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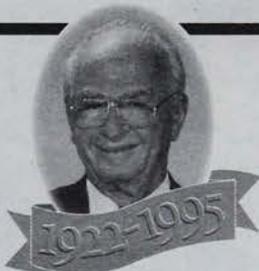
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Yitzhak Rabin



Rabin's Final Hour Marked by Support, Songs of Peace

BY MICHELE CHABIN

TEL AVIV (JTA) — At 9:30 on Saturday night a smiling Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stood before 100,000 people, young and old, Jew and Arab, who had come to show support for his peace process.

At 9:50 p.m., he was shot down by Yigal Amir, a 27-year-old Jewish law student.

By 11:15 p.m., he was pronounced dead at nearby Ichilov Hospital.

For Israelis everywhere, even to professed right-wingers, the news of the assassination came as a shock.

For those Rabin supporters who had attended the massive rally just an hour earlier, the blow was beyond comprehension.

Two hours before the assassination, a huge crowd of peace supporters stood in Malchai Yisrael Square in the heart of Tel Aviv.

Reportedly the largest gathering in the city's history, people of all ages waved banners proclaiming "Peace Yes, Violence No" and "A Strong Nation Makes Peace" as well as dozens of other pro-government slogans.

Although some of the speakers spoke in purely political terms, calling on those assembled to vote for the Labor Party next November, at times the rally seemed more like a festival than a political demonstration.

Enticed by the promise of rock music, as well as the opportunity to show their support for the peace process, tens of thousands of teens sat on the grass or danced in the large fountain 20 feet below the podium.

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Rabin's Death Leads U.S. Jews to Reflect on Impact of Rhetoric

BY CYNTHIA MANN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The American Jewish world was gripped by shock, grief and then outrage at the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the hands of a right-wing Jew who reportedly said he was acting in the name of G-d.

Anguished soul-searching about the community's wrenching rifts over the peace process was accompanied by charges that both lay and religious leadership did not do enough to condemn the vitriolic debate.

Wigils and memorial services were scheduled in synagogues and community centers in almost every large Jewish center in the United States, according to the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

In an apparent effort to find a redeeming aspect to the killing, some voiced hope and prayer that Jews would be unified by their shared horror at the tragedy.

"We have to ask a very deep look inward and see how we have been responsible," said Rabbi Rolando Matalon, leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, a Conservative synagogue in New York.

"The leadership has not spoken loudly enough against those calling Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres traitors and murderers. It has not disciplined them or delegitimated them, said Matalon, who

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King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin (above left) accept the congratulations of President Clinton and the ambassadorial community on the White House Lawn after the July 25 signing of the Declaration of Peace between Jordan and Israel. Rabin and Clinton (above, right) applaud each other, and each other's countries, at a recent American-Israel Public Affairs Committee Conference in May, 1995.



GIVING PEACE A CHANCE (above), Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Bill Clinton, and Chairman of the PLO Yassir Arafat sign the West Bank Accord on Sept. 28 in Washington, D.C. Jordan's King Hussein and Egypt's Hosni Mubarak were also present at the signing.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE



How Many People Make A Centipede?

In this case, more than 30 members of the law firm of Licht and Semonoff, their friends and families, walked off with the Centipede Award (for the most number of participants) in the Oct. 14 Walk For Literacy. From the left, Drew Kaplan, Robert Huseby and Robert Berkelhammer smile winners' smiles.

Fleischer is Co-Chairperson for Donation Exchange Program's Fund-raiser

Once again Richard Fleischer, president of the board of directors, is chairing the Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program's fund-raiser.

This year's entertainment will feature Charlie Hall's Ocean State Follies, and will take place at Audrey's, Johnson & Wales Inn, Seekonk, MA, on Nov. 17 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The evening will begin with a silent auction during the cocktail party (a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres). This year's honorary chairperson, once again, is

Larry Estepa of ABC's Channel 6.

The evening will continue with a full course dinner by Audrey's and the comedy stylings of Charlie Hall's Ocean State Follies.

The event is held to raise money and awareness for the Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program which is a single-source provider for Rhode Island's needy, providing furniture, appliances, clothing and building materials.

Susanne LaLonde is co-chair-

person with Fleischer.

Tickets are \$35 per person; \$50 for patrons; \$75 for benefactors, and \$500 per table.

To inquire about tickets, contact the program at 831-5511, 25 Acorn St., Providence, R.I. 02903.

Job Expo

Employment opportunities — from entry level to highly skilled and professional — will be available at Careers '95 Job Expo taking place at the Rhode Island Convention Center on Nov. 15. From 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. job seekers are invited to network and interview with local and regional companies recruiting in a diversity of industries, meeting face-to-face with company decision makers.

Applicants should bring résumés and dress professionally to access employment opportunities and attend job search seminars presented throughout the day.

Admission to the expo is free and includes networking with companies, access to seminars and employment opportunities. For further information, call (407) 686-6800, ext. 256.

Judge Weisberger Receives Goodrich Award

Joseph R. Weisberger, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, received the 1995 Robert M. Goodrich Distinguished Public Service Award this year.

The Robert M. Goodrich Distinguished Public Service Award, named in honor of the late Robert M. Goodrich, Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council's first executive director, honors career public employees who make a sustained superior contribution in the service of Rhode Island's taxpayers. The award honors two public employees annually, one from local government and the other from state service. The other recipient was Claudette A. Paine.

In 1956, Weisberger, a magna

cum laude graduate of Brown University and a graduate of Harvard University School of Law, was appointed judge in the Superior Court.

In 1972, Weisberger was appointed presiding justice of the Superior Court, serving in this position until 1978.

That same year, Weisberger was nominated and confirmed to associate justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, a position he maintained until 1993.

From 1993, Weisberger assumed the position of acting chief justice, Supreme Court of Rhode Island.

In March of 1995, he was appointed to chief justice of the Supreme Court.

Making a Perfect Thanksgiving Dinner

The Rhode Island School of Design's (RISD) Department of Continuing Education is offering a class, Preparation of the Perfect Thanksgiving Dinner, on Nov. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Chef Norman LeClaire from the Red Rooster Tavern will demonstrate how to prepare mouth-watering delicacies such as potato and leek soup, turnip and carrot fluff, and pumpkin and creme caramel. He will also share unique culinary tips.

Pre-registration is required. Anyone interested in participating in the session may sign-up by contacting RISD's Department of Continuing Education at 454-6200 or 1-800-364-RISD from Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Preparation of the Perfect Thanksgiving Dinner is open to the public for a tuition fee of \$75.

Education Union Balks at Pension Investments

National Education Association Rhode Island President Harvey Press blasted general treasurer Nancy Mayer, Oct. 31, for what he called irresponsible investing on behalf of public employees and taxpayers in Rhode Island.

"The general treasurer is acting loose and cavalier with the R.I. State Employees Retirement System when she suggests taking \$25 million and investing it in high-risk corporate buy-out bonds," said Press. "It is her duty as chair of the Investment Commission to advise responsible investments, not to get 'excited' about risking other people's money."

Press was reacting to a story that appeared in the business section of the *Providence Journal* quoting Mayer as supporting the investment commission's intention to allocate up to \$200 million for alternative invest-

ments that carry with them a high risk factor.

According to the article, the commission has little experience in making these types of investments.

It is unclear what goal Mayer and the commission have in mind by risking retirement funds. According to NEARI, however, Mayer is not considering the best interests of the members of the pension system.

"That will be the day when employee contributions are decreased to balance out a high rate of return on investments," commented Press. "It's more likely that state government will seize the opportunity to waive its own contributions, a past move that helped create the huge unfunded liability that has crippled the fund's performance."

Wickford Hosts Art Critic

Art critic Bill van Sclen of the *Providence Journal* will be the guest speaker at the Wickford Art Association's November meeting. Van Sclen will give an insider's look at critiquing Rhode Island's art scene. A question-and-answer session will follow his talk.

The meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m., at the Wickford Art Association gallery, 36 Beach St., Wickford. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshment are served, and guests are welcome.

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FEATURE

In A Moldavian Mirror

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"People fear time. It spells death. We also live in time. It spells life too. I'm writing a piece about sundials. The motto at the base tells you the story of how we feel and have always felt about the passing of the hours, the cycles of the sun and its seasons."

Marguerite Dorian came to Rhode Island from Rumania, pursues some of her research at the Athenaeum Library on Benefit Street, teaches botany, edits her physician father's wartime Bucharest diaries, writes children's stories and introductions to books authored by others, and contributes columns to our local newspapers on spiritual topics ranging from the nature of perfumes to the metaphors at work in our logos and product names.

Gracious and artistic, intellectual and poetic, Marguerite Dorian receives you in her East Side home with its entrance behind a grove of Slavic birches. The house itself has a simple, almost log cabin facade, a rather grand version of a Gypsy wagon.

I brought her a group of sepia family portraits with Rumanian handwriting on the back of the postcards, mixed in with Yiddish lettering. My friend put on her spectacles and studied the faces and the inky words. "This face looks primitive, but maybe he just needed glasses and was squinting. Those features have an elegant chiseled look, and the posture of the figure has a dignified bearing," she will comment. She brings out a group picture of her own family, her mother, her grandfather, some aunts, uncles and cousins. Her formidable, orthodox forebear clenches his fists nervously, because it may have gone against tradition to let your image be taken.

I told Marguerite my dilemma. It was my grandfather and his wife who kept boxes of photographs in attic and cellar. We spot a club foot, or a twisted

ankle in a little girl. I make out a children's book title, in French, in the hand of a small boy wearing a peasant blouse and looking, with his shaved head, like a peasant child. In some formal studies, a boy with girlishly long hair poses beside a column holding the statue of a dog. A woman with a pregnant tummy wears a silken dress with a great many buttons going up to a high collar. I bring her my stack of dignified ghosts like a Tarot deck of mystical cards, to interpret, translate, shuffle, and fan out upon a table.

My group of the family dynasty spans something of the earth's geographic sphere. A number were sent from Jassy, in Rumania. Others bear the stamp or the studio trademark of London or Montreal, or New York, or Spokane, or Cincinnati. It is a toy gun this little lad holds, not a book. It can't be Rumanian. That uniform goes back to World War I, not to an East European battle. Names are no more reliable than bones or seals. I don't know how these souls are related to mine. One

family sign themselves "Spiegler." Marguerite reminds me that they must have made mirrors. A good metaphor for what we are doing on this balmy autumn afternoon, glaring at the looking glass of ancient daguerreotypes to reflect together in a Rumanian retrospective.

"There was a terrible wartime massacre in Jassy. Later,

Roman times. You could find your family roots in a mansion in Manhattan, now a Jewish museum, or in Israel, or through the mail." I told Marguerite Dorian about my journey to Jassy, many years ago now, to try to join together the links of my family. "Of course, they take advantage of tourists," she re-

said, "You and I could be cousins. I suppose we are all tied together. Maybe our friendship is what it's all about. But what are the bonds that bind us?"

"In the shtetl," she spoke with her usual eloquent calm, "you might be bourgeois or you might be poor, but you wanted to improve yourself, to compare yourself to the wretched and the ignorant, and to seek to make your life better, fuller, more spiritual. Maybe that's the secret of the success of American Jews. They came here and strove to make their lives better. You can read this in your envelope of weddings and births and bar mitzvahs. They dressed up for

the occasion, they sent them to their relatives around the world. They wrote these half-formal, half-loving notes to keep the larger family informed about their vital statistics."

I haven't given up. I still write to my remaining relatives, with xeroxes of the lost souls of long ago, scattered far and wide, hoping to find out just a bit more of their destinies. It's my role in life, to gather the abandoned pitching cards and sort them out. I want to stake my claim upon the noble Jewish fate that haunts us and taunts us in our busy daily lives in the last decade of the century.

Let's See a Show of Hands

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, will hold its 20th annual Artisans Crafts Fair on Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A chance to meet the artists and check out the artwork will be available, for \$10 each, on Nov. 18, from 8 to 10 p.m. Those who attend the preview on Saturday night will be admitted without charge to the show on Sunday. Refreshments will be served. Reservations would be appreciated.

Call Evy Rappoport, 861-8800 for more details.

The admission to the fair Nov. 19 will be \$3, \$10 maximum per family. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Babysitting will be available.

Supporters of the fair who wish to make a larger contribution (benefactors, \$100 for two; patrons, \$50 for two; sponsors, \$36 for two) will be listed on the program if they make their intentions known to the center by Nov. 15.

Learn About Jewish Tradition for Chanukah

The Crash Course in Basic Judaism, a series of five, free one-hour classes, will take place at Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 N. Main St., Attleboro, beginning on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

The lecture series about belief in G-d, prayer, the Sabbath, Jewish observance and sexuality and family life is part of a national outreach effort sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program.

The program offers students the opportunity to explore the basic concepts of the Jewish religion and thereby make their holiday experience more meaningful.

"We are addressing a significant need in the Jewish community," explains Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, director of the outreach program.

"Today we have a highly educated generation of American Jews and many of them are not acquainted with the language and traditions of their heritage."

The crash course will be taught by Rabbi Gail Diamond. It is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the Jewish religion, or deepening their understanding. To enroll or for further information, call the synagogue at (508) 222-2243 or dial (800) 44-TORAH.



there were deportations. And after liberation, a depression sank in so deep that you had to eat just tomatoes, or just one other item, till you got sick of it. You had to get through it, if you couldn't get out."

"Many Rumanian Jews have a Russian, a Slavic origin. But of course there were always Jews in that region, in Dacia, since

sponded with an ironic and gentle smile. "From the props and the shoes, I'd say most of these people are gone, even if only from old age."

Mostly, I ended up with a general answer to my questions, my quest. I looked at the countenance of my hostess, with her straight, even features, her proud but also modest mien. I



Opening the Exhibit

Norman Tilles, national president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, was the guest speaker on Nov. 1 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island for the opening of "HIAS Means Freedom," a photo collection depicting the history of Jewish immigration. The exhibit will be on view through Nov. 15 at the JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

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EDITORIAL

Fall River Jewish Community Pays Tribute to Yitzhak Rabin

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

In mourning Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the Fall River Jewish Community Council held a special memorial service at Temple Beth El on Nov. 7. The audience included representatives of the local Christian community.

After a few introductory remarks by Helen Babin, executive director of United Jewish Appeals, Dr. Irving Robinovitz read Psalm 91.

Then, Cantor Richard Wolberg of Temple Beth El tried to put Rabin's death in some perspective.

