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Bureau of Jewish Education Honors Jewish Educators

The Bureau of Jewish Education held its 43rd annual meeting on May 25. The program, whose theme was Dor L'Dor, Generation to Generation, included the honoring of 15 educators, each of whom had served the Rhode Island community for 25 years or more.

The honorees were Edward Adler, Ethan Adler, Lea Eliash, Esther Elkin, Sam Eisenstadt, Rabbi Peretz Gold, Fania Gross, Jenny Klein, Celia Kreiger, Seymour Kreiger, Rabbi Saul Leeman, Sam Stepak, Marion Strauss and Donald Solomon. Chaya Segal, of blessed memory, who passed away a short time before the meeting, was honored posthumously, with her daughter, Geraldine Foster, accepting the honor in her memory.

Each honoree received recognition from a former student or supervisor. In paying tribute to the group, BJE's executive director noted that the midrash teaches that "a community's ornaments are its teachers of Torah. These individuals have been the ornaments of our community for the past quarter of a century."

During the meeting, the 1994-95 Edward and Florence W. Goldberg Awards for Jewish teaching were presented. The cash award, recognizing creative teaching, is funded by the Edward and Florence W. Goldberg Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Endowment Fund.

This year's recipients were Susan Adler of Alperin Schechter Day School, for "Let's Learn Hebrew," in which teacher-made computerized materials were used in the teaching of Hebrew; Hana Berman of Temple Torat Yisrael, for "Building a Jewish Dream World," a library project; Rabbi Gershon

Vogel of Providence Hebrew Day School, for "It's the Mind That Matters," teaching about Shabbat observance; and Donna Groper and JoAnne Silver of Temple Sinai, for "What a Difference a Dov Makes," a family education project.

Another group of Jewish educators honored were those who employed fellowships to pursue further academic and professional growth in their field. These fellowships were utilized for a variety of college courses, seminars, conferences, and other study opportunities.

Receiving fellowships for the year were Galit Akerstein of Temple Emanu-El Religious School and Harry Elkin Midrasha; Judith Greenblatt of Temple Sinai; Pam Kaitin-Miller of Temple Torat Yisrael; Rabbi Mordecai Nissel of Providence Hebrew Day School; Rabbi Gershon Vogel of Providence Hebrew Day School and Elana Vogel of Providence Hebrew Day School.

The Harry and Zelda Gourse Fellowship, funded by the Gourse family Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island was received by Ellen Shafner of Alperin Schechter Day School.

Recognized at the annual meeting were two educators who were awarded Judaic Teacher Certification: Pam Kaitin-Miller of Temple Torat Yisrael, and Rabbi Avroham Krauss. Certification recognizes successful completion of courses of study, including education and Judaic subject matter. The awarding of certificates was made by Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, who serves as the Teacher Certification Chair of the BJE. Mazel tov to the honorees.

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AJCongress Applauds Clinton Veto of Rescission Bill

The American Jewish Congress has applauded President Clinton's veto of the rescission bill which would have cut billions of dollars from federal programs. Flora Perskie, chair of the organization's Commission on National Affairs, noted that had the bill become law, "the slashing of federal assistance to the poor and near-poor" would have "injure[d] or destroy[ed]

programs that provide indispensable assistance to the most disadvantaged members of our society."

Perskie noted, however, that "the rescission package included Jordanian debt relief that is both much needed and much deserved by that nation." She urged that an appropriate way be found to reinstate that assistance.



HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE, from the left, Edward Adler and his son Ethan Adler, both of whom have taught in Jewish schools for more than 25 years, hear a tribute from Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan, Bureau of Jewish Education executive director.

Photo by P.M. Cohen Photography, Inc.

Israeli, Palestinian, and Jordanian Youth Plant a Forest

In a show of unity, more than 10,000 Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian youth joined together to plant saplings in a new Jewish National Fund forest in Israel's Beit She'an Valley, near the Israel-Jordan border.

The project was conceived and organized by Histadrut, Israel's General Federation of Labor, and was supported by the Ministry of Education. JNF donated the trees.

Present at the event were Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin; Haim Ramon, chairman of the Histadrut, and Israeli singer Miri Aloni, who sang her popular tune, "Let's Make Peace."

Israeli youth groups representing various religious and political viewpoints sang together and were joined by a Jordanian youth contingent.

Rabin was so moved by a representative from Jordan who said, "I bless all the children of Abraham," that he embraced the Jordanian. The prime minister said, "For me, this was a dream

came true," adding, "No better dream can come true for a soldier than to make peace."

M.K. Ramon concurred, telling the children, "I hope your generation will never

know another war."

"Forty years ago, we planted trees to camouflage the soldiers," exulted Pini Kabalo, head of the local labor council. "Now we plant trees for peace."



ISRAELI AND JORDANIAN YOUTH sing together at the Jewish National Fund Histadrut planting ceremony near the Israel/Jordan border.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Hospitals To Screen for Thyroid Disease

Thyroid disease affects more than 8 million Americans.

As many as half remain undiagnosed, because the disease symptoms often mimic problems associated with aging or just "feeling bad."

In a community-wide effort to address the problem of undiagnosed thyroid disease, two Providence hospitals have joined the Rhode Island Thyroid Awareness Coalition to offer low-cost blood tests to screen for thyroid problems and to help raise community awareness of the signs and symptoms of overactive and underactive thyroid.

Roger Williams Medical Center will be conducting screenings from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 21, at the Roger Williams ContinCare offices at the Pilgrim Senior Center, 27 Pilgrim Parkway in Warwick.

On June 22, Rhode Island Hospital will offer screenings from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jane Brown Building on the hospital's campus in Providence.

To register for the screenings, people should call (800) TEST-TSH, (800) 837-8874, any weekday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The test used to detect whether the thyroid is overproducing or under producing the needed hormones is called the sensitive TSH test. It is a simple blood test, and according to recent recommendations from the American Thyroid Association and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, it should be incorporated into the routine blood tests of all people at risk, which includes all women over 40 years of age.

Individuals who participate in the screening will be charged \$5 to cover the expense of drawing and testing blood.

"The under diagnosis of thyroid disease, particularly hypothyroidism, is a real public health problem," said Joseph R. Tucci, M.D., division director of endocrinology at Roger Williams Medical Center. "Left untreated, the condition can have serious negative health consequences, since the hormones that are produced by the thyroid affect every system in the body. The need to reach people is indeed important and, once suspected, conditions are easily diagnosed and treated."

Thyroid disease can occur in either sex and at any age, but it's more common in women than in men. Both overactive and underactive thyroid function create problems by causing an irregular metabolism.

Symptoms of the more common condition of an underactive thyroid, called hypothyroidism, include fatigue, dry skin, weight gain, unusually heavy menstrual periods, feeling cold when others are comfortable and difficulty in concentration.

Symptoms of hyperthyroidism, an overactive thyroid, include nervousness, irritability, weight loss, unusually light menstrual periods and feeling warm when others are comfortable. In its later stages, hyperthyroidism also causes the eyes to appear bulged.

Convergence Cometh!

The Providence Parks Department, Division of Public Programming, will present Convergence VIII, the summer-long celebration of art, dance, theater and music beginning July 9 and continuing through Sept. 30.

This marks the eighth year in which visual and performing artists from all over the United States and Europe join together in a celebration of the arts. The festival, traditionally held in Roger Williams Park, is expanding to include the downtown Providence area with the installation of temporary sculpture and performing events around Waterplace, the city's newest urban park.

As always the highlight of the festival is the exhibition of large-scale public sculptures commissioned for the festival, which remain on display throughout summer.

This year, Convergence will include works by artists from Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Missouri, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Iowa, Illinois and Wales.

Just Sing

Everyone is invited to sing on four Wednesday evenings in June. "Summer Songs" are designed for fun. Every singer can be part of the chorus whether he or she is a neophyte or a pro. The Providence Singers will provide a conductor, a pianist and a score.

The admission fee will be \$5, seniors and students \$4. For more information, call 351-8721.

The festival kicks off on July 9 with a free concert and performances from 1 to 5 p.m. at the park bandstand.

On Aug. 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. the festival will again host an afternoon-long performance celebration at the park bandstand.

Plans are also underway for a weeknight concert series at Waterplace, to begin in August.

Festival catalogs will be available, free of charge, throughout the park. The catalog will include a performance schedule, a map listing the locations of all Convergence VIII sculptures, and artists' statements and images pertaining to the work.

The festival is free and open to the public.

Teaching Childbirth

The Childbirth Education Association of Rhode Island is now accepting applications for its Childbirth Educator Training Program. The program prepares individuals to teach childbirth classes. This program is approved for 14 contact hours by the International Childbirth Education Association.

Deadline for applications is Aug. 1. For more information and an application, call CEA at 739-1346.

AARP Sponsors Mature Driving Courses

The American Association of Retired Persons is offering some 55 Alive/Mature Driving courses in June. They will be held: in Johnston on June 19 and 20 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Simmons Bldg., 339 Simmonsville Ave. (943-7131); in Coventry on June 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Coventry Senior Center, 50 Wood St., call center (822-9175); and in Westerly on June 20 and 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Westerly Senior Center, 39 State St. (call, 596-2404).

Blood Drive at Hasbro

A blood drive is scheduled for June 26 at Hasbro Children's Hospital (Children's Hospital conference room), 593 Eddy St., Providence, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Providence, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cranston Society Wraps Up Club Year

The Cranston Historical Society recently elected three members to the board of directors, who will serve through June 1998.

They are Diane Ascoli, Dennis Del Signore and Betty Fusco. Ida Mitchell was elected to fill a recent vacancy on the board.

The society will end its 1994-1995 season with its annual Picnic-on-the-Lawn at the Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston St., on June 20 at 6 p.m.

The catered affair will be highlighted by the awarding of the Hall of Fame Award to long-time society member Bette Miller. Richard Salzillo, known around Cranston as a top musician, will entertain with musical selections.

For tickets, members should call Mabel Kelley at 944-9226.

Blood Drives Scheduled

There will be a blood drive on June 17 at the Rhode Island Blood Center Aquidneck Island Donor Center, 700 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, from 8 a.m. to noon; on June 19 at the Cranston City Hall, (Council Chambers, third floor), 869 Park Ave., Cranston, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and on June 19, at the Smithfield Fire Department (Main Room — Station 3), Log Road, Greenville, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Farmers' Markets Open

The Downcity Farmers Market opens this year at Kennedy Plaza on June 15 at 9:30 a.m. Now in its fourth year, the Downcity Farmers Market is again expanding. The Providence market will change its day of operation to Thursday in order to accommodate a Farmers Market in Central Falls held every Tuesday from 12:30 till 3:30 p.m. at the train station on Broad Street on the Pawtucket line.

The Saturday market will again be held in South Providence from 9:30 a.m. till noon at the corner of Broad Street and Thurbers Ave.

The Downcity Farmers Market offers what it considers to be the very best in locally raised produce and fruit at reasonable prices. Savor the flavors and scents of summer, taste the crisp, crunchy, sweet, robust fresh produce of the area.

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FEATURE



Grad Makes Presentation

Jean-David Boujnal, a Tunisian-Jewish RISD '95 graduate, did his senior graphics thesis on images of Arab-Israeli peace. He dressed in traditional Tunisian garb for the presentation.

Herald photo by Mike Fink

ADL Videos Celebrate Jewish Spirit

The Anti-Defamation League offers some excellent videos for use by teachers, religious and community leaders and others seeking meaningful discussion topics. ADL is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism and bigotry, and as such, is a primary distributor of materials promoting mutual respect and combating hatred.

A selection of the videos follows:

- "Surviving Salvation" — The extraordinary story of the rescue of Ethiopian Jews and their new lives in Israel is narrated by Raymond Burr. (33 minutes, discussion guide, \$100)
- "Operation Moses" — The amazing Israeli mission which rescued Ethiopian Jews from the famine and political upheaval in their native country, and brought them to Israel. (27 minutes, \$50)
- "Abraham's People" — A series of absorbing interviews with scholars, depicting 4,000 years of Jewish history in the Middle East. (53 minutes, \$70)
- "Home Address Israel" — A close-up report on former Soviet Jews who have immigrated to Israel and how they have adjusted to a new life. (23 minutes, \$50)
- "Voice of Youth" — Growing up on collective farms, in border villages, and in cities of this troubled part of the world, the young people of Israel are the focus of this video. (28 minutes, \$50)
- "The American Story" — Looks at the American experience through the lives of 12 families of different ethnic and religious backgrounds, each in a

separate video. (12 23-minute programs, \$400 or \$45 per video)

- "Operation Understanding" — Six African-American and six Jewish-American high school students go from Philadelphia to Israel and Senegal, where they experience the pain and horror of the past. The video records their "moment of understanding," as they discover common ground during their 33-day odyssey. (30 minutes, discussion guide, \$100)

- "Getting to Know Barbara" — Produced by CBS' "60 Minutes," this is an inspiring profile of a black woman who struggled to rise above her impoverished beginnings to become the head of a multimillion dollar advertising agency. (12 minutes, \$125)

- "Free to Be?" — An examination of ethnic, religious and political differences, this video raises questions about diversity and conformity in American life. (28 minutes, \$50).

- "Journey to Freedom" — The compelling story of people who have come to America seeking a better life, while enriching our cultural diversity. (13 minutes, \$89.95)

"Orthodox May Donate Organs to Other Jews"

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A precedent-setting halachic ruling has been issued that allows Orthodox Jews to donate their organs, but only on the condition that they go to other Jews.

The ruling, handed down by a leading rabbi on health issues in Israel's fervently Orthodox community, was a major departure from the community's traditional stand forbidding post-mortem organ donations.

The decision came in the wake of the April 9 suicide bombing in the Gaza Strip that killed seven Israelis and 20-year-old Alisa Flatow, an American studying in Israel. Flatow's father, an Orthodox Jew, donated her organs to six different people in Israel after consulting with rabbis.

Rabbi Yehoshua Scheinberger, in placing an important condition on such donations, said it was forbidden to transplant Jewish organs into the bodies of "non-believers or gentiles," according to the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*.

Most secular Israelis would not fall under the category of "non-believers," the rabbi said.

He reportedly also said: "Clearly it is also forbidden in the bodies of Arabs who hate Israel."

A further condition for transplanting organs would be that an Orthodox representative sits

on the committee that approves the operations, according to the ruling. The purpose of the representative would be to oversee the removal of the organs and their transplant into the recipient.

Scheinberger added that if medical authorities agreed to these conditions, more Orthodox Jews would begin to authorize organ donations.

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Negotiations still are under way.

Professor Gideon Marin, head of the heart surgery department at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, welcomed the decision, but rejected the restrictions regarding who could receive organs. "As a doctor," he told *Yediot Achronot*, "a patient is a patient."

Organ donations have been a controversial issue for the Orthodox community, which maintains that bodies must be preserved intact for resurrection when the Messiah arrives.

Rabbi Uri Regev, a leader of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, said much of the mainstream Jewish community has already accepted the practice of organ donations.

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Separate magazines and newspapers from the phone books, and drop them off at the nearest club. Each location has two large BFI collection dumpsters — one marked phone books only, and the other marked for magazines and newspapers only.

Each club retains their own recycling earnings. Your phone books will provide safe and fun activities for city kids.

- Fox Point Boys & Girls Club, 9 Ives Street, corner of Wickenden Street
- Olneyville Boys & Girls Club, 33 Atwood St., off Plainfield Street
- Wanskuck Boys & Girls Club, 550 Branch Ave., just east of Rt. 146
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EDITORIAL

ARZA for Reform Rights in Israel

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Association of Reform Zionists of America has formally launched a \$2 million campaign to persuade the Israeli government to legitimize marriages performed by Reform rabbis in Israel.

