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Latest Political Turmoil Worries Russian Jews

by Lev Krichevsky
MOSCOW (JTA) — The Communist Party's powerful electoral showing last week generated strong feelings of uncertainty among Russia's Jews about their future.

When the returns from the parliamentary elections first came in, the Russian-Jewish community, estimated at between 500,000 to 2 million people, was surprised and alarmed.

Early returns gave the Communist Party the lead with some 22 percent of the vote and the ultranationalist party of Vladimir Zhirinovskiy second place with about 11 percent.

A moderate, if cautious note was sounded by Russian Jews, most of whom had supported democratically oriented candidates.

Initially, Michael Chlenov, chairman of the Va'ad, the Jewish Confederation of Russia, spoke of the possibility that Russian Jews would panic and seek to emigrate as soon as possible. But later he said that "in spite of the seeming victory of the Communists, the balance of power" in the incoming Parliament "will be almost the same as now."

He added, "We will have reason to be worried before the June 1996 presidential elections."

Although the power of the lower house of Parliament, or Duma, is limited, the recent elections are viewed as a barometer of the political climate preceding the upcoming presidential elections.

Voting results represented a significant defeat for Our House is Russia, the government party led by Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and backed by President Boris Yeltsin.

The party ran in third place, with only 10 percent of the vote.

The Communist victory came as a slap in the face to the reformist policies of Yeltsin, who on the eve of the election made a direct appeal to Russia's voters not to turn back the clock on reforms.

Among Russia's Jews, there is tremendous uncertainty.

Gabriella Safran, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry's representative in the former Soviet Union, said "I don't think anyone has a sense of the Communists' true intentions. It's a great mystery."

All Jewish candidates on the ballot were defeated, which



Changing of the Guard

We have often seen Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, OBM, walking with the president along the colonnade attached to the White House. On Dec. 11, the new prime minister of Israel, Shimon Peres, walked the colonnade with President Bill Clinton on his way to a White House press conference.

could be significant in light of the high quality of the candidates.

These included Valery Engel, a longtime Jewish activist who serves as vice president of the Congress of Ethnic Unions of Russia; Tancred Golenpolsky, founder of Moscow's Jewish bi-weekly newspaper, *Tsvetnaya Gazeta*; and Alla Gerber, an antifascist activist who is a member of the present Duma.

According to Russian electoral law, half the seats in the 450-member Duma are distributed proportionally to those party lists that capture more than 5 percent of the national vote.

The other 225 seats to go the winners of a direct vote for candidates in Russia's single-seat districts.

Under this formula, candidates whose party failed to clear

the 5 percent threshold could still be elected to the Duma.

Clearing this threshold was the liberal Yabloko faction, which placed fourth with 8.4 percent of the vote. Yabloko is headed by liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky, who is part Jewish.

Preliminary returns from the single-seat voting indicated further gains for the Communists. (Continued on Page 15)

Assassination Inquiry May Lead to Dismissal of Shin Bet Officials

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The head of Israel's domestic intelligence service and six other senior security officials were warned recently that they may be held responsible for the security lapses that led to the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The seven received the warnings in letters sent recently by the Shamgar commission of inquiry, the government-appointed three-member panel investigating the assassination.

In the past, officials who received letters of warning from a commission of inquiry were ultimately held responsible, said Moshe Negbi, *Israel Radio's* legal commentator.

The Shamgar commission has the authority to recommend that the officials be fired and prevented from being given senior posts in the future.

The letters were sent a day before the opening of the trial of Yigal Amir, the 25-year-old law student who confessed to shooting Rabin after a Nov. 4 peace rally in Tel Aviv.

The head of the intelligence service — known as the General Security Service or Shin Bet — was warned that he could be held responsible if the commission found that he had failed to make sure his agency was prepared to deal with an attempt by Jewish extremists to assassinate the prime minister, in light of information the service had obtained. *Israel Radio* reported.

The other Shin Bet officials who received letters include the head of the protection unit, the head of the VIP protection unit, the head of the VIP protection unit's operation section and the head of the Jewish affairs division.

Each letter referred to the specific security issues — such as gathering information about possible assassination plots and ensuring that unauthorized persons were not allowed in the area where Rabin's car was parked — for which each official might be held responsible.

Intelligence officials are not identified by name.

Ya'acov Shoval, a senior Tel Aviv police official, also received a letter of warning.

The commission's deliberations were suspended until Dec. 31, so that the seven officials could "prepare for the continuation" of the deliberations, a Justice Ministry official said.

They would be allowed to appear before the commission with an attorney, and have the right to cross-examine witnesses, Negbi said.

Jerusalem is International City, Vatican Maintains

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Vatican has reaffirmed its position that Jerusalem should be an international holy city for Christians, Muslims and Jews.

Both before and during a visit to Israel in December, the Vatican's foreign minister, Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, said the Vatican had not changed its position on the city.

Although the reaffirmation of the Vatican position was tied to Tauran's trip, it also appeared to be a response to a report by Leah Rabin that Pope John Paul II had told her, during a private audience, that he considered Jerusalem as "the capital of Israel and as the capital of three faiths."

The reference to Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state — though not an official recognition — would mark a sharp change in official Vatican policy, which does not recog-

nize the city as Israel's capital.

Vatican spokesman Joacquin Navarro-Valls later attempted to downplay the significance of the remark. "The position of the Holy See has been known for years," he said.

Navarro's statement, however, did not refer to Rabin or her report of what the pope told her. At the meeting with Rabin, the pope also repeated his intention to visit Jerusalem, but no date was mentioned.

Tauran said while he was in Israel that if the pontiff visited, it would be as a pilgrim.

In Israel, Tauran met with Israeli religious and political figures, including Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

The Vatican and Israel established full diplomatic relations last year.

(ITA correspondent Ruth E. Grube in Rome contributed to this report.)

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Brattle Book Shop Owner and Magee of Newport Book Shop to Speak at Redwood Library

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the nationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston, and Donald Magee of the Newport Book Shop, will speak at a free and open lecture at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17, at the Redwood Library, 50 Bellevue Ave., Newport, R.I.

"New England homes are treasure troves for old and rare books that have increased in value over the years," says Gloss, "and we're inviting those attending to bring any volumes they want to know about to the lecture for a free verbal appraisal."

The Brattle Book Shop is the successor to America's oldest continuously operating antiquarian book store.

Kenneth Gloss succeeded his late father, George Gloss, a well-known figure both in Boston and in national antiquarian circles.

Gloss worked in the store since childhood, and elected to go into the book business rather than pursue a doctorate in chem-

istry. He became the sole proprietor upon his father's death several years ago.

He is a member and past president of the New England Antiquarian Booksellers Association, a member of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, the Bostonian Society and the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Antiquarian Booksellers.

Gloss will bring to the lecture several examples of interesting books, magazines and ephemera from the store's private collection, such as a 1912 World Series scorecard and examples of old *Life* magazines. (He owns the complete set!)

Following the lecture and question-and-answer session Gloss and Magee will give each person present an opportunity to obtain a free verbal appraisal of two books they have brought with them.

For further information, please call the Brattle Book Shop at (800) 447-9595.

BDC Funding Helped Save Jobs in 1995

BDC President Sees Rhode Island Economy Growing During 1996

Financing from the Business Development Company of Rhode Island (BDC) helped 30 Rhode Island companies retain approximately 1,000 jobs during 1995, and, in most cases, enabled them to increase their payrolls, BDC President Garrett B. Hunter announced recently.

According to the BDC, employment levels among client firms rose 8 percent during the last six months of 1995. Hunter said he expects that trend to continue into 1996 despite what many people say is a lackluster state economy.

During 1995, the BDC provided new funding to a dozen firms which together employ nearly 250 people.

The BDC, a state-chartered

provider of high-risk, non-bankable, secondary financing, extends loans to Rhode Island businesses which need additional capital that traditional lending sources cannot furnish. Most BDC borrowers are typically smaller businesses committed to growth and job expansion in Rhode Island, but which need more debt capital.

Banks and other lenders treat BDC funding as capital, enabling them to make loans to otherwise undercapitalized borrowers. Such an arrangement lets the borrower meet the capital requirements of its primary lender without giving up control of the business.

Earlier this year, seven Rhode Island banks invested a total of \$5.5 million in new capital in the BDC, specifically to help it capitalize small growing businesses in Rhode Island.

Compassionate Friends Groups 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 Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan's Church Hall, 33 Turner Avenue, East Providence.

This will be a general sharing meeting.

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

The next meeting for the South County Compassionate Friends Satellite Group will be held Jan. 10 at 143 Main St., Wakefield, at 7:30 p.m. For directions or further information, call Carol Luciano at 783-3280.

Dancing for Hearts

More than 200 dancers will participate in the 9th annual Dance for Heart Talent Showcase on Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Cranston West High School Auditorium.

The showcase will benefit the research and education programs of the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate. Admission is \$5 per person; children under 3 are free.

The Showcase is a non-competitive gala of dance routines in ballet, tap, jazz, modern/lyrical, novelty and song and dance done in solo, duet, trio or group form.

Dance students secure pledges and the dancer raising the most will be named "Miss/Mr. Dance for Heart," and receive a trophy and other prizes. The first and second place winners will also be recognized.

All participants raising \$25 will receive a water bottle, those raising \$40 receive a Dance for Heart T-shirt and those raising \$100 will receive the T-shirt, water bottle, and tank top.

For further information on how you or your dance school can participate, or for ticket information, call the American Heart Association at 728-5300.

Aikido To Be Offered At YMCA

The YMCA of Cranston is introducing new adult Aikido classes. Aikido is a Japanese martial art, the principles of which hold to a defensive mode rather than to an offensive one.