"Extremist groups of all persuasions ignore the basic rules

of democracy. Judaism not only allows, but encourages diversity of opinion," said Wolberg. "Yitzhak Rabin has not been silenced and does not leave us with only a memory, he leaves us with a legacy — a legacy of peace and security.

"We are profoundly saddened by the senseless murder of Israel's prime minister and great leader," Wolberg continued. "The deep division within Israeli society, the separation of Jew against Jew with unspeakable hatred, tacitly permits an unstable individual to commit murder. We should not, however, identify the fringe fanatic groups with all decent people who disagree with their leaders."

Wolberg later concluded by saying, "We Jews, along with all decent and civilized people, pray that Yitzhak Rabin shall not have died in vain." The cantor then led the audience in song.

Next, Rabbi William Kaufman of Temple Beth El talked about what kind of man Rabin was and how he worked so hard, as a soldier and as a peacemaker, to accomplish all that he did.

He opened his remarks, however, by speaking about a lesson to be learned from Rabin's death.

"What will we learn? Words have consequences," said Kaufman. "Violent rhetoric finally led to a violent death. We pray for an end to hatred."

Kaufman then explained that after 27 years in the military, Rabin didn't behave "like your usual politician, but he was totally devoted to the State of Israel."

The rabbi also called Rabin a man of intelligence.

Jewish Federation of R.I. Sends Letter of Condolence

The following letter was written by Harris N. Rosen and Steven A. Rakitt of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. It was read at the memorial service at Temple Emanuel on Nov. 7 and was given to Dan Kyran, consul general of Israel for New England, who in turn, sent it to Leah Rabin, wife of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"Dear Mrs. Rabin:

"Our hearts and prayers are with you, your family and the people of Israel during this most difficult hour. The Rhode Island Jewish community stands in solemn solidarity and joins with our neighbors and friends in mourning the horrible and tragic loss of your husband.

"Prime Minister Rabin was a soldier of war, and a soldier for peace. His dedication to the search for peace is a source of inspiration to us all, and gives us hope that the Israel we dearly love will soon live in tranquility. We pray that the day will soon come when his dreams are realized.

"Please accept our deepest condolences and may G-d comfort you among the mourners of Jerusalem and Zion. We pledge to remain steadfast in our support of the efforts for peace for which your husband gave his life.

"May his soul be bound in the bond of life."

Dear Readers:

If there is any news release in the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* that seems inappropriate in the light of Prime Minister Rabin's death, please know that its inclusion was inadvertent. We started putting this paper together on Nov. 1 and have been busy rewriting and editing ever since, in an effort to make the *Herald* timely. This week we grieve with you and mourn the loss of the Prime Minister Rabin.

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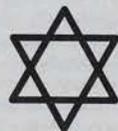
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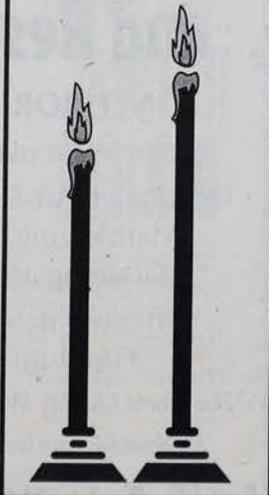
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The Entire Covenant Comes From G-d

In the Torah portion of Vayera we learn of Yitzhak's brit which took place when he was eight days old. The Midash relates that Yitzhak and Yishmael argued about who was more cherished. Yishmael said he was more cherished as he was circumcised at age 13. Yitzhak said "I am more cherished for I was circumcised when I was but eight days old."

One can easily understand why Yishmael felt more cherished; at age 13 he was old enough to protest. That he did not do so was surely reason enough for him to feel superior. But why did Yitzhak reason that he was the more cherished of the two?

The overall theme of circumcision is, as the verse says: "This shall be My covenant in your flesh, an eternal covenant." Circumcision effects an eternal bond between the individual and G-d. Concerning a covenant formed between two dear friends there is no ironclad guar-

"A mark of intelligence is the ability to change one's mind when evidence indicates," said Kaufman.

He finished his eulogy by saying, "Israel's covenant with G-d for peace and security must hold."

Rabbi Norbert Weinberg of Congregation Adas Israel was the evening's next speaker. Having just gotten off a plane from Israel hours before the service at Temple Beth El, Weinberg was able to offer a riveting, detailed report of what the mood was like following the assassination.

He began by putting the incident in historical perspective.

"This tragedy which occurred is of greatest historical dimension," said Weinberg. "The last time a head of Jewish state was killed by a fellow Jew was 2,500 years ago (in Babylon)."

After explaining the circumstances surrounding that murder, he recalled how he learned of the Rabin assassination.

Weinberg was staying with family in a small town in Israel. "I was watching the peace rally on television for a little while. My daughter was going to watch a movie, but I was tired so I got ready for bed," explained Weinberg. "I was fast asleep when my daughter woke me up. I run into the living room to see a wild scene at the rally."

"Two to three hours later, a man comes on television and says that Rabin is in very bad condition. Then later the same man says that Rabin died at the hospital."

"My family was in a state of shock. We sat there in silence (and disbelief).

"I tried to go back to bed, but it was very difficult to sleep. At

12:30 a.m. I got a phone call from WRKO in Boston, asking me to do a live interview in an hour. I told the nice man that in an hour it will be 1:30 a.m. That was too late. I told him I'd do it on tape in five minutes."

Although Weinberg wasn't able to answer many of the man's questions, such as "When will the funeral be held?" he was able to give a sense of what the atmosphere was like.

According to Weinberg, more than a million people passed Rabin's coffin, as it lay in front of the Knesset prior to burial.

"The streets were mobbed with people. At exactly 2:00, sirens rang for two minutes throughout Israel. Everyone stopped and searched their souls," said Weinberg. "It was the longest two minutes I ever experienced. I could hear a pin drop. It felt like you were the one that got shot."

At the funeral, Weinberg said President Bill Clinton and King Hussein of Jordan won the hearts of the Israeli people with their sincerity.

Following Weinberg's moving speech, Gilbert Nerenberg, president of Temple Beth El, read from Psalm 24.

Then Cantor George Lieberman of Congregation Adas Israel led everyone in a prayer for peace.

Dr. Irving Fradkin followed. He read a letter written by Fall River Mayor John Mitchell, who was out of town. The last line read, "The family of nations has lost one of its finest sons."

The service ended with Wolberg leading those in attendance in kaddish and the singing of "Hatikvah," Israel's national anthem.

in this act, for in any event he does nothing at all — the entire covenant comes from G-d. He is therefore circumcised at the earliest age possible.

Thus, the merit of Yitzhak's circumcision at eight days surpassed not only that of Yishmael, but also the circumcision of his father Abraham. For Abraham was commanded to circumcise himself after he had attained the highest degree of perfection possible for a created being to achieve on his own. Thus, Abraham's circumcision lacked the indisputable indication that the covenant, which came as a result of the circumcision, came entirely from G-d.

Only with the circumcision of Yitzhak, at the age of eight days, was it clear for all to see that his was a covenant that had nothing whatsoever to do with his created destiny. But was entirely dependent on G-d.

From the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

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FEATURE

Roll Back the Scroll of Time

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

You may like me have passed by the Hills Grove Country Club and taken some slight notice of the low, long, white structure near the airport and then moved on by.

I had to stop at T.F. Green to pick up a film and, upon the good counsel of a photographer friend, I parked and popped in at this strange Shangri-La.

Dimly lit with huge art deco sepia chandeliers in the shape of cylinders with cut-out curlicues, the immense oak flooring stretches far and wide. Serving as a roller-rink, the vast interior holds many memories, and also ancient melodies.

A small ziggurat-like stage features a Hammond organ. Dressed like a guard, the player, Frank Rowe, has been haunting the hall with tunes from yesteryear since 1956. The blast from the past that boomed out for me went like this: "I've got a lovely bunch of coconuts!" I showed off that I knew all the words, especially, "There stands me wife, the idol of me life."

You have to sing it with a cockney accent, the way the old song came back again in the postwar period, remember?

The Hills Grove Country Club has kept all its original details of decor.

The ladies' and gents' lounges stay oversize with big fancy signs to guide you to their comforts.

You can spin off the roller-deck and sit at charming benches with tables all along the edges.

You can take a break at a counter and perch upon dark wood stools while you study the murals. Wallace Beery peers at you, and Leslie Howard gives you a mild, myopic stare. Kay Francis glances, and Paul Whiteman smiles. You can spot Jimmy Durante, Jeannette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, Garbo and Gilbert, Cagney and Gable. These stars span the silent and early talkie era.

An even more ancient cavepainting depicts the Spanish gypsy tango dancers of the '20s. Across from the gallery of the gorgeous and the grand, a row of black and white portraits looms overhead. You will make out Mutt and Jeff, Wimpy and Popeye, the original Mickey Mouse, and a whole sideshow of grotesques from the funnies and cartoons of yore.

You ride upon a magical carousel as you sip your soda. I looked through the portals of this wee bar and saw and heard a trio or quartet of skaters, a little girl with her parents, and one single, slim, smiling person, whirling with metallic

rhythm and winding question marks around the arena, like friendly ghosts. I walked round one more time with the proprietor of this phantom place, Richard Sholes.

"My grandfather started this skating scene, in 1938. But it wasn't new. It was a night club. J. Howard McGrath owned it.

"Our first rink was right on the water in Oakland Beach. It got blown away by the great hurricane. That's why we moved inland, here. We kept it as intact as we could, and we've stayed open.

"Oh sure, people write stories about us from time to time. A couple got married here this fall, that was a first. But mostly, we are known through the national skating magazines."

Richard takes me through this noble theater of the absurd. A neat, good-natured person, he helps me identify the stars, of flesh and animation, in the gallery.

I pick up new details. A gold sign proclaims, "Not to exceed 850 persons capacity." I count the number of living souls on a Thursday evening. It comes to seven, the four skaters, the organist, the owner and me.

"I remember the road from my earliest childhood," I tell Richard, as I people the echoing

chamber with my own spirits. "We drove in our grey Dodge to Oakland Beach, where we had a summer cottage throughout the '30s, until the hurricane wrecked the shoreline, leaving glass and broken boards with nails. You could get poisoned blood from a rusty puncture wound."

Once upon a time, my entire clan gathered in this neck of the woods. Did my talented uncle actually paint these murals? Did my aunts dance or skate here?

The little sepia lamps along the walls look exactly like the glass globes in my own household, the date imprints itself upon every design like an enchanted spell.

People shared their fun as well as their pain in the hard times. You lived together in groups and in neighborhoods. You played in large wood frame gala clubs to the booming sounds of bands or of organ pipes like circus calliope music.

You can catch a shadow of Then and leave Now behind for a brief moment. If you learned to skate on cement sidewalks, you can relive the thrill. It's a longer journey than any flight you might catch from the chaos of the new space-age runways round the corner from Hills Grove, a passage into the past on Post Road.



Electronic Imaging Festival Coming to UMass Dartmouth

The 2nd annual Electronic Imaging Festival will be held Nov. 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in the Recital Hall, room 153, of the Visual and Performing Arts building.

Attendance at last year's festival overflowed the hall's seating capacity, so early arrival is advised. Admission is free.

Electronic Imaging — which blends the visual arts with com-

puter wizardry — is a new, but fast growing field in the burgeoning high tech field of computer graphics and animation. The majority of last June's seniors majoring in photographic/electronic imaging at UMass Dartmouth had jobs before they graduated.

For further information, contact Professor Harvey Goldstein at (508) 999-8546.

We Always Had a Lot in Common. Now We Have Loss in Common, Too

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Sometimes, even when you know your history, you are unable to keep it from happening to you again.

Some leaders draw lightning to them as surely as the tallest trees in the forest do, and for the same reasons. They stand above the rest and they don't bend easily; they are bigger in every way, which makes lesser men envious; and they are easy targets because a leader in hiding is a leader no longer.

No amount of internal security can assure a brave man of a peaceful death.

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and the Black Heritage Society had been planning Sunday's meeting for months. The point was to remember the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama. The man in most of the pictures, in the exhibit at the back of the room, was Martin Luther King Jr. He had been the heart and soul of "the movement," and this was a day when it was appropriate to honor him, and all who marched with him.

But along with memories of King, people were thinking of Yitzhak Rabin. The fact of his assassination the day before made this Selma/Martin Luther King Jr. memorial all the more poignant.

Speaker after speaker drew comparisons between King and Rabin. Certainly there were similarities. But to me, the similarities between Rabin's death and Lincoln's are even more painful.

Lincoln had just come through a war to save this union. At the time of his death, he was preparing to deal with the vanquished south as patiently and as reasonably as he could. He was the south's best hope. Thankfully, he knew that the union had been saved, before he died, and he wished to "save" the south, too.

He was the north's best hope, also. There was no one else just like Lincoln — no one else who could step into his big shoes.

His death traumatized the nation. It is not clear if our history would have been different had Lincoln survived for another term, but I believe it would have been — we would be farther along the road to equal justice than we are now. One man does make a difference.

Rabin had just moved, in Shimon Peres' words, from a time of struggle and bloodshed to "a time of implementation."

As Rabin understood Israel's reluctance to let go of any security advantage, he also understood that reconciliation and peace were the only ways to move out of a position of constant readiness for war. Israel was still divided, but the great majority of Israelis were convinced that the peace process, although difficult, was less difficult than its alternative.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who yearned for peace, who had accomplished an incredible amount in a relatively short time, who still had a lot he wanted to do. Remember his, "I have a dream," speech?

He said that he had been to the mountain, and we know he had, but he had not lived long enough to see his dream made manifest to the degree that Rabin and Lincoln had. He was a brave man — he had that quiet sureness about him that reassured others, even when the enemy was approaching. But he was taken too soon. The country needs Martin Luther King Jr. today as much as it ever did.

Rita Michaelson chaired the program, Aaron Cohen, who spoke of meeting Rabin, represented the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, of which he is the president. Linda A'vant-Deishinni, executive director of the Black Heritage Society talked of accomplishments of the past, and hopes for the future.

A'vant-Deishinni introduced the next speaker, Cliff Monteiro, who had been in Selma and marched with King. Also present at the meeting, and at the Selma march, were Jeane Wiley, Morris Nathanson and Rabbi Saul Leeman, who spoke after Monteiro. A comprehensive black and white photo exhibit at the back of the room brought back a lot of memories for the speakers.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Skepticism Runs Deep in Jordan

by Michele Chabin

AMMAN, Jordan—One year after Israel and Jordan signed their historic peace treaty, many Jordanian citizens say the peace is not quite living up to their expectations.

