five percent of American Jews, support Republicans in larger proportion than do any other definable elements in the American Jewish community. One must conclude, therefore, that the bible, like the Constitution of the United States, is subject to interpretation.

Neo-conservatives have been telling Jews for years that their self-interest dictates that they vote their pocketbooks, just as other Americans of their economic class do. The vast majority of Jews has rejected this argument, understanding that the basic interest of Jews is bound up with peace in society. Jews have known for many centuries that they are the most vulnerable of the haves, and that Jew hatred is most marked among the have-nots who fear for the future. If the social safety net that was constructed in the last

half century is removed, a violent reaction will follow and cities will become even less safe than they are today. It will no longer be enough to blame the liberals; Jews will become the prime scapegoat.

The American Jewish mainstream is all the more concerned that Jews might become the target of blame because of the vehement campaign of the right-wingers for "moral values." The key issue is prayer in the public schools.

Jewish children in public schools are not likely to feel more godly when a daily prayer is said in the classroom. On the contrary, they will be forcibly reminded, almost everywhere, that they are different from the majority of their classmates. This is a concession most Jews are unwilling to make. Almost without exception, the several million Jews who arrived in the United States in the 19th century came from countries in which the law of the state discriminated against Jews. The near messianic patriotism of American Jews is rooted in this distinction. The immigrants knew that the vast majority of the American population was Christian, but they also knew that the law of the state was neutral.

It does not help that many conservatives keep declaring their support for Israel. Theodor Herzl knew a long time ago that crypto anti-Semites, and even avowed ones, would be in favor of a Jewish state because they wanted to get rid of the Jewish elements in European society. The Jews in America do not share in the dreams of many leaders of the Christian Right that, come the millennium, Jews will be transported to the Holy Land by divine miracles, after the great destruction in the Holy Land in the wars of Gog and Magog.

Jews came to America to stay, to be part of this land and not to fear being made, again, into a scapegoat. The overwhelming majority of Jews voted as liberals last November for their own sake and to preserve the great promise of the Constitution of the United States. The battle has been joined, and it must be fought and won.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: THESE ARTICLES HAVE BEEN EXCERPTED FROM A DEBATE IN THE SPRING, 1995 ISSUE OF REFORM JUDAISM MAGAZINE TITLED, "SHOULD JEWS FEAR THE CONSERVATIVE VICTORY?"

Cleansed 'Outside the Camp'

The Torah portion, Metzora, begins with the laws of purification of the leper. The word, *metzora*, means "the leper" — a name with unpleasant connotations. It is not surprising, therefore, to learn that, in previous generations, the rabbis called this Torah portion *Zot Tihyeh* — "This shall be" — the law of the leper.

In consideration of the prin-

ciple that "one should not utter gross expressions" and "one should always speak in clean

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and decent language," many texts avoid using the name *metzora* choosing instead the name *Tahara* — purification. However, the question still

remains as to why in the past, this portion was referred to by a neutral name whereas nowadays it is commonly referred to by a negative one.

There are two passages which describe the spiritual purification which the leper had to undergo; only then would he be rid of this spiritual disease and return to the society from
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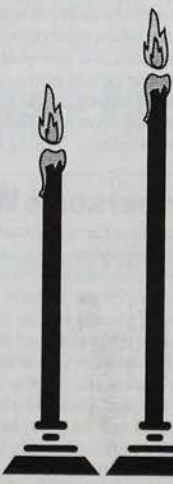
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OPINION

"It Is Not Enough to Pity the Poor..."

The name of this week's Torah portion is Tazria. In the context of the opening verse, the word tazria means "conceived"; "A woman — isha — who has conceived and gave birth to a male..." (Leviticus 12:2). The word tazria can also be appropriately translated as "sowing."

According to the Or Hachayim, the above verse alludes to the Jewish people, since they are sometimes called isha — woman, or wife — of G-d. The word isha reflects the fact that Eve was taken out of Adam, or isha from ish — man. In fact, on a higher level, ish signifies none other than G-d, as it is said, "Hashem ish milchama — G-d is a Man of War."

Every name or term relating to the Jewish people describes one of their specific characteristics. Isha indicates that a Jew's total reality is the fact that "this one was taken out of ish." In other words, a Jew, in essence, does not care about material or physical things; in the every core of his soul, he doesn't even care about spiritual rewards and rec-

ompense. Instead he cares about G-d alone.

When a Jew is on the level of isha, he must be occupied with tazria — sowing mitzvot. It is common knowledge that one must sow seeds in the ground for something to sprout from the seed. (Scientifically advanced methods such as planting in water or in troughs above-ground are only second-best replacements for actually sowing in the earth).

When sowing mitzvot, one must do so specifically "in the earth" — one cannot simply intellectualize about it, but must actually perform the mitzva.

Although, certainly, G-d wants us to have a warm heart and a refined mind, this is not enough. "The actual deed is the main point" our sages tell us. The mitzva of tzdaka is an excellent example of the above. Obviously, it is not enough to pity the poor and to shed tears over their condition while keeping the money in your own pocket. One must actually give the money to the poor in order to perform the mitzva. And just as it is with tzdaka, so it is with all mitzvot.

When the Jewish people are on the level of isha — caring only about G-d — they must be especially careful to be involved with tazria, performing actual physical mitzvot. For this is the level on which it is easy to get carried away with the intellectual, spiritual or emotional aspects of Judaism and try to cling totally to G-d. Yet, we are told that we have to sow mitzvot specifically here on earth.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

Cleansed

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which he was banished.

The first passage states that the leper was brought to the priest. The fact that the leper did not come on his own accord but had to be brought, shows a certain sense of passivity on the part of the leper. The leper was brought, possibly against his will, to be cleansed. His subsequent repentance for his wrongdoings is contrary to his will. And yet, somehow, he finds the strength and guidance to repent and is allowed to return to the camp.

The second passage relates that the priest went "outside of the camp" to meet the leper. Here, through heartfelt repentance and through introspection, the leper was able to spiritually cleanse not only himself, but the environment "outside of the camp" as well. As Maimonides explains, repentance which comes from great love turns even sins into merits — it sanctifies even that which was performed contrary to G-d's will.

These passages help explain the differing names of this Torah portion:

In previous generations, when the Messianic Age was still so distant, the first stage of cleansing was more prominent to them; the leper was brought, against his will — symbolized by the words "Zot Tihyeh — This shall be..." In their eyes, the leper was not cleansed because of his own repentance but despite himself. They could not fathom how "outside the camp," sins could be transformed and purified.

But today, especially with so many people returning to Judaism, transforming the "outside" — we can already see the inherent good that comes from "the leper." For us, "Metzora" is not a negative title.

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Prayer Statute Tramples Rights of 'Captive Audiences'

Declaring that "Mississippi's so-called voluntary prayer statute violates the Constitution in so many ways it is hard to know where to begin," the American Jewish Congress today called on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to overturn that statute.

The brief was filed in the case of *Ingebreten v. Moore*. It arose when the Mississippi legislature enacted legislation broadly encouraging student-initiated prayers, even during class or other school-sponsored activities.

The legislature asserted it was protecting student free speech rights. The law was challenged by students as an unconstitutional establishment of religion.

A U.S. District Court agreed that the act was in most respects unconstitutional.

Phil Baum, executive director of AJCongress, observed that "advocates of school prayer now camouflage their religious motives in the secular mantle of freedom of speech."

In its friend of the court brief in support of the District Court decision, which was joined by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Americans United for Separation of Church and State, AJCongress challenged Mississippi's claim that student-initiated religious speech in the form of prayer is protected by the First Amendment's Free Speech Clause even when directed at students in classrooms or school-sponsored activities.

The brief acknowledges that student religious speech is permissible in certain situations. "One student may approach another in the hallway and attempt to persuade that student to join a prayer or come to church," AJCongress declares. "Other students are free to attempt to persuade their peers in a similarly non-coercive way that religion is the opiate of the masses and that they should not waste their time attending church. If a student wishes to say grace before or after meals she is free to do so." In such circumstances no one else is forced to listen to the speaker.

By contrast, the organizations argued, when religious speech

is directed at persons who cannot simply walk away, it no longer enjoys constitutional protection. Mississippi's law thus errs when it "treats free speech rights as if they confer an unlimited right to compel others to listen. They do not. Captive audiences have as much a First Amendment right not to listen as others have to speak."

Declaring that those supporting the prayers "arrogate to themselves a power the state may never confer on any pri-

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vate speaker," the three organizations emphasized that "the right to free speech never includes the right to harangue a captive audience, particularly where the audience is held captive by the state. The right to speak is not so powerful that it allows

speakers to force themselves and their views on others."

This principle is particularly apt in the public school context, the brief states, because students

When religious speech is directed at persons who cannot simply walk away, it no longer enjoys constitutional protection.

in the classroom or school-sponsored programs are not free to walk away from speech they do not wish to hear.

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Doing What Comes Naturally

Researchers at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center are working at a sophisticated high-tech hospital which routinely transplants hearts, lungs and livers, and is known for its teaching and research worldwide. They are also experimenting with honey's therapeutic effect on human burns and ulcers. They're hoping to unclog arteries in elderly legs using an ancient Tibetan plant recipe. Coming up are investigations into the use of ginger for reducing nausea after chemotherapy, a Chinese herbal formula for curing eczema, and the ability of ginkgo to help treat aging and memory loss. Also in the works is a comprehensive data base of medicinal plants native to the Middle East.

"The scientific investigation of natural medicines is becoming increasingly important," says Dr. Sarah Sallon, who heads Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center's year-old Natural Medicine Research Unit. "What makes us unusual is our multi-disciplinary approach. Botanists, agriculturists, medicinal plant experts and statisticians work alongside pharmacologists and clinicians."

Sallon's interest in traditional medicine dates from the early 1980s when she worked in India as a pediatrician. Her curiosity led her to the Tibetan Medicine School in Daramsalha, located in the foothills of the Indian Himalayas, where the 2,000-year-old tradition of Tibetan

medicine is taught and practiced by Tibetan physicians.

"I found that the traditional Tibetan approach to healing that we are researching at Hadassah often seems to reach similar conclusions to Western medicine, albeit along very different routes," says Sallon. "For example, we attribute atherosclerosis to many factors, including smoking, obesity and elevated cholesterol. The Tibetans call it 'a condition resulting from excess heat energy,' and point to a surfeit of red meat, fats and alcohol as contributing causes."

One traditional Tibetan remedy which Sallon's unit is studying both in the laboratory and in a clinical trial involving 80 elderly patients with peripheral

atherosclerosis is a compound comprised of 22 plants. Funded by the Swiss company Padma, which manufactures the compound, their preliminary work has indicated that its ingredients, including marigold, licorice, Iceland moss, knotgrass, clove, china-berry, sorrel, columbine and ginger lily, may work together to produce a powerful antioxidant effect inhibiting the molecules known as free radicals, which may also contribute to other conditions, such as aging, tissue injury and inflammation.

A local Israeli group is behind another of the unit's projects. Members of a Galilee kibbutz who produce honey commercially have been feeding bees by a new technique based on medicinal plant extracts.



DR. SARAH SALLON is head of Jerusalem-based Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center's Natural Medicine Research Unit.

Burg Vows to Turn WZO Around

by Uriel Masad

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Declaring that the World Zionist Organization's \$745,000 budget deficit is unacceptable, the organization's newly elected chairman has vowed to eliminate duplication and inefficiency.

"I do not intend to head a body whose budget is built in this way, and I will not agree to run a system operating at a deficit, with duplicate systems and organizational inefficiencies," Avraham Burg said at a WZO executive meeting in mid-March.

The WZO undertakes Jewish educational efforts in the diaspora and helps diaspora Zionist organizations to participate in Jewish Agency decisions. The Jewish Agency is the primary recipient of funds raised for Israel by the United Jewish Appeal in the United States.

The WZO's annual budget, which it receives from the Jewish Agency, now stands at \$30 million.

To cope with the deficit, Burg appointed an ad hoc committee, headed by agency and WZO Treasurer Hanan Ben Yehuda, to examine ways to deal with the existing deficit and to recommend cuts in WZO activities and operations.

Burg instructed the treasurer to freeze all the organization's financial reserves until the committee submits its report to the Zionist executive.

The 1996 budget will be structured according to new guidelines, Burg said.

In a related development, the Jewish Agency's comptroller report has exposed a series of financial irregularities at the agency that reflected poor administration, improper management and bookkeeping, and lack of accountability.

The report, which was to be submitted to the agency's plenum in June, was leaked several weeks ago to the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*.

"Ever since I entered this job, I am surprised to discover every morning the pin of a hand grenade..." Burg said.

Sources close to the process who did not wish to be identified suggested that the comptroller's report was leaked as part of political power struggles within the Jewish Agency.

Burg, who was attending an alyiah emissaries conference in Moscow, reacted to the *Ha'aretz* report in a written statement: "Ever since I entered this job, I am surprised to discover every morning the pin of a hand grenade — past matters that have not been dealt with and procedures that need rectifying."

Burg said he intends to "bring about a swift correction of all improprieties."

Britain Rejects Request for Security Devices

by Bernard Josephs and Lorraine Kirk

LONDON (JTA) — The British government has rejected a request from British Jewish leaders to fund special security equipment for Jewish communal institutions.

The move to beef up security came in the wake of the bombings here last July at the offices of the Israeli Embassy and the Joint Israel Appeal. Some 18 people were injured in the blasts, which took place within a 24-hour period.

The attacks were followed by repeated warnings from Scotland Yard that the Jewish community faced long-term danger from Islamic extremists.

The community's application for closed-circuit television cameras for 85 Jewish schools and kindergartens was turned down by the home office, which is in charge of interior affairs. The application failed to meet government criteria for a share in a special fund established to beef up security.