Aikido techniques are designed to follow the body's natural movement. Joints are turned and exaggerated along their natural range of motion. This

motivates the attacker to fall without damaging the joint. Aikido pins are designed with the same idea in mind and can be applied to and by anyone of any size with little or no effort.

The classes begin the week of Jan. 2, Tuesday from 8 to 9 p.m. for adults 16 and older; Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. for youth/teen ages 6 to 15 years old; and Thursday nights from 8 to 9 p.m. for women only ages 16 and older.

For more information, call or visit the YMCA of Cranston, 1225 Park Ave., Cranston, 943-0444.

Planning Technical Committee Meetings Announced

The schedule of regular scheduled meetings of the State Planning Council Technical Committee for 1996 is as follows: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1, April 12, May 3, June 7, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6.

Unless other notification is given, all meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and will be held on the second floor of the Department of Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence.

Planning Council Calendar Announced

Regularly scheduled meetings of the State Planning Council for 1996 will be held on the following dates: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14, April 18, May 9, June 13, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

Unless other notification is given, all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be held on the second floor of the Department of Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence.

Space Still Available in Short Story Series

Spaces are available in the second session of the Contemporary American Short Story Discussion Series at the Barrington Public Library.

Registration for the series will begin on Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. at the

library's reference desk.

Registrations are taken in person or by phone, 247-1920.

The series will focus on stories from *The Vintage Book of American Short Stories* edited by Tobias Wolff.

Copies of the book will be available to participants for \$11 during the registration period. Payment is to be made by check or in exact change.

The series will run on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 17 to March 6. It will be led by Barrington public librarians Joan Schaefer and Lauri Burke.

For more information, contact Joan Schaefer or Lauri Burke at 247-1920.

Two Views of Nature at Barrington

Two exhibits will be featured on the main floor of the Barrington Public Library during the month of January.

One is a color nature photography exhibit by Massachusetts photographer Rebecca Grzenda. She is a long-time resident of Plainville, Mass., and a member of both the Stony Brook Camera Club and the Wickford Art Association. She has exhibited in a number of events in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The second exhibit displays topographical maps of Barrington created by eighth-grade "Blue Cluster" students from the Barrington Middle School. The maps are part of an interdisciplinary investigation into hurricane damage and ground level. The exhibit called "Bye 'Bye Barrington," is being arranged and put into place by Barrington Middle School social studies teacher Lynn Malone.

For more information, contact Lauri Burke at 247-1920.

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Searching for Stories

By Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

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My course on journalism works like a studio class. The students have to publish something and, hopefully, even get paid for their work. They come from all over the world. They have stories to tell about their homelands. They can review local openings and test their critical skills. By semester's close, most have come up with something and passed their papers on to local editors. You may have read a few pieces in the *Herald* written by them.

But a few just can't get out of themselves and share their thoughts and experiences with strangers. I adjust to them, because I'm too easygoing. I correct their work, but I don't press too hard. I change the rules at the last minute. You xerox enough copies for everybody in class to share.

Journalism might even just mean keeping a journal, recording your small daily events, if you can do it with grace and poise. My chairs and patches of floor get piled high with these diaries. My mind and memory get stuffed with student images and private histories. Some move me deeply. Others make me feel I haven't pushed them enough.

And, at year's end, I think about my own journals and journalism. These past seasons I have learned to type on a Mac, with the help of Loraine and Joanne. Johanna can take a sketch or a faded snapshot and make the picture sing graphically. And Mary, supplying me with cookies and with words of encouragement, keeps me going in fine fettle and good spirits. I thank them in my heart and in print.

I may get a letter praising a piece, or a note severely taking me to task for something I said or omitted.

I report on these things, plus and minus, to my class on journalism. I tell them, you may learn to compose more carefully, to edit your own efforts. Your accounts will take on a new life. Once you see your letter in print, you will find out for yourself what went right or wrong. It isn't always your fault if your idea backfires, but you have to take it on the chin. You develop courage to face the public, a strange phantom friend who may blow hot and cold.

I put away that course for another three seasons, but I form the habit of searching for stories, my own and everybody else's, and I live in a world of words.

Travel Light

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"Make believe you've been and back," counseled my dad. "Just wait six months," advised my grandfather. Then you'd find the sun or the cool snow right in your own back yard. They had come from abroad and saw no glamour in tourism. Maybe it was sour grapes, but they stayed put in Providence, rooted like the sycamores on our streets.

I made some recent effort to get away from freeze into thaw, but I didn't win any travel grants, so I have to pretend and to make do. You know what? I don't mind. I listened to Bill Miles talk about the Jews of the Caribbean at a Sunday brunch at Temple Emanu-El. I chatted in French to his charming wife Loiza, a temple teacher, a native of Martinique. And I didn't have to hit airport traffic.

The synagogues of Cochín in India appeal to me, but the India Cafe has just opened on Hope Street next to the bakery. They offered us little pots of

fresh coffee, the kind you press down and pour into your ceramic cup.

I dipped some bagel and also some potato knish into another coffee over at Bagelrama on Reservoir Avenue. That visit took me to the Dominican Re-

me just where they come from.

Desi and Ed Chernov's annual Chanukah party, round the corner from the Warwick Christmas Tree Shop, pulls us further from home in little old Rhody. You have to steer down some dark streets to get to this high fayer of goodwill. But we met people born in Turkey and in Hungary who speak in the languages of Babel and also in lovely Hebrew.

They sing the blessings with a guitar to add the romance of strings. If I had brought my accordion, I could have travelled in make-believe time as well as space.

Somebody among the Chernov company knows all the old European ballads and all the variations on the old-fashioned concertina.

I'll spend my winter weekends without benefit of silver wings or iron rails or steamship hulls. I'll just seek out some neighbors and follow the verses of Emily Dickinson. She once noted, "how frugal is the frigate that bears the human soul."



List of Vegetarian Food in Quantity Available

The Vegetarian Resource Group has produced a list of more than 140 companies which offer vegetarian items for schools, restaurants, hospitals, and other institutions. These businesses produce meatless foods in large serving sizes which are easy to use by food services.

This list is a valuable resource for any chef who wants to serve more meatless meals, or any consumer who wants to let their favorite eating spot know about healthy foods they can offer.

Companies are listed by topic and in alphabetical order. Each listing includes the company name, address, phone number, and products available. Also included in the handout are four meatless quantity recipes which serve 24: fruited stuffed green peppers, Russian sauerkraut soup, Wayne's tofu chili and len-

til soup.

To order the 28-page healthy product listing for institutions, send \$3 to Product Listing, The Vegetarian Resource Group, P.O. Box 1463, Baltimore, MD 21203.

Vegetarianism is the abstention of meat, fish and fowl. Vegans are vegetarians who also do not use other animal products such as eggs or dairy. The Vegetarian Resource Group is a non-profit organization which educates the public about vegetarianism and veganism. It publishes the bimonthly *Vegetarian Journal* and quarterly *Vegetarian Journal's Foodservice Update* newsletter (\$25 per year for both). For more information on vegetarianism, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to VRG, Box 1463, Baltimore, M.D. 21203.

Beverly Reuter Honored in New York

Beverly Sklut Reuter, executive director of the Clinton County Mental Health Association, recently received the 1995 Esther Malach Staff Leadership Award. She was in competition with mental health professionals from 35 New York state chapters for the award.

Reuter's achievement was

brought to our attention by Sister Sharon Rice of Plattsburgh, which indicates to us that Reuter is widely known and loved.

Reuter is a native of Rhode Island, a graduate of Classical High School and the University of Rhode Island. She currently resides in Plattsburgh, N.Y., where she earned a master's degree from the University of New York at Plattsburgh.

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EDITORIAL

They Are Being Convicted By Their Own Words

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Now that almost two months have passed since Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, and the smoke of shock and outrage has cleared somewhat, one thing has become obvious about this murder.

Both the left and the right, in Israel, believe that the rhetoric, hyperbole, vilification and demagoguery practiced by the far right was at least partially, if not wholly, responsible.

Our first evidence for this came from people on the sidelines, like ourselves, who were increasingly dismayed and repelled during the last six months by the vicious rhetoric about Rabin and the peace process that flowed across our desks from extremist groups. We wondered what the harvest would be.

Next, we had the testimony of people like Leah Rabin, and members of the liberal, pluralistic community in Israel who have said quite plainly that they hold extremists, and all the silent moderates on the right, responsible for the shooting.

Finally, and most convincing of all, we have the word of the extremists on the right themselves. Almost before the echoes of the shots had died away, the most vocal anti-Rabin groups were faxing, mailing, demonstrating their message — "Don't blame us."

We hear every few days or every week from groups we used to hear from once in a while before the assassination. They are trying to wash their hands of the crime in ink.

Before Rabin supporters had

had time to get over their initial shock, before anyone felt it was appropriate or even permissible, to raise the issue of who was ultimately responsible, before blame was assigned, these outer limit opposition groups were saying, "We did nothing. Someone — everyone — misunderstood what we said. We were quoted out of context. No one is more shocked than we are by what happened! We are being victimized, here. Pity us..."

Whenever words fail us, we like to fall back on Will Shakespeare who said, "Methinks the lady doth protest too much."

Only a few brave religious leaders on the right have examined their words and attitudes, and come to the conclusion that they should have done more to head this off, that they bore some responsibility for the emotional heat that triggered this explosion.

We didn't print the most vituperative material before the assassination so we feel free to refuse to spend a lot of newspaper on the protestations of innocence now coming from groups like the Women in Green and Americans for a Safe Israel, to mention just two of many.

We're doing them a favor. Many were opposed to the peace process. Many did not think highly of Rabin. That is how things should be in a democracy, actually — serious, sincere differences of opinion, honestly debated and ultimately resolved by some kind of practical compromise.

If extremists had stuck to that democratic ideal, it is our belief

that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would be alive today.

I had just finished roughing out the editorial above when I read the following fax from Nadia Matar, member of the Women in Green.