Unlike their Israeli counterparts, who, opinion polls show, believe that peaceful relations with their eastern neighbor was long overdue, a large number of Jordanians remain wary.

And their wariness and skepticism persists despite concerted efforts by Jordan's King Hussein to convince his people that the peace treaty with Israel, signed Oct. 26, 1994, is in their best interests.

Ask a typical Jordanian whether peace with Israel has resulted in a better life, and the answer is often negative.

"I was born in Ramallah, and I can only visit there if I have a visa," said grocery owner Khalid Barghouti. "My mother was born in Haifa, but she can't live there."

"What gives Jews born in Bucharest or Lyon the right to live in Safed or Haifa?"

But, Barghouti said, "We're not prejudiced against Jews. We're not against peace, but against what happened to us historically. This treaty changes nothing."

With the exception of its tourism industry, which is already benefiting from the accord, Jordan's economy continues to be sluggish.

And even though Jordan has officially terminated its participation in the Arab boycott, local professional organizations routinely urge their members not to attend workshops and conferences where large numbers of Israelis are expected to attend.

But this is not to say that Israeli-Jordanian relations are at a standstill.

Thanks to the treaty, Jordanians and Israelis can cross the border, enabling not only freedom of movement but real, if somewhat limited, interaction between the two peoples.

Ten of thousands of Israelis have realized their dream of visiting the rose-colored Nabatean city of Petra.

And thousands of Jordanians, many of Palestinian heritage, have been able to pray at Jerusalem's al-Aksa Mosque and to revisit long-abandoned homes in Jaffa, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Rama Khouri, a leading Jordanian political analyst, attempted to spell out the reasons for Jordanians' lack of faith in the peace with Israel.

"First, there is the way the peace treaty was done, without much consultation with the people," said Khouri. "Second, the economic benefits have yet to materialize."

"Third, there is a strong feeling that while we have become lovey-dovey with Israel, Israel is still occupying Arab lands — in some cases stilling killing and blowing up houses."

"Fourth, people feel that the peace treaty has slightly isolated us from our natural hinterland in the Arab world. There has been a lot of focus on relations between us and Israel at the detriment of our relations with Arab countries."

A fundamental problem, Khouri added, is that "at least two-thirds of the Jordanian people have personal links with Palestine." "Many Palestinians here have personal claims

against the government of Israel," he said, referring to property claims.

Still, Jordanians feel only "a mild form of skepticism," he said, with most accepting making peace with Israel "as a good thing to do."

"They trust the king. If you were to stop people on the street, six to seven out of 10 would say, 'I'm not sure it's the best treaty, but it's worth a try.'"

Among those willing to give peace a chance is Mohammed Hasan, a furniture and carpet salesman.

"The peace has been very good for both peoples," he said.

Noting that he had recently returned to Amman after a three-month stay with relatives in Israel, he added. "Before the treaty I couldn't enter Israel to visit my relatives. Now I can go any time I want."

"Not long ago, I was in Netanya on a Friday afternoon. I was waiting for a bus, not realizing that there are no buses before the Jewish Sabbath. A Jewish man stopped his car and asked if he could help me. Being in Israel was exciting."

Ahmed Ziad, a taxi driver, agreed.

"Since the treaty, there are more tourists, more jobs for taxi drivers," he said. "Because of the wars, and what I read in the newspapers, I used to think that Israelis were hateful people. I hated them all."

But personal contact with Israelis has made all the difference.

Christopher: 'Differences' Dash Hopes of Israel-Syrian Progress

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — After more than two hours of talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus, United States Secretary of State Warren Christopher has dashed any hopes of any short-term breakthrough in negotiations between Israel and Syria.

Christopher said after his recent meeting that there are still "solid differences" between the Israeli and Syrian negotiating positions.

Christopher, who was in the region to attend the Middle East and North Africa economic conference in the Jordanian capital of Amman, said he had met with Assad to get the latest Syrian position in its deadlocked peace talks with Israel.

But even before meeting with Assad, Christopher had not planned to engage in a round of shuttle diplomacy that would take him from Damascus to Jerusalem — an indication of his pessimism at this time about bringing the two sides back to the negotiating table.

Talks between Israeli and Syrian military experts broke off in late June over differences on security arrangements for the Golan Heights once an agreement was reached.

Israel maintained earlier this year that it would agree to a phased withdrawal on the Golan in exchange for a full peace with Syria.

But Assad called for a full Israeli withdrawal from the

Golan as a precondition for restarting negotiations.

Syria also opposed a proposal for Israel to maintain an early-warning ground station on the Golan in the wake of a withdrawal, saying that it was an affront to Syrian sovereignty over the area.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking to reporters at the Knesset recently, said the talks with Syria were not only deadlocked over technical issues — including at what diplomatic level to resume the negotiations — but also involved disagreements over substance.

"It became clear that Syria's demand [was] that Israel will change its position on certain issues in the security arrangements as a precondition for negotiations," Rabin told Israel radio. "This was not acceptable."

Another Major Accident in Israel

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In the second traffic accident in a week that resulted in multiple deaths, an Egged bus traveling from Jerusalem to Ein Gedi, near the Dead Sea, skidded off a rain-slicked highway and plunged into a ravine, killing eight, four of them tourists.

Eighteen others on the bus were injured, four seriously.

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FEATURE

"Did Anybody Here Know....?" The Leader of the Band — The Kinkstah

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

While we were waiting for the meeting to begin, Sunday afternoon — the joint program by the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and the Black Heritage Society — a lady and gentleman in front of me renewed their "Selma" acquaintance, and studied a handful of excellent black and white photos of the marchers. These two had definitely been there, been part of the movement — right up front.

Finally, I couldn't stand it any longer. I leaned forward and said, "Excuse me, did either of you know Jim Reeb?"

I said, "He was a minister..." I added, "He died down there..."

No reaction. I said, "They beat him up..."

The people in front waited politely while my voice trailed off, then they said "No," simultaneously, and went back to their pictures.

I sat back, feeling low. Jim Reeb had four children and a young wife he loved very much. He died because he went down south to help in the fight for integration. White men beat him up, almost to death, and then saw to it that he did not get the help he needed in time. He was a traitor in their eyes — a white man, selling out.

I looked out at a big, old elm, bare-limbed in the November sunshine, and, as if Jim Reeb was just waiting to hear from me, thought, "It wasn't wasted, Jim. None of it was wasted." Just because these people did not even know his name did not mean he was forgotten. He was not forgotten by us.

He stayed with us one fall weekend, just before he died. He came to town to give a talk, and it was our turn to provide hospitality. He was a young man, small and wiry, with an intelligent face and a big smile. After he'd unpacked, we all sat there and looked at each other and said, "Now what?" And then I suggested that we all go for a hike.

He really wanted to. You could see that. But he'd only brought "serious" shoes with him. You can't climb over rock ledges and shuffle through dry leaves in serious shoes.

I said, hoping that he would not be offended or embarrassed, "I have some shoes I could lend you, Jim." I wear a fairly big shoe, and he had small feet.

He took me up on it at once, and I got out the shoes — old Hush Puppies, as I recall.

They fit him like an old glove. Out the door we went, and up the little mountain behind our house, for a long, happy hike.

We had four children, then, as did Jim, and our kids bounced around him like puppies, reveling in his grin and his willingness to try almost anything.

I sure wish I had kept those shoes.

We said good-bye, when the weekend was over, thinking that we would see him again, in the spring.

The program started. First Rita Michaelson, chairwoman of the event spoke, evoking thoughts of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Yitzhak Rabin. Aaron Cohen spoke next, and told us he had met Yitzhak Rabin personally, once. We were all feeling a little fragile, emotionally. We were all thinking of Rabin.

Then Linda A'vant-Deishinni who had worked with Cohen to put the program together, spoke about the movement and said that if it hadn't been for Cliff Montiero, the next speaker, she would never have gone to college, never been standing where she was today.

Whenshesat down, Montiero came to the mike. He'd been there — Selma — too, and he'd been active in the struggle to help his people ever since. You could tell that the man was a fighter, a passionate believer, a strong person.

Hesaid, "You know what got me into this? — down to Selma? It was when they killed a Unitarian Universalist minister — a white man, James Reeb. I thought, 'Well....'"

I didn't hear the rest of the sentence. I was riding back up in the elevator from low down. Here was Cliff Montiero, still a force to be reckoned with 30 years later, a man who had accomplished much, and he said it was Jim Reeb's death that finally sent him down to Selma.

Maybe he would have gone anyway. Probably. But no one will ever know. Maybe not.

On the way home, I felt such gratitude that I had been there to hear Montiero say Jim's name, and to hear A'vant-Deishinni tell what Montiero had done for her.

Then it occurred to me that if Jim Reeb was sitting in the car beside me, he'd be grinning sideways at me, and waiting for me to figure out what I should do to help the cause along.

"Still plenty of work to be done," he'd say, nodding quickly. "Still plenty of work to be done."

Special Chamber Music Concert at U.R.I.

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center will perform at the Fine Arts Center recital hall, on the University of Rhode Island's Kingston campus, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m.

The program will include: Beethoven's "Serenade in D major," Hindemith's "Sonata for Viola and Piano," and Brahms' "Quartet for Piano and Strings in A major."

Artist members of the society performing in this concert are: violinist, Joseph Silverstein; violist, Paul Neubauer; cellist, Fred Sherry; and pianist Anne-Marie McDermott.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, URI students are \$8 each, with a valid identification. For more information, call Great Performances at 792-2343.

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Kinky Friedman, former leader of the band The Texas Jewboys, has written eight mysteries and put out six country western albums.

I don't know how good he is on a guitar, but he's pretty hot stuff on a word processor.

His latest, *G-d Bless John Wayne*, published by Simon and Schuster, is the tale of how he uncovered the truth about his friend Ratso's heritage. There are deaths due to other than natural causes, and a good deal of New York City atmosphere, and some Florida atmosphere, but the main attraction here, and in *Elvis, Jesus and Coca Cola*, is The Kinkstah himself.

The Kinkstah has two phones on one desk, both red, placed at arm's length to his left, and arm's length to his right. Depending on how the spirit moves him, he picks up one or the other when they ring, and says, "Start talking."

He has colorful friends... some deceased already, most still with us — Ted Baker known as The Bakerman, Ratso, Ramban, Kent Perkins, Stephanie (who is, of course, gorgeously built), and Brennan. He also has a cat who takes no mouth from anybody, and just barely tolerates him and the Village Irregulars, as Friedman's friends call themselves.

If it all sounds too precious, I've done the books a disservice. Friedman makes it work. He can be dead serious when the occasion calls, or a punster, or a cautious but unstoppable investigator. He wears cowboy boots and a ten gallon hat, smokes cigars, and drinks Jameson whiskey. He has a great fondness for Robert Louis Stevenson, whom he quotes frequently.

Robert Parker, the creator of Spenser, says, "For a guy who isn't me, the Kinkster can really write."

Robert, old buddy, the Kinkster is just slightly better than the great Spenser.

Men who write mysteries put a lot of physical exercise and feminine lust (for their protagonists, who are the authors in disguise) in their books. They say things like, "I ran five miles up the Charles, and five miles back, to clear my mind." "I tried pumping 500 pounds, but I couldn't concentrate. I came down to 450, and everything came together for me." "I could see in her eyes what she thought of me, and it was all good."

Friedman doesn't exercise. Right there's a plus. Every woman he sees doesn't desire him. He's really winning my heart. And he speaks scornfully

Fiesta Time

The Rhode Island Women's Health Collective will celebrate its 20th anniversary with Fiesta! a multicultural presentation of women's performing arts on Nov. 12 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Ebner Elson Hart Music Center at the Lincoln School, 301 Butler Ave., Providence.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

to his cat, but when he realizes a friend has some really bad news for him, his first thought is "did something happen to the cat?" Bingo! He's got my vote for man of the year.

Because we could all use some cheering up this week, I include several quotes from *G-d Bless John Wayne*.

"So what happened to the other PI?" Perkins wanted to know. "The one Ratso hired to find his mother in the first place?"

"He went to Jesus."
"We have a lot of that out here. People dropping whatever else they're doing and joining up with Christian fundamentalist cults."

I didn't say anything. Just puffed patiently on the cigar.

"That is what you mean, isn't it?" said Perkins.

"I'm afraid not," I said.

"There's a cab," I shouted, and both of us moved toward it like we'd been shot out of a circus cannon.

About half a nanosecond later the circus cannon returned a volley in our direction, right at the empty spot where the two of us had been standing under the awning. I turned around and saw a squid splinter into a million pieces, the pig suddenly spinning like a dreidel, and the window shattering into shiny icicles of glass.

There's no such thing as innocent wealth, I thought. And on

Goodman, wealth looked positively evil. A sudden sinking feeling came over me as I realized the herculean nature of our task.

"The cops just aren't interested in Donald Goodman, I said. "With all his money and power. I'm not sure that we'll ever be able to catch him by ourselves."

As my old dad in Texas used to tell me, "said Kent, "Justice rides a slow horse, but it always overtakes."

One final and rather disturbing note on Ratso. He has determined, for whatever his reasons, that his many new friends, as well as his relatively few older ones, should address him as David Victor Goodman... Privately, however, I fear this will not be the case. It is a troubling but true phenomenon of life that people who, for whatever the reason, possibly through no fault of their own, have assumed animal names, invariably find them impossible to shed for all eternity. So if you are indeed saddled with one of these names, you may consort with the Rockefellers, but you will forever be a Ratso.

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Since 1980 he has written eight additional books: *What Do You Really Want For Your Children*, *No More Holiday Blues*, *Gifts From Eykis*, *You'll See It When You Believe It*, *Real Magic*, *Everyday Wisdom*, *Your Sacred Self*, and *Staying On The Path*.

Dyer received his doctorate in counseling psychology from Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, and has

taught at many levels of education from high school to the teaching hospital of the Cornell University Medical College. He has co-authored three textbooks and numerous professional journal articles.

In addition to being an author and teacher, Dyer is a social commentator and has appeared on more than 5,200 television and radio programs.