Communal leaders said they knew the application might not meet government guidelines. But they were encouraged to submit an application by a British official, who had said their bid would be "considered care-

fully."

Neville Nagler, chief executive of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said he was "disappointed" with the refusal.

A home office spokeswoman said the board's application had been a "very near miss." But, she added, "The bid was not presented properly."

The attacks were followed by repeated warnings from Scotland Yard that the Jewish community faced long-term danger from Islamic extremists.

Board officials said they would press ahead in an effort to win government funding for security, especially at schools.

"The police have told us our community still faces a serious, long-term threat of attack, and the need for utmost vigilance remains. The board will continue to work with communal organizations to upgrade security," Nagler said.



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"Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair."

George Burns

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Jews and Blacks Unite Foreign Aid

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As Congress prepares to slash foreign aid, black and Jewish lawmakers are banding together with pro-Israel activists to pledge their support for assistance to Africa and the Middle East.

At a meeting here last week — the first of its kind during this Congress — seven black legislators joined four Jewish lawmakers and a group of Jewish activists to elicit their support for African aid and to pledge their support for continued aid to Is-

rael, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In an invitation declaring that "foreign aid to Africa is now threatened as never before," Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.) requested the presence of Jewish activists at the session.

"It is my hope that we can continue our historic alliance and save this vital program," Hastings wrote in the invitation.

And that's exactly the pledge the Congressional Black Caucus leader received.

"We need to work hard to keep the foreign aid package as

large as possible," said Jess Hordes, Washington director of the Anti-Defamation League. "This is a natural issue for us to work together on."

African nations together received about \$800 million in foreign assistance this year. In the same package, Israel and Egypt received more than \$5 billion, with some aid also designated for Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Although there has been much talk of reducing foreign aid, key lawmakers have pledged that aid for the Middle East will not be cut.

At the same time, aid to Africa rests squarely on the chopping block, setting up the possibility that a rift over aid could develop between blacks and Jews later in the process.

Jewish Women Plan for U.N. Conference

by Alexandra J. Wall

NEW YORK (JTA) — As the fourth United Nations-sponsored World Conference on Women approaches this fall, members of the Israeli delegation say they are less apprehensive than in the past.

"We are finding that we are more accepted. People want to learn from our experience," said Nava Arad, the Israeli prime minister's adviser on the status of women.

"Before, we were outcasts, but now we are very popular," Arad said, referring to the anti-Israeli atmosphere that permeated previous conferences in Mexico City, Copenhagen and Nairobi, Kenya.

Arad made her remarks recently after a gathering of Israeli and American Jewish women at the United Nations. It was the second meeting held to strategies for the upcoming conference, which will be held in Beijing in September.

"We must stress the importance of peace to advance the status of women," Arad said.

And, she stressed, there are still battles to be waged on the domestic front. "Not everything is rosy," she said, citing the fact

that there are more than 2,000 reported cases of battered women in Israel.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently announced a bill, which will be submitted to the Knesset, guaranteeing the establishment of a statutory authority for the advancement of women. The authority will be independent, with its own budget.

Preparing for Beijing will be one of the new authority's top priorities. "We need solidarity, and to safeguard and progress the status of women on a national and international level," Arad said.

Leaders of American Jewish women's organizations pledged their support for the Israeli delegation, along with voicing other concerns.

Members of the American Jewish delegation will take part in conflict-resolution training, in the event that any confrontations should occur.

Confrontations over Israel have dominated past women's conferences. The equation of Zionism and racism, which later became a major point of contention in the United Nations, originated at the Mexico City women's conference in 1975.

Israel, Trade Talks Sidetracked

by Bernard Josephs

London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON (JTA) — A stumbling block has slowed negotiations on a trade agreement between Israel and the European Union.

The final-stage talks — which the two sides began last year and had hoped would be completed by now — appear likely to drag on. The dispute centers on an EU demand that Israel limit import duties on European food products.

In return, the Israelis have called for more favorable terms for their exported grapes, flowers, oranges and meat to the EU. The Israeli request has been rejected.

Israeli official Zvi Alon said the talks had been held in "an atmosphere that was not good." He accused the EU negotiators of lacking the will to conclude the talks successfully.

"The Europeans have good reasons to improve terms for our exports. They get a fair deal from us for their goods, and if they don't reciprocate, a real crisis will erupt," Alon said.

A EU spokesman said EU countries were already "wide open" to Israeli imports. Israel is currently suffering a \$5 billion trade deficit with the EU, which is its main trading partner.

In an effort to cut that deficit, Israel is hoping to gain greater access to European agricultural markets as well as to research and development programs. It is also hoping to stimulate European investment in Israeli companies.

Israeli Foreign Ministry sources have said they support the agreement in its current state, despite objections from the Agriculture and Trade ministries.

Dutch Voters Shun Right-Wingers

by Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — The extreme right-wing Centrist Democrats party, also known as the CD, received only 1 percent of the votes in Holland's quadrennial elections for 12 provincial councils.

Two other extreme right-wing parties, Centrist Party '86 and the Netherlands Block, which are both offshoots of the Centrist Democrats, received fewer votes than the CD.

As a result of the elections, the Centrist Democrats will have a seat in two of the 12 provincial councils.

In addition, the Centrist Democrats will not have any seats in the 75-member senate.

German Neo-Nazis Move to Foreign Soil

by Gil Sedan

BONN (JTA) — Due to heavier pressure by authorities, German neo-Nazi groups have moved many of their activities out of the country, according to the German general security service.

German and Austrian radicals have recently opted for countries such as Denmark and Spain as their headquarters. Although these countries condemn the activities of the German radical right, they allow the groups to operate on their soil.

These revelations come against the backdrop of two recent raids by German authorities on neo-Nazis that have been viewed as successful.

In a nationwide strike against neo-Nazis, police raided 80 apartments throughout the country, confiscating illegal, imported anti-Semitic material. Police also found weapons and ammunition during the sweep, officials said.

Denmark's liberal freedom of speech laws have long frustrated Germany in its quest to silence neo-Nazis.

Marriott Plans Business Center in Gaza

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Palestinians in the Gaza Strip will see the economic benefits to peace — in the form of a sprawling business center.

In less than two months, the Marriott Corp., in conjunction with the General Resources Design Group, plans to begin building a 275-room hotel complete with 10,000 square feet of leaseable office space, three restaurants, a swimming pool and mega-business center according to Marriott officials.

"This will be a landing pad for business to come to Gaza," said Ziad Karam, president and CEO of the design group, which is based in Fairfax, Va.

Located less than one mile north of Gaza City, the \$80 million beach front Gaza Marriott Business Center will bring 1,000 jobs to Gaza during two years of construction, said Karam, a Palestinian American.

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SURVIVOR Henri Zvi Deutsch, on the left, and Providence photographer Lowell Lisker, on their pilgrimage to Portugal.

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The Consul (Part 2)

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
(continued from last week)

In Cabanas, the Sousa Mendes birthplace, the condition of his mansion shocked me. In the very center of the town, this palace lies in total ruin. One of my fellow voyagers told me potatoes grow through the kitchen floor, like mushrooms. The garden has invaded and taken over the house, and the pigeons like mourning doves coo a dirge.

"This was the high spot of the week for me," said John Paul Abranches, a son of Sousa Mendes. "My father is here in the family cemetery, his bones, not just the legend about him." Everywhere, streets were being renamed for the moral hero of our times, a man who said "no" to a dictator and "yes" to the troubled.

But what kind of man was Aristides de Sousa Mendes? Somebody whispers to me, "You know, he was the victim of a woman like the villain of 'Fatal Attraction.' She had a daughter and forced him to marry her when he was a widower. But though she was hated, she took care of him after his stroke. He was never seen unkempt, always with white gloves and neat suits." I am climbing the twisting curving steps of a tall tower like a lighthouse, an architectural accidental metaphor for Portugal, as I am told this tale of the second Mrs. Sousa Mendes.

Belmonte is the true Jewish center of Portugal, more so than Lisbon. This is the fortified mountaintop where Spanish Jews hid out and stayed true for half a millennium. On my first visit to Belmonte, the crypto Judeus came out only in shadows to whisper their secrets. This time round, a group greets us formally at the bus — and with their Israeli rabbi and rebbetsin!

Among them a rather elegant blonde lady newly returned to Judaism keeps us company on a visit to a tiny paradise, a small green space with trees and flowers beside a city wall — the site of a planned synagogue for this community of rich and poor Jews, the descendants of the victims of the terrible and relentless Inquisition.

Our nearby hotel, the Garcia da Horta, was named for a medical botanist who had escaped the Inquisition to Goa in India, and died there. The Holy Office sent for his ashes and bones, and burned them!

Our group was followed everywhere by film and television crews and hordes of journalists from Holland and Germany as well as the U.S.A. and even Australia — all as eager to get our facts as we were for theirs. At each function we gave the same gift — a framed colorprint of Touro Synagogue, a picture that now hangs in every town hall and government center.

At the banquet in the ranch of the count and countess of Botelho, a band of elderly folk dancers and singers entertained us and then swooped us up to join them in gypsy-like whirls of waltz. Our group includes Judy Frankel, a singer of Jewish songs in Ladino, Hebrew, and Yiddish.

We also had an Orthodox schoolteacher and playwright, Henri Zvi Deutsch, born in Belgium, saved by Sousa Mendes, a sojourner in Oporto, Portugal, in the early '40s. He tells me a strange story. "My host later converted to Judaism and married a Jewish woman." Zvi in his skullcap added ironic details about his career as a substitute teacher in Milwaukee. "I had the son of a Nazi official as a student. His mother thanked me for being his guide. Another time a black girl told me I was her spiritual and intellectual mentor. She was going on for a PhD. I told her it was her mother who served as her role model, not me." The kids called me "Mr. Holocaust."

Another among us, Steve Carol of Arizona, sporting boots, turquoise ring and a cowboy hat, holds appeal to the photographers and interviewers. He discovered while changing his name that his parents had come to America by way of Portugal and the signature of Sousa Mendes. He wrote an article in a small newspaper and went on to create a major worldwide stir that connected him to the International Movement to Honor Sousa Mendes. Oddly, he is estranged from his mother, who had divorced his late father. Sousa Mendes is perhaps an idealized father figure for Steve, a high school teacher. We go here and there and each night we watch ourselves on television and see our snapshots in the morning papers. The whole of Portugal watched me chat with Zvi.

The story I wrote for these pages was reprinted, and everybody has read my words. "I first heard about Sousa Mendes through your article," filmmak-

ers say with a smile and handshake.

Leah Nelson speaks Portuguese and answers all my questions about life in Lisbon during the war. With her bright cap and glittering earrings, she makes a lively appearance as she speaks with her charming international accent, mixing Canadian, Portuguese, and New England syllables. She touches my arm and calls my name gently. "Michael, did you notice that Sam Schwartz funded the restoration of this synagogue? He brought Judaism to life in this country, an Ashkenazic who redeemed the Sephardic traditions."

Like Chaucer's pilgrims, we each tell our tales and live out our characters and personalities — or like Maugham's steamship wanderers. Liliana Fijman and I walk round an orchard of apple trees, some with fruit, some with sweet blossoms. We look down from the turrets of a Crusader castle upon gorgeous green grasses.

Perhaps we are avoiding the lectures and speeches. Perhaps we sense that despite the grandeur of the hospitality, this is still a land that became judenfrei, emptied of Jews, built upon wealth stolen from them. Nature and innocent stone can be trusted, but not the palaces of privilege.

Bernie Bell wears a yellow flower in his lapel and pins one to mine, a friendly and gallant gesture. David Gradwohl hunts for Jewish hints among the gravestones. Paul Schultz, who worked for both the Kennedys and the von Bulows of Newport, points out bats at night and storks by day, and admires the details of each doorway in the Jewish quarters as well as the great convents. With his white beard he looks regally Hebrew, and the photographers feature him on the evening news report. But Paul has Swedish forebears, so much for racial typecasting.

Cecelia Katz tells me how the Nazis broke in and destroyed her father's homemade ice-cream store. Imagine police wrecking Rigney's! I make a small speech at one of our dinners. "We are like tiles in a mosaic, each one of us fitting together into a pattern." Sure enough, I get to like everybody crowding the bus, each for a different moment of kindness or good humor. Everybody rallies round Bernie and Emily Kusinitz. Bernie travels in a wheelchair but shows up at each site, looking distinguished and delighted.

We spend a short morning at a museum of fancy carriages, gilded and ornate, but exceedingly uncomfortable. They become for me metaphors of our own itinerary. I ask dreamy poetic questions of my companions.

The final day of our journey takes us not to a private residence but to a public subway stop. Here a monument to Sousa Mendes is dedicated at the spot where passersby will take note

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FEATURE

The Consul (Part 2)

every day. Who was Sousa Mendes and what did he do?

Perhaps, it is hoped, his tragic life will become a victorious renewal of goodwill. His solitary decision to bring back the Jews to Portugal may evoke ancient memories from hundreds of years ago, and the Jews of Portugal may through his name come back among us.

I'm not really a great traveler, at least not within a group. I'm glad to get back to my foyer and my familiar places. Every letter or message of welcome home comforts and restores me. Hinda Pollard drives us home to catch up on the funnies.

But great things were happening in Portugal on the first days of spring. Lisbon, where once the great earthquake shook up philosophers round the world, where the terrible murder of Jews was encouraged at Eastertime by church officials, where Jews among Nazis waited for exit papers, played its role among festive boards, and a handful of persons from Providence were there to take heed.