The group also hopes the campaign will eventually help to extend other rights now restricted to the Orthodox rabbinate.

In a pamphlet boosting "Operation Equality," some 150 delegates attending ARZA's national assembly in Woodland Hills, Calif., were exhorted to "break the ultra-Orthodox

stranglehold in Israel."

The group's brochure also said that "Israel is the only democracy that openly discriminates against Reform Jews."

In Israel, only marriages performed by Orthodox rabbis have legal standing, though civil marriages contracted outside the state, frequently in nearby Cyprus, are recognized.

"You have the ludicrous situation in which the signature of a Cypriot clerk counts more than the signature of a Reform or Conservative rabbi," ARZA President Marcia Cayne said.

Lift Your Spirits

Why do you do what G-d expects of you?

On the surface, this may seem a simplistic question. But it probes the subject of how and why we define ourselves. Are you an observant Jew? Do you perform mitzvot out of love for G-d? Out of fear? Out of expectation of reward?

There is a Talmudic tale of Rav Yosef, who said that there have always been religious leaders who brought the material into contact with the spiritual. But when we were given the Torah — this changed everything. How? Because Torah generates a higher light, one that brings about a synthesis between different approaches, a nuclear fusion of mitzvot. The religious leaders become one in their ascendancy to a higher

plane.

This concept also works for those of us who don't aspire to the clergy. Through our study of Torah, material nature fuses with a higher consciousness and elevates everything you do on earth. Torah synthesizes all other considerations and lifts you up.

As adults, we discover the real truth of that image: He is revealed everywhere we bring Him. It's a synthesis; you and G-d as one, in a flash of insight. We make that happen, merely by lifting our heads and inviting Him to join us. Once you look up, the why and how will become clear.

Submitted by Rabbi Eliezer Levy of Chabad of West Bay.

World Far From United

What is the state of the world 50 years after the end of World War II?

"There is a globe, but there is not one world," is how one scholar, Dr. Michael Sturmer, answered that question in the concluding session of an international conference held at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, entitled "Fifty Years Later: World War II and Its Aftermath."

Sturmer saw great danger in the recent proliferation of new nation-states, many of which are not sustainable in realistic terms. Sturmer and others viewed with alarm the polarization between privileged nations and those which are struggling politically and economically. Stronger world leadership than has been demonstrated will be required to bring about world order, said Sturmer.

Professor Robert Rothstein of Colgate University, an authority on the international world economy, said we are facing "a very split world order" in which conditions are worsening for Third World countries, in contrast to the growing prosperity of and cooperation between developed countries.

Israel's President Ezer Weizman, who also spoke at the conference, agreed that as the 20th century draws to a close, the main struggles will be over economic dominance.

Focusing on the Far East in the postwar era, Ben-Ami Shillony, professor of Japanese history at The Hebrew University, said that ironically, Japan — which he said perpetrated in World War II perhaps the greatest tragedy for East Asia in its entire history — was unharmed and even profited by the divisions of the Cold War which brought suffering to many of its neighbors, such as Vietnam and Korea.

Internet Users To Communicate Better

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli company has developed software that allows users to have the equivalent of telephone conversations over the Internet.

The company, Vocaltec, said the new version of its Internet phone eliminates the need for each party to wait until the other has stopped talking before responding. The new software will eliminate pauses similar to those in conversations over citizens band radios.

Company President Elon Ganor said Vocaltec is trying to get the product out on the market this week. Ganor said NETCOM on-line Communications Inc., a U.S. Internet service provider, will distribute the new Internet phone, valued at \$69, free of charge to its 110,000 subscribers.

At least two American companies are offering similar products. The services are apparently not yet available for Macintosh users.

PILOT — Payment in Lieu of Taxes An Idea Whose Time has come?

To the Editor:

Fairness. The goal of PILOT, Payment in Lieu of Taxes, is to allocate more fairly the financial responsibility of supporting tax-exempt institutions in the State of Rhode Island. This program was developed in recognition of the municipal support given non-profit institutions and the unfairness of this burden falling disproportionately on certain cities and towns, most clearly, the city of Providence. The idea of PILOT is to partially compensate those communities which provide services to — but do not receive revenue from — tax-exempt institutions.

Hospitals, private colleges and government agencies are all tax-exempt institutions. Local governments, acting as host communities, provide police, fire, water and other municipal services to these institutions without receiving any compensation in the form of taxes.

State government, however, receives millions of dollars each year from these institutions through sales, personal income, and business income taxes. The state later designates a portion of this revenue to offset the host community's expenses in maintaining these institutions.

The result is that host communities endure higher taxes due to lost revenue, from tax-exempt properties, but receive a portion of that revenue back through PILOT. That is sound fiscal planning.

The entire state benefits from the wonderful contributions of universities, hospitals and other non-profit organizations and reaps significant financial benefits from their existence. The entire state should, of course, bear some responsibility for their basic survival.

Of all the host communities in Rhode Island, Providence is the most greatly affected by PILOT. Providence is the center of health, education and government in the state. As a result, nearly half of its property is tax-exempt. In fact, the total value of tax-exempt property in the city of Providence is approximately the same as the other 38 cities and towns combined.

Providence has six private hospitals (which, if taxed, would provide the city with almost \$12 million in revenue) and three private universities and several private secondary schools (accounting for another \$22 million in lost revenue). These institutions flood the state economy with revenue but drain the city budget of income.

Unfortunately for Providence, the state budget has a hole in it. More than a hole, in fact... the dam has broken! And the governor is proposing to use PILOT funds to plug the flood. The result will be the elimination of PILOT to host communities, which will force local governments to make up the difference by asking property owners to pay higher property taxes.

This is not sound public policy. We must all urge the governor to restore PILOT's full \$7.7 million to the state budget. PILOT is fair to tax-exempt institutions, to host communities and, most importantly to local taxpayers. We must all understand that PILOT is not a hand-out from the state to host communities... it is a matter of basic fairness and sound public policy.

PILOT must be maintained.
David N. Cicilline
State Representative —
District 4

Being a Street Lamp Lighter

The opening verses of this week's Torah portion, Beha'alotcha, deal with the daily lighting of the seven-branched golden candelabra in the desert sanctuary by Aaron, the high priest.

Chasidic philosophy compares a person's soul to a flame, as King Solomon writes: "The soul of man is the lamp of G-d." Just as a flame flickers and rises constantly upwards, so a person's soul is constantly seeking to rise higher. Aaron's lighting of the menorah symbolized his task of "lighting up" the souls of the Jews. Within each and every Jew there is a "flame." But it is often concealed and buried deep within him. Aaron's task was to uncover and reveal this light.

Rabbi Sholom Ber of Lubavitch was once asked: "What is a Chasid?" He replied, "A Chasid is a street-lamp-lighter." In olden days there used to be a man whose job was to light the street-lamps by means of a torch which he carried at the end of a long pole. The lamps were there in readiness, but they needed to be lit.

Sometimes the lamps were not as easily accessible as lamps on street corners; there are lamps in

forsaken places, or at sea, but there must be someone to light even those lamps, so that they should not be wasted, but should light up the path of others.

King Solomon also stated: "A mitzva is a candle and the Torah is light. A Chasid is one who puts his personal affairs aside and goes around lighting up the souls of Jews with the light of Judaism. Jewish souls are in readiness to be lit; sometimes they are just around the corner and sometimes they are in a desert or at sea. There must be someone who, disregarding his own comforts and conveniences, will go out of his way to kindle those "lamps." This is the function of a true Chasid.

The message is obvious. It is nevertheless important to add that this function is not really limited to Chasidim, but is the obligation of every Jew. Divine Providence sends Jews to the most unexpected places in order that they should carry out this mission.

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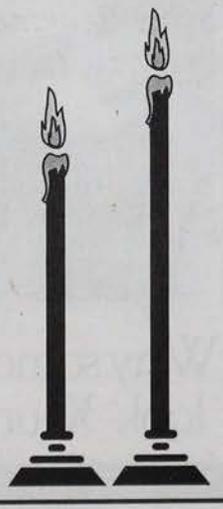
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FEATURE

Fathers and Sons

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

This father's day I try to look in the glass at the dad my son sees in me. My boy has just taken leave of the single digits. He turned 10 on me.

Reuben, or Reuel in Hebrew, meaning "friend of God," looks calmly at the world through clear blue eyes set in a gentle, fine oval face. I just love to look at him; he makes me happy, and of course sad, too. I have lived without my parents for a long time, and Reuben will go on to other loves besides the filial.

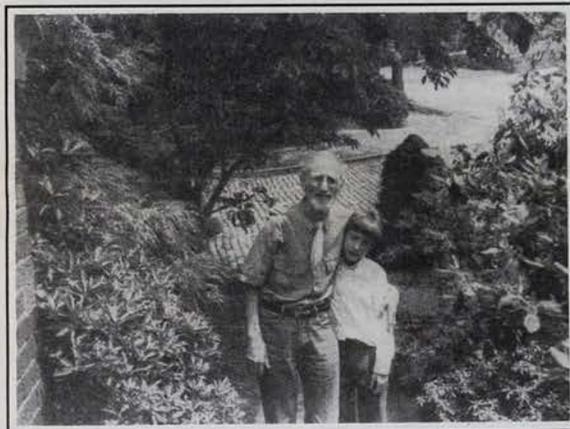
He's not a chip off the old block. I never played basketball and baseball. I liked to wander down a dirt path in the woods looking for bird nests. Reuben watches wrestling. My beautiful black and white movies of yore say nothing to him. He eats spinach from a can. He plays computer games. The only taste we share is the piano, which he plays with aplomb and poise.

Over the years the role and style of fatherhood changes somewhat. My boy and I are very close. I pat him and I hug him. I call him darling even

when his friends are around. Sometimes I tell him I love him, and sometimes I tease him and say the opposite of what I think, to scare off the evil eye.

It amazes me, that we stay the same person all our lives, the baby picture shines with the same light as the candid snapshot that shows your wrinkles. I'm old enough to be my son's grandpa, and people take me for his grandpa. Even so, we play different roles in the story the years write for us. My father and I talked to each other, and left things unsaid. I was a boy, and now I have a boy.

Reuben is my youngest. My first child, Emily, brought my mother back to me. My second daughter, Lily, filled my household with the spirit of my whole family, laughing, worrying, coloring pictures, growing ever taller like a fine sapling. But I'm talking fathers and sons here. I dedicate this brink of summer to my tall 10-year-old who has blessed me and made this past decade a delight, a promise and a prospect.



Reuben Fink and his father

Landau Joins Psychiatric Practice

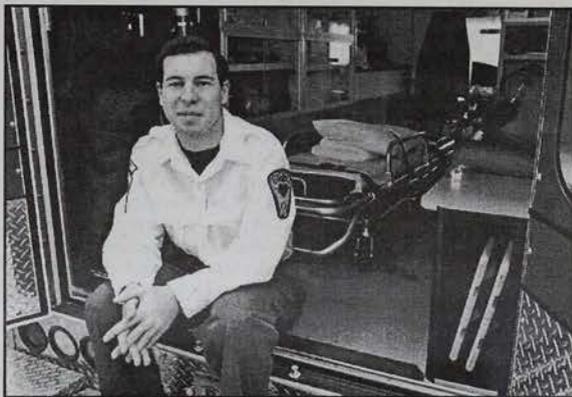
Psychologist Lesley Beckman Landau, Ph.D. has recently joined Comprehensive Psychiatric Services, a practice of six psychiatrists and psychologist, as well as other mental health professionals who provide a full array of psychiatric services for children, adolescents, adults and senior adults. Comprehensive Psychiatric Services is located at 132 Old River Road, Suites 206 and 208 in Lincoln.

Landau provides psychology services for both individuals and families, including children, adolescents and adults. She focuses primarily on insight oriented and cognitive behavioral work.

Prior to joining Comprehensive Psychiatric Services, Landau practiced at Counseling and Psychological Services, Inc., in Providence. She has also served in clinical positions with the New Bedford Area Center for Human Services, Inc. in New Bedford, at Franciscan Children's Hospital (formerly Kennedy Memorial Hospital) in Brighton, Mass.; and at Tri-City Community Mental Health Center in Malden, Mass. She com-

pleted her undergraduate studies at Duke University and received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Boston University.

Landau is a licensed psychologist in the states of Rhode Island and Massachusetts.



ON TO MEDICAL SCHOOL — Richard Cohen, of Cranston, recently graduated with a degree in chemistry from the University of Rhode Island. This fall, he'll enter Brown School of Medicine.

Photo courtesy of URI News Bureau

Richard Cohen Heads to Brown School of Medicine

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

While some people graduate college with little more than a degree and a few fond memories, others, like Cranston's Richard Cohen, can honestly say they took advantage of what school had to offer.

Cohen accomplished more at the University of Rhode Island in the last four years than some people accomplish in a lifetime. His experiences in the chemistry department and as a licensed emergency medical technician will serve him well as he enters the Brown University School of Medicine.

While at Kingston, Cohen was accepted to five national honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa in 1995, Phi Kappa Phi in 1994 and Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-medical honor society, in 1994. He was also the recipient of the URI President's Excellence Award in 1995 and numerous chemistry honors, including the American Society of Chemist's Award, the American Chemical Society Award for highest grade point average within the major, and he was appointed to the Dean's Advisory Council in 1994-95.

"It's been very exciting," said Cohen about his college career. "The last four years have gone by quickly."

As if Cohen's résumé didn't seem packed enough, there's more. He was also one of the most active members of Hillel.

During his senior year, he was Hillel's vice president of academic affairs. In 1992-93 he served as second vice president of the student governing board and third vice president of the governing board. He was awarded the Reuben Glanzman Hillel Leadership Award in 1993 and the Lawrence Hoffenberg Most Active Freshman Award in 1992. He served on the student executive board as a freshman.

Cohen has seen Hillel and the Jewish population on campus grow quite a bit in four years. With this growth, he would like to see the Jewish community start to pay attention to the needs of the organization.

"These are our future leaders," said Cohen. "They should pay particular attention to us. The Jewish community should be made aware of Hillel's limitations and potential, and be reminded that this is the future of the community."

Cohen also pointed out that unlike the other colleges in Rhode Island, 50 percent of the Jewish students at URI are from Rhode Island.

"A big factor people forget is these are the people that are going to remain here," said Cohen.

While some Hillel students are content with just attending weekly meetings and activities, Cohen used his position to try to make a difference.

When Cohen noticed that several Jewish students in his dorm weren't going to Hillel, he brought Hillel to them. One program he implemented was a menorah lighting during Chanukah. It was a big success.

"We brought some programs to the dorms this year for people who wouldn't come down," said Cohen. "The dorms offer a comfortable, familiar setting. Plus, this way they had no excuse not to get involved."

Cohen has also attended national Hillel meetings and returned with a fresh perspective, which he shared with his peers. Having access to the Internet, he also let his fellow students know about activities for Jewish students, such as a dance in Boston.

One of Cohen's most unique experiences at college was the opportunity to ride with the URI Community Ambulance team. He responded to real emergencies, which will serve him well as a future emergency room physician.

Before Cohen enters Brown, he'll spend two months at a Jewish overnight camp in New Hampshire. As the head of cycling, he'll enjoy one of his favorite hobbies.

"I was never part of something like that when I was a child," said Cohen. "The camp provides a good Jewish identity."