He said, "I read *The New Testament*... and also the *Bhagavad Gita*... it's what Ghandi based his life on — and I read *The Kabala*, which is a Jewish mystical text that has been passed on for thousands of years. And I read *A Course in Miracles*, a spiritual text that's now being studied by millions of people around the world.

"Then I took the teachings I gleaned from these various dis-

ciplines and applied them to this new book, *Your Sacred Self*."

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Treatment Strategies for ADD/ADHD will be the topic on Nov. 16 at Bradley Hospital continues its "Speaking of Kids" parenting education series.

Beginning at 7 p.m., Robert M. Hayden, Ph.D., director of the ADD and School Behavior Clinic, will share his expertise on treatment strategies with the community, at the hospital, 1011 Veterans Memorial Parkway, East Providence.

In his presentation, Hayden, assistant clinical professor at Brown University's School of Medicine, will help participants understand how the use of medi-

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Coping strategies will be discussed and ample time for questions will be provided.

The program is free and all parents, educators and members of the community are invited.

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Giving to Jewish Charities Lags Behind National Trend

by Cynthia Mann

NEW YORK (JTA) — The United Jewish Appeal and 15 local Jewish federations rank among the top 400 charities in the United States, but their income increases lag behind the rise in income of other philanthropic causes, a new survey shows.

Although America's 400 largest charities saw an increase of 6.3 percent in donations in fiscal 1994, giving to "Jewish fundraising groups" rose a mere 0.3 percent last year, according to the *Chronicle's* annual survey.

Holly Hall, the survey's director, conceded in an interview that the wording in the article explaining the survey "might have been misleading."

She said the 0.3 percent increase reflected giving only to the UJA-federation system and did not reflect giving to other Jewish causes, including the

Jewish National Fund, which made this year's list for the first time.

This year's survey reported the UJA's total income last year at \$382 million, a 6 percent drop from 1993.

But Jewish fund-raisers say the survey's income tables are misleading. They say the apparent drop in contributions to the UJA-federation system reflects the end of the highly successful \$1 billion five-year Operation Exodus campaign to help resettle Jews from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

"It is inappropriate and misleading to suggest [by these numbers] that something is wrong" in the federation system's campaigns, said Donald Kent, director of planned giving and foundation relations at the Council of Jewish federations.

Leukemia Society Offers Booklet on Myelodysplastic Syndromes

A new free booklet explaining Myelodysplastic Syndromes, funded by Pharmacia Lab., is now available from the Leukemia Society of America.

Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) are a group of disorders in which the bone marrow does not function normally and fails to produce sufficient numbers of healthy blood cells.

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A national American Heart Association task force has issued a call for "full public access" to the life-saving capabilities of automated external defibrillators, devices that avert sudden death by shocking irregularly beating hearts back to normal rhythm.

In a statement in the *AHA Journal Circulation*, experts point out that rapid defibrillation and early cardiopulmonary resuscitation "are the two major contributors to survival of adult victims of sudden cardiac arrest."

Automated external defibrillation is "one of the most promising methods" of treating cardiac arrest. Rhode Island Affiliate of the American Heart Association executive director, David A. Chatel, said "We've chosen to be quite proactive in our state. As of 1996, all individuals in the state who become certified as CPR instructors will be required to also become certified as AED instructors."

"We will be submitting legislation next year that would help

cover possible liability for lay individuals. Presently, there is legislation submitted to provide funds for the purchase of the AED units."

Chatel continued, "The statistics are clear. Rapid defibrillation, prehospital, can increase survival rates from as little as 2 percent without rapid defibrillation to as much as 40 percent, with access. Our professional volunteers in the field who have seen the life-saving value of this training have been assisting rescue and fire departments in acquiring this new technology."

"Warwick, for instance, just purchased 9 AEDs, which makes it the first large metropolitan area in the state to have adopted this as a standard in emergency cardiac care."

"Two years ago this month, we worked closely with The Miriam Hospital, under the guidance of Dr. William Kaye, widely recognized throughout the country as an expert in the field of emergency cardiac care, to equip the entire hospital, be-

yond just the cardiac areas, with AEDs."

"The Miriam Hospital became the very first hospital in the world to do this."

The national task force urges that portable defibrillators be used by firefighters, police, security personnel, non-physician care providers and, if properly trained, by laypersons in heart patients' homes.

Special effort should be made to extend bystander-initiated defibrillation, particularly in rural and congested urban areas, two sectors "where resuscitation strategies have had little success."

The task force says the AHA can play an important role by increasing public awareness that defibrillation improves survival from cardiac arrest — "an often-fatal condition that each day affects 1,000 Americans."

'Compassionate Friends' to Meet

The next meeting of The Compassionate Friends (a self-help group for parents who have suffered the death of a child) will be held on Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brenden's church hall, 33 Turner Ave., East Providence.

"Handling the Holidays" will be the topic of discussion. Recently bereaved members will have an opportunity to discuss their anxieties and fears regarding the upcoming holidays. Older members are encouraged to attend the meeting and to share their ideas and suggestions as to how to get through the season. For further information or for directions, call Carol Smith at 885-2900.

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"It's simply not possible to overstate the importance of contributions to eliminate the shadow of unnecessary blindness and death from the lives of the world's most vulnerable inhabitants," says Susan E. Burger, Ph.D., nutrition director of the New York-based aid group.

Availability of vitamin A capsules has enabled Burger's organization to respond effectively to emergencies such as the flight of millions of Rwandan refugees and the drought in Chihuahua, Mexico.

They also have had an enormous impact on countries such as Niger and Cambodia, where vitamin A deficiency is severe. Already, distribution of the essential nutrient has helped bring down the mortality rate in Niger 30%, saving an estimated 90,000 lives.

Both Niger and Cambodia are trying to build the capacity to produce their own vitamin A.

In Cambodia's case, decades of war have brutally disrupted family life and traditional pat-

terns of planting and eating foods containing vitamin A. Meanwhile, a helping hand is vital to preserve life and sight.

In other countries, such as the Philippines, the main objective is to increase awareness of nutritional deficiency and help developing nations incorporate eye care into their national health systems.

During a recent National Micronutrient Day, vitamin A capsules were dispensed to 93% of the preschool children in the entire country.

Although the remedy for nutritional blindness and death seems straight-forward, the worldwide statistics remain devastating. About 2 million children die because of vitamin A deficiency every year, which means 5,000 young lives are lost every day.

In addition, approximately 35,000 children go blind every year from lack of vitamin A.

"The long-term solutions to vitamin A deficiency are to teach people to eat green leafy foods and carrots, helping them grow these foods for themselves, and fortifying staples such as milk, flour and rice with Vitamin A," says Burger.

"But education takes time, and poor agricultural conditions in some developing countries, such as Niger and Cambodia, profit the growth of enough vitamin A-rich foods."

"For now, the quickest and most efficient way to intervene is by distributing vitamin A capsules."

Yoga Classes Beginning at Women & Infants' Woonsocket Center

Women & Infants Center for Health Education is pleased to announce that yoga classes will be offered at the center on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. The center is located at 2168 Diamond Hill Road in Woonsocket.

Yoga is an age-old science of self-improvement that deals

with the whole human being. Participants learn gentle stretching exercises, rhythmic breathing and deep relaxation techniques along with instruction in nutrition and diet that promotes physical and mental health through positive living and attitudes.

To register or to obtain additional information, call the center at 767-2344. There is a \$60 registration fee for a six-week series of classes.

Massage Therapy Workshop Offered

A two-hour massage therapy workshop for couples or pairs will be offered at Women & Infants Center for Health Education on Nov. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. The center is located at 2168 Diamond Hill Road in Woonsocket.

The goal of the workshop is to help participants learn how to reduce stress and alleviate common muscular discomforts. Massage techniques that promote relaxation, reduce back and neck pain, alleviate stress on weight bearing joints and reduce swelling will be taught.

This workshop is highly recommended for expectant mothers.

The instructors will be licensed massage therapists Jane Allard and Rosanne Lavergne.

To register or obtain additional information, call the center at 767-2344. The registration fee is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple or pair.

Scleroderma Support Group Meeting

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REMEMBERING YITZHAK RABIN

From Soldier to Statesman, Rabin Leaves Legacy of Peace

by Mitchell Danow

NEW YORK (JTA) — In the final words of his final public speech, a call for peace was on the lips of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Speaking at a pro-peace rally in Tel Aviv on the night of Nov. 4 before some 100,000 supporters, Rabin gave voice to the pursuit that defined and distinguished his second term as the leader of Israel.

"This rally must send a message to the Israeli people, to the Jewish people around the world, to the many people in the Arab world and indeed to the entire world, that the Israeli people want peace, support peace."

An hour later, the man who led his country in war and in peace was declared dead, the victim of an assassin's bullets.

The pursuit of peace did not come easily to Rabin.

The old general who had repeatedly vowed never to negotiate with the "PLO murderers" later found himself at the center of the "handshake that shook the world," signing an accord with Yasser Arafat, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Rabin forever struggled to balance the possible benefits of peace with the demands of Israeli security and his long-time distrust of Israel's Arab foes.

And it was possibly because of these doubts, shared by many Israelis, that his people felt comfortable entrusting to Rabin — the most acclaimed hero of the 1967 Six-Day War — the daunting job of pursuing peace.

Perhaps at no time was Rabin's ambivalence about the task more evident than in the uneasy smile that appeared on his weathered face when he exchanged that historic handshake with Arafat on the White House lawn on Sept. 13, 1993, to seal the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

The chain-smoking, often gruff-sounding Israeli leader who recently said that the only place he would not smoke was in the White House — because he was not allowed — traversed many blood-soaked battlefields on his long journey to the White House lawn.

In fact, he was barely out of boyhood when he got his first taste of war.

Born Yitzhak Robicov on March 1, 1922, to Russian parents who had immigrated to what was then British-mandate Palestine, he grew up hoping to become one of the pioneer farmers who would make the Land of Israel blossom once again.

But at the age of 19, he changed course, taking a step that would

alter his fate — and that of a country that had not yet been reborn — he joined the Palmach, an underground elite commando unit led by Moshe Dayan, to fight British rule in Palestine.

He death left Israel in a state of shock and grief, and prompted messages of condolence from leaders the world over.

He rose through the ranks, promoted first to platoon leader then to deputy commander of an operation in 1945 that freed 200 illegal Jewish immigrants from the Atlit detention camp.

A year later, he was arrested by the British, along with hundreds of other Jewish leaders in what came to be known as "Black Saturday" and spent six months in a British detention camp.

During the next 10 years, he rose through a series of positions — commander of the northern sector from 1956 to 1959; IDF chief of operations from 1959 to 1960; deputy chief of staff from 1961 to 1963 — to become the seventh IDF chief of staff Jan. 1, 1964.

It was as chief of staff that Rabin led the IDF to victory in the lightning Six-Day War, in which Israel seized the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem from Jordan, the Gaza Strip from Egypt and the Golan Heights from Syria.

Years later, Rabin publicly admitted that he had suffered a brief "breakdown" in the tense days leading up to the war.

But he also said in a 1975 television interview that the 1967 liberation of the Western Wall, which he had failed to liberate 19 years earlier during the War of Independence, was the "fulfillment of a dream" and the "peak of my life."

referred to Israel's social crisis since the Yom Kippur war and pleaded for national unity.

"Some have forgotten the ancient historic lesson that because of needless hatred, Jerusalem was destroyed," Rabin said.

In June 1976, Rabin's government issued the order to carry out the Entebbe raid in which Israeli commandos liberated hijacked Air France passengers from the Uganda airport.

In 1977, Rabin was forced to

At 52, he became the youngest — and first native-born Israeli — ever to lead his country.

resign when it was discovered that his wife held an illegal bank account in the United States.

After the May 1977 elections, in which Menachem Begin became the first Likud Prime Min-

ister, Rabin was forced to

duct in February 1992. Running on a slogan of "peace with security," he led his party to victory in the June 1992 Knesset elections.

A month later, Rabin formed Israel's 25th government, in which he held the dual portfolios of prime minister and defense minister.

This provided him with the confidence to pursue his peace policies — a course that was to lead to the famous handshake with Arafat and to the equally historic signing of a peace treaty with Jordan on Oct. 26, 1994.

Also last year, Rabin shared a Nobel Peace Prize with foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Arafat, the man long branded a terrorist by Israel.

Rabin's assassination took place two weeks after he appeared before the U.N. General Assembly and delivered a speech in which he warned world leaders about the dangers of terrorism.

It also took place little more than a month after he traveled to Washington for the Sept. 28 signing of the agreement to extend Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank.

The prospect of an Israeli withdrawal in territories Israel held since 1967 prompted widespread protests by the Israeli right, which viewed the actions of the Rabin government as a blow to the dream of a Greater Israel.

Rabin's dream of peace also led to the nightmare of assassination.

Rabin survived by his wife; two children, Dalia and Yuval; and three grandchildren.

His death left Israel in a state of shock and grief, and prompted messages of condolence from leaders the world over.

Peres, the longtime political rival of Rabin, who became his partner

in the quest for an enduring regional peace, delivered an emotional speech in which he referred to a scrap of paper containing song lyrics that was found in Rabin's shirt after he was shot.

The lyrics were of a song of peace that Rabin and his fellow Cabinet ministers had sung at Saturday night's rally.

"A bullet can tear through a piece of paper. It also can tear a body," said Peres, who was named acting prime minister at an emergency Cabinet meeting shortly after the assassination.

"But a bullet cannot destroy the ideal of peace."

President Bill Clinton, an admirer of Rabin, was visibly shaken and on the verge of tears when he voiced his goodbye to the Israeli leader within hours of the assassination.

"Shalom, chaver," said Clinton: "Goodbye, friend."



HISTORIC AGREEMENT — On July 25, 1994, on the White House South Lawn, from left, King Hussein of Jordan, President Clinton of the United States, and Yitzhak Rabin, prime minister of Israel participate in the signing of a Declaration of Peace between Jordan and Israel. The gentlemen in the rear are interpreters. Photo by Marshall H. Cohen

In October 1947, Rabin was named deputy commander of the Palmach, where he met fellow member Leah Schlossberg, who became his wife in August 1948.

In the 1948 War of Independence, Rabin commanded the Harel Brigade, leading them in the fight to open the road to a besieged Jerusalem, and liberating neighborhoods of the city.

After the war, he was a member of the delegation that signed the armistice agreements with the Arab states at the Greek island of Rhodes in 1949.