One Third of Our Children in Danger

Citing findings from the Children's Defense Fund annual report that one in three children growing up today will fall into poverty, drop out of school, or be abused or neglected before reaching adulthood, the Rhode Island Campaign to Eliminate Childhood Poverty called for a national commitment to a measure of "social security" for children comparable to the safeguards provided to the elderly.

"When the elderly were the most endangered group of Americans, we guaranteed that they would not go hungry or lack basic medical care. Now it is our children who are in danger and we need to guarantee their social security as well," Campaign Chairperson Nancy Gewirtz said.

"At a time when 13.5 percent of Rhode Island's children are poor, 12,886 are abused and neglected, and 30 percent drop out of school, Congress should be

strengthening rather than shredding federal child protections and slashing cost-effective investments that prevent child illness, ignorance, and hunger, and help children get ready for school."

According to CDF, the massive \$46 billion cuts on basic safety net services passed by the House of Representatives last week would dismantle the guarantee of basic child survival services to needy children at a time when need is increasing.

"These individual numbers have small, individual faces and feelings and sufferings," said CDF President Marian Wright Edelman, commenting from Washington, D.C. Edelman urged the Senate to resist "policymaking by slogan" and to reject proposals that make children poorer or cripple families' ability to work. The campaign joins with CDF in supporting proposals which provide family-wage jobs for parents and child care assistance and health care coverage that enable families to go to work.

Children in many states would feel the effect of the sweeping entitlement cuts quickly, as states would begin receiving fewer dollars in FY 1995 and 1996.

Addressing such areas of concern as housing, health and nutrition, transportation and utilities, education, and jobs and income, the campaign was instrumental in getting a welfare reform measure unanimously passed by both chambers of the General Assembly last year.

The bill, which represented a compromise between the campaign's own legislation and the Sundlun administration's bill, was later vetoed by the governor.

The campaign has submitted legislation containing similar provisions this year, and has commended Gov. Almond's decision to spend his first year in office studying the issue, consulting the various constituencies involved, and developing a welfare proposal.

The campaign made its remarks at a news conference at the Edmund W. Flynn School in Providence. Also attending were the Urban League, Head Start, Connecting for Children and Families, DAWN for Children, Ocean State Adoption Resource Exchange, Child Advocate's Office, the Children's Atelier, Fund for Community Progress, NASW, and the Jewish Federation of R.I.

Food Bank Fights Hunger and Waste

Many of our neighbors are hungry. Here in Rhode Island, the number of our neighbors needing food has more than doubled since 1983.

Meanwhile, much of the food grown and manufactured in this country goes to waste. Reasons include overproduction, mislabeling, minor container damage and nearness to expiration date. This food is usually perfectly wholesome, even though it is unmarketable.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank was established in 1982 to help solve the contradiction of surplus food and hungry people. Serving as a regional clearinghouse, the food bank solicits and receives truckloads of food donations from local and national companies.

In 1988, thanks to public support, the food bank purchased and renovated a larger warehouse in West Warwick in order to keep pace with the growing demand for food. In 1995, a new freezer addition will increase our storage space substantially.

The food bank is a non-profit organization which relies on community support. For every \$1 donated to the food bank, \$15 worth of food is distributed to the hungry.

The following stores participate in the program:

Center Marketplace, Barrington; Clements' Market, Portsmouth; Parkway IGA, East Providence; Roch's Market, West Warwick; Ruggieri's Market, Cranston; Scotts Food Stores, North Kingstown, Westbury; Shore's Market, North Providence; Stop & Shop, Bristol, Cranston, Cumberland, Johnston, Middletown, Narragansett, North Kingstown, North Smithfield, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence,

Smithfield, Quaker Lane, Warwick, Warwick Ave., Warwick, Westerly; Valueland Food Stores, Providence, Warren, Fall River, Mass.; Village IGA Markets, North Scituate, Pascoag.

Honig Guest of Honor

On April 12 at 7:30 p.m., Ed Honig, poet, critic, translator, and Brown University professor emeritus will visit Books on the Square, 47 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence (331-9097).

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by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter



Climb up and come aboard my cruise round town, round the world. We start among the Taber Tudors and head east toward the Wall in Jerusalem. Taber changes its name at that romantic gateway my brother Chick designed at Gano and Angell. Now we follow the river route that Roger Williams took in his own quest for religious liberty. A fortnight ago, I dined on meadest salads and pistachios while a New American named Felix played a rousing Hava Nagila with his band — at the Knights of Columbus! Older women in black dresses danced with aplomb, while elder gents in white shirts and suits outdanced the teens, and a clown stepped out of Lautrec's Moulin Rouge to comment with leaping gestures of dance and mime. Next door to this Armenian gala Irving Gross was tooting his sax at the Essex House cav. Under rain or sun, moonlight or sunshine, this is the path I take as Wandering Jew. Jet travel ruins my harmony with the tunes of the spheres, and I need my errands to restore a sense of place and time. Flying up high in the sky is my idea of nothing to do. Body and soul lose sync, I get lost in the stars.

You can head to the highway toward Ledgemont by this route to find Town Wines, or you can try the Pawtucket circuit to Newport Avenue. Wine is the perfect passport, and Elliott Fishbein an elegant guide. "My father took his rye and soda, but our generation developed a palate for wine. Their work offered us the leisure for this taste," he says softly and kindly, and adds, "I drink wine every night with dinner."

"How's business?" I ask politely, and Elliott says, "We do

wine tastes to spread the word about fine wines." "We should try a Jewish wine taste, especially at Passover," I suggest.

"Aaron Roitman was my regular customer," notes my host, and we put in good words about his style.

You will find among the Town Wine shelves some great titles, like "Abarbanel" — an ancient Sephardic family — and "Fortant de France" — with Chardonnays from the pays d'Or near Marseille, at reasonable prices. You can serve Merlots, Cabernets, Pinot Noirs, and Burgundys, some fermented in oaken barrels, with the pleasant vanilla-like bouquet, or others fermented in stainless steel for a dry, clean flavor. Elliott likes to describe the taste of each bottle, while I focus tightly on the kosher labels. Some wines are mevushal, heated, others not — they come from California, Israel or France. "Why only these vineyards?" I inquire. "The grapes must be gathered by Jews, and you need a strong Jewish presence to follow the rules of kashrut, to produce and also to consume," he informs me. "We will also carry a line of Polar Corp. kosher for Passover cream sodas, ginger ales, and seltzers."

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Levy Elected Chairman of Conference of Presidents

Leon Levy, president of the American Sephardi Federation, has been unanimously elected to a one-year term as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, succeeding Lester Pollack, president of the Jewish Community Centers of America, who served two terms.

The election of Levy, the first person of Sephardi origin to head the umbrella group of 50 national Jewish organizations, took place at the conference's annual meeting. He assumes office on June 1.

Born in Seattle, Wash., to parents who immigrated from Turkey, Levy is a graduate of Polytechnic University.

He and his wife, Elsi, a professional musician, reside in Queens. They have four children: Mark, Mimi, Judy and Janet, an attorney in Tel Aviv. The Levys have eight grandchildren, including a sabra grandson.



Leon Levy

Social Seniors to Hear Mary McGuire

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting on April 10 at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, Gardiner Street, Warwick.

Mary McGuire from Channel 10, a consumer advocate, will be the speaker. Refreshments will be served.

On April 23, members will go to the Marriott Inn for brunch and then on to R.I. College to see "My Fair Lady."

Contact Sally Goldman or Estelle Miller for more information or reservations.

Leisure Club Offers Program on Services

On April 9, at 2 p.m., the Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will present Lisa Yanku, clinical social worker for the elderly with Jewish Family Service.

She will show a video, "The Stories of Jewish Family Service," and discuss the services the agency offers, highlighting the new service of counseling for the elderly who are homebound. She will also discuss losses and other issues people may be experiencing at this stage of life that may prompt them to seek counseling.

May Day!

The senior adults of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will have a May breakfast at the Smith Appleby House in Smithfield on May 1. The bus will leave the center at 9:45 a.m., and return at 12:30 p.m.

The trip will cost members \$6.50, non-members, \$7.50.

Please reserve space by April 15.

Fitness Center Offers New Class

Beginning this month, the Family Fitness Center, located at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, will offer a new Wednesday evening aerobics class. Taught by AFAA certified instructor Maureen Doyle, the step and body sculpting class will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

With the addition of the new class, the Family Fitness Center now offers more than a dozen morning, afternoon and evening aerobics programs every week — all of which are free to full JCCRI members. Call fitness specialist Melissa Danusis at 861-8800 for more information.

Correction and Additions

On the front page of the March 23 *Herald*, there was a short article about the arrival of Samantha Kaufman, who was the fifth firstborn female in her family.

We have been informed that Florence and Leonard Hazen, Samantha's great-grandparents on her maternal side, are residents of Narragansett, not Pittsfield, Mass., as was stated.

We would also like to make it more clear that Samantha's great-grandmother, Esther Cohen, is still alive, and that only Samuel B. Cohen, of that union, is deceased.

Mrs. Rose Marks, of Cranston, is Samantha's great-grandmother on her paternal side.

Teens Discuss Parent-Teen Communication

On April 12, teen-agers are invited to join the third of a series of three "rap sessions" at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Led by Brian Callahan, the discussion will focus on parent-teen communication. The "rap session" will be held at 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence at 6 p.m. It is free of charge. Contact Dana Zucker at 861-8800 for more information.

Lipton To Speak at Donor Dinner

Bonnie Lipton, Hadassah national chair of building and development, will be the featured



Bonnie Lipton

guest speaker at the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah statewide donor dinner on April 30, at 6 p.m., at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet.

Lipton has been an active leader in many Jewish organizations, and has been honored as "Woman of the Year" by the

Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. She is a member of the Board of the American Zionist Movement.

The theme of the evening is "Hadassah Works Magic" and will focus on the medical and social advances made through Hadassah programs in Israel.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Hadassah Medical Organization. The newest addition to the wide range of medical services available through the Hadassah Medical Organization will be the Women and Children's Pavilion to be dedicated in August during the Hadassah national convention in Jerusalem.

A champagne reception to honor major donors and to welcome Lipton will start at 5 p.m. in the River Room at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the magic of Lyn, an illusionist who will cap off a magical evening.

Minimum donation for dinner is \$50. For more information, call the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah at 463-3636.

Jewish Educators Assemble in Stamford

The Jewish Educators Assembly had its annual, international conference in Stamford, Conn., on March 5 through 7.

Programs were devoted to the theme: "A Compact for Jewish Education into the 21st Century — Working Together." Two major panel discussions were held. The first dealt with lay/professional relationships, and featured Dr. Jack Porter, chairman of the United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education; Dr. Michael Halzel, JEA president and Rabbi Alan Silverstein, president of the Rabbinical Assembly.

The second panel dealt with plans for the establishment of the Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Participants in that discussion included Dr. Ismar Schorsch,

seminary chancellor, Jack Gruenberg, who represented secondary schools, Dr. Howard Rosenblatt, who represented day schools, Dr. Daniel Margolis, who represented central agencies, Temma Kingsley, who represented early childhood education and Steven Kraus, who spoke on behalf of synagogue schools.

In both panel discussions it became increasingly evident that there is a palpable demand for greater collaboration and cooperation, not only between lay and professional leaders, but among the many agencies, local, regional and national, that shape and provide leadership for Jewish education in North America.

Programs at the conference were devoted to almost every aspect of an educator's professional functioning. Sessions dealt with issues of curriculum, evaluation, supervision, funding and grantsmanship. Workshops were also held on topics related to the welfare of educators, including tax and retirement planning, contract writing, and developing stronger working relationships with lay leaders.

Jewish Educators Assembly is the organization of professional educators who work with schools and agencies affiliated with the Conservative movement.

Among the Jewish educators from Rhode Island were: Evelyn Brier of Temple Emanu-El and Bureau of Jewish Education; Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, Temple Emanu-El; Marsha Kaunfer, Alperin Schechter Day School; and Lonna Picker of Temple Torat Yisrael.

Next year's convention, which is in the planning, will be held in Cambridge, Mass., on Jan. 21 to 24, 1996. Picker will be co-chairing the national conference.

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PAUL NEWMAN, in "Exodus," one of the films in the Jewish Heritage Video Collection.

Temple Emanu-El's Keruv Committee Brings Members Closer to Judaism

"To come near" is the meaning of the Hebrew root of the word keruv. Coming closer to Judaism is the basis for the goals and programs established by the Temple Emanu-El Keruv Committee, formed a few years ago.

The committee includes intermarried members in the congregation, members whose children have intermarried, and other congregants. The committee's hope, however, is that the outreach programs will appeal to all who may want to become more actively involved in Jewish life.

Keruv Committee efforts have included:

- The popular "Jewish Discovery" course established within the context of the Institute of Jewish Studies; and
- Two booklets, the High Holiday services guide and the Shabbat service welcome book-

let, which help to make the services more understandable to Jewish and non-Jewish guests at the synagogue.

This year's plans include hosting a series of Shabbat dinner programs for intermarried and new families. The dinner programs will be modeled after the Shabbat seder shared with Dr. Ron Wolfson during January's educational weekend.

Temple Emanu-El is also trying to gauge interest in a support group for congregants dealing with intermarriage. Rabbi Wayne Franklin, together with a social worker, would facilitate a five-session group.

Contact Franklin at 331-1616 if you are interested in forming a support group for people with intermarriage issues.

For more information about the Keruv Committee, contact Barbara Feldstein, chair.

Seymour D. Reich Joins N.Y. Law Firm

The Manhattan law firm of Gallet Dreyer & Berkey, LLP has announced that Seymour D. Reich, a well-known authority on real estate, trust and estate law and a leading figure in American Jewish affairs, will join the firm as a senior partner, effective April 1.