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Rabin, Christopher, Mubarak To Talk About Peace in Cairo

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak are planning to meet in Cairo to discuss the peace process, according to the Egyptian news agency.

In Jerusalem, political sources confirmed the possibility of such a meeting, but said no final decision had been made.

The announcement came as U.S. Middle East peace envoy Dennis Ross arrived in Israel on a shuttle mission aimed at laying the groundwork for the resumption of talks between senior Israeli and Syrian military officers.

Rabin, addressing a Labor Party convention in Tel Aviv, said Israel is on the brink of resuming peace talks with the

Syrians.

He repeated his pledge that any draft of a peace treaty with Syria would be brought before the Israeli public in a national referendum.

"I believe that a majority of Israelis would approve peace with Syria," Rabin said, "even if it is accompanied by a painful withdrawal" from the Golan Heights, the key Syrian demand for establishing peace with the Jewish state.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the convention delegates that there are only seven months left to reach peace with Syria.

If it is not achieved by then, he said, it will not happen until after Israel's 1996 national elections.

Working Women to Meet

The Business and Professional Women of Rhode Island invite all working women to join them on June 14 at the Westin Hotel in Providence from 5:30 to 8 p.m. At that time, the group will answer questions about the organization and discuss the networking opportunities, scholarship programs, legislative issues and benefits of a BPW membership.

There are 11 local organizations in the state of Rhode Island, 2,800 nationwide, totaling 80,000 in membership.

BPW/USA promotes full participation, equity, and economic self-sufficiency for working women. For more information, call Wendy Warner at 423-1111 during the day.

Agudath Israel Makes Case for School Choice

At the invitation of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a group of approximately ten "pro-family" advocates from across the country — including two representatives of Agudath Israel of America — met last week with leading figures in the House of Representatives to discuss issues of legislative concern.

David Zwiebel, Agudath Israel's general counsel and director of government affairs, and Abba Cohen, its Washington office director and counsel, attended the meeting, at which Gingrich, Majority Leader Dick Armey, Majority Whip Tom DeLay and House Republican Conference Chairman John Boehner were present. The discussions covered several budgetary matters and such topics as abortion, religious freedom and school choice.

The issue of school choice was raised by Zwiebel. He noted that

last year's "Goals 2000" legislation, which provides states and municipalities with federal funds to be used for educational reform, specifically forbids the use of such funds for any school choice voucher programs that encompass non-public schools.

"Goals 2000," maintained the Agudath Israel representative, "commendably encourages states and municipalities to experiment with a variety of reform approaches, yet precludes the one approach that many feel is likely to have the most dramatic impact on reforming education."

Broadening the scope of the "Goals 2000" program to allow non-public school choice he said, "would add not a single penny to the federal budget, and would fit in well with the overall philosophy of the House under your leadership."

U.S. Attorney Considering Indictment Against Chasidim

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Federal authorities will decide soon whether to seek indictments against a respected Chasidic rabbi and his assistant, both of whom have been charged with sexually abusing a 15-year-old girl during an overnight flight from Australia to Los Angeles.

The assistant U.S. attorney in Los Angeles, Joel Thvedt, said he intended to present the case to a grand jury, which would decide whether to prosecute.

The accused are Rabbi Israel Grunwald of Brooklyn, a leader of the Hungarian Pupa Hasidim, and his assistant, Yehudah Friedlander, both 44 years old.

Their arrests have sparked outrage in the Chasidic and Orthodox communities of New York, while Los Angeles rabbis moved quickly to aid their colleagues.

Both of the accused have vehemently denied the charges, according to their attorney, Mitchell W. Egers.

After a June 2 hearing, U.S. Magistrate Judge Carolyn Turchin released Grunwald on \$10,000 bail. He immediately flew back to New York.

Friedlander remained in detention. He was being held pending clarification of the disposition of a 1991 arrest in New York state, in which he was charged with a sexual offense.

Recently, Turchin denied a cash bail to Friedlander, calling him "a danger to society."

A nine-page affidavit submitted to the court by an FBI agent, which cites statements by the young girl, a witness on the plane and Friedlander, alleges a number of occurrences during the United Airlines overnight flight.

The girl, an American traveling alone, accused Grunwald of leaning across an empty seat and, after some conversation, touching her necklace and fondling her breasts.

At some point, Friedlander, allegedly exchanged seats with Grunwald, and while the cabin lights were dimmed, Friedlander allegedly groped and

fondled the girl's private parts and breast for some five to eight minutes, the complaint charged.

The teen-ager told authorities that she tried to fend off the advances but was too embarrassed to call for help. However, a woman passenger observed the alleged incident, talked to the girl and then notified the flight crew, which radioed a report to authorities.

When the plane landed in Los Angeles, FBI agents, who assumed jurisdiction under the laws governing American aircraft in flight, arrested the two men.

One agent quoted Friedlander as telling him that it was the girl who initiated the advances, adding that "I shouldn't have done it, but it happened."

Egers said Friedlander was "in a state of shock and deeply upset that the whole Jewish world" knows about the accusations.

Reaction to the arrests was sharpest in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, where Grunwald serves as rabbi of Congregation Tuldos Yacov Yosef.

Rabbi Bernard Freilich, administrator of the Council of Jewish Organizations in Borough Park, told *The New York Times* that "people are outraged at these charges."

"They are unbelievable, impossible nonsense," he said.

"It is impossible that an Orthodox Chasidic person would even speak to a female, much less touch her," Freilich said.

Rabbi Abner Weiss of the Orthodox Beth Jacob Congregation in Beverly Hills took a less categorical view. He was attending his installation as the new president of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California when he received word of the arrests.

Without passing judgment, Weiss, a native of South Africa who holds a graduate degree in psychology, noted in general that "Jews are not immune to any kind of illness, physical or mental."

Abe Pollin Receives Tree of Life Award

Abe Pollin, owner of the world champion National Basketball Association Washington Bullets team, the National Hockey League Washington Capitals team, and the United States Air Arena, was visibly moved when he recently addressed more than 700 guests who came to honor him as he accepted the Jewish National Fund's Tree of Life Award at the Washington Hilton.

"I'm really a very lucky guy," he said. "When I look out at all of you I feel I am a truly wealthy man graced by G-d. Twenty-five years ago this same award was given to my father," he recalled. "I only hope and pray that somehow, somewhere, my parents and my daughter Linda can feel the love that's coming toward me this evening."

Pollin was looking at a picture of his parents dedicating a Jewish National Fund forest in Israel when JNF's Washington, D.C., regional director, Robert Chertock, called to inform him that he had been chosen to receive JNF's Tree of Life Award. "My father had such a love of Israel," Pollin recalled, "that when he first travelled there he literally kissed the ground when we got off the plane."

"He imbued this love of Israel in me. It is a part of the heritage he left his children."

The evening's featured speaker, JNF world chairman Moshe Rivlin, addressed the significant role JNF is playing in the peace process. Water is a critical issue in the Middle East, and he referred to the network of reservoirs built by JNF in the Beit Shean Valley, north of the Kinneret (the Sea of Galilee).

"As part of the peace treaty," he said, "Israel agreed to provide 50 million cubic meters of water to Jordan each year. We can do it, because the reservoirs we built now hold 40 million cubic meters of water, and hopefully we will be able to build more reservoirs that will hold another 10 million cubic meters. These made peace possible."

According to Rivlin, Israel and Jordan were exploring the possibility of building a park at the site in the Arava (the Jordan Rift Valley) where the treaty between the two countries was signed in October. It would be the first park ever constructed spanning the border of Israel and any of its neighbors. Similar plans are under consideration with Egypt.

In November, 40 countries will send representatives to Israel to learn from JNF's expertise in arid lands management. This will be the second major conference sponsored by the International Arid Lands Consortium, of which JNF and the Forest Service are charter members, with five American universities.

"There are new opportunities and a new world that is opening up to us," Rivlin noted. "For us, the tree is not only a symbol but a condition of life," he concluded.

Pollin told of his father's taking him to a meeting more than 50 years ago, at which members of the Haganah addressed local Jewish leadership. The funds raised that evening were applied to the purchase of a ship the next day in Baltimore harbor that became the Exodus.

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Utah School Defies Court Order as Choir Sings Religious Songs

by Jennifer Batog
WASHINGTON (JTA) — They prayed anyway.

Defying a court order, parents and students at a Utah public high school graduation ceremony sang one of the religious songs over which a Jewish student waged a legal battle.

The choir at West High School in Salt Lake City, including Rachel Bauchman, had finished singing the two secular songs that replaced the religious ones a court had barred. Then, graduating senior Will Badger approached the microphone to plead for the song.

He said "Friends," one of the banned songs, had been a West High School tradition for more than five years.

Badger started singing the song and some of the students followed his lead. The principal tried to interrupt the song, but the damage had been done.

In a telephone interview from her home, Bauchman, 16, and

her parents said the incident was "a shame."

"It's a shame that graduation was ruined, not by Rachel, but by the students who were complaining she was ruining it. It's a shame that the students went in direct violation of the court order," Cheryl Bauchman, Rachel's mother, said.

The incident came after a week of legal battling over the issue. Bauchman filed a suit in U.S. District Court recently, alleging that the school's choir class violated her constitutional rights by continuously performing religious songs.

The suit included a temporary restraining order asking that "Friends" and "May the Lord Bless You and Keep You," not be sung at the recent ceremony.

A U.S. District Court Judge denied the order, but his decision was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Denver just one day before the ceremony.

Cheryl Bauchman said the family is consulting with their lawyers about further action.

"I want to make it so that every kid has an equal opportunity to perform in a public school choir," Rachel Bauchman said.

"I just don't want any other child to go through what I've gone through," she said.

The National Committee for Public Schools and Religious Liberty, which assisted the Bauchmans in their legal battle, also condemned the incident.

"It's really disconcerting when people take the law into their own hands like this," said the group's executive director, Lisa Thureau. The organization includes some Jewish groups.

"I don't think you can get a clearer example than this of religion on someone, she said, adding that some in the school felt "hostile" toward the Bauchmans.

Sharansky Starts A New Political Movement

by Uriel Masad
TEL AVIV (JTA) — Natan Sharansky, the former Soviet Jewish activist and Prisoner of Zion, has announced the establishment of a new social-political movement that he would lead.

The movement, called "Yisrael ba-Aliyah," is expected to become a political party later in the year, making it eligible to compete in the 1996 elections. The party most likely would attract recent olim, or immigrants,

from the former Soviet Union.

Sharansky said the main aim of the movement is to change the national priorities regarding immigration and absorption of Jews from the diaspora.

The movement "strives to transform Israel from being a place of refuge for Jews escaping persecution, to being an attractive country for the world's Jewish Diasporas, in view of the quality of life and personal security which it offers its citizens," Sharansky said.

He said another priority is to "strengthen the ideas of 'kibbutz galuyot,' the ingathering of the Jews the world over to Israel, and make it the central theme of our national agenda."

The immediate goal is twofold: to bring another million Jews from the former Soviet Union to Israel and to better absorb and use the "potential" of the existing aliyah, Sharansky said.

Labor Agrees to More Women in Knesset

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Labor Party has voted to increase the number of women represented on its Knesset roster.

The move came after female delegates boycotted a recent party convention.

A proposal put forward at the convention would guarantee women six of the first 44 seats on the party roster.

In Israeli elections, the electorate votes for parties rather than individuals. The number of Knesset seats for each party is determined by the percentage of votes obtained.

Female Labor delegates were still considering the proposal. They had originally demanded 20 percent representation on the list.

Quiet Jewish Revolution Comes to Siberia

by Deborah Kazis
Second in a series of four on Jewish life in the former Soviet Union.

NOVOSIBIRSK and OMSK, Siberia (JTA) — After a year and a half in Siberia, Rabbi Yehudah Weissler, chief rabbi of Siberia and Novosibirsk — and the only rabbi in all of Siberia — recently returned home to England.

But during their stay here, the 26-year-old rabbi and his wife, Mirella, sent by the Israeli organization Shvut Ami, sparked a quiet revolution.

Weissler started a small yeshiva and his wife opened the first Jewish kindergarten in Novosibirsk. Together, they built the only mikvah to be used in Siberia for more than 50 years, and they made sure there is now kosher meat.

Up five flights of stairs in a grim, decaying Siberian apartment building, their home was the first kosher home in Siberia in decades.

"There are officially about 10,000 Jews in Novosibirsk," Weissler said in an interview before his departure after Passover.

"But there is enormous assimilation here, and no one really knows how many Jews there are," he said. "People tell me, 'My parents are both Jewish, but I'm not.'"

About 2,000 Jews from Novosibirsk have immigrated to Israel in the past several years.

"In 1989, when it became possible, all the Jews who wanted to packed up and left. Now we are trying to build a community again," said Weissler.

And the community is growing.

In what has become known here as the "Law of Russian Jews," the more Jews leave, the more remain. Jews are coming out of the woodwork, attending events and associating with the Jewish community.

"When I arrived, I found virtually no Jewish life," said

Weissler. "Even for Yom Kippur there was only a tiny gathering."

Now there are many sparks of Jewish life. More than 800 people came to a Purim celebration.

The government of Israel runs an Israeli cultural center and a Sunday school for 75 children. The Jewish Agency organizes aliyah and activities for young people.

There are 27 active Jewish communities across Siberia and the Soviet Far East. But Weissler believes that there could be at least the same number of cities with a sizable number of Jews where there is not yet any organized Jewish life.

The first Jews are believed to have come to Siberia from Lithuania in the 17th century. Although Siberia lay outside of the Pale of Settlement — the area where Jews were allowed to live — some Jewish criminals and political exiles were sent to labor camps here. Jews also came to Siberia as traders, particularly in furs.

But most of the Jews here today came from Ukraine and Byelorussia during World War II, fleeing the Germans. Others came as factories were moved east, farther from Hitler's reach.

The neighboring — in Siberian terms — community of Omsk, with about 8,000 Jews, is an overnight journey away on the Trans-Siberian railroad.

Omsk has no rabbi, but the leader of the synagogue, Ruvim Epshtein, leads services and presides over the revival of Jewish life in his town.

For holidays, close to 400 people fill up the hall.

"One hundred years ago, there were two synagogues, a Jewish school and two rabbis. But during the Soviet period, people were afraid to come. After you visited the Jewish community, you might be invited to visit the KGB," Epshtein says.

Omsk now has a Sunday school with 90 children, Hebrew

classes, a Jewish newspaper, a Jewish cultural society and two young clubs with more than 100 teen-agers.

Throughout Siberia, Passover has very special meaning. For many Jews, matzah is their only link to Jews around the world.

"It's like a revival of the dead," said Weissler. "The matzah here goes like water. When we have matzah to sell, it's like they wake up. We had one ton of matzah this year, and it went in an instant."

"As long as the Messiah doesn't come, I see life in Siberia slowly getting better. I believe there will one day again be proper Jewish communities here."

Bank of Israel Cuts Interest Rates

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Bank of Israel cut interest rates by half a percent recently in response to positive results in its anti-inflation policy.

The new interest rate was scheduled to go into effect June 1 and will be 13.5 percent.

Following the bank's lead, other banks announced that they would cut commercial lending rates by half a percent.

The consumer index rose by 0.9 percent in April, the lowest for the month in more than 20 years. Inflation for the first four months of 1995 stood at a cumulative 1.2 percent.

The Bank of Israel has cut interest by 3.5 percent since March. It said it expected annual inflation to stay in the single digits.

Industrialists and Histadrut leaders criticized the cut, calling it too cautious to have any effect. They called for a reduction of at least one percent in the interest rates.