Rabin subsequently decided to pursue his military training, and in 1953 he graduated from the Staff College in Britain.

In 1954, he was named head of the Israel Defense Force Training Branch, where he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

In 1968, Rabin left the military and was appointed ambassador to the United States, a post he held until 1973.

In the spring of 1973, Rabin returned to Israel and became active in the Labor Party.

He was elected a member of the Knesset in December 1973, and when then-Prime Minister Golda Meir formed her government in April 1974, he was appointed minister of labor.

After the near-disaster of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when Israel was caught off guard by Arab forces, Rabin, a creative political novice, was the choice of the ruling Labor Party to succeed Prime Minister Golda Meir, who resigned June 2, 1974.

At 52, he became the youngest — and first native-born Israeli — ever to lead his country.

Asking the Knesset to approve his new government, he

minister, Rabin served as a Knesset member in the opposition Labor Party and was a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

In the national unity governments that Likud and Labor shared from 1984 to 1990, Rabin served as minister of defense.

In that capacity, he orchestrated the withdrawal of IDF forces from Lebanon and established a security zone in southern Lebanon to insure the safety of Israel's northern border. It was also during his tenure as defense minister that the Palestinian intifada, or uprising, broke out in 1987 in the territories.

In a stern but controversial order, Rabin told the troops to "break the bones" of the Palestinian protesters.

Rabin was elected chairman of the Labor Party in its first nationwide primaries, con-

REMEMBERING YITZHAK RABIN

'...And That Was a Lonely Road.'

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

We had the television on before the coffee was ready, Sunday morning. We knew there might be some important interviews coming up on the peace process and the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Sometimes television can provide an intimate, in-your-face impression that news written down, edited, and re-edited can not give.

Dr. Henry Kissinger appeared almost unable to begin his interview. He fought back tears, and struggled for control. But he gave us some insights on Rabin we might not have gotten anywhere else.

"He did not start out as a starry-eyed idealist. He started in the peace process as a (military) strategy. Over a period of 20 years, it became a goal."

Kissinger pointed out the facts about Israel's position, reminding us of the relative population figures of Israel and her neighbors, and the size of the territories involved. He gave us a clearer sense of her vulnerability, if you just counted heads and acres.

"At the end of his (Rabin's) life, peace was his vocation, and not just a strategy. He was a very shy man — not really a natural politician... a military man who was actually very gentle but who taught himself to be tough and aloof... In the end, he achieved (in oratory) almost biblical skills."

"The assassination cannot reverse history. I had lunch with him (Rabin) perhaps 10 days ago, and he was aware that he would be villified. Ironically, Rabin was the man most concerned with and aware of the problems of the settlers... the extremists... He took his people from where they were to where they had to be... and that was a lonely road."

Israeli Consul General Colette Avita said, "Unfortunately, (the language used by the ultra-right) legitimized a certain tone... in the end, those kind of words caused them (unbalanced people) to treat him as a traitor, as a Nazi."

That kind of language is bound to incite them."

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. (Ecc. 2:21-3:8) Ladies and gentlemen, the time for peace has come.

"Enough of blood and tears. Enough." — Yitzhak Rabin, in the White House Rose Garden after signing a peace treaty.

Itamar Rabinovich, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, speaking in response to the statement that Israelis trusted Rabin because of his military experience in a way that they might not trust Peres, said, "People have very short memories. In the '50s and '60s Shimon Peres was director general of the ministry of defense, was himself a minister of defense, and worked closely with David Ben Gurion... (speaking of Yasser Arafat) I know personally he would have liked to come. But this (the decision to stay away at a time of such intense emotion) may be a very sensible decision."

Bob Simon interviewed Benjamin Netanyahu, the head of the Likud Party, who said, "There are always wild weeds in any society. What we need right now is unity... The first rule of Judaism is 'Thou shalt not kill... The government will not change as a result of an assassin's bullet... I say to these fringe groups, 'Go away. Stay away. We don't want you. We don't need you.'"

Simon ran film of right-wingers chanting "Rabin's a Traitor!" and carrying posters of Rabin crudely, viciously pictured as an S.S. officer. He said what we all know by now — that this legitimized violence, to some people.

David Rosenthal, a deputy for Kahana Chai in the United States, was interviewed by Mike Wallace on "60 Minutes." Rosenthal came on the set, incredibly, carrying a huge red poster with the words, "Rabin is (crossed out) was a Traitor." He said, "Rabin brought it on himself... Violence is not good, violence is not bad... One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter." His arrogance and composure as he turned aside Wallace's questions and bewilderment were chilling. There is no way to reach a man like Rosenthal with words, unless they are words that refer to long jail sentences and other suitable, even more devastating, retribution. Even Wallace was stumped, and you don't see that happen very often.

Remarks by Late Prime Minister Rabin at Tel Aviv Peace Rally, November 4, 1995

Nov. 5, 1995

Dear Friends of the Consulate:

We are all attempting to cope with our tremendous grief following the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin last night. Please find enclosed the last address which the Prime Minister gave at a Tel Aviv Peace Rally, the night of his death. The irony of Rabin's extolling of peace and condemnation of violence in his last words is particularly painful today.

...Sincerely,
Ofra Farhi
Consul of Israel

"Permit me to say that I am deeply moved. I wish to thank each and every one of you, who have come here today to take a stand against violence and for peace.

"This government, which I am privileged to head, together with my friend Shimon Peres, decided to give peace a chance — a peace that will solve most of Israel's problems.

"I was a military man for 27 years. I fought so long as there was no chance for peace.

"I believe that there is now a chance for peace, a great chance. We must take advantage of it for the sake of those standing here, and for those who are not here — and they are many.

"I have always believed that the majority of the people want peace and are ready to take risks for peace. In coming here today, you demonstrate, together with many others who did not come, that the people truly desire peace and oppose violence.

"Violence erodes the basis of Israeli democracy. It must be condemned and isolated. This is not the way of the State of Israel.

"In a democracy there can be differences, but the final decision will be taken in democratic elections, as the 1992 elections which gave us the mandate to do what we are doing, and to continue on this course.

"I want to say that I am proud

aspiration for peace.

"There are enemies of peace who are trying to hurt us, in order to torpedo the peace process.

"I want to say bluntly, that we have found a partner for peace among the Palestinians as well: the PLO, which was an enemy, and has ceased to engage in terrorism.

"Without partners for peace, there can be no peace. We will demand that they do their part for peace, just as we will do our part for peace, in order to solve the most complicated, prolonged, and emotionally charged aspect of the Israeli-Arab conflict: the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

"This is a course which is fraught with difficulties and pain. For Israel, there is no path that is without pain. But the path of peace is preferable to the path of war.

"I say this to you as one who was a military man, someone who is today Minister of Defense and sees the pain of the families of the IDF soldiers. For them, for our children, in my case for our grandchildren, I want this Government to exhaust every opening, every possibility, to promote and achieve a comprehensive peace. Even with Syria, it will be possible to make peace.

"This rally must send a message to the Israeli people, to the Jewish people around the world, to the many people in the Arab world, and indeed to the entire world, that the Israeli people want peace, support peace. For this, I thank you."



Irresponsible Talk Must be Held Responsible

Rabbi apologizes to Rabin for threatening statements

by Cynthia Mann

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) — The Brooklyn-based rabbi who in June declared it permissible under Jewish law to assassinate Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for his pursuit of the peace process has issued an indirect apology to Rabin and a call for Jewish unity.

"We must learn the lessons of our own history, including that when Jews turn on Jews, our Temple falls," Rabbi Abraham Hecht, president of the stringently Orthodox Rabbinical Alliance of America, wrote in a recent letter to Rabin.

"We must speak and act toward each other as we would toward G-d" and "not, then, be divided in anger," he continued. "For my part, I wish to repudiate any words and actions of anger and which have caused hurt."

"I welcome this development," said Ambassador Colette Avital, Israeli consul general in New York. "No one is looking for a fight with the rabbis. I believe there is a need for a different level of discussion between religious and secular leadership."

Meanwhile, "if Rabbi Hecht has expressed his regret and retracts everything, we have no problem with this," she said.

In June, Hecht said that by handing over Israeli land and property to Palestinians, Israeli government leaders "and all who assist them" fall into the category of "moser," or people who betray Jews to Gentiles.

Hecht said Maimonides said these people not only deserve the death penalty but should be killed before they can perform the deed.

Hecht could not be reached to explain what prompted the letter to Rabin at this time.

But Avital said she believed that it was motivated by a public backlash.

"I know in some cases the violent behavior of rabbis has elicited a boomerang in the Jewish community, she said.

"People felt very uncomfortable with this kind of extremist behavior."

Several Orthodox groups in July issued a statement — in apparent response to Hecht's June declarations — saying that "there can be no excuse or justification of the extremist verbal attacks directed against the elected leadership of Israel."

"The 'silent majority' was too silent."

LEAH RABIN

November 7, 1995

REMEMBERING YITZHAK RABIN 1922-1995



ONE MORE SHINING MOMENT: This picture was taken in late November, 1994, after President Clinton and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met in the Oval Office and agreed upon maintaining the current level of U.S. aid, and preserving the Israeli military edge, for the coming year. That's Andrew Jackson, another military man turned statesman, watching from the wall. Photo courtesy of the White House

The United States Loses a Friend

A proclamation by the president of the United States of America on the death of Yitzhak Rabin

"Today (Nov. 4) a senseless act of violence has robbed the United States of a close friend and robbed the world of a statesman and courageous champion of peace.

"Yitzhak Rabin was a brave man who defended his country for half a century and whose vision and tenacity brought the world closer to peace.

"He was a man of hope, a man of wisdom, a man who sought to improve the lives of all those he touched.

"The peace process that he began will be his legacy. The people of the United States and the peace-loving people of the world are determined that the peace process will go forward.

"As a mark of respect for the memory of Yitzhak Rabin and America's support for peace in the Middle East, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the federal government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions until his interment. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth."

The President and First Lady Inscribe Condolences

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton inscribed the following words in the condolence book at the Israeli Embassy on Nov. 5, in memory of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:

"Prime Minister Rabin gave his life to Israel, first as a soldier for its freedom, then finally as a martyr for its lasting peace.

"For his example, his friendship to the United States, and his warm friendship to me, I am eternally grateful."

William J. Clinton

"G-d bless Prime Minister Rabin, the people of Israel and all who take risks for peace."

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Jewish Democrats, Republicans Mourn the Prime Minister

In a rare joint statement, the National Jewish Coalition and the National Jewish Democratic Council have expressed their shared sorrow at the Assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and called the assassination an "admonition to those of us who disagree on fundamental issues to refrain from hateful and vicious rhetoric":

"Together, as Jews and as Americans, we mourn the passing of a great leader of our people, Yitzhak Rabin. Together, we pray that the vision that Yitzhak Rabin died for — an Israel secure within its borders, and at peace with its neigh-

bors — will be fulfilled in the not-too-distant future. We must pull together, as a community and as a people to help this vision come to fruition.

"The only greater tragedy that could come of this assassination would be to allow the bullet that ended the life of Yitzhak Rabin to put an end to the very peace process to which he dedicated his life. We are particularly heartened that the government of the United States has pointedly renewed America's commitment to the peace process at this hour of grief.

"At this time of sorrow and anguish, we are also reminded

of what happens when incendiary rhetoric creates a climate where individuals feel entitled to commit unconscionable acts. Let this tragic assassination caution all of us who may disagree with each other, even on the most profound and fundamental issues, to never forget our common humanity and our common destiny as Jews and as people.

"Our thoughts, our hopes, and our prayers go out to the Rabin family, the people of Israel, and to all of our fellow Jews around the world. May the memory of Yitzhak Rabin be blessed with peace."

The Kennedys Pay Symbolic Tribute

Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy (D-R.I.) and his father, Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), carried soil and a stone from the gravesites of President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy to the funeral of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem, and placed them on the grave on Nov. 6 as a memorial to the prime minister.

Senator Kennedy spoke to the prime minister's widow, Leah

Rabin, a few moments later to express the condolences of the Kennedy family and to let her know the source of the soil and stone.

Congressman Kennedy issued this statement:

"I mourn the loss of this courageous man of peace. I am shocked and dismayed by the senseless violence which took away the life of such a great world leader. He lived his life for peace and he died for the

same cause. Now we must honor his memory and his dream for peace in the Middle East by making certain that the peace process continues."

Kennedy, who visited Israel this summer on a House National Security Committee mission, met with Prime Minister Rabin in Washington less than two weeks ago when the Prime Minister was participating in ceremonies marking the 3,000th birthday of Jerusalem.



Underwriting Jewish-Arab coexistence in Israel:

At left, Alan B. Slifka, president of the Abraham Fund, shakes hands with Rabin after presenting him with \$758,000 in grants for projects promoting Jewish-Arab coexistence in Israel. Looking on, with pleasure, is Yitzhak Navon, former Israeli president.

Pell Reacts to Rabin's Death

Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) returned recently from the funeral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem with hope for the peace process.

Pell is the former chairman and current Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"It was a simple, solemn and grand ceremony," Pell said of the funeral, "and one that I shall never forget. This could be an exceptional turning point for the Mid-East.

"I hope that the sentiments and the words of the world's leaders at the funeral may be translated into deeds. I pray that out of this tragedy progress toward peace will emerge."

After learning from the White House of the assassination, Pell had reacted to the "awful news."

"It obviously rocks the peace process," he said at that time, "and its harm will be felt for a long time. It could presage new violence.

"Rabin," he added "will be long remembered as a hero of the peace process. A process that must continue."

Agudath Israel of America: We Condemn This Sinful Murder

The following is a statement from Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of Agudath Israel of America:

"The assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Rabin was an outrageous and indefensible act, a crime that flies in the face of everything Judaism stands for.

"No matter what a Jew's views may be about the current peace process or the sitting Israeli government, violence is not a Jewish option, and murder remains the ultimate sin against another person.

"Any isolated crazed individuals who may be exulting in this assassination should be condemned, as we condemn this sinful murder — unequivocally."

REMEMBERING YITZHAK RABIN

Local Jewish Community Pulls Together in a Time of Mourning

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

One've seen in the past how people come together following a great tragedy. In the days following the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the local Jewish community has pulled together in large numbers to collectively and individually mourn the death of a great man.

The biggest gathering—more than 1,100 people—took place at Temple Emanu-El in Providence on Nov. 6. Rabbis and cantors of all denominations within Judaism, representatives of the Christian community, political leaders and people of all ages and religious backgrounds turned out for the memorial service in memory of Rabin.