Right away I knew I'd have to reverse my decision not to publish any of the "Don't blame me!" material we've been getting from organizations like hers.

Before I began to analyze her release, I asked the Jewish Telegraph Agency to fax me any material they might have on the incident she described. The agency rep who answered my call said, "I'll look it up for you. This may have been a provocative incident."

Here's the Matar release, with paragraphs numbered for a reason apparent at the end of the release.

Bethlehem is Judenrein

by Nadia Matar

(Para. 1) Being very involved in the [political] struggle and having participated at most demonstrations, I thought I had heard and seen everything, and that nothing could shock me anymore. Well, I was wrong. I just came back home from the demonstration at the Gilo intersection [in southern Jerusalem bordering on Bethlehem] and I am still trembling from rage, horror and shock. You will excuse me if my description of the events will be a little emotional. It was just too unbelievable.

(Para. 2) A few days ago posters appeared all around the country telling people to come and participate at a candlelighting ceremony at Rachel's tomb on the last night of Chanukah at 7 p.m. The event was called for by all opposition political parties and Moetzet Yesha [the council of the settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza]. Guest speakers would be [Likud party chairman] Benjamin Netanyahu, [Molead party chairman] Rehavam

"Gandhi" Ze'evi, [Tsomet party chairman] Rafael Eitan, others and different mavors of different communities in Gush Etzion [the region south of Bethlehem].

(Para. 3) All was fine and well. I got there at 6:50 p.m. Living in Efrat [south of Bethlehem], I had to leave the house at 5:45 p.m. Instead of being able to drive straight to Kever Rachel [Rachel's Tomb] through Bethlehem, which would have taken me exactly 10 minutes, we now have to take the bypass road which leads to Malha at the other end of the city and then drive all the way back to Gilo and get to the entrance of Bethlehem from there.

(Para. 4) The army and government kept on telling us loud and clear that even though Bethlehem is Area A [under full PLO control], the short road from Gilo till Rachel's Tomb will always be Area O [under Israeli control] and Jews will always be able to pray at Rachel's Tomb. Well, tonight that was simply not true...

(Para. 5) I parked my car 100 meters from the Israeli army outpost at the entrance of Bethlehem and together with some 150 other Jews who had done the same thing we started walking towards the army outpost in order to walk to Rachel's Tomb. Some other Jews were there already and were not advancing. When we asked them why they were standing instead of just going to Rachel's Tomb they said: "Because of Arafat's Christmas celebrations, the army — i.e., the Israeli army... we have to specify lately! — is not letting Jews in, only Christians and Muslims."

(Para. 6) We cannot get into Bethlehem. And ladies and gentlemen, to my shock and horror, there were "our" soldiers asking people: "Are you Jewish? Yes? You cannot go in!"

(Para. 8) People could not believe their own eyes and ears. It was too hard to grasp.

(Para. 10) We all started

shouting: "Anti-Semites! How dare you not let Jews go to pray at Rachel's Tomb!" Then came one of the buses with more participants. They wanted to get off the bus in order to join us. The policemen physically prevented the opening of the bus doors, and the bus was forced to reverse.

(Para. 11) By that time we must have been 100 people already. We tried to dance and sing without forcing our way into Bethlehem any more; that was already lost. We thought we could at least stay where we were, but no, an enormous number of policemen and soldiers appeared and pushed us with incredible violence back to the Gilo intersection. The pushing and shoving from the police was unbearable. Old people almost fainted, children were screaming. I was afraid somebody would be chas ve'chaila [Heaven forbid] trampled to death. When we asked them: Where are pushing us to? We are already 500 meters away from the entrance of Bethlehem, when will you leave us alone already? The police in charge answered: "We will push you till Ramleh... [which is halfway to Tel Aviv]."

(Para. 15) The challenge is now not to let Bethlehem be Judenrein [free of Jews] again. We must keep a Jewish presence in Bethlehem. In Efrat we are already organizing daily convoys driving through Bethlehem to go to work in Jerusalem, rather than use the shameful bypass road. If we let them force us to constantly use bypass roads, we will very soon be driving on the "bypass Israel road!"

(Para. 16) We are also organizing groups to come pray at Rachel's Tomb. I urge all Jews who live or visit in Israel, come to Rachel's Tomb. We cannot let what happened today, happen again.

Kol Tuv

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Torah Study Is the Life of the Jewish People

This week's Torah portion, Vayigash, contains the verse, "And [Jacob] sent Judah... before him to Goshen — I'horot — to make preparations." According to the foremost commentaries, Judah was sent to establish a yeshiva. (I'horot is from the same root as shora' which means "instruction.")

When G-d told Jacob to go to Egypt, Jacob first ensured the presence of yeshivot. G-d promised Jacob He would be with him in the Egyptian exile. Yet, only once the yeshivot were established did Jacob bring his family with him to Egypt, for Jewish education is the foundation and mainstay of Judaism.

In all times and places where Jews lived, even in the terribly harsh exile of Egypt, there were centers where Torah was studied, for Torah study is the life of the Jewish people.

The Egyptian exile was the most severe of all exiles, including the present one, for several reasons. However, regardless of all the difficulties, Jews were never without yeshivot.

The Torah is not a history textbook. Every subject and episode, every letter of the Torah, offers direction for all times and places.

Some people claim that this is not the time to be sending children to Jewish day schools; today, afternoon Hebrew school or Sunday school are sufficient.

The Egyptian exile and this week's Torah portion thus instruct us: Conditions in Egypt were far more difficult than those at present, but were disregarded and Torah was studied. They disregarded not only the severe physical conditions of the exile. They also dismissed the fact that, because the Torah had

not yet been given collectively to all the Jewish people on Mount Sinai, they were not capable of reaching the tremendous heights to which we can aspire today.

All of the above applies, too, to the question of support for Jewish education. There are those who claim that financial conditions are worse than ever. When conditions improve, they will support Jewish education and maybe even have the "self-sacrifice" to send their own children to a yeshiva.

We must all remember, in Egypt the exile was far worse. There, our ancestors did not have even stubble for bricks and had to wander through a foreign land to search for it while Pharaoh's taskmasters stood over them lashing out with their whips. They had no straw, but they had a proper Jewish education!

Translated from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe by Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Tickets for 'Joseph' on Sale at PPAC

Providence Performing Arts Center will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Jan. 16 to 21. Tickets for eight performances of this first musical by composer Andrew Lloyd Webber are now on sale and may be ordered by calling 421-ARTS.

Webber's new production of "Joseph" first won over audiences after opening at the London Palladium in June of 1991 where it became a smash hit. The production opened on Broadway at the Minskoff Theatre in 1993 after completing a 19-week run at the Pantages Theatre in Los Angeles. The show set a record for the highest single day ticket sales in the theater's history and largest weekly gross ever for the city of Los Angeles prior to the end of its engagement in June of 1993.

"Joseph" retells the Biblical tale of Joseph and his 11 brothers in Egypt at the time of the

Pharaoh. The show recounts the sale of Joseph into slavery by his brothers who become jealous when their father demonstrates favoritism for Joseph with a gift of an ornamental coat.

The ability to interpret dreams brings Joseph to the attention of Pharaoh who makes him his chief advisor. Joseph helps the Pharaoh guide Egypt through famine, and is rewarded with the opportunity to reunite his family after testing the virtue of his brothers.

The score of "Joseph" blends popular song with a variety of styles including Calypso, country and western, French chanson, and rock. The music and lyrics of most songs, including "Jacob and Sons," "Poor, Poor Pharaoh," and "Those Canaan Days," parody biblical stereotypes throughout the show.

The combination of dance, costumes with divergent patterns and colors, special light-

ing, and sets featuring a giant pyramid, a golden chariot, a singing camel and more, yields a production that is a spectacle of both sight and sound.

Performance times for "Joseph" are Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Discounts for groups of 20 people or more are available.

Community Players to Hold Auditions for 'Godspell'

The Community Players will hold auditions for the musical, "Godspell," on Jan. 7 and Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Jenks Junior High School, Division Street, Pawtucket, R.I. (across from McCoy Stadium).

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Don't Buy This Book

Wait for Next Edition

The jacket of a new travel guide, *The Holy Land*, published by Alfred Knopf boasts: "Everything you want to know about the Holy Land is in this guide" — everything, that is, except where Israel is located.

The guide has plenty of maps in its slick 500 pages but most of them omit any mention of the name Israel.

In a letter sent Dec. 1 to Sonny Mehta, president of the N.Y.-based publishing giant, Tommy P. Baer, international president of B'nai B'rith expressed his concern over several of the book's maps which omit mention of Israel even though surrounding countries, such as Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia are clearly labeled.

"The omission implies — wrongly — that the state of Israel should not and does not exist," Baer wrote.

B'nai B'rith has asked for future editions of the book to have Israel clearly identified.

Israel was omitted from at least seven maps — although all have room to include her and one mentions relatively distant countries such as Turkey and Algeria.

Ironically Knopf has reportedly paid Noa Ben-Artzi, the granddaughter of Yitzhak

Rabin, a \$1 million advance for a book on her relationship with the slain Israeli prime minister.

"The state of Israel has been recognized by the vast majority of countries in the world, including most of its neighbors, several of whom once pledged to destroy it. Yet *The Holy Land* symbolically — and again, wrongly — wipes Israel off the map," Baer wrote.

"In recent years many companies which boycotted Israel in order to placate Arab countries have since recognized the follies of their ways and do business with the Jewish state. For a major publisher to ignore Israel is a slap in the face to millions of people and is plain inexcusable," Baer said.

After receiving this letter of complaint from B'nai B'rith, the president of Alfred A. Knopf Publishing apologized for omit-

ting the name of the state of Israel from seven maps in their new travel guide, *The Holy Land*.