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'For Sentimental Reasons' Opens at Old Oyster House

"For Sentimental Reasons," a nostalgic cabaret, will make its first appearance at the Old Oyster House, on June 17. The show has been appearing regularly at Bumblebee's on the Boulevard. The added performances in this larger venue will feature a dinner-theatre package. Dinner is at 7 p.m., showtime is 8:30 p.m.

The show's setting is a "live" radio show being broadcast over the Armed Services Radio, circa 1944. Some of the biggest songs of the war era are featured, such as: Glenn Miller's hit songs "Moonlight Serenade" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo," Irving Berlin's "Stage Door Canteen," and the Andrews Sisters'

"Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." "For Sentimental Reasons" stars Daniel F. Kirby, Edward Mastriano, Michael Sterling, and Jenna Wims Hashway of Providence, R.I., Lisa Ricci of North Providence, R.I., and Deborah Scanlon of North Attleboro, Mass.

This show is becoming a permanent feature of the Providence scene. It started out with one brief run — which sold out. Word of mouth has kept it in hot demand ever since.

Audience members will have a chance to dance and sing along with some of their favorite stars of the 1940s.

The ticket price for buffet dinner and show is \$25, and includes tax and tip. Reservations may be made by calling 431-1133.

The Old Oyster House is located at 28 Water St. in East Providence, just across the Washington Bridge from Providence.

Summer Winds Provides Musical Outlet

The Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Collaborative is pleased to announce the second Summer Winds season for area high school and adult musicians. Rehearsals are each Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at North Attleboro High School beginning June 22. Concerts by the Summer Winds are planned for July 30 and Aug. 3.

Summer Winds was established last year by Southeastern Massachusetts Wind Symphony music director Joseph McKenna, to provide interested woodwind, brass and percussion players an opportunity to rehearse and perform a variety of band literature throughout the summer months.

An affiliate of the Southeastern Massachusetts Wind Symphony, the Summer Winds will perform works for military band, marches, summer pops selections and novelty numbers. Summer Winds will again be directed by Sally Cole Tucker, a prominent Massachusetts music educator, conductor, and flutist. The summer season will run seven weeks and will culminate with two local concerts.

Interested musicians should contact the SMARTS office at (508) 285-5731 for registration information, and more details about Summer Winds.



A COLLECTION OF CLOWNS — There will be no shortage of clowns when the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus rolls into Seekonk on June 20 and 21.

Circus Comes to Seekonk

The Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus will be appearing next to Sam's Club in Seekonk, Mass., on June 20 and 21. After serving as the half-time entertainment during this year's New Year's Day, Federal Express/Orange Bowl football game, the circus is heading to New England as part of its annual nine-month tour.

Now in its 111th year, the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus is an American tradition whose appearance is eagerly awaited in more than 115 cities each year. The circus features three big rings filled with aerial daredevils, elegant equestriennes, acrobats, jugglers, gymnasts, felines and clowns.

The Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus also presents Miss Dolly's Perky Porkers and Pooches who will put on a "swine" show in this review. Added to all of this is the return of the Human Cannonball, fired from the world's largest cannon.

Tickets are on sale at Walmart next to Sam's Club on Rt. 6. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children and senior citizens. Performance times are 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. each day.

City Nights Announces Auditions

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces open auditions for its September show, "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon. Performance dates for "Barefoot in the Park" are Sept. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1.

The show is produced by David Jepson and directed by Pat Glad. Auditions will be held at the theater on June 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. All roles are open. Needed are four men and two women.

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

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

City Nights is located at the center of downtown Pawtucket, next to the Times building.

For further information or to let the casting department know of your intention to audition, call the box office at 723-6060 and leave name and number.



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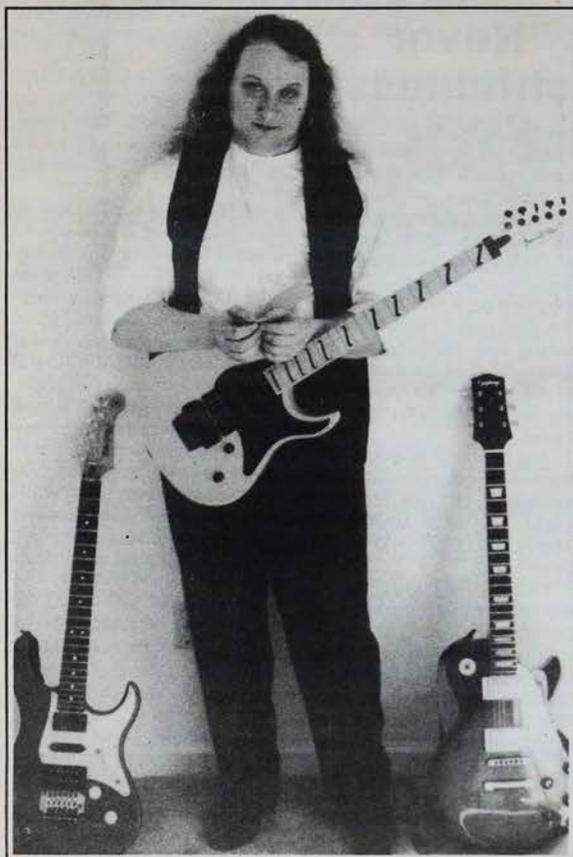
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Bram Releases New Album

Providence-based musician and composer Mark Bram has announced the release of "Crystal Pick," an album of evocative instrumental music... a blend of motion picture soundtrack and New Age fusion, combining elements of rock, jazz and blues to create a story told in music.

Said one fan, "It both simulates pictures and makes great listening. Somebody should snap this up for a movie!" From the driving strains of "Midnight Ride 2096" through the drama of "International Intrigue" and the appealing "Festival," the music is said to take the listener through a wide range of scenery and experience.

Two variations on a theme, "A Walk Through the Rainforest (Yin)" and "A Walk Through the Rainforest (Yang)" draw upon Mark's knowledge of eastern arts and cultures to show two sides of the world and of human emotions.

JCCRI Needs Donations for Yard Sale

The Senior Adult Center at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, is now collecting donations for its annual fall yard sale which will take place on Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Items can be dropped off at the JCCRI Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special arrangements for drop-offs may also be arranged. Most items, with the exception of books and clothes, are acceptable.

For more information, or to arrange a drop-off, call Sue Robbio or Lori Broomfield at 861-8800.

Escape From Happiness

AliasStage is about to present "Escape from Happiness" by George F. Walker, directed by Judith Swift. Performances will run from June 22 through July 23 at the newly renovated and air-conditioned theater at 31 Elbow St. in Providence's jewelry district.

June 22 is a pay-what-you-can performance.

Five Dollar preview shows will be put on for three days, from June 23 through 25. Shows continue Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. until July 23. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students/seniors. For reservations, call 831-2919. 31 Elbow St. is across from the Animal Rescue League and behind the Imperial Knife building. Free parking is available.

"Escape from Happiness" tells the painfully hilarious story of "Junior's vicious beating." In the course of the investigation, a family battles elements from within and without the family, and from both sides of the law.

'The Loeff Carousel' Comes to Cranston

The opening reception for the exhibit of a statewide project, "A Living Museum: The Loeff Carousel," will take place at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, on June 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. "A Living Museum" will continue on exhibit through July 28.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours. Summer hours at the Central Library are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is accessible to people with physical handicaps.

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ALL TOGETHER NOW, from the left, Tyler Edwards, Trisha McManus and Gerard Marzilli star in The Community Players' production of Neil Simon's most acclaimed play, "Lost in Yonkers," at Jenks Junior High School in Pawtucket from June 16 through 25.

Lost in Yonkers Opens June 16

Neil Simon's most acclaimed play, "Lost in Yonkers" — winner of four Tony Awards including Best Play, and the 1991 Pulitzer Prize — will be presented by The Community Players at Jenks Junior High School on Division Street in Pawtucket, across from McCoy Stadium, from June 16 to 25.

While rich in the comedy for which Simon is famous, "Lost in Yonkers," directed by Cait Calvo, is a funny and poignant family drama that grapples with the most painful family scar — what happens to children in the absence of love.

During the Second World War, two young brothers are sent to live with their formidable grandmother in Yonkers. A refugee and widow, Grandma Kurnitz has steered her heart against the world, and her coldness and cruelty have crippled her children. The boys' father lacks self-esteem, their Aunt Gert suffers from a nervous speech impediment, their uncle has become a petty gangster, and their warm and bubbly Aunt Bella, who has never quite grown up, is hungry for experience and starved for affection.

Performances are scheduled for June 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25, with Friday and Saturday cur-

tain times at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students under 13. For reservations call 726-6860.

Players To Hold Auditions

The Community Players will hold auditions for the musical, "Man of La Mancha" on June 19 and June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Jenks Junior High School, Division Street, Pawtucket (across from McCoy Stadium).

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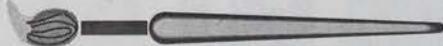


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Uzi Michaeli, commissioner of tourism, North America, accepts two 1995 World Travel Awards for Israel.

Israel Receives Two Travel Awards

Thousands of travel agents on six continents have voted Israel the "Top Middle East Destination" it was announced last week at the World Travel Awards gala in New York. Israel's Ministry of Tourism and its worldwide network of Israel

Government Tourist Offices were also voted "Top Middle East Tourist and Convention Board."

Both awards were accepted by the Hon. Uzi Michaeli, Consul and Israel's Commissioner for Tourism, North America.

Jewish Museum Reopens in New Brunswick

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, 29 Wellington Row, New Brunswick, opened for its 10th season on May 23. Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays during July and August, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The museum, which is known for its permanent and seasonal exhibits, had received numerous awards. "The number of our visitors increases each

year," said Marcia Koven, curator.

Permanent displays are: a religious artifacts collection, chapel, ritual bath, a Hebrew school classroom, and an art gallery. There is a gift shop, and archives (which may be seen by appointment only), and a library. Koven says which attracts historians and genealogists from around the world.

New this season are: Canada Remembers, Saint John, 1939 to 1945; a display of art from a private collection; Jewish Educational Outreach Kits; and "The History of the Saint John Jewish Community" on video, for \$24.95 plus \$5 for postage and handling.

The museum will be closed August 6 for a holiday and will close for the season on Sept. 22.

For further information, call (506) 633-1833 and ask for Marcia Koven.

Summer Evening Lectures on Women of Near East

A series of evening lectures on the artistic images of women from the ancient Near East will be held in Brown University's Salomon Center for Teaching at 8 p.m. on the evenings of June 21, 27, 29, and July 5. These lectures will be open to the public, and free.

Symbols of... "Never Ceasing Watchfulness"

by James Hyland

The first head of America's Bureau of Lighthouses, George R. Putnam, once said that, "lighthouses appeal to the interest and better instinct of man because they are symbolic of never-ceasing watchfulness, of steadfast endurance in every exposure, of widespread helpfulness. The building and the keeping of the lights is a picturesque and humanitarian work of the nation."

His sentiments surely echo those of countless sailors, who for centuries have relied on the guidance of lighthouses. In fact, lighthouses have proven to be such a popular icon with the American public in general that the U.S. Postal Service is once again singing their praises.

In 1900, the U.S. Post Offices issued five lighthouse stamps to commemorate the bicentennial of America's lighthouses. They proved to be the best selling stamps of the year. Now, by popular demand in 1995, the Postal Service will issue a continuation of that series with five new commemorative stamps by the same artist, Howard Koslow, featuring an historic lighthouse from each of the five Great Lakes. The first day of issue is scheduled for June 17 in Cheboygan, Mich., aboard the Coast Guard icebreaker, Mackinaw, and will include representatives from the U.S. Postal Service, the Coast Guard, the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, and the stamps sponsoring organization, The Lighthouse Preservation Society.

The new 32-cent stamps commemorate the lighthouses that made Great Lakes navigation possible. Although they are called lakes, these bodies of water share nearly all the characteristics of inland seas — including the difficulties that are often encountered in the construction of light towers. America's Great Lakes are legendary for their violent storms and treacherous shoals. They are mysterious and unpredictable... serene one moment, tempestuous the next. Their cold depths have become the grave for many an unwary mariner.

Like the nation's Atlantic and Pacific waters, the Great Lakes have required coastal lights, harbor lights, lightships, and

channel lights to provide safe passage for the vessels that ply their waters. The five lighthouses depicted on these stamps have been much-needed beacons that were built in a variety of challenging locales, including atop a reef, at the end of a pier, and on a precipitous cliff. Yet, their presence in such fascinating and beautiful settings makes them all the more fitting as subjects for this series saluting historic lights on the Great Lakes.

The lighthouses featured on the new commemorative stamps are Split Rock Light, St. Joseph Light, Spectacle Reef Light, Marblehead Light, and 30-Mile Point Light.

Marblehead Light is the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the Great Lakes. Built in 1818, midway between Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, it was raised to guide voyagers on Lake Erie through an area that is notorious for fierce "nor'easters." At times, its entire 65-foot height can be dashed by waves.

St. Joseph Light is another early lighthouse site. Originally built in 1832, in the town of St. Joseph, Mich., it presently stands at the end of a 300-yard pier, jutting into Lake Michigan. Its twin towers are reached by an elevated walkway that lets the lighthouse keeper attend to his duties even when high seas engulf the pier.

Spectacle Reef Light was built in 1870 at a cost of \$300,000 (the equivalent of more than \$3 million today). Laboring for four years, workers struggled to erect this beacon on a hidden reef that rose within seven feet of the surface of Lake Huron.

Another light that warned of shoals and sandbars is Lake Ontario's 30-Mile Point Lighthouse. Built in 1875, this impressive gray stone structure still stands at the mouth of New York's Niagara River.

Perched upon a precipitous cliff, towering 168 feet above Lake Superior is the Split Rock Lighthouse. Located just north of Duluth, Minn., it was constructed in 1910, five years after a freak blizzard there sent 30 iron ore boats and freighters to the bottom, killing dozens of men. Since there was no road leading to the top of the cliff,

construction materials were shipped in and raised to the building site by steam hoist.

Each of the Great Lakes Lighthouses stamps has an interesting story behind it. They represent a small portion of America's rich and colorful lighthouse history.

Sadly, many lighthouses on the Great Lakes and elsewhere around the country are slowly being extinguished. While some still send their luminous warnings across the waters, others are succumbing to decay and the constant pound of wind and rain, sand and surf. The Lighthouse Preservation Society of Rockport, Mass., a national non-profit organization, has nominated both the 1990 and 1995 lighthouse stamps in an effort to increase public awareness and appreciation of our endangered maritime heritage. The Society's president, James Hyland, who researched and nominated the stamp series, says that "the issuance of America's Great Lakes Lighthouse postage stamps is a milestone for collectors and for everyone who appreciates the importance of preserving our nation's historic lighthouses."

"Though they have long been regarded as immortal beacons, lighthouses cannot be taken for granted. Many have been abandoned and are falling into disrepair."

A grassroots movement has been developing over the past two decades, addressing the need for lighthouse preservation at both the local and national levels. The interest has sparked something of a lighthouse revival across the country with spin-offs such as lighthouse conferences, tours, numerous publications, documentary films, and a huge growth in the lighthouse gift and collectibles industry.

Local groups have joined together with national organizations such as The Lighthouse Preservation Society and the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association to change government policies on lighthouses and raise monies to save them. Although a number of lighthouses have been restored in recent years, with some 800 still in existence there is still much to do.

For more information about lighthouses, contact: The Lighthouse Preservation Society, P.O. Box 736, Rockport, MA 01966, or call (800) 727-BEAM.