The audience, Alison Smith and I included, was captivated and deeply moved as each religious leader took his or her turn at the bimah.

Cantor Brian Mayer of Temple Emanu-El began the program by singing "Oseh Shalom."

Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El followed with some touching words of remembrance and hope. "We here today must hear and echo Yitzhak Rabin's call for peace and unity" is just one of Franklin's remarks which stood out.

Rabbi George Astrachan of Temple Sinai in Cranston followed with the reading of Psalm 130.

Then the Temple Emanu-El choir, led by Mayer, sang "Enosh Kehatzier Yamav" from Psalm 103.

Harris Rosen, president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, stepped up to the podium next to read a letter he and Steve Rakitt, executive director of the Federation, wrote for Rabin's wife and the people of Israel. The letter, which appears in its entirety in this week's *Jewish Herald*, expressed Rhode Island's sincere sympathies.

Rosen handed the letter to Dan Kyram, Israeli consul general for New England. Kyram then spoke a few words.

"How ironic it is that he died on one of the most joyous occasions of his life. How ironic and how said," said Kyram. "We are deeply touched by the American support."

Cantor Rennie Brown of

Temple Sinai followed. He sang "Lo Yisa Goy el Goy Herev," which means, "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Rabbi Gail Diamond of Congregation Agudath Achim in Attleboro followed with a prayer of peace.

The Reverend James Miller, executive minister of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches, then offered some words of support and comfort.

"We must believe that the light of our aspirations is stronger than the darkness of our setbacks," said Miller.

To close the evening, Lieberman led everyone in singing "Hatikvah," Israel's national anthem.

The fact that so many people, from so many religious backgrounds turned out was overwhelming.

"There was a tremendous outpouring of support," said Franklin.

Earlier in the evening, Brown/RISD Hillel also had a memorial service. An overflow crowd of students, Jewish and non-Jewish, filled the upstairs of the building.

"Thinking of my own reaction and the reaction of hundreds of people I've spoken to since the assassination, the sentiment is 'How could this happen? How could this happen in Israel, at a rally for peace, by another Jew?' There are no simple answers," said Rabbi Alan Flam, executive director of Brown/RISD Hillel.

Flam later said, "What made Yitzhak Rabin vulnerable, I believe, is what also made him great. He was a brave soldier on the battlefield and a brave soldier for peace."

Zev Alexander, a junior at Brown University, took turns with Flam in leading the students in prayer. Several students cried as they mourned the fallen hero.

"I think it's incredible how we've come together in a time of crisis," said Alisa Kotler-Berkowitz, assistant director of Brown/RISD Hillel. "As Jews we need each other."

Earlier in the day, the University of Rhode Island Hillel held a candlelight vigil. On Nov. 8 Roger Williams University Hillel held a brief service.

Tonight (Nov. 9) the Jewish community of Newport County will come together at Temple Shalom for a memorial service. Leaders from all religions are expected to attend.

As I've gone to some of the services held in the area, I've been struck by how many people have responded in this time of grief.

The Jewish religious leaders in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts should be commended in how well they've answered the community's need to grieve. The services were an important step in the healing process.

Temple Shalom to Host Service

A community-wide interfaith solidarity service for peace and remembrance will take place on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary of Temple Shalom, 223 Valley Road in Middletown.

The entire community is invited to attend this service of unity, memorializing the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a tireless and dedicated worker for peace and to strengthen one another in this time of mutual grief in prayer, song and word as well as to pray for the much longed for gift of peace.

The service is jointly sponsored by Newport Havurah, Temple Shalom and Touro Synagogue.

It is a Time for Mourning It is a Time for Comfort

A prayer service of peace in memory of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was held for the Temple Sinai religious school on Nov. 5. The students then wrote letters to Mrs. Rabin, Avigail Kormes, an Israeli exchange student who was a student teacher at the temple last year, and to Eldad Boker, our sixth-grade teacher, who was in Italy at the time of the assassination.

Dear Mrs. Rabin:

I am indeed extremely sorry to hear about the death of your husband.

My whole family was in shock last night when my friend called to tell of the terrible news. I had always thought of him as a brilliant, wonderful man. He must have been a very brave person, for he put himself in danger many times for his country, both as a war hero and as Prime Minister.

I know that not only one man will suffer, but that your family and the whole of Israel has suffered a great loss.

Although I have never been through anything as a death of someone close, and I can not say I know how you feel, I can imagine the grief and anguish you and your children have to face.

Sincerely,
Julia Rosenfield

Dear Avigail:

I heard what happened. I'm so sad and I'm sure you feel the same.

Yitzhak Rabin was such an important person. All he was trying to do was make peace. The person who killed Yitzhak Rabin probably just didn't care.

When the person who killed him said "G-d told me to," that is a lie, because in the

ten commandments it says, "Thou shalt not kill."

Your friend,
Anna Tobias

Dear Avigail:

I am so sorry to hear about the recent death of Yitzhak Rabin.

It was a very, very sudden and unexpected death.

I want to let you know that I'm thinking of you and that it is OK to cry.

Feel better soon.
Rachel Pomeranz

Dear Mr. Boker,

I am very sad about what happened yesterday, and I wish you could be here to express your feelings with us.

Both classes are very sad about what happened, and we are listening how other people feel.

Right now we have Channel 12 talking to us, but we are still trying to sort out all our feelings.

I would have like you to be here so maybe you could help us deal with this awful tragedy.

Your student,
Joshua Wang

Dear Mr. Boker,

I'm very sorry about what happened to the Prime Minister of your country. I can't understand how you feel, but it must be very hard to cope with.

When my family found out what had happened, we were all very shocked! You must be very sad.

It's hard to believe that someone killed him when he was trying to make peace.

I am very sorry that this terrible thing happened and I hope it never happens again.

Rochele Cotton

Consoling the Children

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

It's tough enough for adults to try to make some sense out of a seemingly senseless murder, but for children, this can be an especially difficult task.

All week, local rabbis, cantors and Hebrew school teachers have discussed the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with the children of the Jewish community. By discussing the matter, hopefully some of the confusion and fear such a tragic event brings was lifted.

Prior to Hebrew school on Nov. 5, the religious leaders of Temple Beth-El in Providence gathered children in grades four to six for a memorial service.

"We come together with a lot of mixed emotions — a lot of sadness and a lot of surprise," said Rabbi Michael Cahana.

Before going any further Cahana made sure everyone was aware of exactly what happened.

He continued, "Part of what we are a community. Our community spreads around the world. When tragedy happens, there is a lot of confusion. One thing is clear: This is a tragedy for those who believe in peace."

Cahana said the assassination was a tragedy in a couple of other ways as well.

"It's also a tragedy for democracy," said Cahana. "Those who have disagreed have spoken out legally."

"And it's a tragedy for those who take risks for peace. There are those who might be afraid to take risks. The risks are great, but the goal is also great," said Cahana.

Next, Rabbi Leslie Gutterman spoke to the children. "Yitzhak Rabin was a soldier, but he showed his real strength as a soldier for peace," said Gutterman.

The rabbi then read a quote of Rabin to King Hussein of Jordan, spoken in front of a joint session of Congress. In the inspiring statement, Rabin spoke about resolving differences in order to achieve a greater good.

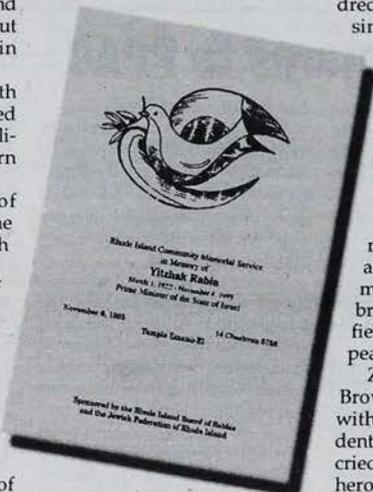
In turning to the prayer book, Gutterman led the children in a prayer, which included the following passage: "O, G-d, You have called us to peace, for You are Peace itself. May we have the vision to see that each of us, in some measure can help to realize these aims."

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Services to be Held in Massachusetts

On Nov. 10 at 8:15 p.m., Congregation Mishkan Tefila of Chestnut Hill, Mass., will have a service and program for the entire community honoring the life of Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, of blessed memory.

Rabbi Michael Menitoff, spiritual leader of the Conservative synagogue, and others will speak on the legacy of Rabin. All are invited to attend. Congregation Mishkan Tefila is located at 300 Hammond Pond Parkway, Chestnut Hill (near the Chestnut Hill Mall). Call (617) 332-7770 for more information.



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"For Sentimental Reasons," the very popular cabaret group that has been playing to standing room only locally, has created a whole new show entitled, "What's New?"

It will open at Bumble Bee's on the Boulevard on Nov. 19. Reservations will certainly be necessary. But, if there's space that night, you might be able to get in for \$10 at the door. Call 453-1797 to reserve your table.

When we tell you that Lisa Ricci will become Carmen Miranda for this engagement (we hear her headress is not to be believed) you will understand that this is not your ordinary cabaret show.

CCRI to Sponsor Ethnic Concert

The Community College of Rhode Island's Campus Ministry Office is hosting an All-Community Thanksgiving Concert on Nov. 16 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Bobby Hackett Theatre on the Warwick campus.

The suggested donation is \$10 and benefits Habitat for Humanity International Mexico Workcamp, and Habitat for Humanity U.S.A.

Song leaders and performers will include St. Rita's Choir, the Liberian Initiative Choir, the CCRI Spirit of Truth organization, the CCRI Chamber Singers and the CCRI Chorus, along with special soloists from Haiti, Liberia and South Africa.

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"NOT HIM!" Tevye's daughters worry about their matrimonial prospects in the number, "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," part of the production of "Fiddler on the Roof," which is coming to Providence in December.

'Fiddler' Returns to PPAC

Theodore Bikel returns to the Providence Performing Arts Center stage, Dec. 5 to 10, to star in eight performances of "Fiddler on the Roof."

This musical is celebrating its 30th anniversary as one of the most successful shows in Broadway history. Tickets are on sale now for all performance times, call 421-ARTS to order or for more information.

"Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway at the Imperial Theatre in 1964, entertaining audiences for a record-setting 3,200 performances.

Based on the stories of Sholem Aleichem, "Fiddler on the Roof" would capture Tony Awards for librettist Joseph Stein as best author, the team of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick as best composer and lyricist, and Jerome Robbins for best direction and choreography. Returning to Broadway 25 years later, the show won the 1991 Tony

Award for best revival.

Set at the turn of the century in the Russian village of Anatevka, "Fiddler on the Roof" focuses on the troubles facing a poor milkman struggling to provide for his wife and five unmarried daughters.

Tevye the milkman also becomes an example of how the people of Anatevka contend with persecution from Imperial Russia and changes in society which threatens their religious way of life. Using humor and wit, Tevye carries on conversation with himself and G-d, allowing the audience to share in the examination of large and small problems facing ordinary people.

Songs, including "Tradition," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," "To Life," "If I Were a Rich

Man," and "Sunrise, Sunset," provide answers to the question Tevye raises about how people keep balance in a changing world.

Bikel, who made his stage debut as Tevye, has performed the role more than 1,000 times. Bikel also created the role of Baron Von Trapp in the original Broadway production of "The Sound of Music," and has performed in 35 films including "The African Queen" and the "Defiant One," for which he received an Academy Award nomination.

Performance times for "Fiddler on the Roof" are Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., Dec. 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 9 at 2 and 8 p.m., and Dec. 10 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$26.50 to \$40.50.

'Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah!' Come to Boston, Nov. 9 to 26

The Jewish Theatre of New England and Forum Theatre (Metuchen, N.J.) are presenting the regional premiere of the Allan Sherman musical hit "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh."

The musical revue will run from Nov. 9 to 26 in the Waterman Auditorium, 336 Nahanton St., Newton Centre. The Boston run is the first stop of the production's national tour.

"Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh" is a musical revue featuring Allan Sherman parodies, including his unforgettable catalogue about the miseries of Camp Granada sent by a Jewish boy to his parents.

In "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh" Douglas Bernstein and

Robert Krausz, two young men who grew up playing their parents' Allan Sherman's albums and loving them, have put together a production with updated lyrics shaped as a chronicle of Jewish boy's life from birth to retirement in Florida.

Performance dates are: Nov. 9 and 16 at 2 and 8 p.m.; Nov. 11, 18 and 25 at 8 p.m.; Nov. 12, 19 and 26 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Nov. 21 at 2 and 8 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday matinees general admission is \$20; senior and students \$18; Sunday evenings/Tuesdays/Thursdays, general admission \$18; seniors and students \$16.

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Photos by Gutierrez Displayed

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MILESTONES

Cahanas Installed at Temple Beth-El

Cantorial Concert Takes on Special Meaning
by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Last weekend, Temple Beth-El in Providence officially welcomed its new assistant rabbi, Michael Cahana, and its new cantor, Ida Rae Cahana, with a formal installation on Nov. 3 and a cantorial concert on Nov. 4.

The special occasion started during Friday night service, in which Rabbi Leslie Gutterman shared the pulpit with special guests Dr. Eliyahu Schleiffer and Rabbi Moshe Cahana.

Schleiffer, who is director of the cantorial program at Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem, joined Cantor Cahana in chanting parts of the service.

Rabbi Moshe Cahana, a well-known rabbi in the Conservative movement, is also Rabbi Michael Cahana's father.

The celebration continued the next evening with the cantorial concert, but in light of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, the program took on a whole different meaning.

"I was taking a walk with my wife when the news broke," said Gutterman. "Rabbi Cahana heard the news and called me to let me know. The shock and dismay in his voice was the hallmark of every person we spoke to."

Gutterman and Cahana discussed canceling the concert, but decided to let the program continue as planned, with the exception of a few of the more comical songs.

"It's important for Jews to come together and affirm life," said Gutterman.

More than 450 people turned out for the concert. Some had not yet heard the bad news.

Gutterman opened the program by asking a member of the audience, who is the director of Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, to read the 23rd Psalm and Hatikvah — Israel's national anthem.

Then the concert began. Cantor Cahana and Cantor Robert Abelson performed a wide selection of songs, including songs of prayer, songs of love, songs of loss and songs to commemorate Jerusalem's 3,000th birthday.