Calling the mistake "an astonishing editorial error" and a "very serious omission," Mehta sent a fax to Baer, apologizing for the mistakes.

Knopf has also agreed that future editions of the book will have Israel clearly identified. "We are taking immediate action to ensure that it will be corrected in all future editions," Mehta wrote.

It is Baer's intention to meet with Mehta to ensure that this type of omission does not recur.

"We are pleased that Knopf has acknowledged the serious nature of this error and that they will be working to rectify it. We will discuss this issue with the publisher to ensure that procedures are established to avoid similar errors," Baer said.

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Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, is an honor society founded in 1886.

For more information about the Science Speakers Bureau guide, call (508) 999-8224. To obtain a free copy of the guide, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Professor Donald Mulcare, Biology Department, University of Massachusetts, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth, Mass. 02747-2300.

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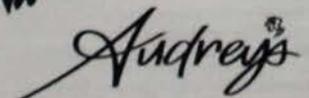


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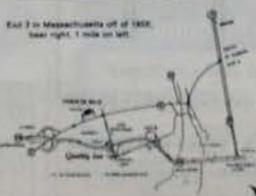
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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Slowly, Slowly, Israel and Syria Edge Toward Peace

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a deliberate departure from long-held positions, Israel is conferring on Syria a new strategic and regional significance.

Syria's new status comes amid a marked change of atmosphere between the two countries since Yitzhak Rabin's assassination and Shimon Peres' accession to the prime ministership.

American officials traveling in the region with Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the tone in Damascus was different from anything they had heard before.

A declaration by Syria's foreign minister last week that this country wants to see an end to the violence between Israeli troops and Hezbollah gunmen in southern Lebanon further highlights the changing nature of Israeli-Syrian relations as the two countries prepare for the resumption of their long-stalled peace negotiations.

Those talks, announced during Christopher's last visit were scheduled to reopen Dec. 27 at a location near Washington.

Coming after a meeting with Lebanese ministers in Beirut, Farouk al-Sharaa's remarks appeared to confirm Peres' own reported assurance to a Knesset committee that the Americans had brokered an "understanding" between Jerusalem and Damascus on Lebanon.

The understanding apparently said the Syrians would try to ensure that the southern Lebanon border region stay quiet as the renewed talks proceed.

Israel's security zone in southern Lebanon has seen escalating violence in recent weeks as members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah have intensified their attacks on Israeli targets.

Israeli officials often criticized Syria in the past for turning a blind eye and even assisting the militants.

Now, with a new atmosphere emerging, officials in Jerusalem hope there also will be a new openness and flexibility in the substance of the negotiations with Syria.

In the Middle East, where semantics are as important as

substance and atmospherics, there has already been a major change in the semantics of Israeli-Syrian peacemaking.

The key codeword is "comprehensive peace." The phrase has been around for almost as long as the Israeli-Arab conflict itself.

However, it always was expressed as an Arab demand. It meant that the Palestinians must achieve a satisfactory form of self-determination before the neighboring Arab states buried their animosity toward Israel.

Since the breakthrough between Israel and the Palestinians in 1993, and the subsequent Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty, comprehensive peace has come to mean the need for Syria and its dependent, Lebanon, to reach peace with Israel as well.

Without that, Arab officials insisted, the peace agreements already concluded would remain very fragile.

With it, they said, a "ring of peace" would be closed, encompassing Israel and its immediate neighbors, the so-called confrontation states of yesterday.

During the on-again, off-again Israeli-Syrian direct negotiations Syria's territorial demand of the Golan Heights remained unwavering. Its readiness to enter into a full peace relationship with Israel remained doubtful.

Rabin's readiness to do the deal, in the face of massive opposition at home, remained uncertain.

Now, along with injecting a sudden urgency into the Israeli-Syrian track, Peres has introduced a new definition of "comprehensive peace."

Meeting with President Clinton in Washington, Peres suggested that an Israeli-Syrian peace treaty would — indeed, from Israel's standpoint, must — involve a dozen or more other Arab states.

All their leaders, in Peres' bold scenario, would attend the Israeli-Syrian signing ceremony and would sign their own bilateral peace accords with Israel, either simultaneously or shortly thereafter.

Only the "bully boys" of the

Muslim world, as Peres calls them — Iran, Iraq, Libya and the Sudan — would be left out, with the United States, Israel, Turkey and the Arab moderates creating a strategic alliance against their regimes.

Under such a scenario, Israel would be prepared to relinquish the Golan. Peres has not yet stated this outright, but it is his clear intention.

In return, Israel would receive iron-clad security arrangements supervised by the United States, diplomatic ties between Jerusalem, Damascus and Beirut and open channels for trade and tourism.

It would also realize a truly comprehensive settlement between the Jewish state and the wider Arab and Muslim world.

Peres and his top aides insist that the new approach is no mere ploy designed to help sell the land-for-peace accord to the Israeli public, much of what is skeptical about withdrawing from the Golan.

Rather, they see it as a piece of Peres' new Middle East strategy that envisages a radical new reality throughout the region, with economic and human interests superseding old conflicts as the driving motive of regional politics.

Some ask why would the fiercely proud Persian Gulf states or the North African countries sign on to peace with Israel just because Syria was doing so.

Syria was perceived two decades ago as a powerful force for subversion among the more conservative Arab countries but its potential for such mischief is widely believed to have declined over recent years.

Syria's Ba'athist-led secularist ethos, furthermore, is out of step with the religious spirit that pervades much of the Arab world, rendering it still less of a force to be reckoned with.

As a recent and telling example of Syria's waning influence, observers point out that Syria's neighbor Jordan, traditionally apprehensive of Damascus, threw trepidation to the wind last year by making peace with Israel without even informing — let alone consulting — Assad.

Nordid Amman quake when the Syrian leader expressed his ire.

In terms of Peres' new vision for the region, economically backward Syria is hardly a regional frontrunner and its dictatorial regime is hardly a beacon of regional enlightenment.

Israel's legitimation of Syria's permanent occupation of Lebanon — implicit in the comprehensive peace scenario — will not necessarily win plaudits from Arab moderates or from Israel's friends in the West. Slowly... slowly...



President Meets President

Dr. Sol Lizerbaum (left), president of the Jewish National Fund's San Diego region, met recently with President Bill Clinton to discuss among other issues, current JNF projects in Israel.

Religious Zionists Rally at Site of Killing

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Tens of thousands of Israelis recently attended a rally at the same Tel Aviv square where Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was slain, in support of religious Zionism.

The event was held to reaffirm the religious Zionist movement's goals in the wake of the assassination.

National Religious Party leader Ze'evulun Hammer issued a call for national reconciliation without capitulation.

"We will not fold our flag," he said. "With the rest of the nation we will examine what can be fixed, but we will not give up our principles."

Police estimated that 70,000 people took part in the rally. Organizers put the figure at 120,000. The crowd stood in heavy rain, as speaker after speaker took their turn on the stage.

Israel's Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau said the gathering was meant to "expel the darkness."

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, a member of the Likud, said bullets should neither bring down the government nor silence legitimate argument. "May we have good luck in our future battles for the Land of Israel and Jerusalem, its capital," he said.

Throughout the preceding week, members of a number of different streams within the religious Zionist movement debated whether to come to the rally.

Danny Tamari, secretary general of the religious kibbutz movement, said he attended, despite hesitations. "I do not want to run away, and I do not want to abandon my movement in the hands of the right-wing extremists among us," he said.

Chief Czech Rabbi Expresses Solidarity With Romanies

by Randi Druzin

PRAGUE (JTA) — The chief rabbi of the Czech Republic expressed his solidarity with the country's Romany population recently, when he greeted participants at a demonstration protesting violence against Romanies.

Chief Rabbi Karl Sid was among those addressing some 400 people at the demonstration, during which participants observed a minute of silence for 28 Romanies — or Gypsies, as they are commonly known — who were killed in recent clashes with skinheads.

"I think that there is racism in this country and that it is necessary to draw attention to this problem," Sidon said, explaining why he had appeared on the demonstration.

"At the moment, Czech racism is directed at Gypsies. But that doesn't mean it can't change in the future and be directed at some other group. That is why it is dangerous for the whole society."

"I don't like demonstrations at all, but I felt very strongly about this one," he added. "It was my duty to attend."

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

The ADL Is Worried

The following is excerpted from the ADL's letter from Europe.

There is a trend throughout Europe of disillusionment with established political parties and attraction to extremist, or at least anti-establishment groups, that keeps the continent in turmoil. The movement of more and more voters, especially among the young, toward parties that either hark back nostalgically to an unfree past, or promise "strong leadership" bodes ill for minorities and Jews.

Britain and Germany are the exceptions to this trend among the large European nations.

In the United Kingdom, the Labor Party has gone through a major reform process and come up with a young, attractive and pragmatic leader who is no longer beholden to the ideological trade union movement.

In Germany, Chancellor Helmut Kohl has maintained a steady pro-European, pro-Atlantic Community course, even as in the east there is a lot of nostalgic voting for the successor party to the old SED (Communists).

In both countries, the extreme right has no standing in the respective parliaments and negligible percentages in elections and public opinion polls.

In France, Jean-Marie LePen's National Front stands at about 20 percent in the ballot boxes and the polls. It is a party ruthlessly and shrilly opposed to foreigners and immigrants and to France's integration into the European Community. Flapping with the motto "France for the French," it has been less cautious of late in its anti-Semitic allusions.

The present condition of French politics, with a Socialist party in a state of unrelieved divisiveness and weakness, and a governing coalition facing anger and disillusionment over contradictory electoral and, therefore, unfulfillable promises, does not auger well for the

months ahead. And LePen knows only too well how to take advantage of dissatisfaction in the mainstream.

In Belgium, the endemic ethnic division between the Flemish-speaking people of Flanders and the French-language Walloons is never far from boiling up.