For the past 24 years, Reich has been associated with the firm of Dreyer and Traub, where he is a senior partner. Gallet Dreyer & Berkey, a 16-member full service firm located at 845 Third Ave., provides legal services in the areas of real estate, commercial, corporate, securities, estate planning, probate, tax and litigation. [Note: The Dreyers in the two firms are not related.]

Reich, who is currently president of the American Zionist Movement has been chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish organizations and president of B'nai B'rith International.

As chairman of the National Task Force on Syrian Jewry, he was deeply involved in the rescue of 4,000 Syrian Jews. He has

also had a strong role in advocating commutation on humanitarian grounds of the life sentence of Jonathan Pollard.

Resnick to Wed Labush

Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Resnick of Warwick announce the engagement of their daughter, Jerri llene, to Harold Maurice Labush of North Providence. Her fiancé is the son of George Labush of Margate, Fla., and the late Evelyn Labush.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Toll Gate High School. Her fiancé is a graduate of Providence Hebrew Day School and Hope High School and is employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

A July 3 wedding is planned.



Lindsay Amanda Wasserman

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Wasserman of New York, N.Y., announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Lindsay Amanda, on March 11.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Baron of New York. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Lorna S. Schiffman and the late Allan Wasserman. Great-grandparents are Mrs. David Steingold and the late David Steingold, Mrs. Sidney Baron and the late Sidney Baron and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wasserman.

Looking for Ideas

Every year Temple Emanu-El offers its "Institute of Jewish Studies." The institute offers an array of courses open to the entire community.

The temple is in the process of planning next year's curriculum and would like to ask for any suggestions as to course topics, teachers, or programs that the institute might offer. If you have an idea, jot it down and return it to the temple office, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, RI 02906, by April 17.

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Seniors Head For Foothills

Senior adults are invited to see "The Fantasticks" performed by the Worcester Foothills Theatre Company on April 9. The trip, sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, costs \$15 for members, \$17 for non-members.

The bus will leave the center at 12:30 p.m., and return at 5 p.m.

Call the center to reserve space, or for more details.

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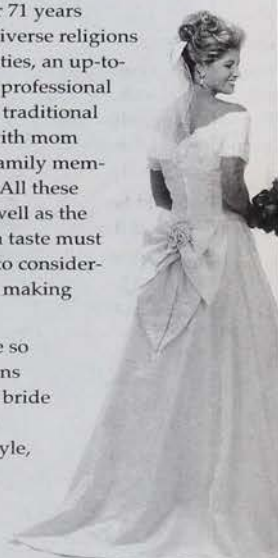
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Every aspect of Jewish religious belief and practice is influenced by the momentous event which marked the beginning of the history of the Jewish people, our Exodus from Egypt. It marks the move from slavery to freedom, and the beginning of our journey to Sinai to receive the Torah.

So important is this event to us that we are bidden to recall it in our daily prayers and commemorate its anniversary by the observance of the eight full days (seven if living in Israel) of the Passover festival. By keeping Pesach, every Jew identifies with his religion and his people and its long distinguished history.

This was the first step in the formation of the Jewish people. The eating of matzot on Passover and the ban on chametz have historic origins enriched with religious significance. The highlights of this festival include the elaborate ritual of the seder on the first two nights. The Hagaddah read at this time, and indeed all of the practices of the holiday, seek to educate us in the importance of our freedom and the obligations and opportunities that freedom sets before us as Jews.

May our observance of this Passover bring the final redemption for our people.

Chametz and Pesach

The Torah tells us that, in commemoration of the haste with which the Jews left Egypt, we may not eat, own, or derive benefit from chametz during Pesach. Chametz results when one of the five types of grain (wheat, rye, oats, spelt, and barley) comes in contact with water and is allowed to stand for a period of time (18 minutes) without completing the baking (which would end the fermentation process).

We are especially careful when it comes to Passover kashrut. All edible grain products or mixtures of grain which are chametz are prohibited. Chametz not fit for consumption even in relatively desperate circumstances (such as glue, for example) may be used on Pesach.

Jews of Ashkenazic descent also avoid kitniyot (roughly — legumes), such as beans, soy, rice, peanuts and more. The reason for this practice is two fold: 1) chametz grain was often stored together with these grains; 2) they can be ground into flour which is easily confused with chametz flours. This prohibition applies only to eating such products, whereas their possession and use in other ways is permissible.

Of course, all processed food bought for Pesach must have proper kosher-for-Passover approval on the label from a reliable kashrut supervising agency. It is unfortunate that some products which we do not

accept as kosher all year round (such as many marshmallow products containing non-kosher animal gelatin, which most do not accept as kosher) suddenly appear on shelves with Passover supervision.

Chametz after Pesach

After Pesach is over, we may return to eating chametz, with one notable proviso: chametz b'ain — pure chametz — is prohibited (rabbinically) after Pesach as well if it was owned by a Jew on Passover. One must be careful in post-Pesach chametz purchasing from Jewish-owned stores to make sure that the store did not own the chametz during Pesach.

Preparing the Home for Pesach

Compliance with the prohibition of eating/owning/using chametz takes on three forms.

The first is the actual removal of chametz, either through consuming it or disposing of it. This culminates in the search for chametz on the evening before Passover, bedikat chametz (which is done after nightfall), and in a burning, biur chametz on the morning before Passover. If it is too difficult to check all the rooms on one night, the work may be divided and done on earlier nights.

Leave one room unchecked so that, on the night of the check, you may recite the brachah. It is not mandatory to use a candle and feather in the search for chametz. (It might actually be preferable to use a flashlight to search within the nooks and crannies of your home).

Special care should be taken to check all areas into which chametz might have been brought over the course of the past year, in the home, in the office, in the car. This applies to any chametz which is the size of an olive and larger, and which is still edible, albeit by an animal. (Therefore, small crumbs, or crumbs which have been spoiled, for example, by the use of a household cleaner are not included in the obligation, although any such chametz out in the open should be destroyed). Don't forget to check books, benchers etc. that you might be using. Please note again that as long as chametz has been ren-

dered inedible, it does not need to be sought out. That means that clothing, for example, that has been freshly washed in detergent, does not need to be checked through for chametz in the pockets.

The second step is the recitation of a formula of nullification of ownership of any chametz which might still remain in our possession (bitul chametz) immediately following the search and the burning.

In addition to these two standardized procedures, there is another form — the sale of chametz. Any chametz which can neither be consumed nor disposed of before Pesach may be sold in advance to a non-Jew through the rabbi (mechirat chametz). Remember: This may certainly be done for the chametz in pots and pans not being used on Pesach, so that they will not need to be scrubbed, or for benchers you won't be using; simply set them aside with the other chametz being sold. A contract of sale/power of attorney form for this sale is included herein, where more explanation of the process can be found. After Pesach, the non-Jew usually sells the chametz back to its original owner.

[One note about mechirat chametz: the mitzvah of ridding ourselves of chametz was meant to have us go through a process of doing just that. One should not carelessly purchase chametz close to Pesach having in mind that it will be sold along with other chametz. In addition, bread, pasta products, cookies, etc. — chametz b'ain — should preferably be used up or given away instead of being sold, unless you have a significant amount of said products.]

Again, don't forget to clean your car and your office! Please remember that vacuum cleaner bags must be emptied, as well as garbage pails.

Kashering the Kitchen for Pesach Use

In addition to not using actual chametz products during the festival, we also disallow the use of dishes and utensils which have been used with chametz. For that reason, it is necessary to have two additional sets of dishes for Pesach use. At the same time, the year-round dishes are stored out of sight during the week of Passover.

There are certain types of utensils that can be "kashered" for Pesach use. These are discussed below.

Remember: If you will not be using these items on Pesach, wipe them down to remove all edible chametz, and then tape them closed. No kashering would be needed.

Utensils

Silver and metal utensils: silverware, small pots and metal utensils may be kashered for Pesach through a purging process called hag'ala, boiling.

The theory of this process is that just as it entered, so will it leave ("kebol'o kach polto"). [Of what value is this purging process if the chametz which it spits out comes right back into the pot again? To this question, there are two answers, amongst others.

Firstly, if the water content of the pot is 60x that of the chametz, the chametz will be halachically diluted and nullified ("bitul beshishim").

Secondly, when a pot remains unused for 24 hours, the flavors it absorbed turn "sour" (or "lifgam"), and are no longer prohibited if they are then reabsorbed. The rules of bitul only apply prior to Pesach; on Pesach itself, we no longer apply these principles, and this method of kashering would no longer work. Therefore, all hag'ala must be done before the fifth hour of the day on erev Pesach.

Glassware: Glass may be kashered for Pesach by immersion in cold water for three 24-hour periods, changing the water in between. This does not apply to pyrex or to glass that is put on the fire or in the oven. Arcolac and Corelle should be treated as glassware as regards kashering. If one wishes, drinking glasses, etc., may be kashered through the boiling process described above (the best idea is to have separate glassware for Pesach).

The treatment of broiler, baking, roasting frying pans: Anything which was used in a non-liquid cooking process (i.e. baking, roasting, broiling, perhaps even frying) can only be kashered through libun, or firing. These items require "libun chazak" (strong firing) which would burn up the chametz in the walls. This requires a very high temperature which can only be reached through the use of a blow torch (which we do not recommend you do). Therefore, you are advised to purchase new ones.

The following are some items that cannot be kashered: China, pottery, and earthenware, porcelain, plastic, teflon and teflon-type coated cooking utensils and pots, utensils that have different parts glued together, and any other items which cannot be cleaned thoroughly (e.g. a sieve); treated glass, Pyrex, Corningware, Visions, and the like; decanters for storing whiskey.

The Stove and Oven

These are kashered through a different process than the pots and pans used in cooking. They require "libun kal," or light libun, which would not require the same intensity of heat as did libun chazak.

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Pesach

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Oven: Every part of the oven and stove must be thoroughly cleaned with a chemical cleaner. [Use caution when applying chemicals to "continuous cleaning" ovens; it might ruin the special surface coating. "Fantastic" with a nylon brush might be advisable.] It may be necessary to take apart some of the inner pieces to clean them properly. As with all Pesach cleaning, a visual inspection is necessary, to make sure that there are no grease spots which might be removable that you had missed. The oven and racks must then be heated at the highest level (usually "broil") for 40 minutes. The broiler pan should be cleaned but not used.

Self-cleaning oven: You must run it through a self-clean cycle. It might be necessary to hand-clean the door.

Stove-Top: After cleaning thoroughly underneath (i.e., the

drip pans, the inside of the stove top), the burner of the stove should be turned on high for 5 to 10 minutes so that the coils glow red-hot. If you have a gas stove, you should shift the grates so that all parts will be exposed to the intensity of the heat at some point. The grates do not need to be covered (Note: If you have a self-cleaning oven, you may place the grates in the oven before you turn on the cycle). The rest of the stove is then covered with aluminum foil.

Microwave ovens: A microwave can be kashered for Pesach if, as is usually the case, the walls do not reach the heat of yad soledet (hot enough to preclude leaving your hand on the surface for 15 seconds). First, clean all surfaces with a microwave-safe cleaner. Many require that it not be used for 24 hours. Then boil up a cup of water (it need not be a Pesach-dik cup) uncovered, so that the steam can spread through the microwave for a few minutes. Wipe the surface. The tray must be assumed to reach yad soledet, and there-

fore must be either replaced or covered with a few layers of paper or styrofoam.

Convection microwave ovens: must be kashered as regular ovens.

Remember: Clean all knobs and levers on all of these items.

Miscellany

Sinks: Stainless steel sinks can be kashered by thorough cleaning, not using for hot water for 24 hours, and then pouring from a boiling kettle onto every inch of surface.

Porcelain sinks: are not kasherable for Pesach. It is nonetheless suggested that you go through the process described above. Then use dishpans and racks in the sink (you do not have to line your sink with contact paper).

Mixers, blenders, food processors: Food processors and blenders can be used if you replace the bowl and the blades. Mixers, which have engine parts exposed to the flour can only be kashered if the motor assembly can be removed and fully cleaned. (There is a place in town which will do this for you.)

Countertops: All surfaces should be cleaned and then pour boiling on the surface. Marble/stone countertops may be kashered by cleansing and pouring hot water all over the surface. Since there is question if Formica can be kashered, if you will be putting any hot food directly on the surface or if you will be cutting on the surface, you must cover it.

Dishwashers: Problems in kashering dishwashers revolve around three issues: 1) the difficulty in cleaning; 2) the makeup of the inner shell; 3) the racks. If you would like to know if your dishwasher can be kashered, contact the Vaad office.

If you have any questions on kashering or products for Pesach, do not hesitate to direct them to the Vaad office at 621-9393.

At The Seder

Wine: During the seder, all individuals must drink four cups of wine (preferably red) paralleling the four terms describing our redemption from Egypt. If you have a health problem drinking wine, then mix with grape juice, and even dilute it with water if necessary. If you can have no alcohol at all, then use straight grape juice. This wine need not be extra heavy malaga — any red wine can be used. Some have the practice of not using wine which was boiled ("mevushal") for the four cups — usually this information is available on the bottle of wine itself (i.e. — it will tell you if it is mevushal).

Matzah: There is a mitzvah from the Torah to eat matzah at the seder. To best fulfill this mitzvah, it should be matzah shmurah mish'at ketzirah (watched from the time of harvesting to ensure that it did not contact water prior to its baking). When no "matzah shmurah" is available, then regular Passover matzah may be used. The New England Rab-

binical College has taken orders for matzahshmurah. Please contact them to see if there are any additional boxes available. See the note in the products section concerning egg matzah.