Abelson has sung with the New York City Opera and many leading orchestras all over the country.

The two cantors shared the stage with pianist Joyce Rosenzweig, who is considered to be the foremost accompanist of Jewish music today.



AS PART OF Temple Beth-El's Installation Weekend, to welcome Rabbi Michael Cahana and Cantor Ida Rae Cahana, the temple hosted a cantorial concert on Nov. 4. From left, Joyce Rosenzweig, pianist; Cantor Ida Rae Cahana; Rabbi Michael Cahana; Cantor Robert Abelson; Rabbi Leslie Gutterman and Cantor Elie Schleiffer.

Photo by Ruby Shalansky

Understandably, it was difficult for the talented trio to perform with the Rabin tragedy weighing on their minds.

"I felt divided," explained Cahana. "I felt good that we were all gathered together as a community and to be with my colleagues and friends, but I felt bad because of the sense of loss."

"Part of me wasn't there. It was like I was outside of myself," Cahana continued.

In speaking with congregants, Cahana discovered that the beautiful music let the healing process begin.

"People felt such a good thing to listen to the music," said Cahana. "They were able to find meaning in the music."

Cahana and Abelson sang almost half the songs as a duet. A few of those included, "Do You Love Me?" from "Fiddler on the Roof," Mozart's "La ci darem la mano," and "Bess, You are My Woman Now," from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess."

"I wanted to include an overall range of songs," said Cahana. "I wanted to show how cantorial art doesn't just include liturgical music, but also secular."

The cantor also enjoyed performing with Abelson and Rosenzweig.

"When you work with those two, it makes it a lot easier," stated Cahana. "Cantor Abelson was my mentor and friend at Hebrew Union College and Joyce is the finest accompanist of Jewish music I've ever met."

Although the assassination was on everyone's mind, the concert seemed to lift people's spirits, at least a little bit. What was originally intended to be a joyous occasion, turned out to be a very meaningful experience.

And while the installation weekend took on a different feel, it was still successful in welcoming the Cahanas to the community.

"We've received a tremendous outpouring of support," said Cantor Cahana. "It makes us feel really welcome."

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Mates is a member of Temple Habonim. The temple is located at 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington.

JFS Earns Top Scores in Accreditation Review

According to an announcement by Paul Segal, executive director, the Jewish Family Service has just received top scores for a Certificate of Accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children.

Segal states: "We received perfect scores in every section except one, where we received the second highest score. Accreditation attests that an agency has met a set of nationally established requirements which help ensure quality service."

Areas examined by two impartial reviewers, one from Chicago and one from North Carolina, were: agency in the com-

munity, agency governance and administration; personnel; quality assurance; fiscal management; facilities and equipment; intake and assessment; service planning; implementation of service plan; client information and confidentiality; resettlement service; family life education; serve to the aging; homemaker service and counseling services to families and children.

JFS is a private, non-profit social service agency which provides a broad scope of services statewide to people from all income levels and age groups in Rhode Island.

For further information on any of the programs or services of Jewish Family Service, located at 229 Waterman St. in Providence, call 331-1244.

Alison Elizabeth Venooker

Brenda and Arthur Kline of West Warwick, R.I., announce the birth of their granddaughter, Alison Elizabeth Venooker, on Oct. 8.

Alison is the daughter of Andrea and Eric Venooker of Cumberland, Maine.

Paternal grandparents are Lois and Lewis Venooker of Westford, Mass.

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Amy Horwitz to Wed Ronald Schwartz

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Schwartz of Warwick, R.I., announce the engagement of the son, Ronald Jay Schwartz of West Roxbury, Mass., to Amy Reneé Horwitz of West Roxbury, Mass., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip S. Horwitz of Raleigh, N.C.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mrs. Florence Lebos of Tampa, Fla., and the late Dr. Fred Lebos and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Horwitz of Raleigh, N.C. Her fiancé is the grandson of the late Morris and Gladys Galkin of Woonsocket and David and Ida Schwartz of Manchester, N.H.

The bride-to-be graduated from Ravenscroft School of Raleigh, attended Richmond College, London, England, and graduated from American Uni-

versity in Washington, D.C. She is employed as a market specialist for Market Source Corp. in Boston, Mass.

Her fiancé graduated from Toll Gate High School, attended Tel Aviv University and graduated from the University of Rhode Island. He is employed as an account executive for Saturn Solution Corp. in Boston.

The date of the wedding is May 26, 1996, at Beth Meyer Synagogue, Raleigh, N.C.

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Amy Horwitz and Ron Schwartz

Eunice Morris to Address Brown Bag Club

On Nov. 14 at noon, the Brown Bag Club, a Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island friendly forum for adults free for lunch, welcomes back Eunice Morris, a volunteer spokesperson for the American Association of Retired Persons.

Adults in the community are invited to hear Morris speak about the latest information from Washington, D.C., on issues such as health care and long-term care. There will be a \$1 fee per person for this event.

The club meets at the center, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. To reserve a place or for further information, call Evy Rappoport at 861-8800.

Worcester Jewish Community to Host Torathon on Nov. 18

For the fourth year in a row, the Worcester Jewish community will be hosting "Torathon: A Journey into Jewish Life and Learning" on Nov. 18 at Beth Israel Synagogue. "Torathon," an exciting evening of Jewish study, offers participants an opportunity to explore a wide range of topics including personal spirituality, Jewish family values, music and dance, Hebrew, Jewish history, Jewish responses to political and moral issues, literature, drama, and Jewish cyberspace. Participants can choose four one-hour classes

from a selection of 54 courses offered by area rabbis, cantors, and Jewish educators.

In addition, there will be a Jewish Bookfest sponsored by the Solomon Schechter Day School.

"Torathon" will begin at 5:15 p.m. (registration) and will end at midnight. Pre-registration tickets are \$5 each and are available at all Worcester synagogues and the Worcester Jewish Federation. Tickets at the door are \$8 each.

To receive ticket information and a complete list of classes, call (508) 765-1543.

Eden Garden Club to Hold Last Meeting of the Year

The last meeting in 1995 of the Eden Garden Club will be held at Temple Beth-El on Nov. 16. Luncheon in the English style will be served at noon.

Each member is to bring a floral arrangement in a teapot, which will be used as a centerpiece and then will be critiqued by other members. The program will be slide and commentary presentation of "Garden and

Flower Arrangements of Colonial Williamsburg." Chair of the day is Janet Friedman.

It is requested that reservations be made by Nov. 13. Call Martha Finger at 272-0623 or Eleanor Bohnen at 331-5616. Also, if you have any ideas about next year's program, let the group know.

If there are any questions, call Fran Sadler at 942-7796.

Temple Beth-El is located at 70 Orchard Ave., on Providence's East Side.

Symposium to Honor Judaic Scholar

Three distinguished scholars will speak at a symposium in honor of Ernest Frerichs, Brown University professor emeritus of Judaic studies and religious studies, who retired in June.

The symposium will begin at 2 p.m., Nov. 14, in the Leung Gallery of Faunce House.

James Barr of Vanderbilt University will deliver a talk entitled "Adam: Single Man, or All Humanity?"

Jodi Magness, assistant professor of classical and Near Eastern archaeology at Tufts University, will speak on "Masada 1995: New Excavations in the Roman Seige Campus."

The symposium is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the program in Judaic studies.

SYJP to Host Party, Nov. 12

The Society of Young Jewish Professionals, proud sponsor of the Matzo Ball, and the nation's largest and most successful organization for Jewish professionals, ages 21 to 49, will host a party on Nov. 12 at Jukebox, located at 275 Tremont St., in Boston.

The party begins at 8 p.m. More than 500 people attended last month. For directions, call (617) 542-4077.

Admission at the door is \$10 for SYJP members and \$15 for non-members. This party will feature a DJ, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and dancing. Proper dress and valid identification are required. For more information on SYJP's Boston area, call (800) 829-0404.

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SCHOOLBEAT

Martin Luther King III to Speak at Providence College

The son of civil rights leader The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will speak at Providence College's Peterson Center on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

Martin Luther King III will give a speech to a dinner gathering of 500 entitled, "Unarmed Love in the '90s: Applying the Principles of Non-Violence in a New Era." The dinner, sponsored

by the Rhode Island Committee for Non-Violence Initiatives, will follow a daylong workshop for Providence high school students called "Exploring Non-Violent Alternatives." King, a human rights advocate, community activist, and political leader, will address students on the theme "You are the Solution: Using the Principles of Non-Violence to Change Your World."

Tickets for the dinner and speech by King start at \$25 and are available by calling 453-5157.

UMass Lowell Officer to Visit Pawtucket School

UMass Lowell admissions officer Veronica Aguirre will visit Saint Raphael Academy at 9:15 a.m. on Dec. 6, Ponaganset High School at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 and Cumberland High School at 11 a.m. on Dec. 8.

Her visits will give interested students a chance to learn more about academic programs and opportunities, campus activities and student life, financial aid, and the admissions process.

Printed information, application forms, and information on campus visits will be available.

There are 16 Rhode Island residents currently enrolled in undergraduate programs at UMass Lowell.

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I Know! I Know!

At least two fourth-graders at Providence Hebrew Day School have the answer already, at a program on creating new skin.

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Consoling Children

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Cantor Ida Rae Cahana then led the children in a song of peace, followed by another prayer and a moment of silence.

The cantor and the two rabbis led the group in the singing of the Israeli national anthem. To conclude the service, Rabbi Cahana offered a final benediction. "May his ideals continue in our hearts, in our minds and in the land of Israel," said Cahana.

The children returned silently back to their classrooms—hopefully with a little less confusion and fear over what had happened in Israel.

Come On Down to PHDS

On Nov. 15, we are inviting the parents of Providence Hebrew Day School students, as well as any others who may be interested, to an Open House Day, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Visitors will experience a typical day of a PHDS student in the grade(s) of their choice.

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RISD Presents a Night of Laughs

The notion of the arts and design are taken very seriously at Rhode Island School of Design. But, on Nov. 15, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the RISD auditorium, two of New England's most popular comedians will take center stage in "Laughs by the Canal," a benefit to support the RISD College and Museum Annual Funds.

Featuring New England comedy legend Tony V. and Rhode Island's own Charlie Hall and the Ocean State Follies, the evening is bound to contain an

eclectic palette of comedic interpretation.

All proceeds will support the Museum Annual Fund to assist in the restoration and preservation of the collection and a variety of museum educational programs and the college's scholarship fund to assist those students in need of financial aid.

Seating is general admission. Ticket prices are \$10 in advance, \$12.50 at the door and are available at the RISD Bookstore, 30 N. Main St., or by calling 454-6322.

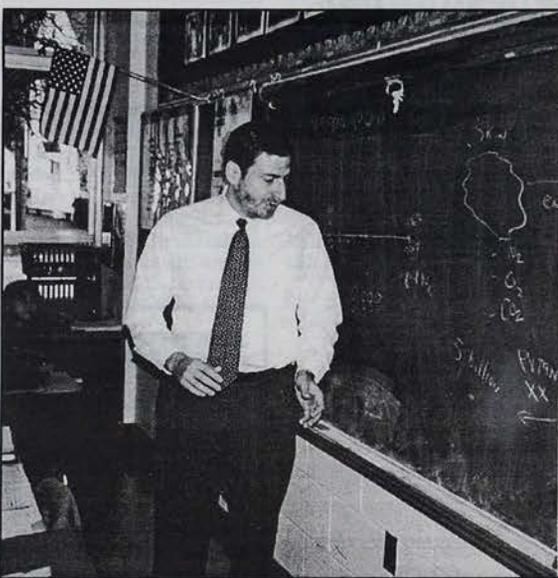
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Fun and Games at the JCCRI

Young people in grades 4 through 6 are invited to come to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island for a night of playing games like ping pong, Jenga and pool. The Club 456 Game Night will take place on Nov. 18, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the gameroom at the JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence.

The fee is \$3 for members, \$5 for supporting members and \$7 for non-members. Game night is sponsored by the Youth Department of the JCCRI.

For more information, call Dana Zucker at 861-8800.



Making It Clearer

Mitchel Klausner illustrates his point in a program on "Making New Skin" at Providence Hebrew Day School.

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"They Know How To Do That!"

Proud teachers, Jani Rosen in the foreground and Paulette Murphy in the background, encourage their students to participate in a classroom discussion at Providence Hebrew Day School.

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OBITUARIES

ANNA BLOCH

JOHNSTON — Anna Bloch of the Cherry Hill Manor, Cherry Hill Lane, died Nov. 4 at the manor. She was the widow of Bennett H. Bloch.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham and Rose Stone, she lived in Johnston for 11 months. She had also lived in Warwick and Cranston.

She was a sales clerk for the former Gladding's Department Store in Garden City for 13 years. She was previously a sales clerk for the Outlet Co. She was a member of the Cranston Hadassah, and was a former member of the Majestic Senior Guild and the Cranston Senior Guild. She was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

She leaves a daughter, Arline Plotkin of Warwick, and a sister, Natalie Gladstone in Florida. She was the sister of the late Jean Pearlmutter and Ethel and Ira Stone.

The funeral was held Nov. 6 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

DORA MOSSE

PROVIDENCE — Dora (Francken) Mosse, of the Tockwotton Nursing Home, died Nov. 3. She was the wife of the late Dr. Carl Mosse. She was the aunt of Betty and Carl Adler of Cranston and great-aunt of Marc Adler. Funeral services were private. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

HARRY TROMMER

PROVIDENCE — Harry Trommer, 76, of the Rhode Island Veterans Home, Metacom Avenue, Bristol, died Oct. 31 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Max and Julia (Goldberg) Trommer, he lived in New York, Warwick and Bristol.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He had previously been manager of a children's clothing textile mill in New York for 17 years. He had been owner of the former

Black Rock Bar in Long Island, N.Y., for 10 years before retiring in 1981.

He leaves three nephews and three nieces.

Graveside services were held at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery in Exeter. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MIKHAIL YANOVSKIY

PAWTUCKET — Mikhail Yanovskiy, 83, of 150 Dartmouth St., a marine in the Russian Army, and a supervisor in a military factory for 32 years before retiring five years ago, died Nov. 5 at the Oak Hill Nursing Home. He was the husband of the late Libe (Sherman) Yanovskiy.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Grijory and Ida Yanovskiy, he lived in Providence for two years before moving to Pawtucket a year ago.

He was a member of the Jewish Community Center.