Recently it did so, in municipal elections in Belgium's second city of Antwerp. The extreme nationalist, Vlaams Blok Party, which parallels LePen's platform and is perceived as anti-Semitic, (Ed. note: the ADL should substantiate this perception or omit it), although it is careful not to give articulate offense, has won control of the city council.

In Austria a young and attractive politician, Joerg Haider, has a chance to become the country's next chancellor. Haider's misleadingly titled Freedom Party also runs on a platform of opposition to foreigners, immigration and the promise of "strong leadership."

Haider several years ago praised Hitler's labor policies and, as a result, needed to resign from a high provincial position. In the most recent election, his party received 23 percent of the vote, and he is aiming for 30 percent next time. With the breakdown of the 50-year-old "grand coalition" between socialists and conservatives, Haider may enter and possibly lead the next government coalition.

In Italy, where the democratic system has imploded and a caretaker government of technicians is in charge, a party often described as neo-Fascist and advocating nationalist policies, and a successor party to the former Communists has developed strong support among the electorate.

The voting public had demonstrated its unhappiness with the traditional democratic structure that had governed Italy over more than four decades.

In Germany, as noted earlier, the danger of a revived extreme right has been banished, at least for the foreseeable future. In the federal election of October, 1994, the once burgeoning "Republican" of former SS man Franz Schoenhuber got less than 3 percent of the vote and thus could not enter Parliament.

A different political problem is posed in the "new Laender" — the former Communist-ruled eastern part of the country; here, unfulfilled expectations of rapid growth and prosperity have led to nostalgia for the old days, where there were clear rules, a job, and security (unless one misbehaved and the secret police found out.)

Now, as Czech President Vaclav Havel recently told an East German meeting, many people there behave like the prisoner who is released, does not know how to handle freedom, and yearns to go back to the prison where he was told what to do.

This attitude, which appears to be shared in several other formerly Communist-governed countries, manifests itself in Germany in increased votes for the "Party of Democratic Socialism," the successor party to the Communists, whose leaders claim they have reformed and are now committed to democracy and free speech.

The problem is that while the leaders proclaim this, those who run the party on the local and regional levels are the same people who were pillars of the old Communist "apparat." They actively oppose the free market and openly adhere to the Marxist dogmas that East Germans wanted to get rid of when they toppled the Berlin Wall.

This party is not anti-Semitic, and its leader, Gregor Gysi, is Jewish. But when the predecessor party was in power in East Germany, it never recognized the Holocaust as the culmination of a policy to exterminate the Jewish people.

In accordance with Communist dogma, it spoke only of the

"victims of Fascism," never mentioning the Nazis' drive to kill all Jews.

Beyond this, the party's persistent belief in Marxism and its adherence to "socialist principles as they were practiced prior to 1989 raises questions about its commitment to the democratic process.

Also, the party is cool to Germany's integration into the European Community and to close ties to the United States.

As indicated earlier, the same "good old days" nostalgia that animates the East German reformed communists holds sway in similar parties in Poland, Russia, Rumania (where the survivors of the Ceausescu regime still hold many positions of power) and in several of the former Soviet, now independent, republics in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

It is not suggested here that the nationalist or reformed Communist groups would reestablish either a Nazi-like or Stalinist state if they had the opportunity. European politics have moved beyond this stage.

What is causing concern, especially to minorities, is that in several countries the democratic system is going through a crisis. Democrats, civil libertarians and advocates of non-discrimination will have their work cut out for them.

This report was prepared by Robert Goldmann, the ADL European Representative.

On-Line Hate

by Daniel Dagon

BONN (JTA) — A sharp rise has occurred here in the use of computers to distribute extreme right-wing propaganda, according to the German Verfassungsschutz, a federal office that monitors political extremism and subversive activities.

About 250 people are connected to a system that is being used to publish right-wing newspapers, to send related mail and to exchange computer programs, according to the government.

The system's slogan is: "We're inside, the government is outside."

German authorities suspect that the system is organized by a college student in the Bavarian town of Erlangen.

The use of computers gives neo-Nazi groups flexibility to deal with unexpected events. They can mobilize their members on short notice and organize large events.

The Interior Ministry here is studying suggestions on how to curtail the spread of the right-wing communication system.

The content of the messages is illegal under German law, which prohibits the circulation of anti-Semitic propaganda, the glorification of the Third Reich, or the use of Nazi symbols for advancing political causes.

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RETROSPECTIVE (1995) ... A LOOK BACK



■ **Survivor Henri Zvi Deutsch**, left, and Providence photographer Lowell Lisker, on their pilgrimage to Portugal.
..... Herald photo by Mike Fink



■ **Make a Joyful Noise...** Students at the Providence Hebrew Day School harmonize at a concert April 10 in celebration of Pesach.
..... Herald photo by Alison Smith



■ **One of Five Top Artists**, Melanie Seddon, on the left, was a winner in the first poster contest designed to further Italian-Jewish brotherhood. The contest was created by Alan Shawn Feinstein (pictured with Melanie) and the Rhode Island Foundation, and sponsored by *The Echo* and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.
..... Herald photo by Alison Smith



■ **It Starts With Soil...** Su Zucker, of Plantiques in Pawtucket, teaches one of the students at the Easy School at Temple Am David how to plant vegetable seeds. The activity was in honor of Tu B'Shevat. The students planted squash, sweet basil, parsley and kalanchoe.
..... Herald photo by Neil Narkha



■ **Celebrating 60 Years Together...** Mr. and Mrs. Nat Lipson, 1935 and 1935
..... Submitted by the couple's family



■ **The Gang's All Here:** On their way home from Temple East Yeshiva's "March On," Oct. 1, from the left, Benjamin Hoffman, Sharon Hoffman (well-admitted leader of this gang) Aaron Hoffman, Dan Shapiro, Seth Goldensberg and Ezra Davis pause, and smile.
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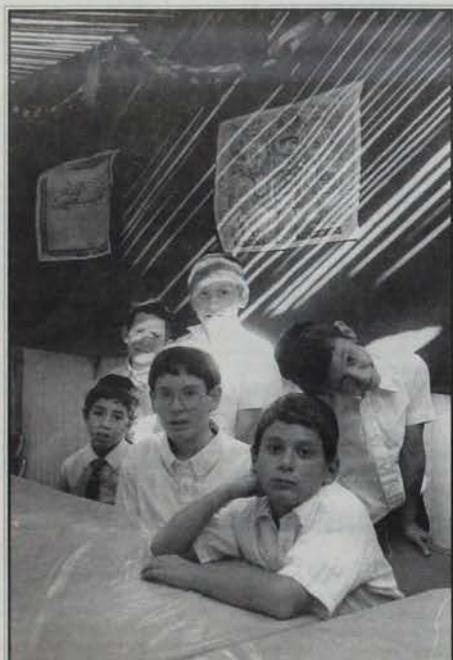


■ **Digging In At Ohave Shalom**, Yoni (left) wields a roman spade as work begins on the spring beautification. From the bottom, right, clockwise, assisting with the digging, see Yisrael Yavner, Beth Jaffet, Nathan Jaffet and Raissa Kessler. Kayla Pliskin bends down to help.
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■ **Rabbi Wayne Franklin**, of Temple Emuno-El, and his daughter Batya enjoyed the Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show at the Rhode Island Convention Center in February.
..... Herald photo by Neil Narkha

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■ **Eat, Drink and Be Merry...** The afternoon sun slants through the walls and ceiling of the sukkah at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weiner. From rear left, Hillel Samlan, Yosef Weiner and Baruch Weiner, and in front, from left, Hillel Shafner, Yoni Samlan and Yisroel Weiner cheerfully pose for the Herald photographer.

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■ **Rabbi Chaim Shapiro is well guarded**, flanked by two gentleman soldiers from the honor guard at the Washington letter ceremony on Aug. 27.

..... Herald photo by Alison Smith



■ **So We Will Never Forget...** Leah Elish, on the right, and her friend, Jane Civins, await the arrival of a Tiverton middle school sixth grade at the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum, on Jan. 31. Elish, who survived the Holocaust in a concentration camp, believes it is vital to tell the very young what happened so it will not happen again.

..... Herald photo by Alison Smith



■ **Come Blow Your Shofar...** Joshua Sherman blows with all his might into the shofar he made for Rosh Hashanah at the Chal Center's Shofar Factory.

..... Herald photo by Neil Nachbar



■ **Rebecca Helbraun** had fun at Temple Beth-El's Purim party with her father, Rabbi Sidney Helbraun.

..... Herald photo by Neil Nachbar



■ **'That's Right!** Miriam Stark (left), Tova Stark and Rabbi Eliezer Levy concentrate on giving Tova's matchbox the finishing touch.

..... Herald photo by Alison Smith



■ **Abigail Wilensky** reads a Passover rebbe. Ethan Adler, principal of the Temple Am David Hebrew School, sits at left and Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner of Temple Shalom stands next to her.

..... Herald photo by Neil Nachbar



■ **Clapping? Are We Supposed To Be Clapping?** Very young members of a chorus at Providence Hebrew Day School try to keep up.

..... Herald photo by Alison Smith

SCHOOLBEAT

UMass Dartmouth Hosts Health Care Forum

Hospitals merge; physicians advertise; fitness centers proliferate. As never before, the public is aware of health issues large and small. At the same time, public and private health providers are under pressure to keep insurance and health care costs down.

How can health care providers help keep patients healthy in this rapidly changing marketplace?

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will host a daylong forum on "Promoting Health in a Market Environment" on Jan. 5 in an effort to bring public and private health care providers together to answer this question.

The forum will focus on the

ability of health care providers to prevent disease and disability in a consumer-driven marketplace. The keynote speaker will be Barbara Anthony, assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth, who will speak on "Safeguarding the Public's Interest in Prevention" at 9:30 a.m.