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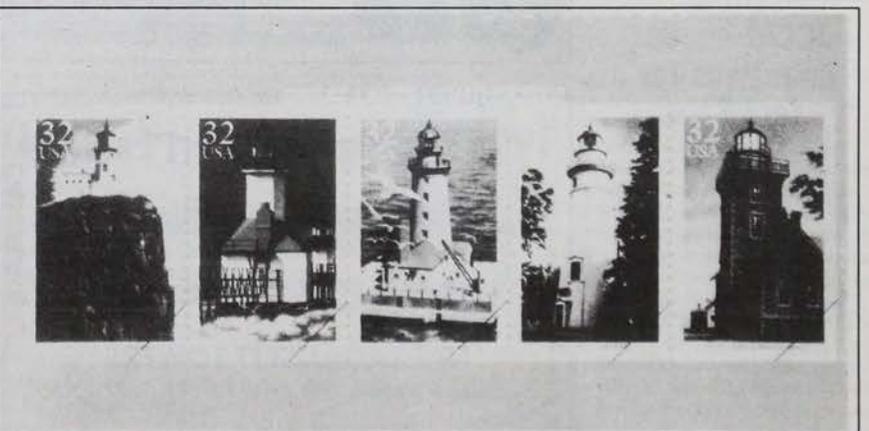
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GREAT LAKES LIGHTHOUSES, from the left, Split Rock Lighthouse, St. Joseph Lighthouse, Spectacle Reef Lighthouse, Marblehead Lighthouse and 30 Mile Point Lighthouse, will be featured on a new stamp issue in the lighthouse series.



In The Wilds of Rhode Island and Massachusetts

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The Appalachian Mountain Club has issued its seventh edition of the *Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide*, in a jacket-pocket size format, complete with five new trail maps and one big relief map that fold up conveniently into a little pocket on the bookcover.

In Rhode Island, the guide covers Arcadia Management Area, George Washington Management Area and Burlingame State Park. In Massachusetts, it takes you through the Berkshires; the Pioneer Valley; Central Massachusetts with articles on the Blackstone River, and Wachusett Mountain, and 10 other areas; the "North of Boston" territory — Dogtown, numerous state forests and reservations and the Ipswich River area; the Boston area itself; and the Cape.

While this is not exactly Rocky Mountain terrain, the reader may be surprised at the depth and breadth of hiking experience available to him within a short drive from Providence.

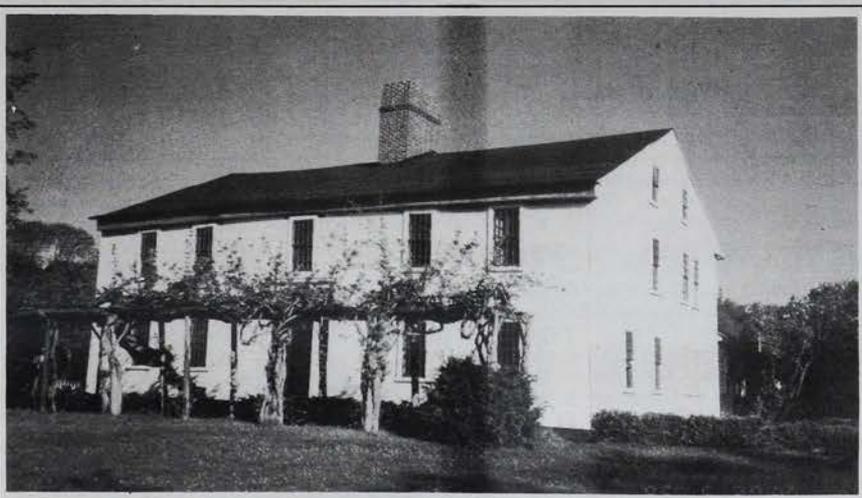
(For mini-rambles, particularly with small children, I would recommend a book like one of Ken Webber's.)

It makes your feet itch to read about the waterfalls, the ledges with wide vistas below, the up-

land trails through white pine forests, the skyline trails, the brook crossings, that are waiting for exploration so close to home. The guide makes the point that many of these trails are less heavily travelled, on the average summer day, than those leading up to climbing meccas, like Mount Washington. Which is not to say that you can approach them with a light heart and no provisions. Au contraire! The guide gives you a good basic list of necessities for even a short hike in wild terrain, and lots of advice on how to come through still smiling.

Aside from the fact that the AMC puts out great guides, it also organizes trail work and recreational outings, and lobbies for the protection of the woodland areas. It is an organization that is focussed specifically on our side of the country, and it does for us here what groups like the Sierra Club do for people west of the Mississippi.

Seeing a doe and her fawn cross a meadow in the morning mists is just as moving an experience in Massachusetts as it is in Montana. Maybe more so — because we need to see that kind of thing more. Discover Rhode Island and Massachusetts with the new AMC guide.



GLEAMING IN THE SUN, as it did 200 years ago, Smith's Castle shows off a brand new coat of its original color, coded to a chip of old paint discovered under the eaves during restoration.

Rediscover Smith's Castle

The Cocumscussoc Association at Smith's Castle is reopening the castle. With major structural restoration recently completed, visitors are once again invited to tour this historic building. The house has a new coat of white paint. The color, verified by paint analysis done by the National Park Service, was discovered during the restoration from some pieces of original clapboarding located up under the roof.

The association has chosen June 17 as re-opening day, coinciding with its annual Strawberry Festival and Juried Craft Fair. A day of crafters, music, storytelling, boat rides, food, and history, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., has been planned with the entire family in mind. Costumed docents will be on hand in the house to update visitors on all the interesting "finds" of the restoration process.

During Strawberry Festival, several special exhibits will be in place, including four quilts owned by the Cocumscussoc Association that were recently photographed for a book on quilts by Linda Welters, director of the Quilt Documentation Project at the University of Rhode Island.

Mike Green, local costume authenticator, will have some hand-tailored clothing of earlier days to show, and docent Louise Duckworth will be on hand to demonstrate carding and spinning of wool beside the hearth in the kitchen.

After June 17, the house and grounds will be open from Thursday through Monday during the summer months, and weekends in September. Tours are scheduled at 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 3:15 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1.50 for children. The building is handicapped accessible.

During the Strawberry Festival, the house is open to the public at no additional charge. Smith's Castle dates from 1678,

offering the visitor four centuries of rich and varied history. In the 1640s, Cocumscussoc was the site of Roger Williams' home and trading post, in the 1740s it was a great plantation house, and in this century, the Cocumscussoc Dairy. In 1993,

the National Park Service designated the lands surrounding Smith's Castle the Cocumscussoc Archaeological Site and declared them a National Historic Landmark.

The rain date for the festival is June 18. The castle is located at 55 Richard Smith Drive, Wickford. The number to call for more information is 294-3521.



STRAWBERRIES mean good eating, and a strawberry festival, and summer. These two young men, dressed in traditional outfits, are preparing to enjoy the strawberries at the Smith's Castle festival.

American Girls to Star at Mystic Seaport

The American Girl Doll Collection is a favorite of most American girls, right now. Girls across the country ask for or buy the dolls, five historical characters from different times in America's past. Not only do they get the dolls, but they yearn for the books, the magazine and all the accessories. They throw theme parties, go to American Girl fashion show fund-raisers, and dress like their favorite characters.

Jan Larson, director of education at Mystic Seaport, says, "Historically, Kirsten, Addy and Samantha fit into the time frame of the museum's village and ships, and all three of those girls had a maritime experience. They are the perfect match for Mystic Seaport."

The match made in heaven will become a two-day extravaganza as the museum holds American Girls at Mystic Seaport on July 1 and 2.

Girls are encouraged to dress up and bring their dolls for a day of historical games, crafts and music. Participants will join in a scavenger hunt for items that Kirsten, Addy and Samantha used in their time; wave a flag and march in a parade of American Girls; play Cat's Cradle, Don't Rock the Boat and other games of long ago; sing the songs of a bygone era, and make a "craft of the past" to take home.

Admission to American Girls at Mystic Seaport is \$25 per person, \$19.50 for Mystic Seaport members. Children must be accompanied by an adult. A boxed lunch will be available for \$6.50 per person. To register send a check made payable to Mystic

Seaport Museum, Inc. to American Girls at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn. 06355-0990. Indicate preference of Saturday or Sunday. Call (203) 572-5315 for more information.

Daddy-O-Day Is Coming

On Father's Day, June 18, between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., Fred and Wilma Flintstone will bring the Stone Age to the Children's Museum of Rhode Island, at 58 Walcott St. in Pawtucket. Kids five and older will have a good time viewing a collection of gems and minerals to the sounds of rock and roll. All fathers will be admitted to the museum free of charge.

Blast Off!

On June 21 between 3 and 5 p.m. and on June 25 between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., kids five and older will make silver cardboard rockets, and blast off with balloon power! On Wednesday, same day telephone registration is required; please call the museum at 726-2591 beginning at 9 a.m. to register. There is no fee beyond the usual price of admission. Participation in the Sunday program is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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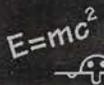
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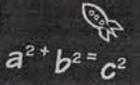
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SCHOOL BEAT



South County Hebrew School Holds Graduation Exercises

The South County Hebrew School held its annual graduation and promotion exercises on June 4, in conjunction with Shavuot services at Temple Beth David, Narragansett. The services were led by Rev. Ethan Adler, spiritual leader of Temple Beth David, and Rabbi Benjamin Lefkowitz, director of South County Hebrew School.

The various classes each took part in the service, with special presentations by grades kindergarten to one, two, and the graduating class. The graduates are Erin Austerlitz, daughter of Dr. Jeffrey and Joanne Austerlitz, and Ariel Bender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Michael Bender and Yvette Mintzer.

Awards for academic achievement were presented to each of the 60 students in the school, and gifts were given to the faculty: Anne Dansicker, Jill DeLeo, Rabbi Sol Goodman, Suanne Fried-Goodman, Debra Kaplan, Iris Mehlman and Robyn Witten.

The South County Hebrew School, which meets on the Kingston campus of the University of Rhode Island, provides Jewish education for children in kindergarten through grade seven. If you would like information about the school, call Lefkowitz at 732-4797.



SCHOOL'S OUT — Students of South County Hebrew School stand with Rev. Ethan Adler (left), spiritual leader of Temple Beth David, and Rabbi Benjamin Lefkowitz (right), director of the school.

Moses Brown Students Elected to Honors Society

The following Moses Brown School seniors have been elected to the Cum Laude Society: Keith Andrade, Somerset, Mass.; Jessi L. Berkelhammer and Marie C. Ewens, Providence; Melissa H. Hammond, N. Scituate; Scott I. Jackson and Jordan D. Licht, Providence; David M. Mullen, Pawtucket; Robin A. Romanovich, Seekonk, Mass.; John B. Rosenquest, Rehoboth, Mass.; Cara A. Vileno and Tracey A. Worme, Providence; and John A. Wright, Barrington.

Three current seniors, elected last year as juniors, will also graduate as Cum Laude members. They are: Meena A. Agarwal, Attleboro; Barrett W. Bready, East Greenwich; and Edward Wheeler, Providence. Two current juniors were also elected: Nathan M. Heavers, Kingston, and Hannah K. Weiss, Providence.

Three members of the senior class were named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program: Barrett Bready, John Wright, and George Hill of Vermont. John Wright was awarded a scholarship.

Fourteen seniors were designated Rhode Island Scholars by the R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority: Samuel Baldwin, Providence; Christopher Brody, Cranston; Douglass Burgess, Kingston; Matthew Cornelius, Barrington; Jameson Edwards, Providence; Daniel Gareau, Providence; Heather Hunter, Rumford; Ian Lang, Providence; Andrew Muttart, Providence; David Mullen, Pawtucket; Reuven Soutlanoglou, Cranston; Lauren Vigliotti, Providence; Cara Vileno, Providence; and Tracey Worme, Providence.

Professional Development Seminar Announced

The Bryant College Center for Management Development offers a seminar from July 12 to 13.

"Toward a Participative Environment" will cover the styles of leadership that support employee involvement. This program is designed to help supervisors understand and make the

changes required for participative management, and how to develop and support a high-performance team. Call 232-6200 for more information.

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BJE Installs Leaders

The Bureau of Jewish Education held its 43rd annual meeting on May 25. At that time, the officers and board members who will guide the BJE in the coming year were elected and installed.

Serving for the year ahead are: president, Dr. Edward Spindell; vice presidents, Robert P. Landau, Judith Greenblatt, Selma Stanzler; treasurer, Robert Stolzman; associate treasurer, Joan Gray; secretary, Eleanor Lewis; associate secretary, Irving Waldman.

Board members nominated for three-year terms are: Barbara Feldstein, Dianne Newman, Susan Rosenzweig, Arthur Fixler, Bonnie Ryvicker, David Jacobson, Joyce Wachs, Allan Brenman, Alisa Berkowitz and Brian Messing. Elected to fill two-year terms were: Bari Harlam and Jane Civins. In addition, Spindell announced that

he has appointed Charles Adler, Dan Kaplan, and Beth Burstein to the board.

Continuing to serve as board members are: Elizabeth Cohen, Shaye Cohen, Gloria Feibish, Celia Gamm, Sidney Goldstein, Kenneth Hersh, Evan Holland, Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer, Don Jurkowitz, Elaine Kroll, Deborah Raskin, Miriam Ross, Karyn Samdperil, Leonore Sones, Sue Suls, Bobbie Wallick, and Paul Zisserman.

In his address, Spindell related the many innovations and accomplishments of the past year. He noted that the "BJE expresses its commitment to improving the professionalism of Jewish education and of Jewish educators in all settings."

He also mentioned some of the BJE's plans for the coming year: leadership training programs for Jewish youth and the youth advisors who serve them

and an Israel savings plan, recently approved by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.



DR. EDWARD SPINDELL, installed for his second year as Bureau of Jewish Education president, offers a report on the past year and on future plans for the BJE. Photo by P.M. Cohen Photography, Inc.

RIC Holding Workshop on School Violence

A summer workshop on the prevention of school violence will be offered again this summer at Rhode Island College as a three-credit graduate-level course from July 5 to 27.

The workshop is designed to promote problem-solving among general and special education preschool, elementary and secondary level teachers, school administrators, school psychologists, school social workers and others, according to Steve C. Imber, professor of special education.

"Participants will have an opportunity to explore such topics

as building security, peer mediation, suspension, expulsion, gun control (through videos) and cooperative problem-solving... along with instructor presentation," says Imber.

He and John Caparco, principal of the Woonsocket High School, will present the workshop Mondays through Thursdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. under Special Education 480-20.

Those interested in the workshop should call Imber for more information, including cost and registration, at 456-8024.

Wheeler Announces Award Winners

The following Wheeler School students won awards this year:

Todd Brodsky, eighth grade: excellent performance award from Middle School Mock Trial competition;

Joshua Cohen, senior: Silver Award for dramatic script from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards;

Michael Friedman, senior: New England Math League High Scorer Award, and ASHME High Scorer Award;

Jenna Goldberg, ninth grade: third place, Level 2, State level of National French Exam; third place in poetry division of Rhode Island Council of Teachers of English competition;

Brian Goldman, sixth grade: excellent performance award from Middle School Mock Trial competition;

Kevin Goldman, senior:

ASHME High Scorer Award; perfect score at National Mock Trial competition in Denver, Colo.; member of R.I. Champion Mock Trial and Academic Decathlon teams;

Harrison Kahn, seventh grade: excellence performance award from Middle School Mock Trial competition;

Jonathan Robbin, eighth grade: Outstanding Achievement Award from R.I. Legal/Education partnership for Middle School Mock Trial;

Ben Ross, eighth grade: Francis Hauser Memorial Award for outstanding junior high science fair project at State Science Fair; and

New England Swimming Championships Invitational (10 and under division) included four Wheeler swimmers: **Jamie Finkleman**, **Jodie Finkleman**, **Maxie Kitzes** and **Hillary Sorin**.