Maror (bitter herbs): Lettuce seems to be the most preferred form of maror. Romaine lettuce is bitter and thus a good choice. One must be very careful to remove the bugs from romaine lettuce (which are green). After washing, soak in Kosher Le Pesach vinegar for a minute or so, and then rinse and check in the light. Many recommend iceberg lettuce since it starts off without bitterness, but then turns bitter if allowed to remain in the field too long (just like the Jews' experience in Egypt which started off well and then turned bitter).

Call the Vaad office for a sheet with the minimum amounts one must eat or drink of these items to fulfill the mitzvah.

The Sale of Chametz

Separate the contract below and return to Rabbi Marder no later than Wednesday, April 12. Preferably, meet him in person to make a kinyan, a symbolic agreement on this assignment of authority. The Vaad office is located at Congregation Beth Shalom, 275 Camp St., Providence, RI 02906. Tel. 621-9393.

Rabbi Marder will be available after services beginning April 2; weekday services conclude at approximately 7:30 a.m. and 7:20 p.m.

Power of Attorney Authorizing the Selling of Chametz

Be it proclaimed that I hereby empower Rabbi Chaim Marder, supervising rabbi of the Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island, or his representative, to act on my behalf for the sale of all chametz, doubtful chametz, and chametz mixtures that may be in my possession, wherever it may be, at home, place of business, automobiles, or elsewhere for the period of time April 14 to 22. This includes as well all goods which may be delivered to me over Passover.

Said chametz is to be found primarily at (list of address(es) — e.g., home and office, garage):

Said chametz is to be sold to a non-Jew of the rabbi's choosing during the time that it is still legally permitted to sell chametz. The rabbi has full right to sell, dispose, and conduct all transactions as he deems fit and proper, for such time which he believes necessary. The purchaser will have free access to the chametz he acquires and to its storage area (which he will rent).

This authorization is made binding by my signature below, by the kinyan of the taking hold of a garment, or through my verbal granting of authorization to the rabbi.

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If the Vaad Hakashruth has not explicitly given its kosher-for-Passover approval to a local caterer or bakery, you must presume that the foods sold there were not prepared in accordance with Passover requirements (even if they are kosher year round).

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The cost is \$15 for adults and

\$8 for children 2 to 12 years; children under 2 years are admitted at no charge. Prepaid reservations should be made by April 10.

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There will be two matzoh workshops, each running approximately one hour. All participants receive baker's hats and a chance to mix the flour and water, knead the dough, perforate it and watch as the matzoh bakes in the oven.

The entire process takes only 18 minutes. These handmade matzoh (plural for matzoh) will not be kosher for Passover, but kosher matzoh will be for sale.

The first workshop will start at noon, the second around 1:15 p.m. There will be a holiday craft workshop at 2:30 p.m.

The cost for the program is \$3 per child. Each child must be 3 or older, and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The bakery workshops and discussions will be led by Rabbi Eliezer Levy, director of the Chai Center. The rabbi says, "If a picture is worth a thousand words then a personal, hands-on experience is worth a thousand educational lectures."

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After 3,000 years of wandering in the haute cuisine wilderness, kosher cuisine is becoming exciting.

1995 Kosher Seder Menu

Three Pepper Spiral Soup with Basil

(Yield: 6 Portions)
6 red bell peppers
6 yellow bell peppers
6 green bell peppers
36 oz. vegetable stock
24 large basil leaves — julienne and fry

1 bunch fresh parsley
2 roasted pasilla chilis
Parsley and chilis need to be puréed together

1/4 tsp. crushed red chilis
salt and pepper (to taste)
Mashed Potatoes

1 large potato
1/2 cup margarine
1/2 cup Kineret non-dairy creamer

1. Roast, peel and seed bell peppers and pasilla chilis.

2. Purée each color of the peppers separately and set aside.

3. Bring vegetable stock to a simmer.

4. In a small pot add red bell pepper purée, 1/3 of the vegetable stock and crushed red chilis; bring to a simmer and season with salt and pepper to taste.

5. In pot number two, add yellow bell pepper, 1/3 of vegetable stock; bring to a simmer and season with salt and pepper to taste.

6. In pot number three, add green bell pepper and pasilla purées, add final 1/3 of vegetable stock and season with salt and pepper to taste.

7. Swirl all three soups together and serve.

8. Garnish top with fried basil.

For Mashed Potatoes:

1. Boil and purée potatoes

2. Add non-dairy creamer and margarine

3. Season to taste.

Braised Veal Shank, Tomato Sauce and Baby Vegetables

(Yield: 6 Portions)
6 (6 to 8 oz.) veal shanks
8 fresh Roma tomatoes — peeled, seeded and chopped
6 large fresh shallots — roasted, whole

1 cup chopped yellow onions
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped carrots
2 Tsp. tomato purée
1 bit. Kedem brand red cooking wine

1 qt. veal stock
1 dried bay leaf
12 baby beets
12 baby turnips
6 baby carrots
6 baby parsnips

24 baby organic fingerling potatoes

California Delight brand extra virgin olive oil

Kedem brand walnut oil

1. Season veal shanks and sear each side in a preheated roasting pan.

2. Add chopped carrots, onions and celery to veal and sauté in Kedem brand walnut oil.

3. Add tomato purée, deglaze with Kedem red cooking wine.

4. Allow wine to reduce by half. Add bay leaf and veal stock.

5. Place roasting pan in 300 degree oven for about 2 hours or until veal is fork tender.

6. Remove veal from roasting pan and set aside.

7. Place roasting pan on top of the stove and reduce braising liquid to sauce consistency.

8. Strain and set aside.

9. Prepare all baby vegetables and potatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Toss in California Delight brand extra virgin olive oil and roast in the oven.

10. For sauce: Julienned roasted shallots and sauté in Kedem brand walnut oil with fresh diced tomatoes till tender. Add reduced braising liquid and season to taste.

11. Remove from water bath and allow to cool slightly.

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1 qt. non-dairy creamer

8 whole eggs

1/2 oz. Chardonnay wine

1 tsp. fresh grated ginger

3 tsp. fresh chopped chives

2 tsp. sugar

salt and pepper (to taste)

Kedem brand walnut oil

1. Mix together Chardonnay wine, fresh ginger and green onion.

2. Dice fresh salmon and place in Chardonnay wine/ginger and marinade for 20 minutes.

3. Remove salmon from marinade and sauté in Kedem brand walnut oil until salmon is just cooked.

4. With a slotted spoon, remove salmon from pan and set aside to cool.

5. In separate bowl, crack 8 whole eggs and whisk together with non-dairy creamer, add chopped chives and season with salt and pepper to form a custard.

6. In 6 oz. individual ramekins, divide cooked salmon evenly.

7. Pour custard into each ramekin until it reaches the top.

8. Bake in a 300 degree oven in a water bath till custard sets up.

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SPORTS FEATURE

RIC Workshop at Sea is Offered Again

by George LaTour
Flushed with success from its first time out at sea last spring, Rhode Island College is offering its Workshop at Sea again from May 14 to 20.

Described as "A Tall Ship Learning Adventure," it is being offered in conjunction with the Rose Foundation and its Tall Ship, the HMS Rose, sailing out of Newport to sites unknown, although stops at Block Island and Martha's Vineyard are expected.

It is a chance for landlubbers to gain some knowledge about sailing and sea ecology and earn college credits if desired.

"Imagine spending a week aboard a full-rigged ship — not as a passenger, but as part of the crew, helping to sail her and in so doing learning the ropes, manning the helm and participating fully in the life of the ship," suggested Mary Grady, a part-time instructor of geography at RIC, who initiated the program last year.

The voyage may be taken for a cost of \$600 or \$750 if taken for credit. Three college credits may be earned through Geography 380 that will be recorded by RIC's continuing education program. The credits can be trans-

ferred to most other institutions, assured Grady.

A 50 percent deposit is required upon registration. Deadline is MAY 1 and only 30 people will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Last May, 24 participants ranging in age from 17 to 68 boarded the training vessel, the largest training ship in the country. Of the 24, 14 took the trip for credit. Nine were from RIC. Others came from the University of Rhode Island, Worcester Polytechnic and other schools from New York and around New England.

"Most of them climbed high into the rigging to try their hand at setting and furling the ship's huge square sails, enjoyed themselves immensely while having a learning experience they will never forget," Grady said.

The 179-foot, square-rigged Tall Ship is the largest active wooden Tall Ship in the world. Built in 1970 in Nova Scotia, it carries three masts, a flying jib on the bow and a spanker sail on the stern and boasts 24 cannons.

The crew, under Capt. Richard Bailey, will provide instructions on sailing (which will include navigation and chart reading) and, certainly, no one will be forced to do anything he or

she doesn't want to — like climbing the 130-foot main mast. Grady will provide instructions on geography, sea ecology and the coastal environment.

For more information or to sign up, call Grady at 456-8005 or 454-8475, or write her at the anthropology/geography department, Gaige Hall, Rhode Island College, Providence 02908.

Roll Out the Barrels

The fabled Bourbon Street in New Orleans will officially be renamed "Jim Beam Bourbon Street" during the week of June 11 as Jim Beam marks 200 years of history and tradition with a \$20,000 barrel-rolling competition.

Jim Beam created the barrel-rolling competition to invite "non-professionals" — athletes and couch potatoes alike — to test their skill, speed and agility in a timed race on June 15.

Archie Manning, former all-pro New Orleans Saints quarterback, will provide color commentary as 20 contestants, selected from a random national sweepstakes drawing, roll an empty 90-pound Jim Beam Bourbon barrel down the 300 block of "Jim Beam Bourbon Street."

Guinness Book barrel-rolling record holders Steve Hewitt and Phillip Randle of Great Britain will coach and referee the competition. Semi-finalists with the two fastest times will go head-to-head in a final heat for the \$20,000 grand prize.

Entry in the barrel-rolling sweepstakes is open through April 30. Finalists will be selected on May 15.

For a chance to win \$20,000 in the Jim Beam barrel-rolling competition, send away for official contest rules and entry form to: Jim Beam Barrel-Rolling, P.O. Box 588, Deerfield, IL 60015.

Wheelchair Games Set for June

More than 500 veterans from across the nation, Puerto Rico and Great Britain are expected to compete in the largest wheelchair sports events in the United States, the 15th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, June 13 to 17, in Atlanta, Ga.

The event, co-presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America, is open to all U.S. military veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal-cord injury, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments.

Eligible veterans who have never competed in the games or in wheelchair sports are especially encouraged to participate. While this event has produced world-class wheelchair athletes, for many newly injured veterans, it is an introduction to wheelchair sports.

This year's events include track and field, swimming, basketball, quad rugby, weight-lifting, slalom, air guns, bowling, table tennis and archery.

The VA Medical Center in Atlanta will host the events this year, to be held on the campus of Emory University. The deadline for registration is APRIL 14.

For more information or to request a registration package, contact PVA at (800) 424-8200, ext. 752 or 687; or the VA National Recreation Therapy Events office at 605-7377.



Hockey Hero

Jim Craig, goaltender for the gold-medal 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team, signed autographs for fans of all ages at Fan Fair on April 1 at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Craig's son James Jr., 6, sat by his side.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Volunteers Needed at Scholar-Athlete Games

The Rhode Island Scholar-Athlete Games, a program that combines athletics, culture and education for students in grades five to 12, is looking for volunteers to help with various duties throughout the games, June 22 to 29 at the University of Rhode Island.

Opportunities for volunteers include registering participants and other volunteers, ticket sales, site operations, closing ceremonies at the Providence Civic Center, merchandising, games operations, refereeing at athletic events, dorm supervisors, Theme Day facilitators and many other tasks.

There are also opportunities for volunteers at the games' opening ceremonies, June 10 at University of Rhode Island.

Patterned after the highly successful 1993 World Scholar-Athlete Games, the Rhode Is-

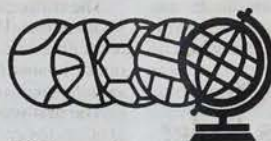
land games will serve as a national model to be replicated by other states. Students will participate in a program that will emphasize excellence in the classroom and the arts as well as in extracurricular activities.

Students will participate in one of 10 athletic activities, including baseball, basketball, soccer, swimming, sailing, golf, softball, track, tennis and volleyball or

one of six cultural programs including art, band, choir, debate, theater and writing/poetry.

All students will participate in the educational component of the games consisting of four Theme Days on "Substance Abuse & Wellness," "The Rhode Island Environment," "Ethics and Fair Play," and "Rhode Island State Issues."

Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity should contact J.J. Alberts at 792-5088.



Lace Up Those Running Shoes, Tune Up Those Wheelchairs

Runners, walkers and wheelchair athletes all battle through aches and injuries, but for the fifth straight year they have a chance to assist some University of Rhode Island students who soon may be of help in easing some of those physical ailments.

The URI Physical Therapy Program will hold its 5th annual 5K Run for Research on April 22 at 10 a.m.

The event, which is open to runners, walkers and wheelchair competitors, will start outside Keaney Gym.

All proceeds from the race will benefit students seeking their master's degrees in physical therapy at URI. The money will be used by students to purchase research materials and equipment, prepare for national conference presentations and for publishing findings in journals.



Lights, Camera...

Two young women try their hand at sportscasting at the Channel 10 booth at Fan Fair, held at the Rhode Island Convention Center last weekend. Real-life sportscaster John McGuiston evaluates their performance.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

UMass Dartmouth to Host 5K

The third annual Worker's Memorial 5K Road Race and 1.6 Mile Walk will take place April 23 on the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth campus, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Tripp Athletic Center.

The first male and female finishers overall and the top three men and women in the following six categories will receive awards. Racers will compete as juniors (13 to 19 years old), open (20 to 29), sub-masters (30 to 39), masters (40 to 49), seniors (50 and over) and wheel chair (any age). The three fastest finishers from one of the labor-sponsored teams will also be honored.