Next, a panel will discuss how public and private sectors can work together to promote public health.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.; the forum will adjourn at 3 p.m. Cost for the day is \$25, including lunch. Continuing education units are available to nurses and other providers. For further information, call Dr. Katherine Meyer at UMass Dartmouth, (508) 999-8398.

The Music School Picks Up The Pace In January

On Jan. 2, spring registration begins at The Music School. Classes begin Feb. 2. For a complete course catalog, call 272-9877.

On Jan. 7 at 3 p.m., the second concert in The Music School's Hausmusik Concert Series will feature Irina Tchanteceva and Philip Martorella playing four-handed piano. The concert will be given at a private home in East Greenwich. Admission is \$20 per person. Call 272-9877 for reservations. Seating is limited.

On Jan. 8, 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. at The Music School, 101 Sessions St., Providence, there will be a program called The More Complete Concert Experience with Martin Gardiner. Gardiner will discuss the Brahms Quartet in B Flat Major. Participants will also attend a performance of the

piece by the Keewan String Quartet on Jan. 14. Admission is \$15 plus discounted ticket to the performance. The lecture will also be given on Jan. 9 from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community center, from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. at the school and Jan. 13 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the school. Call 272-9877 for more information.

On Jan. 9, auditions for The Music School's Youth Chamber Orchestra will be held for high school-aged intermediate and advanced string players. There is a \$25 material fee per semester. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nathan Bishop Middle School, 101 Sessions St., Providence. This is a performing group, directed by Ben Peterson. Call 272-9877 to schedule audition time.

On Jan. 9, 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

There will be an introduction to Klezmer Music with Mike Bresler. Explore eastern European Jewish dance music and the culture that created it. This is for intermediate players, and the cost is \$15. It will be held at The Music School.

On Jan. 13 at 8 and 10 p.m. the Joe Parillo Ensemble and members of the Rhode Island Youth Jazz Ensemble will play at Chan's Jazz Club. The event will raise money for jazz and rock education at The Music School. Call Chan's for reservations at 765-1900 or The Music School at 272-9877 for more information.

On Jan. 30, 7:30 to 9 p.m. There will be a community sing, with songwriter and storyteller Bill Harley and vocalist Marcia Taylor, for all ages and all voices. Admission is \$3 at the door for sheet music. The event will be held at the school.

Applications Now Accepted by Gourse Family Fund

Applications are now being accepted by the Gourse Family Fund for financial assistance to travel and study in Israel this summer.

Established by the Gourse family of Fall River, the fund grants financial awards to high school students (15 years or older), residents of the greater Fall River area; to college undergraduates of Bristol Community College, Fall River; to college undergraduates active in the Hillel chapters

of UMass Dartmouth; Brown/RISD, Providence; University of Rhode Island.

Written requests must include description of a structured study program in Israel in addition to a short autobiography of the applicant and must be received by March 15. Notification of grant(s) will be announced by April 15.

Address all requests to: Gourse Family Fund, Temple Beth El, 385 High St., Fall River, Mass. 02720.

Cranston Library Announces Program For The Young Ones

Cranston Public Library is pleased to announce a new program called "Early Starters." Open to children age 6 to 18 months, it is intended to encourage lifelong relationships with book and libraries.

Each monthly session will include nursery rhymes, songs and stories, with time for browsing through board books and

playing with toys. Call the children's library, 943-9080, to register for the January session.

With this addition, Cranston Public Library offers story programs for children ranging from age 6 months through grade five. Visit the Central Library or the branch libraries for more information.

Metcalf Grants Available

The Rhode Island Foundation is offering grants up to \$5,000 for college sophomores and juniors seeking to broaden themselves through travel, internships or public service. Applications are currently available.

Twelve young Rhode Islanders have benefited from the Michael P. Metcalf Memorial Fund at the foundation during its seven-year history.

The 1995 winners, Jennifer Ramos of Bristol and Michael Kelly of Warwick, both experienced cultures vastly different from their own. Ramos, for example, a Brown University junior, worked at the Indian Health Services Hospital in Browning, Montana, to study the nutri-

tional status and culture of Blackfeet Indians. Kelly attends Connecticut College; his research project was to travel to Japan and observe the differences between American and Japanese students.

The Rhode Island Foundation will offer one or two such "Metcalf" grants this year, from a fund established at the foundation in 1987 to honor the late publisher of the *Providence Journal*.

Grants are intended to provide students with experiences which will "broaden their perspectives and enhance their personal growth." The proposed activity need not be limited to the academic year, and may include travel in this country or

abroad, and/or a variety of internship and public service programs. (Grants cannot be used for standard semester-abroad programs.) Awardees will be expected to complete a final project, in writing or in another medium, relating the value of the experience gained.

While applicants can be attending any college or university, they must be legal residents of Rhode Island. The application deadline is Jan. 31, 1996. Applications for the Metcalf awards can be obtained from The Rhode Island Foundation, 70 Elm St., Providence, R.I. 02903, or by calling 274-4564.

USY Alumni to Meet in Natick

United Synagogue Youth (USY) Alumni and Friends is honoring SAFAM in recognition of their 20th year as America's leading Jewish performing and recording group at a brunch on Jan. 7 at 11 a.m. at Temple Israel, 145 Hartford St., Natick, Mass.

All alumni of United Synagogue Youth and Friends of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism are invited to attend.

The cost is \$36.00 per person. For reservations call (508) 756-6204.

The money raised helps send USYers to camp in August at Camp Ramah in Palmer, and also helps keep the regional program costs down.

Planning a Trip to Israel?

The Israel Program Fair has been rescheduled to Jan. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Hebrew College, 43 Hawes St., Brookline.

This is a program designed to help those planning trips to Israel. More than 18 programs will be represented, with free admission, light refreshments and a raffle for 30 percent off your next ELAL flight.

A snow date has been set for Jan. 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call (617) 457-8750.



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ROSE

by A. K.

Was it yesterday I saw
The last ones out the
door?

They paid respects and
held my hand.
Most would come no
more.

The last few years were
very hard
Of fifty-three together,
A loving road with
many turns
In every kind of
weather.

Though rose long gone
from wedding gown
I had to show them all,
You still could see it's
really me —
The portrait on the wall.

We talked about the
good old days
Eyes pictures in the
book

Remembered how we
used to dress
Put shoes on with a
hook.

But now a generation
wanes
Our numbers fall away
And suddenly it came
to me
What shall I do each
day?

The silence reigns — no
cough, no sneeze,
No voice from down
the hall
Never before in this
long life
Has there been none to
call.

Never before in all these
years
The clock, the only tone,
Never before since
being born
Had I just been alone.

I cooked and cleaned
and healed and
taught,
I shopped and shopped
and seldom bought.
But now the time's my
own to use,
There's no one else I
need amuse.

No longer must we take
the train,
I always longed to go
by plane.

I wish I'd learned to
drive the car,
Where I would go all
seems so far.

I've ventured out into
the world
Found some new
friends, ideas un-
furlled.
Now strangers ask for
my opinion
Or need the skills from
my dominion.

They all were loved
within my care,
Perhaps I had not been
aware
But looking back, it's
not a sin
To wonder who I could
have been.

Pesach in Newport's Touro Synagogue

by Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro

Newport, Rhode Island, one of the most popular tourist areas in New England, receives hordes of visitors every year. They come by cruise ship, bus, automobile, even yacht. Most tourists are attracted to this quaint, historic city by the lavish mansions of its past "Gilded Era."

Adding to Newport's charm are its many cultural and athletic events, numerous antique shops and colonial streets.

However, there is one very special gem in Newport's crown that is of foremost interest to Jewish visitors — the Touro Synagogue, America's oldest synagogue and an official National Shrine.

Touro synagogue has a special significance for Jews throughout the world. Each year 40,000 tourists visit Touro Synagogue which sponsors a free tour program.

It also serves as the house of worship for the local community, augmented by the numerous visiting worshippers. It is a friendly oasis for Orthodox Jews who are warmly welcomed by the Moreh D'Atrah — Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro, the congregation's spiritual leader.

Shapiro supervises the tour program, often conducting the tours personally. He also leads the major parts of the Shabbat and holiday services throughout the year.

A religious service at Touro Synagogue is a trip back in time. The architectural beauty of the edifice combined with its excellent acoustics adds to its historical aura.

With the prayers being led from the traditional Bima B'Emtza amid the close proximity of all the seats, one experiences the cozy feeling of a family sitting around a Shabbat table.

Touro Synagogue was dedicated in 1763, culminating a six-year period of construction. It has hosted many famous personalities, including two visits from President George Washington.

After his second visit, Washington sent his famous letter to the congregation, a precursor of the Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom in our country.

The synagogue has since welcomed numerous American and international celebrities. In 1946 President Harry Truman and the United States Congress awarded the synagogue the coveted designation of National Religious Shrine.

Several programs are being planned to commemorate the 50th anniversary of this event in 1996. One of the most meaningful will be the Pesach in Newport program which is being organized by Mr. and Mrs. Mendy Vim, formerly of the Chalet Vim, now Vims Holiday and Vacations. The elegant Viking Hotel, just up the street from the synagogue, will serve as host to all participants, providing housing, sederim, shirum, and many other organized activities.

The synagogue, its services and tours will be one of the highlights of Pesach in Newport. For more information contact the Vims: in New York City, (718) 998-4477; outside New York City, (800) 464-VIMS.

Cohen Wins Quittman Award

Recognizing the vital contributions of professionals in Jewish communal organizational life, Bnai Zion established the Quittman Award last year in honor of Herman Z. Quittman, its executive vice president emeritus, to be presented annually.

The person selected would have the qualities of dedication and devotion to Jewish causes exemplified by Quittman in his long and distinguished career.

The first award was presented to Malcom Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in January 1995.