Kaplan Says Russian Foreign Minister Has Intervened on Missing Israeli Soldiers

An American Jewish leader reported recently that Russian Foreign Minister Andre Kozyrev told her he has been in touch with the Syrian and Iranian governments in an effort to learn the fate of four missing Israeli soldiers captured in Lebanon.

Deborah Kaplan, the national president of Hadassah, met with foreign Minister Kozyrev as part of a delegation of Jewish leaders that visited the former Soviet

Union recently under the auspices of the Conference of Presidents and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

"After the meeting, I took the foreign minister aside and urged him on humanitarian grounds to help obtain the whereabouts of the missing men," she said. "He replied that although he had already raised the issue with the governments of Syria and Iran, he would be willing to do so again."

Harig Graduates from Furman

Christopher J. Harig, son of William H. and Kathleen Ann Harig, of 43 Rosemere Road in Cumberland, has graduated from Furman University with a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

Camp Dinom Yte Ready for Very Young Campers

The Pawtucket Family YMCA is now accepting enrollment for its Camp Dinom Yte day camping program for area youth ages 3 to 6. Camp Dinom Yte caters specifically to the young child interested in exploring day camping within a sheltered setting.

Camp begins June 19. There are 10 one-week sessions. Camp Dinom Yte opens at 7:30 a.m. and runs until 5:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Early morning care is also available on a limited basis. Children can register for one week of day camp or for the whole summer. There are a limited amount of slots still available.

According to director Jacquie Capello, "Children who attend our full-day camping program pay only \$80 weekly, and there is financial aid available to those who qualify through DHS and the Pathways to Independence program."

A typical day at Camp Dinom Yte involves instructional and recreational swimming, arts and crafts, stories, creative drama and walks. Weekly themes this year include, Around the World, Happy Birthday America, Dino Daze, Wet and Wild and more. The camp also explores fun science projects, enjoys cooking activities and takes a weekly field trip.

The Camp Dinom Yte facility is located at the Family Branch, 20 Summer St., Pawtucket. Facilities include air-conditioned camp activity rooms, indoor pool, full-sized gym and fitness course and much more.

To find out more about Camp Dinom Yte, call 727-7900.

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SCHOOL BEAT

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Let Sleeping Kids Lie

Early to bed and early to rise makes you healthy and wealthy — but probably not wise. In fact, responding to a study by the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology that shows school days that start very early are not conducive to adolescent learning, the Israel Ministry of Education has delayed the official start of elementary and junior high school classes until 8 a.m.

The study has important implications for students across the United States. Many young children are dropped off by working parents at pre-school programs long before the official opening of school. In suburban areas where students are bussed to school in several shifts, the first shift starts at 7 a.m. or earlier.

The results of the study will be presented at the annual meeting of the Sleep Research Society and the American Sleep Disorders Association. Professor Peretz Lavie, who headed the Technion study, will organize

an international task force that will discuss the implications for schools worldwide.

Analyzing data on student sleeping patterns in 13 countries in the developed world revealed that Israeli students start school earlier than many of their counterparts in other countries. Through extensive studies of student behavior and teachers' reports, the researchers found that when students start the school day at 7:30 a.m. or earlier, they have difficulty concentrating and are irritable. Starting the school day later, children are able to focus better and be less disruptive.

"The earlier start was originally set to fit more learning into the school day, an arrangement that proved to do the opposite," Lavie said. "Also, the negative effects of the early starting school day carry over into family life, creating tension and stress between parents and irritable children."

BJE Recruiting Participants for Youth Trip

The March of the Living will be held from April 13 to May 27, 1996, under the regional sponsorship of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. The march brings high school students from around the world to Poland and Israel to learn firsthand about the two events which have shaped contemporary Jewish life: the Holocaust and the State of Israel. The bureau will organize a group of 11th- and 12th-graders to join the 5,000 young people expected to participate in this year's march. The program has a leadership development component geared to training young people for speaking and educating the community upon their return about the Holocaust and the importance of a strong state of Israel in modern Jewish life.

During the week in Poland, the group will visit historic sites in Warsaw (including Mila 18, the Ghetto Memorial, the Jewish cemetery, and the Nozyk Synagogue), Cracow (including the Jewish Quarter and the Rema Synagogue), and Lublin (including the former Yeshiva, which now is a medical school). Students also visit the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, and Majdanek.

A focal point of the trip to Poland is the actual "march," a two-mile hike from Auschwitz to Birkenau. The march, which takes place on Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), concludes with a memorial service at Birkenau.

From Poland, the group will travel to Israel to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel. During a week in Israel, participants will visit many historic sites in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Galilee.

In addition to the wide range of nationalities represented in the program, participants include Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Orthodox Jews. Kashrut is observed, with services held each day for

each religious grouping.

A limited number of spaces will be available. Applicants will be screened by a special committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Participating students will join in a series of pre-trip seminars as well as post-trip sessions, and will commit to serving as speakers upon their return.

Some financial aid will be available.

For further information, contact Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan or Ruth Page at the BJE, 331-0956.

Adlers Make the Dean's List

Dori K. Adler has been named to the dean's list for the 1995 spring semester at the University of Rhode Island, in Kingston.

Jennifer H. Adler has been named to the dean's list for the 1995 spring semester at Brandeis University, in Waltham, Mass.

Dori and Jennifer are the daughters of Wendy and Ethan Adler of Cranston.

Paternal grandparents are Trudi and Edward Adler of Providence. Maternal grandparents are Lillian and Samuel Osterman of East Providence and North Miami, Fla.

Last Chance for Summer Semester Program at Moses Brown

Final registration for Moses Brown School's summer semester program will take place June 22 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Jenks Center.

Summer semester offers classes for academic enrichment, preparation, review, or credit for students in grades four through adult. Offerings include SAT diagnosis, fitness, wrestling, basketball, tennis, foreign languages, math, history, and sciences. Eighth- and ninth-graders can become "bay-watchers" for Save the Bay in a biology course. Two evening lectures will be of interest to

Good News from Moses Brown School

Abigail Harkey, a junior from Providence, will have a poem included in the National Poetry Society's National High School Poetry Anthology. Her work was selected from more than 72,000 entries submitted by more than 15,000 students.

Class representatives to the student senate were selected in recent elections. Senior class representatives are Bradford Livingston (Little Compton), and Nick Rainone (Warwick). Junior class representatives are Todd Goldenberg (East Greenwich) and John Pariseault (Cranston). Sophomore class representatives are Brian Degnan (No. Smithfield) and Rebecca Weiss (Providence). Student senate president for the 1995-1996 school year is Nancy Johnston (Providence); vice president is Jason Shechtman (Barrington).

Members of the Drama Club recently competed in the Rhode Island State Drama Festival. The club's performance of "Gallows Humor," by Jack Richardson, was awarded four points on a scale of five. The play was the only student-directed performance in the competition. Yuan Joanne Mei and Berit Huseby (both juniors from Providence) directed the production. The cast included junior Joshua Joseph (East Greenwich), senior Jeff Rufo (Swansea, Mass.), and senior Robin Romanovich (Seekonk, Mass.).

Romanovich also won a 1995 All-State Acting award for her portrayal of Martha in "Gallows Humor." Awards were presented at the Rhode Island Theater Education Association's 10th annual ceremony.

Five seniors were honored by Mayor Michael A. Traficante on May 30 as part of the "Cranston's Finest" program for their academic excellence, community service, and athletic achievement. The honorees were John M. Akquilian, Christopher G. Brody, Matthew Katz, Alina L. Praxmarer, and Adam J. Rappoport.



DOV'S CREATORS, Donna Gropper and JoAnne Silver, teachers at Temple Sinai, receive the Edward and Florence W. Goldberg Award from Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, of the Bureau of Jewish Education Teacher Training Advisory Committee for "What A Difference A Dov Makes." Photo by P.M. Cohen Photography, Inc.



PROUD PUPIL, PROUD TEACHER, enjoy the moment at the ceremony. From the left, Ruth Page, Bureau of Jewish Education Israel Desk and Adult Education Coordinator, presents recognition to her teacher, Jenny Klein, who has taught for many years in Rhode Island. Photo by P.M. Cohen Photography, Inc.

Lincoln School Honors Scholars

Joan Cannady Countryman, head of Lincoln School in Providence, has announced the recipients of the school's year-end academic awards.

Amey Willson Hart Scholars — The memory of Amey Willson Hart, a member of the class of 1902 and a former member of the board of trustees, is honored in freshmen, and students new to upper school for their distinguished academic work: Freshmen Susanna Fogel of Providence and Sarah R. Feinberg of Newport.

Frances E. Wheeler Scholars — The memory of Frances E. Wheeler, Quaker headmistress from 1926 to 1938, is honored in Quaker girls or members of upper school for more than one year of distinguished academic

work: Senior Miriam B. Ryvicker of Providence and junior Pamela Sinel of Pawtucket.

National French Exam, level three, third place — Sara R. Feinberg.

Rhode Island Distinguished Merit Program, music and science — Miriam B. Ryvicker.

Ryvicker also received the congressman Patrick J. Kennedy Award, the Samuel Priest Senior Science Award and the Miriam Sewall Converse Award. Sinel was granted the Smith College Book Award.

The school held its commencement exercises on June 8. Ryvicker and Leah R. Gootkind of Cranston were two of the graduating students.

SPORTS FEATURE

Pawtucket Skater Finds Success On the Ice

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

The United States Figure Skating Championship held in Providence in February was not only an opportunity to view the nation's top skaters, but perhaps it was a chance to catch a glimpse into the future.

After each skater's performance, a group of (local) girls called "presenters" would clear the ice of any flowers or stuffed animals that were tossed to the surface in appreciation of the routine. Some day these young athletes may be the featured attraction on the same national stage.

One of the "presenters" was Rachel Segal of Pawtucket. Segal began skating when she selected the sport as an elective at Wheeler School in the first grade. Last May, at age 11, she won a gold medal in her first competition.

"I liked skating (from the beginning). It's been a lot of fun," said Segal. "I never thought it would go this far."

From the start, Segal excelled on the ice. She soon began taking private lessons from her teacher and would later join the Pawtucket & Providence Figure Skating Club, which she represents in all competitions and exhibitions. The club is (partially) sponsored by the Pawtucket Parks and Recreation Department.

When one thinks of figure skating, a series of jumps and spins usually come to mind. In actuality, the sport is more complicated than that.

Segal practices five different disciplines: freestyle, which is mostly jumps and spins; dance, figures, which is tracing a "figure eight"; moves in the field, which is the footwork leading up to jumps and spins; and precision, which is a team of about 15 to 20 girls skating together.

The five aspects of figure skating account for 6 to 8 hours of practice each week — this is in addition to Hebrew school and (Wheeler) field hockey in the fall.



MICKEY WOULD BE PROUD — Rachel Segal, sitting third from right, spends much of her skating time with her precision team, the Icy Hots. At the 1995 Eastern Precision Championships they performed a Disney-related routine. Photo by Alex Gregory Photography



QUICK LEARNER — Rachel Segal was granted the 1995 Edie Scholdan Memorial Award for her tremendous improvement and accomplishments during the past skating season.

Sometimes Segal doesn't finish her homework until 10 or 11 p.m.

Each discipline within figure skating has several skill levels. To graduate to the next level, one must pass a test. Coupled with the practice time and competition, this can amount to a lot of pressure placed on girls at a tender age.

However, Segal insists that the pressure is manageable, as long as you keep things in perspective.

"A lot of skaters want to succeed," stated Segal. "How you handle things depends on what kind of person you are."

Following the Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan soap opera, the public perception has been that skaters have a "win-at-all-costs" mentality, with little regard for sportsmanship. However, Segal's mother Ellen said this has not been the case locally.

"There is peer pressure to keep up with your friends, but on the whole, the kids are wonderful," said Ellen Segal.

The past couple of years, Rachel has performed with the precision team called the Icy Hots. She was a member from its inception, but now that she'll be turning 13, she hopes to move up to the precision junior team Fine Line. Tryouts for the team are June 20. If she makes it, she'll come home from Camp Pembroke once a week to practice.

Other upcoming goals include a dance competition in October, easterns at the University of Delaware and of course, Segal's bat mitzvah next April at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

So far, Segal's young career has been a wonderful ride. On May 7 the Pawtucket & Providence Figure Skating Club presented her with the 1995 Edie

Scholdan Memorial Award. The award is given to a beginner in the club who demonstrates the most improvement or accomplishments during the season.

At the opening ceremonies of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Segal and 97 other girls from Rhode Island performed a five-minute routine. The group prepared for four months for the performance.

Skating has also allowed Segal to meet the many professional and amateur skaters that have come to Providence the last couple of years.

"It's been quite an experience," said Ellen Segal.

Next year, Rachel will teach 5-year-olds how to skate in a program at Lynch Arena in Pawtucket. If her students share the same enthusiasm for the sport and have at least a fraction of the talent, they should do just fine.

GOING TO EXTREMES

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

If you happen to be in the vicinity of Newport's Touro Synagogue in a couple of weeks and you notice some people falling through the sky, don't be alarmed.

If you happen to be in the College Hill area and you feel the breeze created by someone whizzing by at 70 miles per hour on an aluminum sled, don't worry.

These odd occurrences can be explained on the Extreme Games — an international competition created by the sports network ESPN in an attempt to expose some of the most extreme sports and athletes to the general public.

The games are coming to Newport, Middletown, Providence and Mount Snow, Vermont, from June 24 to July 1. More than 350 athletes will compete for \$370,000 in prize money in sports like mountain biking, waterski jumping, windsurfing, bungee jumping, BMX biking, in-line skating, sport climbing,

skysurfing, street-luge racing and the eco-challenge, which is a form of orienteering.

Those who think these sports are just a fad, stay tuned. Each of these activities has grown dramatically in recent years and some generate millions of dollars.

Most of the interest in extreme sports comes from the MTV generation. However, activities such as in-line skating and mountain biking are enjoyed by people of all ages.

It's uncertain how well the Extreme Games will do, but one thing is certain, there are plenty of people who stand to profit from its success. Sponsors such as Mountain Dew, Nike, Taco Bell, Chevrolet and AT&T jumped on the band wagon early. ESPN and ESPN2 will televise almost 50 hours of the competitions. And the

manufacturers of the equipment used by the athletes are keeping their fingers crossed.

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Street Luge Racing

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MAZEL TOV—Dr. Alfred Gottschalk (left), president of Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion, awarded Temple Beth-El's Rabbi Leslie Yale Gutterman the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree for his 25 years of service.

Rabbi Leslie Gutterman Awarded Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree

Rabbi Leslie Yale Gutterman of Temple Beth-El in Providence, was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree, honoris causa by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion at its annual Founders' Day ceremonies in New York on March 28.

Founders' Day ceremonies commemorate the establishment in 1875 of Hebrew Union

College and in 1922 of the Jewish Institute of Religion by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise and Stephen S. Wise, respectively. The featured speaker for the program was Rabbi Michael J. Cook, professor of intertestamental and early Christian literature on the Cincinnati campus of HUC-JIR.