Registration is \$8 before April 17 and \$10 after. Free T-shirts will be presented to the first 150 registrants. Free food and refreshments will be available for entrants and spectators. Registration will close 9:30 a.m. race day.

Gym lockers and showers will be available for racers. Following the race, participants and their families can use the UMass Dartmouth swimming pool. A raffle with prizes and gift certificates will also be held.

Registration forms are available by contacting the Arnold

Dubin Labor Education Center (508) 999-8007 or the UMass Dartmouth athletic department (508) 999-8720. Checks should be made payable to the Labor Education Center and forwarded to: Labor Education Center, UMass Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747.

Table Tennis Tournament Planned

Capitol Billiards presents the 1995 Rhode Island Open, a USATT-sanctioned one-star open table tennis tournament at the Manville Community Center, 30 Railroad St., Manville, R.I., on April 22 and 23.

To be eligible, you must have a USATT membership, or purchase a USATT adult-only, one-time player pass. Juniors must be under 18 years of age and seniors must be over 40.

The tournament will be divided into 12 different categories, according to age, sex and skill level.

Entries must be received before April 20. For more information, call Art Theroux at 826-8476.



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Registration Opens for Parenting Conference

Bradley Hospital and the Rhode Island Committee to Prevent Child Abuse invite parents, educators and children's health and social service workers to attend Parenting Matters, the fifth annual full-day parenting education conference, on May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Toll Gate/Winman School Complex, Centerville Road, Warwick.

This year's program features a keynote address by nationally recognized author, Dr. Penelope Leach, "Nurturing Today's Family." Leach is the author of *Children First, Your Baby and Child, Your Growing Child, Babyhood and The First Six Months*. Following the keynote presen-

tation, two panel discussions will be offered: "Fathers Matter," moderated by Ron Arsenault, director of Rhode Island Men's Center, Warwick, and "Schools: Getting the Services You Need," moderated by Richard Solomon, Ph.D., RIPCPC board member.

After a light lunch provided by McDonald's Restaurants of Rhode Island, parents may choose from 35 workshops led by the area's leading child development experts on topics such as teaching responsibility or instilling values in your children, treatment strategies for ADD/ADHD, improving parent/teen communication and positive approaches to disci-

pline.

A resource center will feature exhibits from more than 65 community organizations and businesses serving children and families and will be open throughout the day. Leach will autograph copies of her new book, *Children First: What Our Society Must Do — And Is Not Doing — For Our Children Today* in the resource center at 2 p.m.

A registration fee of \$25 includes lunch. For program and registration information, call Bonnie Braga at Bradley Hospital, 434-3400, ext. 333. Hearing impaired parents should call Bradley Hospital through the Rhode Island relay number, (800) 745-5555, to arrange a sign interpreter.

Brandeis to Help Soviets Increase Jewish Studies

With the end of communism and a newly available mine of archives, the field of Jewish studies is undergoing dramatic growth in the former Soviet Union's institutes of higher learning.

And Brandeis University will take an active role in bolstering Jewish studies in the former Soviet empire. Professor Antony Polonsky, a foremost expert on the history of Eastern European Jewry, has developed a program to send a Brandeis faculty member to the Ukraine each year to share their knowledge with Soviet scholars.

The visiting faculty member from Brandeis' department of Near Eastern and Judaic studies would spend a week or more visiting and lecturing in English at the Ukraine's four main teaching centers in Odessa, Kiev, Donetsk, and Kharkov. Final plans are still being formulated.

The Walter Stern Hilborn Professor of Judaic and social studies at Brandeis, Polonsky developed the visiting scholars program in February at a conference at the International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization on the outskirts of Moscow.

Champlain College to Hold Open House

Champlain College, in Burlington, VT, invites prospective students and parents to an open house on April 8, starting at 10 a.m. in the Hauke Family Campus Center.

The program includes student activities, an academic fair, student and parent sessions,

campus tours, a free buffet lunch with faculty and Champlain students, and a free pass to see the Champlain College production of "Death of a Salesman."

To register by telephone or for more information, call (802) 860-2727 or toll-free at (800) 570-5858.

Soft Sculpture Masterpieces are Born

Sixteen Alperin Schechter Day School Middle School students, grades six through eight, had a singular experience when they signed up for soft sculpture elective under the direction of Myrna Rubel.

For seven weeks, students created figures that seemed to take on personalities of their own. "This class was a voyage of self-discovery in many ways, and turned out to be great fun," said Rubel.

The soft sculpture masterpieces are currently on display in the Fishbein Library at ASDS.

Movie Night for Grade Schoolers

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Club 456, for grades four through six, will be watching "Baby's Day Out" on April 8, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

The cost for club members is \$1; for non-members is \$2. Call Dana Zucker at 861-8800 for additional information.

Wideman To Speak at Brown

Author and educator John Edgar Wideman, winner of the 1990 American Book Award for Fiction, will read from and discuss his current writing project in a Brown University President's lecture at 8 p.m., April 10, in Room 101 of the Salomon Center for Teaching, located on the College Green. The lecture, titled "Cattle Killing: Work in Progress," is open to the public without charge.

Discussing Discrimination

Join students from schools across Rhode Island for an afternoon of discussions and workshops focusing on discrimination in our schools on April 8 at noon at Bay View Academy.

For further information, call the Office of Diversity at Moses Brown School, 831-7350.

ASDS Shines at State Science Fair

Middle school students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School did well at the recent Rhode Island State Science Fair.

Katya Ginzburg, grade seven, was named a Best in Fair Finalist and was awarded a first grant for her project, "Ti-why-pi-ang," a study of the typewriter/computer keyboard and the consequences of the way the letters are placed. The designation means that Katya placed among the top 10 out of approximately 700 students competing in this year's fair.

Also receiving a first grant was Ramesh Radparvar, grade eight, whose project was entitled, "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Who is the Fastest of Them All?"

Thomas Carroll, grade eight was awarded a second grant for his project, "The Effects of Gender Identity on Short-Term Memory."

Third grants were given to Josh Beraha for "Don't Resist," to Jonathan Liss for "Light, Waves, or Particles?" and to Dmitry Meyerzon for "Attention and Thought."

Moses Brown Having Impact on Local Art Scene

Adam Rappoport, a Moses Brown senior from Cranston, will have one of his photographs included in the soon-to-be published photo collection, *One Day — America*, a documentary of American student life. The volume is a compilation of photos taken by thousands of students on Oct. 14, 1994, and will include the works of 173 student photographers. The magazine-style publication is due to be released April 6 at the Journalism Education/National Scholastic Press Association convention in San Diego.

Four Moses Brown upper-school students placed in the recent Camera Club of Rhode Island Third annual Student Competition. Ned Wheeler, a senior from Providence, received second place honors for his piece, "Nigel." Three students received honorable mentions: Basil Lee, sophomore, Lincoln; Eli Cane, sophomore, Providence; and Sina Shah-Hosseini, senior, Lincoln.

Three Moses Brown faculty members participated in the

annual Rhode Island Teachers Association Art Show at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art. Randy Street, woodshop teacher, exhibited two pieces. Betsy Zimmerman, lower-school art teacher, exhibited one piece. Kristin Street, photography teacher, exhibited two pieces, one of which garnered an honorable mention. All three are residents of Foster. Kristin Street also had two pieces exhibited in the South County Art Association Open Juried Photography Annual.

Betsy Zimmerman has been granted a sabbatical for the 1995-1996 school year. She plans to use the time to paint, travel and make pottery.

The school recently opened an art gallery in Friends Hall. The first exhibit features works by faculty and staff members. Future gallery shows will include an exhibit by student photographers from throughout Rhode Island (April 12 to May 15) and the annual MB senior art show (May).

Leap Into Spring with the Brown Dance Ensemble

Brown University Theatre presents the Brown Dance Ensemble Spring Concert on April 6 to 9 and April 13 to 16 in Stuart Theatre.

A different production will be performed each week, with the first week's production consisting of student and faculty choreographed pieces, Milton Myers' "Seasonal Fire," and the highlight of the evening, "Dido and Aeneas," which will include dancers, principal singers, a chamber choir and chamber orchestra.

"Dido and Aeneas" is a piece based on the myth of Dido, Queen of Carthage and her love for Aeneas, the son of Aphrodite and founder of Rome. It portrays the forces of nature versus politics and has been set in an insane asylum.

Tickets are available for both shows at the Leeds Theatre box office, Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in Stuart Theatre one hour before curtain on the night of the performance.

Ticket prices are \$11 regular admission, \$8 senior citizens and

Brown faculty/staff and \$5 for students with an ID. Performances on April 6 to 9 and 13 to 15 are at 8 p.m.; April 16 is a 3 p.m. matinee only.

Tickets may also be purchased by phone with VISA/Mastercard. Leeds Theatre box office is located at 77 Waterman St., Providence. To charge your order or for more information, call 863-2838.

Bryant Announces Increase

Bryant College President William E. Trueheart announced recently that there will be an increase of 3.65 percent for the 1995-1996 school year, for tuition, room and board.

Tuition for full-time undergraduate students for the next academic year will be \$13,100. There will be no tuition increase for part-time students.

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Jewish Libraries Spotlighted in Chicago

The 30th annual convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries will take place on June 18 to 21, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago, Ill.

This year's keynote address will be given by Dr. Sander Gilman, professor of German and psychiatry at the University of Chicago and president-elect of the Modern Language Association.

Other programs include: Images of Jewish Women, the

Harvard Poster Imaging Project, Documenting Jewish Music, Chagall and the Bible, The 100 Best Videos for Your Library and School, the Internet in the Judaica Library, sessions on cataloging, collection management, storytelling, computerization, genealogy, young adult literature, and more.

On June 22, there will be a special joint session of the AJL and American Library Association's Ethnic Materials

and Information Exchange Round Table. The session, "Building Bridges: The Joint AJL/ALA Program in Chicago," is an ALA pre-session, and is free of charge.

The Judaica Book and Crafts Marketplace, the largest gathering in Chicago of Jewish books, videos, crafts and software, will be open to the public June 18, 12 to 6 p.m., June 19, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and June 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

For information on the convention, please contact: Shoshannah Seidman, 9056 Tamaroa Terrace, Skokie, IL 60076, phone (708) 982-0709.

Around the World in Five Days

The Warwick Museum (3259 Post Road, Warwick) will put on an art camp for kids ages 6 and up from April 17 through April 21. Campers will "travel the world," exploring and discovering artists, art forms, and art materials.

Everyone should dress comfortably in worry-free clothes, and bring a snack. Each camp day runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

Fees are \$15 a day, \$60 a week for non-members; \$12 a day, \$50 a week for members.

Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. Call the museum at 737-0010.

Lincoln Presents Concert

On April 9 at 3 p.m. Lincoln School's Lambrsquins and Vocal Ensemble, and the University Glee Club of Providence, will present a spring concert at the school's Ebner, Elson, Hart Auditorium, at 301 Butler Ave. on Providence's East Side.

Tickets are \$8 at the door, and a complimentary reception will follow.

For more information, contact the school at 331-9696.

4 issue) or on a 3x5 card with his/her name, address, phone number and age, along with one product UPC from any flavor of Nestlé refrigerated cookie dough. One 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch page may be attached to entry if needed to answer questions.

Entries can be sent to: NRCD Kids Save the Animals Contest, *Woman's Day* Magazine, 1633 Broadway, Department NRCD, 42nd Floor, New York, NY 10019.

RISD's Continuing Education Holds Open House

Rhode Island School of Design's division of continuing education is hosting an open house to promote its summer course offerings on April 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bayard Ewing Building, 231 South Main St.

The three-hour open house will feature campus tours and presentations by RISD's summer faculty and staff. Among the various programs and course offerings which will be highlighted are the pre-college foundation program; summer institute for graphic design; travel study programs; the tex-

tile design institute; art and design summer studies; master of arts in art education; English as a second language; and the professional development programs.

After the open house, participants are invited to join current RISD students for an on-campus brunch at a nominal fee of \$6.25 per person.

For more information or to make a reservation, call RISD's division of continuing education at 454-6200 or (800) 364-RISD (7473). Facsimiles may be directed to 454-6218.

French-American School Holds Open House

The French-American School of Rhode Island will hold an open house on April 22 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

It will be of particular interest to those with young children looking for a preschool or elementary school. All are welcome.

Comprised of La Petite Ecole and L'École Elementaire, the French-American School is an independent school fully approved by the Rhode Island Department of Education. The French-American School also adheres to the official French National Curriculum set by the French Ministry of Education. Founded in 1993, a school was created offering the best of the

American system and the best of the French system. La Petite Ecole, the preschool, follows the example of the French "maternelle."

There is a bilingual and bicultural atmosphere at the French-American School of Rhode Island. The academic program is coupled with a fully developed arts and physical exercise program to provide intellectual, cognitive and emotional growth.

Located at 55 Locust St. on the east side of Providence, The French-American School is easily accessible to both routes 195 and 95. For further information or directions to the school, call 272-9250.

Brown to Hold Storytelling Festival

"Tapestry of Tales: a Multicultural Storytelling Festival" at Brown University will feature five professional storytellers.

Ramona Wilkins Bass will captivate the audience with her singing, dancing, and audience-participation style of telling stories of African descent people. Judith Black will draw from her own coming of age in a Jewish family; her tales of growing up Jewish in America are not only poignant, but gut-wrenchingly hilarious. Leeny Del Seamounts will share Hispanic anecdotes and personal stories decorated with Spanish-English translations and bursting with Latin humor. Paula Dove Jennings, a member of the Niantic Narragansett Tribe, will retell the Native American legends, history, and stories as told to her by her mother and grandmother. In addition, Li Min Mo, born in China, will create a magic circle with her stories so that the rare occurrence of being one with the storyteller, entering her land, seeing her visions, hearing her voices happens.