The 1996 recipient selected by the committee is Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, the executive vice president of the Jewish National Fund of America.

The presentation will be made to Cohen at a luncheon sponsored by Bnai Zion on Jan. 23 at the Bnai Zion House, 136 East 39th Street, New York City.

Cohen has led the Jewish National Fund to greater and greater heights since he assumed his position 19 years ago. Under his direction the JNF increased its fund-raising many-fold.

New Art Show Coming to Emanu-El

On March 17, Temple Emanu-El will sponsor Arts-Emanu-El, an art show featuring Judaica art and contemporary arts and crafts.

A preview of the show on March 16, both before and after the Odessa concert, will be held. Exciting new artists are represented. All artists who would like to show at Arts-Emanu-El should contact Herb and Sylvia Brown at 438-8398 or 438-8399.

Space is limited, so early registration by Jan. 25 is necessary.



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Women's American ORT Concludes 33rd Convention

Delegates from throughout the United States convened in Chicago, recently, for the 33rd Biennial National Convention of Women's American ORT. "Today's Vision for Tomorrow's World" was the theme.

During the course of the convention, delegates put into place what is perhaps the most dramatic set of organizational changes since Women's American ORT was founded in 1927.

Against a backdrop of impressive speakers, young leadership events, skills training workshops and other activities, the convention elected and installed a new set of officers; approved a long-term strategic

plan focusing on the critical areas of leadership development, membership, fund-raising and advocacy on educational issues; and inaugurated a completely remodeled, streamlined structure of national governance.

Women's American ORT, an organization of membership

chapters across the United States, supports vocational and technical training for Jews around the world, particularly in Israel, the United States, South America, France, India, and now throughout the former Soviet Union.



A.M. ROSENTHAL, former executive editor of *The New York Times*, was the featured speaker at the national convention of Women's American ORT. Rosenthal spoke about the dangers posed by Louis Farrakhan and what he perceives as the lack of response on the part of the organized Jewish community.

Thousands to Join in Day of Building Kiddush Hashem

This year, Jan. 1 will be a day of Jewish unity and inspiring learning as thousands of Jews in more than 80 cities throughout North America take part in a day of building Kiddush Hashem (sanctifying G-d's name).

As Jews throughout the world face the many challenges of this moment in history, an understanding of Kiddush Hashem — how to act as a true representative of G-d in the world — has become more vital than ever.

This concept will be explored

by Rabbi Shmuel Kamenetsky, Shlita, Rosh Yeshivah of the Talmudical Academy of Philadelphia, and Rabbi Payasach Krohn, noted author, by way of video.

This nationwide gathering is sponsored by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation.

In Providence, this event will take place at the Providence Hebrew Day School. There will be two presentations of the video, one from 10:30 a.m. to noon and another from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Bracha Steinberg at 272-5011.

Humanitarian Award Given to High School Juniors

Fifty-one high school juniors from across the United States have been selected to receive the 1996 Louis Feinstein-Horatio Alger Humanitarian Award in recognition of their outstanding commitment to the service of others.

The humanitarian award provides a \$5,000 United States savings bond to one high school junior from each state in the nation and the District of Columbia who has made a positive difference in the lives of others and who has exhibited exceptional qualities of caring and compassion. Award recipients were chosen by local selection committees composed of teachers, administrators and community representatives.

Funded through a grant from philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein in honor of his late father, a prominent Boston attorney from more than 60 years, the award was founded by The Feinstein Foundation and the Horatio Alger Association in May 1995. The Feinstein Foundation, headquartered in Cranston, funds programs in public and private schools to encourage students to learn the values

of caring and compassion and to participate in community service.

"The Humanitarian Award," said Alan Shawn Feinstein, founder of the World Hunger Center at Brown University and the Feinstein Institute of Public Service at Providence College, "is to honor those young men and women who make a difference in the lives of others — to recognize their outstanding achievements and to hold them up as role models for others to emulate."

Local Learning Connection Honored

The Learning Connection, Providence, R.I., has received an international award from the Learning Resources Network (LERN). The award category is management practice.

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Jewish Scholars Study the Borscht Belt

A century ago the celebrated Borscht Belt began in Sullivan and Ulster counties in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. Thousands of Jews hungry for mountain air, good food and the American way of leisure came to the Catskills for vacation, and by the 1950s, more than a million people inhabited the summer world of bungalow colonies, summer camps and small hotels.

"These institutions shaped American Jewish culture, enabling Jews to become more American while at the same time introducing the American public to immigrant Jewish culture," said Phil Brown, professor of sociology at Brown University.

Not only did the Borscht Belt provide America with a rich supply of comedians, musicians and performers, it provided legions of young workers and visitors with a springboard to successful careers and marriages. Catskills hotels and summer camps provided jobs to thousands of college students who relied on their wages and tips to finance college and professional school education.

"It was a great source of up-

ward mobility," said Brown, who financed his college education through his summer work as a busboy, waiter and lounge performer in the hotels of the Borscht Belt.

Brown and several scholars formed the Catskills Institute this fall to dedicate their efforts to chronicling and preserving

"This is a very important segment of American Jewish life that should not be lost."

Philip Brown

the cultural significance of the Catskills for thousands of American Jews who vacationed there.

"This is a very important segment of American Jewish life that should not be lost," said Brown, who is working on a book about the Catskills. Brown and his colleagues plan to:

- Conduct conferences (the August 1996 conference will deal with literature and religion in the Catskills);
- Collect archival material

and artifacts (photos, newspaper and magazine articles, hotel menus and brochures, home movies, personal memoirs and interviews);

- Produce a newsletter;
- Create a home page on the World Wide Web;
- Develop exhibitions at such institutions as the Jewish Museum of New York City;
- Produce mini-curriculum units about the Catskills for both secular and Jewish schools.

Today, the Borscht Belt has shrunk to include only a handful of major resorts in the two-county Catskills area. The once teeming roads of the Borscht Belt are largely barren, with most hotels and bungalow colonies burned, decayed or destroyed.

"Some people got bored with the old ways," said Brown. "It was too much for people who were becoming more American."

To become a member of the Catskills Institute, or to find out more information, contact: Catskills Institute, c/o Phil Brown, Department of Sociology, Brown University, Box 1916, Providence, R.I. 02912 (phone 863-2367; fax 863-3213).



Philip Brown

Kids, Adults Explore Judaism Through Multimedia Magazine

by Brad Lakritz
Jewish Bulletin of
Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — The opening screen of CD-JeMM, the first Jewish multimedia magazine, looks like a traditional magazine cover.

But the comparison stops there.

The CD-ROM magazine, which was founded by two Israeli businessmen and is published four times a year, enables computer users of all ages to click their way through videos,

animation, music and sound.

Actually, CD-JeMM is three magazines in one: material for adults (CD-JeMM), teens (TEEN JeMM), and young children (KIDS JeMM), all of which are available from the main menu.

CD-JeMM brings the sites and sounds of the Jewish world into one's home or school computer.

Users can explore news, history and holidays; shop for Jewish videos and software; and hear stories for children, for instance.

There is also a shopping area

complete with the same background music heard at the local mall.

"Is the Price Right?" the cover story of CD-JeMM's Winter, 1995 edition, explores the high cost of synagogue, school and other Jewish community and organizational fees.

The story comes alive as Beverly, a young woman in San Francisco, talks about the cost of tickets for High Holy Day services.

And Moshe, who is from Baltimore, tells how he spends

nearly 60 percent of his monthly income on Jewish day-school tuition for his five children.

"Play it Again, Shlomo" shows the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach singing and dancing in Russia in 1989 as well as talking about Jewish renewal, Chanukah and music.

The piece also includes a series of short audio and video clips from his musical archive as well as interviews and text.

The adult portion of the CD features an "Interactive Upan," or intensive class, lesson on basic conversational Hebrew words and phrases and a discussion of the Tu B'Shevat seder.

TEEN JeMM opens with "Are You Green?" — a look at the environment and how Judaism teaches about protecting plants, trees and animals.

JeMM TV also allows teens to "channel surf."

They can check out the latest music videos or play "Jewpardy," answering difficult questions about Jewish history and culture.

Teens also air their feelings

about living in a society in which Christmas is such a big holiday.

KIDS JeMM starts with an animated story about Chanukah. "The Curse of the Fobots" stars such Jewish super heroes as Menorah Man and Dreidle Maidle.

KIDS JeMM also has a song that teaches Hebrew words for different parts of the face, and "Spacecraft Y," which cruises through outer space before asking questions about Tu B'Shevat.

CD-JeMM hopes to have an interactive relationship with its subscribers.

Current activities include a music contest and family history project for TEEN JeMM.

KIDS JeMM asks youths to send in their wishes for the new year or Jewish questions for "Spacecraft Y." Entries may include videos, audio, pictures or writings from younger viewers everywhere.

This "hybrid" CD works on both Windows and Macintosh systems. To obtain more information about CD-JeMM, call (800) 871-0694.

Cleveland Group Helps Hopis Gain Israeli Farming Methods

by Shawn Cohen
Washington Jewish Week

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In April, one month after lawmakers eliminated federal funding for a program to assist the Hopi Indian tribe with Israeli innovations in farming, Rep. Joe Skeen (R-N.M.) received a container of Israeli-grown tomatoes.

The Desert Sweet brat tomatoes — grown at the Ramat Negev Agroservice Center in Israel — were a special delivery from the Arid Lands Development Foundation, a Cleveland-based organization that promotes agricultural development at the research center.

However, these fruits were not exactly a gift.

As chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Skeen spearheaded a successful effort to quash a \$434,000 budget request to the foundation, which had planned to use the money to help the Hopis of northern Arizona exploit Israeli farming techniques.