Anna Rita Bigney

Lisa and Michael Bigney announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Rita Bigney, on April 17.

Anna's paternal grandparents are Marcia and Paul Bigney. Maternal grandparents are Helene and Lawrence Gates. Paternal great-grandparents are Etta Bigney and the late Benjamin Bigney and the late Anna and Irving Kuperschmid. Maternal great-grandparents are Selma Pilavin Robinson and the late Albert Pilavin and the late Rita and Irving Gertsacov.

Anna Rita is named after her late paternal grandmother, Anna Kuperschmid and her late maternal grandmother, Rita Gertsacov.

Paging Dr. Resnick

Staci M. Resnick, daughter of Ken and Myrna Resnick of Cranston, recently graduated from Brown University School of Medicine.

Resnick will begin her residency in pediatrics at the New England Medical Center in Boston later this month.



THE PASSING OF THE CHECK from the Grandparents Guild Fund took place recently with, from the left, Lincoln Pratt, Ronald Gallo, Dorothy Isenberg, Melvin Alperin, Joanne Marshall and Marilyn Winoker participating in the ceremony. Rosalie Fain was unable to be present for this picture.

Their Gift Keeps on Giving

Critical to the long-term success of any nonprofit organization is the dependable source of income that an endowment represents. With that in mind, Dorothy Isenberg of Providence, well-known initiator of campaigns for many community causes, in 1987 organized the Grandparents Guild Fund, an endowment fund that benefits the Children's Museum of Rhode Island.

With an imaginative array of fund-raising drives, membership campaigns, and dinner parties, Isenberg and key supporters raised the more than \$100,000 that is held in trust at The Rhode

Island Foundation. With this year's grant of \$5,080, announced recently at a luncheon honoring guild members, in-

come from the fund has provided more than \$35,000 in support to the Children's Museum.

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by Eunice Greenfield

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has displayed dedication for over 30 years In the tradition of true giving, applause from all your peers.

With your capacity for caring, your feelings never fade Differences don't just happen, Doris, they are truly made. You've woven an exquisite tapestry with intensity and care,

A sense of importance among the threads — your fingertips everywhere.

A wise man said "A woman is judged by the company she keeps" and yours truly's happy to share

In joining together in all you do, because we really care. My words are fine but may not hold up as your good deeds always will

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Correction

Student Ryan P. Dowd was incorrectly identified in last week's *Herald*. We apologize for the error.

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The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club is at noon on June 15 at Temple Beth-El, Providence. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. The program, "Hands on Sugaring Flowers and Fruits," will be presented by Corinne Lamchick, president.

Bring scissors and tweezers. Flowers will be provided.

Ikebana Japanese flower arranging classes will be held at 1 p.m. on June 21 at the Villa Del Rio clubhouse. Circle the other dates: July 19, Aug. 16, and Sept. 20. Cost is \$5 plus flowers. If interested, call Martha Finger at 272-0623.

Am David Announces Graduates

Temple Am David of Warwick has announced the graduating students of its Hebrew school.

Congratulations to the following students: Isaac Gordon, Brian Zimman, Danny Sternberg, Asher Fink, David Paull and Noah Corin.

Local ORT Chapter to Hold Installation

On June 22, the Women's American Organization through Rehabilitation and Training, Elm Grove Chapter at Large, will hold their annual installation dinner at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk.

Outgoing president Robin Baron will be honored for her three years of service as the local chapter's president. The 1995-1996 slate of officers will be installed by past president Robin Engel.

Myrth York, former Rhode Island state representative and 1994 Democratic candidate for governor, will speak on the role of women in politics as part of

the evening's program.

Women's American ORT is an organization that supports vocational and technical training for students around the world.

The Elm Grove Chapter at Large has more than 130 members living in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts who sponsor fund-raising events throughout the year. The money raised is used for ORT educational programs.

All Women's American ORT, Elm Grove Chapter at Large, events are open to the public. For more information, call 727-2886.

Touro to Host Orot Shabbatone

Touro Synagogue of Newport will serve as the host for the second annual Orot Convention-Shabbatone on the weekend of June 16 to 18. Orot is a new organization founded on the religious-Zionist teaching of the late Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Kook, generally of people from the Metropolitan New York area.

The weekend will feature various lecture sessions, catered meals, religious services in the hallowed Touro sanctuary, and a post-Sabbath concert of Jewish music.

The free rabbi lecture programs will be held in the Touro Synagogue Community Center building, mainly from 2 to 6 p.m. on the Sabbath afternoon. Lecture topics will include "Ethics of the Fathers — Today," "Judaism and Vigilantes," "The Road to Renewal," and "The Individual and the Community."

Shapiro will also conduct a special synagogue tour and a walking tour of Newport's Historic Hill area. The post-Sabbath concert will be held at 10 p.m., featuring a trio of outstanding Jewish performers, Yossi Sonnenblick, Shmuel Burstein and Chaim Chait. There is a \$10 charge for non-participants for the concert.

For information about this unique event, contact the Touro Synagogue office at 847-4794.

Local JCCRI Executives Reaffirm Commitment

Excerpts from a JCCRI Release

The issue of continuity has been foremost in the minds of those involved with the Jewish Community Center movement for a long time. At the JCCRI's recent annual meeting, Vivian G. Weisman, executive director said, "This Jewish Community Center is part of a nationwide movement which understands the need to be a social support system, and glue for the diverse Jewish community."

According to Weisman, research shows that "...people having Jewish friends is a leading indication of identity with and commitment to the Jewish people. This is a special place to develop those friendships."

To this end, the JCCRI tries to offer programming that will attract families and individuals of all ages, to offer opportunities for people to connect with each other, while integrating Judaic perspectives throughout.

JCCRI President Jeffrey G. Brier stated in his address at the annual meeting, "...Over 1 million Jews in this country visit Jewish Community Centers each year. Among our Jewish members, some frequently visit other Jewish agencies or synagogues; however, for many others the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is their only contact with a Jewish organization. Informal Jewish education, the kind of education done here at the Jewish Community Center, is important to building strong, positive ties to Judaism."

Brier added, "For many families the JCCRI's holiday, preschool or summer camp programs may be their only exposure to Jewish culture and traditions."

Brier cited examples of how the JCCRI reached out to teens. "When we hosted 'Schlock Rock' several months ago their message to our kids was 'be good, be cool, be Jewish.' Above all else kids, all kids, need to feel good about themselves and for Jewish kids we have an obligation to make them feel good

about being Jewish. At the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, our staff is well aware of this and this is why we are so supportive of the Jewish Youth Groups; BBYO, USY, and Young Judea. We encourage them to use our facility, usually at no cost to them. These groups and their advisors know that the JCCRI is not looking to compete with them but rather we are a resource that is always available to them."

One of the JCCRI's commitments has been to continue to improve and expand its teen programming. According to Brier, this "will continue to be a high priority."

Families and individuals under special stresses are not forgotten at the JCCRI. Weisman called attention to a new report by Dr. Edward Kagen of the Florence F. Heller Research Center, which noted that the JCC provides an important outlet for single parent families and widowed adults. She said, "Individuals from each of these groups often require special services from the Jewish community to assist them in overcoming some of the unique emotional and financial difficulties associated with their family sta-

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Temple Am David Holding EZ Shabbat Program

A special Shabbat program for 3- to 6-year-olds will be held on June 17, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Ave., Warwick.

The children will celebrate and learn about Shabbat while their parents pray in the main sanctuary. This program is open to the entire community.

For more information, call Bob Sand, 739-3020, or Joyce at the temple office, 763-7944.

Cranston Senior Guild Officers and Board Installed

The Cranston Senior Guild installation luncheon took place at the Venus de Milo on June 7. Installing officer was Frank Mastrati, president of the Cranston Council, and he was assisted by Suzette Rabinowitz, director of Cranston Senior Services. After lunch, the following were installed for the year 1995 to 1996: Judah Rosen, president; Dorothy Rosen, first vice president; Bernard Feld, second vice president; Lillian Mushnick, secretary; Claire Ernsdorf, treasurer; Helen Forman, financial secretary and Sam Cleinman, chaplain.

Board members are Evelyn Brodsky, Lillian Gilstein, Ben Gilstein, Edna Gilstein, Beverly Jacobson, Hy Jacobson, Fran Mendelsohn, Selma Price, Sam Price, Trudy Rotenberg, Herbert Rothschild, Sylvia Tippe, Marjorie Yarnell, Irwin Yarnell and Evelyn Wolff.

President Judah Rosen, in his installation speech made mention of an upcoming dinner show in Florida. Hosted by Hy and Beverly Jacobson on Feb. 13, 1996, "La Cage Aux Folles" and the trip to Seacrest on the Cape, is still accepting reservations. Strongly recommended as one of the more informative tours was the coming Blackstone River luncheon cruise and vineyard visit on July 26.

Reservations can be made by calling Dorothy Rosen at 942-0985.

Information on other trips can be obtained by reading the president's message and by looking for further news releases.

The group was then entertained by showman, Ben Powers, and despite the inclement weather, everyone appeared to have had a wonderful time.

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Majestic Senior Guild Closes Season

The last meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild season will be held on June 20 at Temple Torat Yisrael at 12:30 p.m.

At this meeting, the guild will have much business to discuss, including all the day and overnight trips planned for members.

On June 27, there will be an installation of officers at the Venus de Milo restaurant and entertainment by comedienne Nel Simons, back by popular demand with a new show.

On July 19, the members will see the musical comedy, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," at the North Shore Music Theatre, and have lunch at the Hilltop Steak House — a favorite spot for the guild members.

On Aug. 6 through 11, the

annual trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills will take place. The guild has always enjoyed this event tremendously.

On Sept. 12, there will be a Cape Cod Canal Cruise, with luncheon at Seafood Sons at Buzzards Bay, Mass.

On Oct. 17, at the Senior Inn-entertainment at Johnson and Wales Inn in Seekonk, Mass., there will be a marvelous buffet, music, dancing and live entertainment.

Members are urged to come to the meeting when the group will discuss these plans, which members have asked for, and future plans can be made.

Payment for each trip will be necessary at this meeting, and dues must be paid up or sent to Harold Gordon.

Evening of Dedication to the Lubavitcher Rebbe Is Planned

For 44 years, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi M. Schneerson, served the Jewish people. Today, his works continue to be studied; his advice and influence still guide Jewish men, women and children from all walks of life and all levels of

life today.

In addition, Grisha Israel Tsatskes will appear. A classically trained tenor, Tsatskes studied at the Tchaikovsky Moscow Conservatory. Since moving to the United States, he has appeared at Carnegie Hall

Center for Judaic Studies Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The 10th anniversary of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Hartford will be celebrated June 22 with a dinner featuring Dr. Michael Berenbaum as guest speaker.

Berenbaum, director of the United States Holocaust Research Institute of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, is the author of nine books and scores of scholarly articles. His *The World Must Know* is said to be "must reading for anyone who would like to be human in the post-Holocaust world."

The dinner, to be held at Gengras Student Union at 6 p.m., kicks off a series of anniversary events to be held throughout the year. Planned are a film festival, a Yiddish theater production from New York, a Bible symposium, and the opening of the Library of Congress' visiting exhibit entitled "From the Ends of the Earth."

and Town Hall in New York, and on many stages around the country. Some of Tsatskes most memorable performances took place in front of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. At the Rebbe's suggestion, he sang Chabad songs and nigunim to the thousands who attended a fabrenge, a Chassidic gathering. His ability to express emotions through song moves many in his audiences.

The evening is open to the entire community. All are welcome. A donation of \$18 is encouraged. Evening sponsorships are also available.

For more information, call Chabad at 273-7238.

Humanistic Judaism Honors Miriam Jerris

When the Society for Humanistic Judaism gathered for its 25th annual meeting, the highlight of the weekend was the Shabbat celebration, which honored Miriam Jerris, the first executive director of the society.

Ben and Bat Torah Class Graduates 10

On June 5, on the holiday of Shavuot, 10 adults from a variety of backgrounds stood before hundreds of congregants at Temple Emanu-El, the largest Conservative synagogue in Rhode Island, to affirm their Jewish heritage and their commitment to continued learning and tradition.

While a bar or bat mitzvah ceremony is usually reserved for 12- and 13-year-olds, this group, whose youngest member is no longer in her 20s, became B'nai Torah — sons and daughters of the Torah. This group included two college professors, a grandmother, two converts to Judaism and one person who had done this at 13 because he had to and now did it "because he wanted to."

"We wanted the light of our Judaism, and the heritage we are trying to give our children, to burn a little brighter. We wanted knowledge — yes. But we were also willing to demonstrate our commitment publicly

— in front of family and friends," said Bari Harlam, a professor at the University of Rhode Island and mother of twins. Her husband, Alan, also participated in the ceremony.

Ann Brown, a member of the class, spoke in English about the portion of the Hebrew Bible they were to chant and the meaning of this event to them. Then each of the class members took a turn chanting from the Torah scroll — the five books of Moses that are written on a parchment scroll without vowels or musical notes.

"They worked hard to learn their parts, but more importantly learned how to continue learning," said Cantor Brian Mayer. Along with learning how to chant from Mayer, the class learned about Jewish history and practice from Rabbis Wayne Franklin and Alvan Kauner.

The ben/bat Torah class will begin in the fall at Temple Emanu-El and is open to members and non-members alike.

Catskills Trip Planned by Seniors

Members of the community are invited to join the Senior Adult Center at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, for a special "August in the Catskills" mini-vacation. Held Aug. 1 through Aug. 3, this three-day, two-night excursion will take place at the Paramount in Parkville, N.Y.

All amenities are included in the price: transportation, deluxe accommodations connected to the main building, three kosher meals per day, Broadway-style entertainment nightly, free golf, daytime activities, and access to an Olympic-size pool, indoor pool, saunas, a night club and a private lake with boating and fishing.

The cost for the trip is \$260 for single occupancy, \$200 for double occupancy and \$190, triple occupancy.

The bus will depart from the JCCRI at 7:30 a.m. on Aug. 1, and stop enroute for a self-pay lunch. Complimentary coffee, tea and cake will be served on arrival. The bus leaves the hotel for Providence on Aug. 3 at approximately 2 p.m., after lunch.

Those interested in participating must make reservations, with a \$50 deposit, by July 7. For more information, call Lori Broomfield or Sue Robbio at 861-8800.

Summer Aquatics Classes for Adults

The aquatics department at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, has three adult classes lined up for this summer.

Aquarobics, a vigorous shallow water aerobics class, will be held Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 9:40 a.m.

Water Walking, consisting of therapeutic water moves, is scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 to 1 p.m.

New Workout Plus, aquarobics for plus-size men or women, will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays (fitness room) and Thursdays (pool) from 6 to 6:40 p.m.

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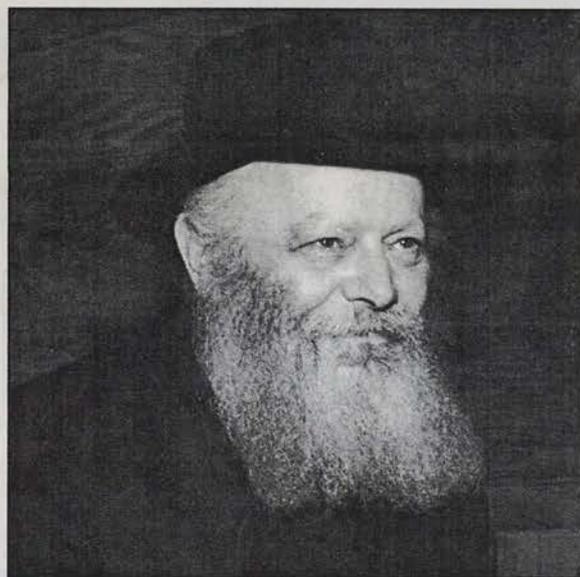
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On June 26 at 7 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, there will be an evening of dedication to the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The special guest for the event will be Rabbi David B. Hollander.