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Zoo Joins Contest to Benefit Endangered Species

Roger Williams Park Zoo and the Rhode Island Zoological Society have joined Nestlé Refrigerated Food Co. and *Woman's Day* magazine in an effort to raise national awareness among kids and families about wildlife preservation and the growing number of endangered animals.

As part of the effort, visitors to Roger Williams Park Zoo during Kids Save the Animals Wrapper Days — from April 21 to April 23 — may receive \$5 off the cost of an annual membership and enter a national contest, "Kids Save the Animals."

Kids Save the Animals Wrapper Days encourages visitors to take advantage of the special membership discount for the zoo by bringing in any package wrapper of Nestlé refrigerated cookie dough.

Visitors can also enter the national contest by filling out an entry form at the admissions gate at the Roger Williams Park Zoo. Endangered animal fact and conservation tip sheets will be offered to participants.

The contest is open to children ages 6 to 14. When children visit the Roger Williams Park Zoo admissions gate with a NRCD package wrapper between April 21 and 23, they can

enter by completing an entry form and responding, in 50 words or less, to the questions: "Tell us what endangered animal you want to save the most and why" and "Tell us what you like the most about Nestlé refrigerated cookie dough."

Children who cannot visit the Roger Williams Park Zoo during Kids Save the Animals Wrapper Days between March 15 and May 31, can submit entries on *Woman's Day* official entry forms (found in the April

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Arts Council Schedules Two Concert Trips

The Arts Council, Pawtucket, will sponsor two trips to the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Pops this spring and summer. Cost includes round-trip transportation and admission to the concert. Contact The Arts Council at 723-1151 to make reservations, or send your check

to the arts council at 13 Summer Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860.

On April 20 at 10:30 a.m. the Boston Symphony Orchestra will have an open rehearsal with Maria Tipo, piano and Lorraine Hunt, mezzo, Seiji Ozawa conducting. The Krasa Chamber (Continued on Page 23)



"PIERROT WITH ENVELOPE" salted paper print, 1854-1855, Nadar and Adrien Tournachon.

Met Shows Nadar's Work

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is showcasing an exhibit of Nadar's photographs from April 14 to July 9.

The exhibit represents a collaboration between the Met and

the Réunion des Musées Nationaux and the Bibliothèque Nationale de France.

Nadar was a pioneer in photography.

From Russia Con Brio

Those of you who follow musical events in Rhode Island, know that Alain Jacquot gave another magnificent performance on March 29 at the Odeum Theater in East Greenwich.

Channing Gray, in the *Journal*, said "... once the 36-year-old Frenchman hit his stride, he could do no wrong... Then came a sizzling performance of 'La Campanella' that... had even the pianists in the audience shaking their heads in disbelief."

If you missed Jacquot, you will get another chance to hear world-class musicians strut their stuff at the Odeum, on April 18, at 8 p.m.

Boris Berezovsky, pianist, and Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violinist, will play works by Beethoven, Schubert, Schnittke and Ravel.

The box office is located at 59 Main St., East Greenwich. The telephone number is 885-8160. Call early. Tickets are \$28, \$25 for seniors.

Prints Exhibited

East Greenwich Photo Gallery, upstairs, East Greenwich Photo, 631 Main St., East Greenwich, is presenting an exhibit of limited edition, signed and numbered, photographic images produced as Iris prints by Alan Blazar, from April 7 to May 4.

Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays through Fridays; on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

'Romeo and Juliet' Cometh!

The University of Rhode Island's theatre department will present "Romeo and Juliet" on April 20 to 22 and April 26 to 29 at 8 p.m. and April 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center on Upper College Road in Kingston, R.I.

Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 792-5843. The box office will open on April 10. Tickets are \$10 for general sales, \$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$6 for children under 12.

Bill Harley Sings and Signs

On April 9 at 2 p.m., nationally known singer/storyteller Bill Harley will entertain young and old at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., with a reading, and signing from his new book, *Nothing Happened*.

Harley tours nationally and has recorded original songs and stories for children. This is his first book: a story about a little boy who discovers that everybody feels left out at times, and that, in Harley's words, we "don't need to worry. In the end, what someone else is doing matters little — it's what you feel and do that counts."

Internationally Known Works on View at RIC

From April 6 to 29, an exhibition of the works of internationally known painter Willy Heeks, a native of Providence, will be shown in Bannister Gallery in the RIC Art Center. An artist's lecture by the abstract painter is scheduled for April 20 at 7 p.m. in Horace Mann 193.

This will be the first career survey of works by Willy Heeks.

The collection, spanning the period from 1986 to 1993, provides a "unique overview of the intellectual and stylistic struggle that has led to Heeks' eminent stature in American painting," according to Krisjohn Horvat, exhibition curator.

"What becomes immediately apparent upon viewing this work is a joyful love of the act of painting, of mark-making placed in an ethereal space," says Horvat, himself an artist and member of the RIC art faculty.

Most of Heeks' paintings have a vastness about them, regardless of their physical scale,

but without the sweeping gestures that strive for the heroic.

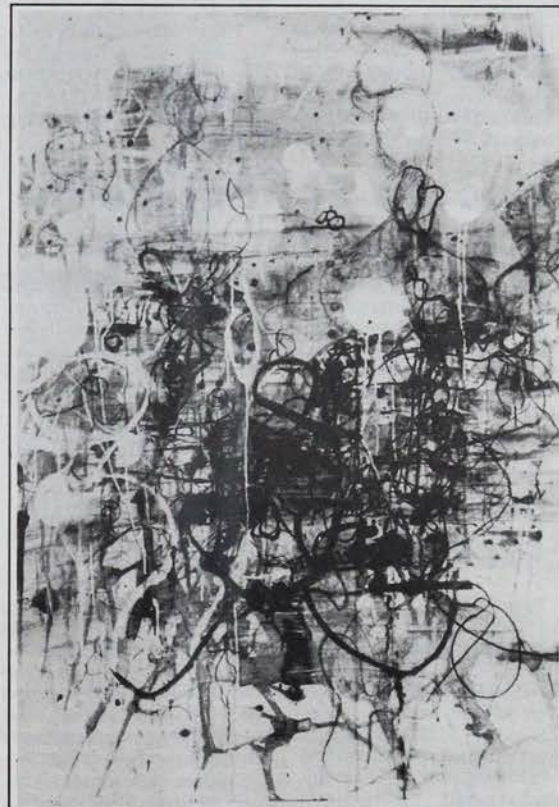
"These are paintings about intimacy that, while having a stylistic edge to them, are not ashamed to be beautiful," assures Horvat.

The work of Willy Heeks formed a prominent part of the 1992 Corcoran Gallery Biennial and is in the permanent collections of the Museums of Modern Art in New York and San Francisco, as well as the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., the Brooklyn Museum of Art and the Peter Stuyvesant Foundation in Amsterdam.

Reviews and articles about his work have appeared in all the important art journals, including *Art Forum*, *Art in America*, *Art International* and *Arts* magazine.

Heeks will discuss his work on April 20 at 7 p.m. in Horace Mann Hall, Room 193.

The exhibit and artist's talk are free and open to the public.



POOL OF LOGIC by Willy Heeks, mixed media on paper, 50" by 38", on exhibit at Rhode Island College.

Corrections Art Exhibited

An exhibition of drawings, paintings, and mixed media art work by adults incarcerated in the Adult Correctional Institutions will be held from April 2 through April 28 at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road.

An opening reception will be held on Sunday, April 2, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The library is accessible to people with physical handicaps.

Whaling Museum Showcases Glassware

Through Oct. 15, the New Bedford Whaling Museum will present a comprehensive exhibit of the works of the Smith Brothers decorating firm in New Bedford.

The exhibit will include approximately 250 pieces of glass as well as photographs of the shop and their products. During their nearly 30 years in New Bedford, the Smith brothers were considered among the city's leading glass decorators.

The museum is located at Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. For further information, call Curator Judy Lund at (508) 999-0046.

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Something Funny Is Going On

Laughter and tears will abound when the Actors' Collaborative presents the classic musical "Funny Girl" at the Orpheum Theatre in Foxborough on April 21 and 22 at 8 p.m.; April 23 at 3 p.m.; and April 27 to 29 at 8 p.m. The production is directed by Judith Calabria Post.

Set in the period of pre-World War I through the 1920s, "Funny

Girl" tells the story of Fanny Brice, a determined young girl who rises to stardom as a specialty act in the Zeigfield Follies. Though she falls in love with the stage, Brice pays a personal price for her success.

Written by the renowned Jule Styne with lyrics by Bob Merrill, the musical was first produced in 1964 and starred then-unknown Barbra Streisand as Brice.

As the World Turns...

"As the World Turns: An Environmental Show" will be on display at Hera Gallery, 327 Main St., Wakefield, from April 1 to 29.

Work was selected for this national juried show by Cora Lee Gibbs, director of Happy White Gallery, Barrington.

The show includes 47 works by 40 artists from 18 states. The works, in a variety of two- and three-dimensional media, address environmental issues and points of view ranging from respect and appreciation for plant and animal life as seen in Lloyd

graphs of the Mossup Valley, to works intended to sensitize the viewer to more ominous environmental concerns such as Anne Rocheleau's "Motor Oil and Medicinals," Paula Most's mixed media work, "Piece of Sky," or Anthony Tomaselli's painting "Big Brother," which deals with industrial irresponsibility.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday, noon to 3 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is free and open to the public and is handicapped accessible.

Collages by Leviten Fascinate

There will be a show of collages entitled, "Gestalt," by Riva Leviten at the Providence Art Club, 11 Thomas St., Providence, from April 9 through April 21.

The gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m.; Sundays, 3 to 5 p.m.

The artist says, "Gestalt (hide and seek) — this body of work is full of many intense images.

"I was drawn to these images for reasons I cannot fully explain, perhaps having to do with ages past. I have invented scenes, using the images as actors. These

images I call 'personages.' I feel they have a quality of genuine feeling, as though kinfolds in my own kingdom. They are familiar to me as I have lived with them over time.... I have placed these personages in scenes which have become part of my everyday life, although they are scenes that have transcended real time.... There is ambiguity, conflict, resolution and resignation in almost every piece. That is what life is to me and these are the keyholes through which I view it."



COLLAGE BY LEVITEN, on display at "Gestalt" show.

Don't Miss the Duke, Earl

The Duke Ellington Orchestra is coming to town Friday — April 7 — and if this show isn't already sold out by the time you read this, call PPAC and get in on the action, because all proceeds from the performance will benefit every library in the state and because this will be one big musical event.

Rose Weaver will be guest soloist. If you've heard Weaver sing, no more need be said.

For another thing, there will be a reception, after the performance, when Mercer Ellington, members of the orchestra, and

library patrons will mix and mingle. To become a patron, and get in on the mingling, call 455-8090.

Perhaps the most important parts of the day will be the master classes with three young jazz orchestras and 20 vocal students, and an open workshop performance for 3,200 schoolchildren from 13 school systems. There is no way we can estimate the long-range effects of these workshops and master classes on kids in grades five through 12, but they are bound to be considerable.

Also on tap are a performance by Lincoln W.N. Pratt at the Mighty Wurlitzer (7:35 to 7:55 p.m.) and a chance to listen to John Hasse, curator of American Music at the Smithsonian, talk about Ellington from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and, perhaps to have him sign his book, *Beyond Category*, which is about Ellington, for you.

The Duke would approve.

Bayside Expo 'Bursting Out All Over'

The 11th annual Spring Art & Craft Show at Boston's Bayside Expo Center will usher in the spring season on April 8 and 9, with 150 exhibits of American handmade works to please tastes ranging from the whimsical to the dedicated.

Handmade candies, gourmet homemade foods, and exotic condiments will be available. Handmade silk and dried flower arrangements on wreaths, baskets, brass, tin, papier mâché and folk art will be displayed.

There will be an entire subdivision of handcrafted bird houses, including an American schoolhouse, farm house, barn, Victorian townhouse, fishing shanty and European-style favorites like an Irish moor cottage, English manor house and German half-timber house.

Show hours are April 8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults. Children under 12 will be admitted free with an adult. Bayside Expo Center is easily reached by car off the southeast Expressway (I-93), Exit 15, and by public transportation off the MBTA Red Line JFK/UMass

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OBITUARIES

IDA G. EPSTEIN

NEW BEDFORD — Ida G. Epstein, 89, of the Jewish Convalescent Home, 200 Hawthorn St., died at home March 30. She was the widow of Joseph Epstein and daughter of the late Hyman and Sarah Dudelson.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she lived in New Bedford for 65 years and was employed by St. Luke's Hospital as a social worker for more than 20 years until her retirement 30 years ago.

She was a graduate of Hiram College in Ohio and attended Columbia University School of Social Work in New York. She was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation and its sisterhood and the National Council of Jewish Women.

She is survived by her son, Michael Epstein of Washington, D.C., and two grandsons.

A graveside service was held March 31 at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

COLEMAN LIPMAN

DARTMOUTH — Coleman Lipman, 87, of Padanaram Acres, died March 30, after a brief illness. He was the husband of Ethel (Ozarin) Lipman and son of the late Harry and Lena (Klein) Lipman.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford.

Born in Fall River, he lived in this area most of his life and was a member of T'Fereth Israel Con-

gregation. He owned Paramount Pharmacy and Surgical Supplies from 1932 to 1973 and was a registered pharmacist and oxygen and inhalation therapist.