He leaves a son, Grijory Yanovskiy of Providence; a daughter Irina Feldman of Pawtucket, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Nov. 6 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Reconstructionist College to Award Prize for Midrash

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College has announced the establishment of the Whizin Prize for the best new midrash (interpretative commentary or story) on a contemporary ethical concern of dilemma.

A \$500 award will be given to the grand prize winner.

All entries should be between 350 and 2,500 words, typed double-spaced.

To allow for anonymity of

judging, entrants should put their names, addresses, and phone numbers on a separate piece of paper.

Mail entries to The Whizin Prize, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Church Road and Greenwood Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095.

Entries must be postmarked by April 1, 1996. The prize will be given in June.

Mount Hope Bay Chorus Wants You

The Mount Hope Bay Chorus is seeking women who like to sing. This ladies' chorus sings four-part harmony, a cappella, and invites all interested women

to attend their rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 at the Warren Baptist Church.

For more information, call Betty at 245-2216.

Book Club Meeting

Books on the Square will host its second Monday Book Club, on Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The club will discuss *Solitude: A Return to the Self* by Anthony Storr, internationally-renowned psychiatrist and author of *The Art of Psychotherapy* and *The Essential Jung*. In *Solitude*, Storr explores the often-overlooked importance of time alone to personal creativity, fulfillment, and ultimately, happiness.

The discussion is free and open to the public.

Words From the Crone's Nest

On Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m., Michele Cooper, editor of *The Crone's Nest: Wisdom of the Elderwoman* (a literary journal of arts and ideas) will visit Books on the Square for an evening of poetry and essay readings.

Also among those participating will be Jane R. Pretat, author of *Coming to Age: The Croning Years and Late-Life Transformation* (Inner City Books, \$19.95).

The program will take place at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Wayland Square, Providence.

Flammey Named Head of Finance and Operations at Newton Schechter School

Carolyn Korn Flammey, daughter of Brenda and David Korn of Providence, has been named director of finance and operations at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston.

She will be responsible for all finance, accounting, budgeting, and purchasing functions at the school, as well as supervising the operation of the school's two campuses in Newton Centre, Mass.

Her office is also responsible for personnel records and benefits, and communication and computer technology.

The announcement was made by Rabbi Joshua Elkin, Schechter's head of school and also a Providence native, who stated: "Schechter is already benefitting enormously from the talents and expertise of Carolyn Flammey, whose background is uniquely suited to deal with the challenges faced by Schechter as we approach the 21st century. She will be a key player in the development and implementation of the vision of the school."

Flammey grew up in Providence and attended the Providence Hebrew Day School.

She currently lives in Framingham, Mass., with her husband and their two children.

Before coming to Schechter, Flammey was a manager of audit practice for Coopers & Lybrand in Boston. She received a master of business administration degree from Simmons College's graduate school of management.



Carolyn Korn Flammey

Founded in 1961, the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston is currently attended by more than 550 girls and boys in grades kindergarten to eight.

Outreach Group Forming

For several years Temple Habonim in Barrington had an active outreach group which provided programming, discussions, an a forum for interfaith couples and parents of children who have intermarried.

The temple is pleased to announce that after a brief hiatus the group will be meeting again

in response to requests for renewed dialogue and programming. The first meeting is Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.

Call Margie at the temple office, 245-6536, and let her know if you plan to attend, but feel free to come that evening even if you don't get a chance to call.



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'America's Oldest Little Theatre' Plans Dazzling Celebration

In honor of their 2,000th performance and 87th consecutive season, the Players, "America's Oldest Little Theatre" will present a black tie ball at the Agawam Hunt, on Dec. 2. The event will start at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by John Allmark with Clay Osborne as the featured vocalist. Black tie will be appropriate. (Throughout The Players' early years, evening clothes were worn, and there was dancing to a five-piece band between the acts.)

The program on Dec. 2 will be the overture to a weeklong celebration. The 2,000th performance, a musical, "How Many Candles Can A Cake Take," written and directed by Alma Fontana and Ed Gnys, will open on Dec. 4 and run through Dec. 10 at the club's home, Barker Playhouse, 400 Benefit St., Providence.

All performances start at 8 p.m., with the exception of Sunday's matinee, which starts at 2 p.m.

The Players are an outgrowth of the Providence Amateur Dramatic Club (1885) and the Talma Club (1886-1902). Both groups produced most of their shows at the Talma Theatre (named after a French actor, and formerly a church) on South Main Street, Providence.

The Talma Club was organized by Brown student Henry Ames Barker (often its writer, director, set designer, actor etc.). Within five years the group had done more than 50 benefit performances and private productions all over Rhode Island.

In the 1800s acting was considered to be of questionable moral value. According to the *Providence Journal*, the Talma Club enabled many people to "modify their prejudices against the beautiful art of acting."

The club soon had hundreds of members, but Barker wanted it to have a home of its own and a full season of five plays — and he wanted an even larger membership to support this.

In 1909 Barker and Brown professor Thomas Crosby, Jr. founded The Players.

With The Players' first production of "The Liars" on Dec. 14, 1909, they already had 397 members. Since then they have consistently produced five plays a season.

There were to be a maximum of 600 members in the club. By 1916, the membership had been full for several seasons, and there was a long waiting list. Thirty other members were designated "artistic members." Of the membership, 100 women and 70 men were performers.

Today, membership is nearly 1,000 and its actors need never play to an empty seats.

The Players had "the largest sustaining membership ever possessed by any such organization in Rhode Island, and the income as well as the membership was next to the largest of any dramatic club in New England." (*Providence Journal*, 11/12/1916).

In the early 1900s, attending a Players' production was considered an important society



THE LITTLEST OLDEST THEATRE prepares for a spectacular party. The planning committee consists of, from the left, rear, Barrie Atkinson and David Crossley; from the left, seated, Alma Fontana, Ellen Selya and Lydia K. Matteson.

event. The Players became a highly exclusive club catering to East Siders, but time has changed all that. While there is still a core of East Siders, modern transportation and roads, interest in theater as well as its reputation, have attracted a membership that represents all of Rhode Island.

While The Players had a reputation for producing fine productions, their facilities were often less than adequate. Until 1916 they performed at the Talma Theatre on South Main Street in Providence — later known as the Boys Club. The stage and auditorium were spacious, but members' drawing rooms and attics were used for rehearsals and storage respectively, and sets were built in whatever resource was available at the moment.

The troop went on the road and moved to Infantry Hall, 116 South Main St. (known for its wrestling matches) where it remained for 10 years. Here for the first time members could do "laboratory" plays for the training of actors and stage workers, build sets, and luxuriate in rehearsal, set building, and storage space.

However, 10 years later they were on the road again with the sale of the hall and its threatened demolition. The Elks auditorium on Washington Street in Providence became their theater. Barker's ingenuity, drive, and belief in his club created a workable production space although the auditorium had no stage. Laboratory productions had to be performed elsewhere — at Brown, Providence Art Club and local schools.

The troop moved back to Infantry Hall in 1929.

When Barker passed away in 1929 he left half his fortune for "theatre art" in Providence. Fortunately, for The Players he also left a provision in his will for the purchase of a permanent home.

Barker's wife, Sally, found one on the corner of Benefit and Transit Streets. It was the old St. Stephens Church (circa 1840). So Barker had his two original dreams for The Players fulfilled

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Standing some 15 feet away from Rabin, who was flanked by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and other government ministers, it was easy to sense a feeling of goodwill.

Peres later said that he thought that it was Rabin's "happiest day."

Joking with colleagues, Rabin surprised the crowd by embracing Peres, his political rival for more than two decades.

In a speech that will long be remembered with irony, Rabin began by thanking "everyone who came to make a stand here against violence and in support of peace."

The crowd was even more surprised when Rabin joined in a rousing rendition of "Shiru Shir Hashalom," Hebrew for "we will sing a song of peace."

Although reluctant at first to sing, the introverted prime minister placed the song sheet in his breast pocket. It was only after performer Miri Aloni cajoled him into participating that Rabin borrowed a song sheet and began to sing, albeit quietly.

Later, Peres revealed that the assassin's bullets, on the way to Rabin's chest, also ripped through the song sheet. At a press conference after the funeral, an aide, held up the song sheet, stained with Rabin's blood.

But before that moment, the crowds gathered below the podium were spurred by the sight of Rabin's singing, and joined in at the top of their lungs.

Peres said that he thought that it was Rabin's "happiest day."

Not long afterward, the crowd began to disperse.

Some heard the fatal gunshots ring out in the night, but most learned of the tragedy several minutes later. By that time, many people had already boarded buses for the trip home.

On a bus bound for Jerusalem, rally participants listened in strained silence as Israel radio first announced that three shots had been fired and that the prime minister might have been wounded.

A few minutes later, word came that Rabin had been badly injured.

"Badly was downgraded to 'seriously,' until at 11:15 p.m., Israelis learned that Rabin had succumbed to his wounds.

Leah Rabin, the prime minister's wife, they were told, was at his bedside.

As the announcement was made, everyone on the bus seemed to cry out at once. Teenagers in Peace Now T-shirts, clutching banners, wept into the darkness as the bus made its ascent to Jerusalem.

Most of the bus passengers were too upset to speak, but Dorn Wifand, a 24-year-old student, insisted that the peace process would not only continue, but flourish.

"This tragedy won't stop the peace," he said. "Just the opposite. Thanks to what happened tonight, everyone will know how important it is to pursue nonviolence."

U.S. Jews Reflect

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joined Jonathan Jacoby of the Israel Policy Forum to lead a vigil of hundreds opposite the Israeli Consulate in the hours after Rabin's death.

Israeli writer Amos Oz cautioned at the vigil against allowing the act to further polarize the Jewish community. He called for "soul-searching" and said Jews "must be careful not to just blame it on all the right wing."

Rather "there are certain individuals who should go to synagogue and kneel before the ark to apologize for the reckless words they've uttered," he said.

Susan Shapiro, a religion professor at Columbia University who was at the vigil, said, "I don't think only the right wing has to do teshuvah," she said, using the Hebrew word for "repentance."

"Everyone must take responsibility — it's the only way to pull together."

"We call upon American Jewry to denounce and reject the malevolent rhetoric which has corrupted parts of our community and intimidated many into silence," Seymour Reich and Karen Rubenstein, heads of the American Zionist Movement, said in a statement.

Ambassador Colette Avital, consul general of Israel in New York, called a news conference after the assassination where she said the "incitement" against Israel's leaders through violent rhetoric created an environment that made the killing possible.

"This act probably could not have happened if there had not been a certain climate of verbal violence," which included "comparing him [Rabin] to a Nazi," said Avital, "I believe violent language leads to violent acts."

Twenty-four hours earlier she had sat in the same room with some of the same reporters, viewing a new video on the peace process produced by the consulate to be distributed nationwide to counter a campaign of "misinformation" by the opposition.

Much of the Jewish public debate has been based on "ignorance," said Avital, who added that the tape was aimed at creating a "more educated" kind of discussion.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which recently passed a resolution calling for civility in public discourse, condemned the killing and "the kind of rhetoric, which, when pushed to the extreme, can lead to terrible deeds."

"This senseless act of violence, completely against Jewish values, follows a campaign of verbal violence launched over the past months by extremist

elements in Israel and in the diaspora," said the conference statement.

Leon Levy, the conference chairman, appeared at the vigil prior to his departure Sunday for Israel as part of a special delegation to the funeral of Abin, whose death he likened to that of John F. Kennedy.

In both instances, he said, "someone was erased who was molding history."

The assassination "is not an accident and did not come in a vacuum," said Jonathan Wolf, a New York resident and participant in the vigil, which was attended by a sizable Orthodox contingent.

The act "comes out of a political context in which a lot of the right wing, especially the religious right, has said Rabin and Peres were traitors and murderers and wanted the State of Israel to be destroyed," he said.

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"If you say that enough, something like this can happen and I hope these people are doing teshuvah," Wolf added.

Avital, Wolf and others cited the proclamation in June by Orthodox Brooklyn Rabbi Abraham Hecht that Jewish law permitted the assassination of the prime minister because of territorial concessions he was willing to make for the sake of peace.

Ironically, Hecht penned a letter to Rabin in late October repudiating "any words and actions of anger" that "have caused hurt."

Hecht could not be reached, but many Orthodox and other organizations opposed to the peace process took pains to issue statements in the wake of the killing that said that even though they disagreed with Rabin's political course, the mourned his death and condemned the murder.

Dr. Mandell Ganchrow, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, called the killing a "heinous crime" and a "horrible tragedy."

"At times we disagreed with his approach but never with his goals or his mission" for "peace and security with Israel's neighbors," he said.

"The responsible voices of our community have consistently rejected and renounced extremist acts and calls to violence, while calling for civility and comity indebate," Ganchrow added.

Chaim Kaminetzky, president of the National Council of Young Israel, said, "We and the other opponents of the Oslo agreements have always shared [Rabin's] goals of achieving a real peace, with security, for the Jewish state, and putting an end to the bloodshed, which has once again stained the land we hold holy."

"While we have strongly disagreed with the process," he said "we have always believed that peace can never be achieved by one Jew perpetrating acts of violence upon another."

Rabbi Avi Weiss, present of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-AMCHA, called for deep soul-searching for all Jews.

Weiss, who describes himself as "an ardent, but mainstream opponent of the peace process," said it was nevertheless critical for both camps in the debate to rein in those on the fringes.

"It is my responsibility whenever I'm present and there are words that are explosive, to raise my voice and say it's not acceptable," he said. "I do do that and it hasn't been easy."

"The central challenge today is to ask ourselves how have we sunk to the lively and what we can do to replace hatred with love, how to show respect to people with whom you disagree."

Meanwhile, Rabin's chief spiritual adviser, Rabbi Efraim Zelmanovich, was in New York when Rabin died and appeared at the vigil outside the consulate.

"He gave his whole life for the peace process, which we believe is the best thing to happen to Israel since its establishment," said Zelmanovich, who heads the Israel rabbinical Forum, a group of about 300 rabbis who support the peace process.

"Each person who called Rabin a murderer or a traitor has part of the responsibility for this murder," said Zelmanovich, calling the act "chillul haShem," or "desecration of G-d."

"I hope G-d will forgive us that we are a holy people in a holy land" in which someone "did so terrible and horrible a thing."

The rabbi said Rabin sought frequent consultation with him in his search for Jewish sources supporting his peace policies.

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