Hollander is a lecturer, columnist and commentator. He serves as rabbi of the Hebrew Alliance of Brighton Beach, N.Y.

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM "BILL" F. ADELMAN
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — William "Bill" F. Adelman, 79, of North Miami Beach, Fla., a retired Postal Service employee, died at Parkway Hospital in Florida, recently. He was the husband of Daphne (Edelstein) Adelman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Sarah (Kadsevit) he moved to Florida 45 years ago.

He was a navy veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife he leaves a brother, Samuel Adelman of Cranston, a sister, Anne Nass of New York, and 10 nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Rose Rubin and Dina Perlow.

The funeral and burial took place in Florida.

JOSEPH FEINBERG
PROVIDENCE — Joseph Feinberg of Providence, formerly of Stoughton, died May 18. He was the husband of the late Beatrice (Slafker) Feinberg.

He is survived by three sons, Ross Michael Feinberg of Cranston, R.I., William E. Feinberg of Ohio, and Alan B. Feinberg of Arizona; a sister, Leah Smookler of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two grandsons, Robert and Steven; two great-grandchildren, Laura and Kurt. He was the brother of the late Samuel and Nathan Feinberg and Ceil Goldberg.

Graveside services were held at Lindwood Memorial Park in Randolph on May 21 by Levin-Briss Funeral Home, Randolph, Mass.

ROSE RICHMAN
NEWTON, Mass. — Rose Lillian Richman, 89, of the Golda Meir House, 160 Stanton Ave., Newton, died June 10 at Newton Wellsley Hospital, Newton. She was the wife of the late Sydney Richman.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Abraham Judah and Esther Toby (Rothman) Cohen, she lived in Newton for 14 years, previously living in West Warwick and Providence.

She was a member of Hadassah and a former member of Temple Reyim of Newton.

She leaves one son, Justin Richman of Newton, Mass.; six

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Ruth Bella Freedman.

A graveside funeral service was held June 11 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ORESTE A. SAVINO
WAREHAM, Mass. — Oreste A. Savino, 60, of 204 Marion Road, died at home June 6. He was the husband of Eva (Shaer) Savino and son of the late Battiste and Angela (Comandonia) Savino.

Born in Belmont, he lived in New Bedford and Florida before moving to Wareham six years ago. He was employed by the city of New Bedford as the district fire chief for 33 years until his retirement 24 years ago.

He was a World War II army veteran, serving from 1944 until 1946 in the European Theater and Battle of the Bulge, and received a Purple Heart. He was a member of the American Legion.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Donald Savino of New Bedford, two daughters, Rosalind Rogers of New Bedford and Barbara King of Wareham; a sister, Ida Grosse of New Bedford; 16 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL SPILKA
FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla., and CRANSTON, R.I. — Samuel Spilka died May 25. He was formerly of Belle Harbor, Queens, N.Y. He was the husband of Leona Spilka, and the late Frances Spilka.

He was a retired accountant/ comptroller, veteran of World War II, alumnus of New York University, violinist, sports enthusiast, "Davener" extraordinaire.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El of Providence.

Besides his wife, he is survived by children, Jerry and Rhona, Leonard and Cheryl and Ronnie and Dr. Gary Kippel; stepchildren, Debbie and Stan Roberts; grandchildren, Jackie, Mindy, Bobby, Andrew, Ross,

Rachael and David. Services were on May 28 at Boulevard-Riverside Chapels, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Burial Workers Strike

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Bereaved families in the Tel Aviv area were forced to delay the burial of their loved ones for several hours on May 30, after members of the local Chevra Kadisha burial society went on strike for higher wages.

Some 25 funerals scheduled for the morning did not take place until the afternoon, as employees of the burial society demanded wage increases similar to those granted to their colleagues in other parts of the country.

According to a report prepared by the ministry, the average salary paid to workers at the burial society during 1994 was some \$100,000 per year — about six times the average annual salary paid to Israelis in general.

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tus. JCCs recognize these needs and respond accordingly with specialized programs and reduced fees."

Weisman continued, "Nationwide, nearly half of the children who are members of a JCC come from intermarried families.... By providing a warm, nurturing Jewish environment the JCCRI can increase the possibility that these children will want to live their lives as active members of the Jewish community as they grow up."

To remain responsive to community needs, the JCCRI offers people the opportunity to participate on committees which guide, shape and review the various program areas on an ongoing basis. Brier said, "In addition to our standing committees which meet on a regular basis, we also set up special committees to address specific issues."

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New Israeli Coins Issued

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany, the state of Israel has issued three new legal tender commemorative coins. The 1995-dated coins, with a common design, are a 22 kt. gold 10 New Sheqel (NIS) and sterling silver 2 and 1 NIS. They salute both the Jewish fighters of World War II, who fought with distinction in the armies of all the allies, and the major powers who participated in the victory.

The obverse, designed by Gideon Keich has the flags of the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union within the letter "V" (for victory). At the center is a Star of David. Below, in Hebrew and English is the inscription "In memory of Jewish fighters."

The reverse has the face value, date and state emblem. The inscription around its border reads "Fifty years since the victory over Nazi Germany."

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for all, designer Ruben Nutels has reached back to the Book of Isaiah (58:7) and has inserted the phrase "Deal thy bread to the hungry" in Hebrew and English. This is especially appropriate considering that the FAO motto, "Fiat Panis;" is Latin for "make bread."

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Nellie and The Tellie

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Our small television sits on a wood table by the kitchen windows. I only tune in before breakfast or just before bedtime. The only channel I touch is number 17, the beam that socks out the old movies and makes the set into a magic box containing my own dreams and deep memories.

I loathe the canned laughter and manufactured tears. Even early t.v. bores me, but movies made over thirty years ago all pull me in. The grandeur of the early talkies, silents with speeches tacked on, the deco charm of the depression productions, the grim idealism of the wartime output, and the gaudy or dark moving pictures of the fabulous fifties, all keep me rooted to the small spot in our house. But only for a few scenes. I can never get to watch a story all the way through. The phone rings. The dog barks. The doorbell buzzes. Somebody in my household shows up, makes a comment, waits for the chance to change the channel.

The last time I followed a plot-line, it was a 1952 musical called "Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie." A smalltown barber named Ben Halper has the velvet touch with the razor. In the Spanish American War he joins up but only serves by shaving the general. Anyway, his beloved wife leaves him, gets killed, and he raises his son

alone. Instead of joining his dad in the shop, he runs off to dance vaudeville. The boy is wounded in the Great War and turns to the mafia for a job. Of course he is shot to death, in peace, not in battle.

Ben Halper reaches old age with a granddaughter named Nellie. We last glimpse him marching down Main Street in a patriotic parade, tooting a horn.

George Jessel, who had turned down the Jolson role in Jazz Singer, produced the Henry King movie. David Wayne plays Ben as a stern, self-centered, but deeply decent fellow. There is no indication that Ben is Jewish, except the name. I looked up the original New York Times review. "Wait" was panned as mere trite formula, but I saw something tragic and true, ironic and personal that comes out over forty years later.

Jewish life in America mixed success and disappointment, the dream of belonging and the nightmare of lost values.

That's why I press the controls for 17. Studio films kept some dignity, a few secrets, leaving you the privacy and the space to make poetry out of the words and images, the faces and the songs that fade back into your mind as they vanish into the back of the genie's lamp, the television set in my breakfast room.

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Why should I leave? All my meals are delicious and I pay no room or board, I can't believe,

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In Israel, Hadassah Steps The Emphasis Is Shifting in for Children

There are myths about the State of Israel that die hard. Jewish policemen? Of course. But not Jewish criminals! And while we know a man's a man, even if he's Jewish, we're far more reluctant to accept that there are Jewish prostitutes. But there's one belief that's had an even harder time dying.

"It's been difficult for us to accept there are abused children in Israel, especially children abused in Jewish families," says Dr. Yigal Shvil, a pediatrician at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, and head of its Child at Risk program. "It's something we don't like to think about — a one-month-old baby with multiple fractures because her crying woke her father... a little boy whose mother dipped him in boiling water... a 12-year-old girl raped by her father."

It was only in 1989 that Israel officially stepped up the pressure against a crime most people had previously denied. The Knesset legislated the mandatory reporting of all suspected instances of child abuse, and the Health Ministry directed all hospitals to set up specialist teams to help the victims.

"The Ministry, however, issued its directive without back-up funding, so most hospitals simply tacked the job on to existing full-time responsibilities," says Shvil.

But Hadassah Hospital, at its own expense, hired two specialists to train and head a team, with the primary goal of diagnosing abuse, and the longer-term aim of creating a national one-stop physical and psychological care center for abused children and their families. That team works closely with Meital, the Israel Center for the Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse, a non-profit organization which researches, treats and educates about the problem of sexual abuse of children in Israel.

"To diagnose abuse and to

get through to the family, the behavior and reactions of child and parents are very important," says Dr. Tamar Cohen, social worker, family therapist and Meital's founder and executive director, "so it's important that Hadassah's Child At Risk team know how to approach the families they meet."

In Israel, with its multi-cultural community originating in more than 70 countries, this is very much a matter of different strokes for different folks.

"Among the secular and the Reform to Conservative Jewish communities, there's greater awareness of the ramifications of the problem, and that makes them more receptive to help," says Cohen.

Several large communities in Israel however, are closed or even hostile to outside intervention. "Ultra-Orthodox families may try to conceal abuse, especially sexual abuse, both because of the Torah prohibition which punishes incest by stoning, and because a child-victim's marriage prospects can be destroyed if her experience is known," says Cohen. "Immigrant groups, particularly the Russians and the Ethiopians, distrust external help in what they see as private matters. And traditional Arab communities in Israel, with their close-knit family and tribal ties, are also extremely reluctant to expose something as personal as this. A hospital, of course, is the place to reach groups like these, who are otherwise unlikely to seek out help. And, different strategies must be developed for each, so that victims and their families will agree to psychological rehabilitation as well as to medical help."

The problem is urgent. The numbers of abused children in Israel is large and growing fast since reporting became mandatory. There are an estimated 8,500 children at risk, country-wide.

YMCA Receives Scholarship Money for Day Camp

Area children ages 9 to 13 may have the opportunity to enjoy up to eight weeks of summer day camp thanks to the generosity of the Ocean State Charities Trust. Mary Antaya, executive director of the trust, on behalf of the trustees, has awarded several thousand dollars in scholarship monies to the Pawtucket Family YMCA for its Explorers Camp.

Explorers Camp is a new day camp. Every day campers will travel to local attractions, museums, beaches and state parks for a variety of action-packed days. Themes for the camp include "Discovering New England's Heritage," and "Castles, Museums and the Unusual." Explorers Camp is scheduled to begin its eight-week season on July 3. Camp is limited this year to 27 campers per session. Camp is based at the Darlington YMCA Program Center, 1080 Newport Avenue, across from the Hasbro facility.

Family YMCA branch executive director Michael Kozul said he is thrilled to be able to offer this type of camping program

for area youth who otherwise might have to stay at home alone this summer, with little to do.

An open house on the camp program is slated for June 22 at 6 p.m. at the Darlington YMCA. Interested campers and their parents are urged to call the main branch at 727-7900 or the Darlington Program Center at 729-0489 for an informational brochure and a financial assistance package.

The YMCA's mission statement is: To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy bodies, mind and spirit for all.

(Part one of a two part series on the relationship between Israel and American Jews)

by Larry Yudelson

NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jews, long accustomed to helping their embattled and impoverished Israeli cousins, are trying to adjust as the relationship between Israel and American Jewry enters a new era.

In effect, the American Jewish community is now saying, "Ask not only what you can do for Israel, but what Israel can do for you."

This "new partnership" reflects the dramatic changes in both Israel and the American Jewish community that have taken place since 1948, and even 1967.

Israel is at last facing the prospect of peace. And it has already overcome the economic hurdles of the 1980s, becoming one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

As a result, American Jewish alms now make up only a minuscule portion of the Israeli economy. Once comprising more than 25 percent of the Israeli budget, United Jewish Appeal funds today come to less than one percent.

At the same time, American Jews are seeing their own plight as much more precarious. The threats of assimilation and intermarriage seem to bear out the dire predictions of Zionist ideology — and are moving questions of local Jewish education and observance to the top of the agenda.

The need to redefine the Israel-Diaspora relationship is at least in part the natural reflection of the rise of a new generation. A European-born, Yiddish-accented leadership is being replaced by native-born Americans and Israelis who came of age after the Holocaust and the birth of the State of Israel. The future of the relationship is also coming to play a role in discussions under way about reorganizing the Council of Jewish Federations, the United Jewish Appeal and the other central institutions of American Jewish philanthropy.

Judaism was high on the agenda of the recent UJA Midwest Young Leadership Conference which attracted 475 people. Featured sessions dealt with raising Jewish children, celebrating the Sabbath and answering the question of "Why be Jewish?" Organizers boasted that at least two-thirds of the participants attended Saturday morning services.

But one visiting Israeli was aghast that the traditional overseas focus of the United Jewish Appeal — helping immigrant absorption and development in Israel, and rescuing Jews around the world — seemed peripheral to the program.

"This is the United Jewish Appeal that's supposed to raise money for Jewish needs?" one official in New York said, after hearing an Israeli's account of the weekend.

As Debra Pell, women's chair of the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, sees it, the religious component and the Israel component "really link up together."

"It's not a matter of either-or. It's a matter of needing both, both a meaningful Jewish life in America and with it a very strong Israel component," she said.

The Israelis' fears that increasing focus on Jewish identity will come at the expense of Israel are not entirely baseless. Some advocates of promoting Jewish identity in America say, privately, that after decades of focusing the community's attention overseas, some isolationism may be just what the American Jewish soul needs.

The question of maintaining a strong Jewish identity in the modern world is shared both by "American Jews, with their concern over assimilation and continuity, and Israeli Jews, who are asking their own questions of Jewish identity," said Jonathan Woocher.

Woocher is executive vice president of the Jewish Educational Services of North America and author of *Sacred Survival: The Civil Religion of American Jews*, which explores the central role of the UJA and the fundraising efforts on behalf of Israel in the American Jewish community psyche.

Questions about the future of Israeli Jewish identity have been voiced at the highest levels. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in remarks to American Jews, frequently warns of the dangers of the influx of American cable television poses to Israeli culture.

Avram Infeld, director of the Jerusalem-based Melitz Center for Zionist education, illustrates the twin identity problems with the following example, said Pell:

American Jewish children "sing Birkat Hamazon, the Grace After Meals, but don't

understand it. The Israeli are the only ones who understand it, but they don't sing it," she said.

"I think there are lots of lessons American Jews can share with Israelis," said Pell. Among them are American-style religious pluralism, feminism and a culture of philanthropy.

Steven M. Cohen, co-author of *Two Worlds of Judaism: The Israel and American Experiences*, agrees.

"We need to engage American Jews in the internal struggle Israel is facing over the nature of Judaism, the place of Judaism in Israel, civil liberties, civil rights, attempts to create a voluntary philanthropic sector in Israel," he said.

"We need American Jews working with Israelis to create a better Israeli society in ways that American Jews can contribute their expertise and insights."

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