Mr. Coleman was trustee of Taunton State Hospital, board member and first chairman of T'Fereth Israel Congregation, director of I.H. Schwartz Children's Rehabilitation Center and Southeastern Bank & Trust Co., member of New Bedford Pharmaceutical Association, Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association, Jonah Lodge B'nai B'rith, Zionist Organization of America, Old Dartmouth Historical Society, the Glass Museum and a commissioner of the Industrial Park Commission. He was also a former member and clerk of the New Bedford Board of Appeals, former director of New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, former chairman of special sales for Bonds for Israel and former board member of Allendale Country Club.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Arthur Lipman of Salt Lake City; a daughter, Joan Florsheim of St. Louis; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held March 31 at T'Fereth Israel Congregation in New Bedford. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

LOUISE J. LYONS

EAST PROVIDENCE — Louise J. Lyons, 77, formerly of 35 Arthur Ave., died March 29 in the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, where she was taken after being stricken on an airline flight to Florida with her husband, Leonard Lyons, and daughter, Mrs. Lyons and her husband were on their way to their new residence in Plant City, Fla.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harry and Minnie

"In Israel, in order to be a realist, you must believe in miracles."

DAVID BEN-GURION

(Weitman) Cohen, she had lived in East Providence since 1971.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Gail Jayson of Plant City, Fla., and Ardene Chodosh of Cherry Hill, N.J.; a son, Bruce Lyons of Pensacola, Fla.; two sisters, Shirley Irving of Pawtucket and Mildred Horvitz of New Bedford, Mass.; a brother, Bernard Cohen of East Providence; and seven grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held April 2 at Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue, Providence. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., at Fourth Street, Providence.

MOLLY CHARLOTTE MEIEROVITZ

MIDDLETOWN — Molly Charlotte Meierovitz, 92, who ran a greenhouse and helped in the family grocery store until retiring, died March 29 at the Grand Islander Health Care Center.

Born in Newport, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Cecilia Meierovitz.

She opened a retail greenhouse next to her parents' C. Meierovitz Grocery on Van Zandt Avenue in the late 1930s, where it remained until 1985 when the business closed. During the cold weather months, she assisted her sister in running the family store, known as Bertha's to generations of Coggeshall Elementary School children who patronized its candy case and ice cream freezer. Prior to establishing the greenhouse, she ran the newspaper concession at the Old Colony Line train station. She was an avid reader and an accomplished cook and baker.

She was a member of Touro Synagogue.

She is survived by four sisters, Sara Berman, Eleanor Davis and Bertha Meierovitz, all of Newport, and Tema Siegel of Hartsdale, N.Y.

The funeral was held March 31 in the Hoffman Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Newport. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery in Middletown.

Alzheimer's Research Study Recruiting Patients

Clinical Programs, Ltd., the Rhode Island-based medical research center, has announced the opening of a new trial for the drug labeled SDZ ENA 713, developed by Sandoz as a treatment for Alzheimer's disease. The Providence center is recruiting qualified patients immediately to participate in the research study for this investigational drug.

Asked about study participation, psychiatrist Dr. Walter Brown remarked, "As we conduct thorough physical and neurological exams of each patient, it is not unusual for us to find other treatable medical problems that are exacerbating a patient's condition."

"Because these problems are treatable, coupled with the tremendous emotional support afforded our participants and their caregivers, our patients often

experience a great morale boost simply by entering a clinical trial."

Approximately 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, a disease characterized by organically caused memory loss. One out of two people over the age of 85 and one out of 12 people over the age of 65 are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, which is the fourth most common cause of death — after heart disease, cancer and stroke.

Clinical Programs, Ltd., conducts treatment trials in a variety of fields including Alzheimer's, depression, osteoporosis, impotence, and insomnia. Founded in 1984, Clinical Programs is owned by Brown University-affiliated psychiatrist Dr. Walter Brown.

For information about participating in a study, call 273-2950.

RIH Sponsors Palliative Care Conference

Rhode Island Hospital's department of nursing professional development will offer southern New England's first yearly conference on palliative care — efforts to improve the quality of life and relieve symptoms of patients whose disease is not responding to curative treatment.

The conference is scheduled for April 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the George Auditorium at Rhode Island Hospital.

By the end of the program, attendees should be able to identify the palliative care needs of

selected patient populations, understand the evolution of palliative care as the process of relieving or soothing the symptoms of a disease or disorder without effecting a cure, manage the needs of patients requiring palliative care, and develop a plan to implement such care with their own patients.

Conference fee is \$40 for employees not associated with Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, and Women & Infants Hospital.

More information on the conference is available by calling 444-4749 and leaving a message.

Support for Bereaved Parents

The next meeting of the Compassionate Friends (a self-help group for parents who have suffered the death of a child) will be held on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan's Church Hall, 33 Turner Ave., East Providence.

Carol Smith, chapter leader, will speak on the "Early Years of Bereavement." Smith is a certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialist and a bereaved parent. At the time of the death of her son, she worked at The Miriam Hospital providing support and therapy to patients and their families who sustained a variety of losses.

For directions or further information, call Smith at 885-2900.

Burial Grounds Designated

by Uriel Masad

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A ministerial-level committee has adopted a series of measures aimed at providing Israelis with burials outside the purview of the Orthodox establishment.

The committee members said they were acting in response to what they perceived as the real need and distress of non-Jews who cannot find burial grounds in Israel. Many of those involved in such cases are new immigrants from the former Soviet Union who are not Jewish.

The moves will also benefit Israeli Jews who prefer a non-Orthodox burial.

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Belfast's Jews

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unrest and the high unemployment rates associated with it.

Many have been lured away by a mainland British education, causing a brain drain throughout the region.

At its heyday during the 1960s, Northern Ireland's Jewish community — based almost entirely in Belfast — had 1,600 members. Today that number has dwindled to 220.

Considering the size of the congregation, the turnout for Shabbat morning services is nothing short of remarkable.

On any given Shabbat, at least a fifth of the community — 40 to 50 people — come to the synagogue to pray and schmooze.

Asked how their lives have changed since the cease-fire went into effect in mid-October, most Jewish residents give a quizzical smile.

"In truth, I was never really affected by the troubles," says Kenneth Lewis, 80, referring to the violence between Catholics and Protestants.

"After a while, you learn to live with it. The others are so busy with themselves, they have no time for us. So the cease-fire is business as usual."

Arts Council

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Symphony, Schumann Piano Concerto, and Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 3, "Polish," will be performed.

A bus will leave Pawtucket at 7:45 a.m. Following the rehearsal, the bus will go to Copley Place for lunch and shopping, returning to Pawtucket at 3 p.m.

The cost to members is \$30, to non-members \$35.

On June 4 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a performance of the Boston Pops at which the Arts Council, Pawtucket, has reserved a limited number of the best floor seats, and seats in the first balcony.

Join Me

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You won't find a better coach than Elliott Fishbein, he doesn't drop names, but he believes in his labor of love, wine as a way of life, dignified, gracious. He travels to bring these treasures to our shores and our seder tables, and holds court beyond the aqueducts at the end of Gano.

Stay with me just another kilometer, on my local voyages of discovery. I'm steering toward the Castle. I go behind the grandeur of our Capitol along plain Smith Street to that pretty label, "Chalkstone." I reach a small Castle, not in Spain or Portugal, but just beyond the schools and hospitals of Mount Pleasant. Ralph Quito, the castlekeeper, claims, "This is the oldest and longest-running neighborhood cinema in the state. We've been open since 1925 — that's 70 years!"

We discuss, over the candy counter, the troubles this town has in competing small theaters against the large suburban complexes. I recall with a smile the Saturday night we took Rabbi and Devoirah Worch here along with Mr. Adler, though today's movies embarrass more than they entertain. We scattered among the seats in shame. Even so, we love this retreat.

Ralph is a charming chap, who keeps sepiat portraits of the more subtle and graceful stars of yesteryear. Joan

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HILLEL

Local Hillel Students Experience Israel First-hand

by Molly Kertzer

From Dec. 26 through Jan. 4, Rhode Island Hillel students from Brown University, Rhode Island School of Design, University of Rhode Island, Johnson and Wales University, Roger Williams University and Rhode Island College joined more than 400 college students nationwide in Israel during the United Jewish Appeal Winter Student Mission to Israel.

The following article was written by a senior at Brown who went on the trip.

On Dec. 26, having passed the numerous El Al check points in the New York Marriott with flying colors, I found myself in a room with more than 400 college students. Bewildered, I looked around, trying to imagine what the next two weeks would bring. For this chaos in Newark was the beginning of the UJA Winter Student Mission and my first trip to Israel.

Those two weeks, the first spent on the UJA tour, the second, traveling with a friend from Brown, were so packed that by the time I returned home, I felt that I had been away for months. In a short period I was exposed to an enormous range of aspects of Israel and Judaism, and forced to think about much that I had long ignored or overlooked.

The UJA tour was amazing. Everything we did had a particular purpose. Sleep was not in abundance, but this allowed UJA to guarantee that we did not waste a second of the eight days. We arose early every morning and spent the day following a

carefully planned itinerary.

The 19 of us from Brown traveled with another 19 from other Rhode Island colleges, so that an entire bus, one out of 10, was devoted to Rhode Island alone. Instructed by our professional tour guide, we learned about the places we visited and listened to guest speakers during the ride, never losing a moment.

Each destination was more striking than the last. Geographically, we covered most of the regions of the country (that's what's so great about Israel's tiny size). We started in Tiberias and the Golan Heights, and then progressed to Jerusalem and the south, before returning to Tel Aviv and its suburbs.

On New Year's Day, we hiked in Ein Gedi, floated on the Dead Sea, climbed Masada, and spent the evening in a Bedouin tent. We spent Shabbat in the Old City of Jerusalem, visited Yad Vashem (Jerusalem's Holocaust Memorial Museum) and Mount Herzl, wandered through Tel Aviv, visited the Diaspora Museum and hiked through the Rimon Crater.

Visiting major attractions was by no means all that the tour was about. What I appreciated most was the visits that we would never have been able to make as tourists on our own.

We visited an Orthodox girls' school in Tiberias, an Arab village, and a youth aliyah village, and attended the performance of an Ethiopian girls' choir at Ben Gurion University. We were addressed by Shimon Peres, as well as speakers who talked to



A LONG WAY FROM CAMPUS — The group of 38 Rhode Island students took a minute out of their non-stop schedule to pose for the camera in Jerusalem.

us about the Golan, David Ben Gurion, and the Jewish Agency for Israel, among other subjects.

These visits made me think about what Israel means to me and to the Jews who have made aliyah from around the world, and about the extent to which the country depends on American support (the reception we were given throughout Israel as part of UJA was remarkable).

These experiences also forced me to clarify my position on Israel's international disputes, Arab relations, and security, and to think about what it means to live in a country at war. And finally, I thought a great deal about the absorption of Jews from all over the earth and the ties that bind them together as new and old Israelis.

These latter thoughts were prompted especially by the number of Russian and Ethiopian immigrants we met, but also by hearing Israelis tell us of their varied family histories and by visiting Yad Vashem and the Diaspora Museum.

The tour was such a whirlwind, I felt fortunate to have stayed an extra week. That week gave me and a friend the time to go back to some of the places we had visited too quickly, to visit relatives we had never met, and to get a better feel for what living in Israel is really like.

We actually got to go grocery shopping, do laundry, bargain at outdoor markets, figure out bus schedules, and learn the hard way that Tzfat is no lively place in January! Although I

definitely yearned at times for the tour's pampering, we enjoyed these little tastes of Israeli everyday life. And if we hadn't stayed longer, I would never know that I have two cousins younger than I am who are Israeli paratroopers.

The two of us flew home with ears ringing with the heated arguments that my cousin's husband had made the night before, announcing to us without particular tact that American Jewry is not interested in Judaism or Israel.

At first I thought it was unfortunate that this was our last experience in Israel, but now I realize that the entire purpose of the trip was to formulate my own opinions on such issues by seeing Israel for myself.

Johnson and Wales Receives Campus Creativity Grant

Johnson and Wales University Hillel has been awarded a 1995 Irving and Sarah Pitt Campus Creativity Grant for its Kosher for Passover Week at the Lighthouse Grille.

This week includes two creative programs: a multicultural seder and a kosher wine tasting, both of which are open to the entire student body along with the Providence community.

Administered internationally through Hillel and created by students, Pitt grants provide the opportunity to explore exciting new ways of promoting Jewish activity on campus.

"The Pitt grant recognizes the vitality of Jewish life on the ... campus. Johnson and Wales Hillel students are moving in exciting new directions," explained Gail Kossoff, co-president of J and W Hillel.

She continued, "We have a rare opportunity at Johnson and Wales to get a 'hands on' education. This program enables young culinary and hospitality professionals to learn more about the Jewish laws of kashrut and at the same time provides a great service to both the students of the school and the community as a whole.

We hope that by creating these programs, Jewish students at Johnson and Wales, as well as the rest of the community will take part in learning about

their own and others' cultures."

The multicultural seder and kosher wine tasting will attract a diverse group of student participants, many of whom had previously not been involved in Jewish campus life.

"The multicultural seder and the kosher wine tasting are exciting projects for us, as we create new outlets for Jewish expression and identity on campus," commented Jeffrey Ingber, former J and W Hillel president and co-advisor to the group.

"When I was a student here I had an idea that J and W would be the only hospitality school in the country to actually certify its chefs in kosher cooking. When we first started this program in 1991, I never dreamed it would have come this far. I'm very excited that the students won this grant," said Ingber.

The seder will be held on April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Lighthouse Grille, and the kosher wine tasting will be held on April 19 at 8 p.m. Anyone interested in more information or in participating in events can call Ellen Babil, coordinator of the Jewish Student Outreach Project, at 863-1591.

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