Skeen, who acknowledged in a letter to the foundation that the tomatoes were among the "tastiest and tangiest" he had ever eaten, had opposed the project because he believed that the agricultural techniques applied in the Negev were already being used in the United States.

In recent years, researchers at the Agroservice Center, with the assistance of Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva, have discovered new ways to utilize brackish water — salt water found several hundred feet underground — to grow fruits and vegetables in the Negev, a desert region in southern Israel.

The Hopi project is currently on hold.

In September, Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Glickman met with Sam Hoenig, the foundation's national director; Mark Talisman, a Washington consultant to the foundation; and Ferrell Secakuku, chairman of the Hopi tribe, to discuss the possibility of grants for the project, which would cost an

estimated \$4 million to \$5 million over five years in federal and private funds.

Richard Bogomolny, president of the foundation, said this project could be extremely important not only to the Hopis — who have struggled to maintain an agricultural heritage under unfavorable conditions — but to other American Indian tribes that could benefit from advances in Israeli agriculture.

Because brackish water is abundant in most desert areas of the world, the Israeli advances also could have international applications, he said.

As a result of the Arab-Israeli peace process, Israel's high standing in the international community will lead to greater interest in Israeli innovations in agriculture, Bogomolny said.

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD I. ALBERT
SARASOTA, Fla. — Richard I. Albert, 78, of Florida, a former optometrist in Pawtucket for 40 years, died Dec. 19 at Doctors Hospital in Sarasota, Fla. He was the husband of Lillian (Cohen) Albert.

Born in Central Falls, a son of the late Lionel Louis and Gertrude (Steinmetz) Albert, he lived in Providence before moving to Florida in 1984.

He was a 1940 graduate of Tufts University and received his O.D. from Southern College of Optometry in 1942. He was a member of the American Optometric Association, and chairman of its insurance committee for three years. He was a three-term president of the Rhode Island Optometric Association, chaired the legal committee and was involved in passing the first legislation to allow optometrists to use diagnostic drugs. He was past president of the New England Council of Optometry and a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

He leaves two sons, Louis Albert and Steven Albert; a daughter, Deborah Albert, and six grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Dec. 24 at Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Providence. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

DAVID B. BERGER
PROVIDENCE — David B. Berger, 84, of 29 Arthur Ave., East Providence, died Dec. 21 at Miriam Hospital in Providence. He was a partner for 45 years with his brother, the late Henry Berger, of the former Berger Brothers Market, a retail food market in Pawtucket. He was the husband of the late Cele (Novick) Berger.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Simon and Jennie (Gamsu) Berger, he had lived in East Providence since 1980, and previously lived in Providence.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Overseas Masonic Lodge 40 F&AM, the Trowel Club and the Riverside Senior Citizens.

He leaves a friend, Mary McGuire of East Providence; a son, Donald F. Berger of North

Smithfield; and two grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Dec. 24 at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. Burial followed. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

BARBARA "BOBBIE" BRAM
PROVIDENCE — Barbara "Bobbie" Bram, 54, of 8 Pilgrim Drive, Warwick, a senior clerk-typist for the Day Care Payroll Department, State of Rhode Island, Department of Human Services, for many years, died Dec. 24 at the Jane Brown Building of Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Leon Bram.

Born in Glen Falls, N.Y., a daughter of Saul Susser of North Miami Beach, Fla., and the late Miriam (Weinberg) Susser, she lived in Providence before moving to Warwick 19 years ago.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, and Temple Am David. She was the former treasurer of the Hope Chapter of B'nai B'rith, a member of Hadassah and of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides her husband and father, she leaves a son, Mark Bram of Providence; a daughter, Lauray Bruns of Warwick; a brother, Jack Susser of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Jill Susser of Queens, N.Y., and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Dec. 26 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

DAISY DUBITSKY
FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Daisy Dubitsky, 89, of 2201 N.E. 66th St., Ft. Lauderdale, died Dec. 17 at the Imperial Point Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale. She was the widow of Samuel Dubitsky.

Born in Brooklyn, a daughter of the late Harry and Sarah Payton, she lived in Providence, Fall River, Mass., and Barrington before returning to Providence in 1968. She moved to Florida a year ago.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El in Fall River.

She leaves two daughters, Sylvia and Harriet Dubitsky,

both of Ft. Lauderdale; a son, Ira Dubitsky of Miami, Fla.; a sister, Ruth Brian of Delray, Fla., and two granddaughters. She was the sister of the late Neda Logowitz, Florence Ostrow and William, Matthew and Bernard Payton.

The service took place at noon on Dec. 20 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Temple Beth El Cemetery in Fall River.

SARA GOLDBERG-HIRSH
YONKERS, N.Y. — Sara Goldberg-Hirsh, 85, of 75 Stratton St., Yonkers, formerly of Providence, died Dec. 19 at the Home for Aged Blind in Yonkers, N.Y. She was the wife of the late Thomas Goldberg and the late Samuel Hirsh.

She was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Max and Fannie (Fleischman) Mittleman. She lived in Providence for many years, Sarasota, Fla., for 20 years and had resided in Yonkers, since 1993.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and the Sisterhood, president of the Women's Association — Jewish Home for Aged and served on their board of directors, Miriam Hospital Women's Auxiliary. In Florida she was a member of the Sarasota Chapter of Hadassah.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Gerald Goldberg of Waban, Mass., and a daughter, Barbara Busch of Scarsdale, N.Y.; a brother, Harry Mittleman of Providence, and a sister, Hilda Salmanson of Palm Beach, Fla. and Brookline, Mass.; and four grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Joseph Mittleman.

Funeral services were held Dec. 22 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

LEONARD W. LEITNER
PROVIDENCE — Leonard W. Leitner, 61, of the Cathedral Square Apartments, 5 Cathedral Square, died Dec. 14.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Isador and Marion (Glickman) Leitner.

He was a former rare coin and precious metals dealer.

He leaves a daughter, Mae Savastano of Providence; two

sons, Benjamin Leitner of Cranston and Sheldon Leitner of Hallandale, Fla.; two sisters, Frances Mendelsohn of Cranston, Leah Seltzer of Providence and four grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Dec. 18 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Burial followed. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MATILDA Z. LIEBERMAN
SMITHTOWN, L.I., N.Y. — Matilda Z. Lieberman, 84, of 5 Laurel Drive, Mineola, N.Y., died Dec. 19 at St. John's Hospital in Smithtown, L.I. She was the wife of the late Leo Lieberman.

She was born in Providence, a daughter of the late David and Lillian (Sherman) Zarum. She lived in Providence for many years before moving to Mineola, N.Y., 15 years ago.

For the last two years, she had been a resident of the Gurwin Jewish Geriatric Center in Commack, N.Y. She graduated from Hope High School. She was a member of Hadassah and Women's American ORT, both in New York.

She is survived by a daughter, Janice Lieberman Blodnick of Great Neck, N.Y., and a son, David Lieberman of Plainville, N.Y.; a sister, Sadie Marks of Providence and four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Jeanette Bergell and Sanford and Leonard Zarum.

Graveside services were held Dec. 22 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL MARGOLIN
PROVIDENCE — Samuel Margolin, 83, of 150 Dartmouth St., Pawtucket, a sales manager in the plumbing supply business in Russia, died Dec. 21 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Fania (Mashkovich) Margolin.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Sholo and Riva Margolin, he lived in Providence for 14 years and Pawtucket for the last two years.

He came to this country 16 years ago. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Providence.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Leonid Margolin of Providence; two daughters, Maya Vimitskaya of Russia and Larisa Makovnikova of Pawtucket; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held

Dec. 22 at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

LILLIAN MILLER
BURRELLVILLE — Lillian (Kogut) Miller, R.N., 83, a resident of the Zabarano Unit, Eleanor Slater Hospital, and formerly of Woonsocket, died on Dec. 4 at the hospital. She was the wife of the late Julius M. Miller, D.D.S.

Born April 8, 1912, in Lincoln, R.I., she was the daughter of the late Theodore and Mary (Kowalewski) Kogut. She was a 1930 graduate of Woonsocket High School and graduated as a R.N. in 1933 from the former Rhode Island Hospital School of Nursing. Shortly after, she relocated to New York City, where she worked as a registered nurse and head nurse of surgical units at New York Hospital, Lenox Hill Hospital, and the former Manhattan General Hospital. She also did private duty nursing. At the age of 33 she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Before entering Zabarano in 1970, she most recently lived at 157 West St., Woonsocket. She was active in patients' organizations at Zabarano, including Patients for Progress, the Patients Benefit Fund, and the Human Resources Development Committee. She was a patient representative at Zabarano Day at the R.I. State House during the administration of former Governor Bruce Sundlun.

She was a member of the R.I. Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association and the R.I. Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

She is survived by a daughter, Marjory M. Brenner of Woonsocket; two brothers, Alexander Kogut of Las Vegas, Nev., and Henry J. Kogut of St. Petersburg, Fla.; four grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Graveside services were held on Dec. 6 at Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery, Woonsocket. Arrangements were made by the Woonsocket Chevra Kaddisha and the Holt Funeral Home, Woonsocket.

WARREN SCHREIBER
WARWICK — Warren Schreiber, 75, of the Villa del Rio, 303 Greenwich Ave., a salesman for the Stovepipe Fireplace Shop for 12 years before retiring two years ago, died Dec. 24 at home. He was the husband of Shirley (Swering) Schreiber.

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Born in Providence, a son of the late Charles and Tillie (Rubin) Schreiber, he lived in Brockton, Mass., for 10 years before moving to Warwick 30 years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and served with the Medical Corps in the South Pacific Theater. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans of America. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association. For 20 years he had also been a salesman for the Mann Auto Sales Co.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Carole Label of Warwick and Nancy Levin of Cranston; two sisters, Barbara Bressler of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Elaine Klein of Bay Harbor, Fla.; a brother, Lester Schreiber of Tampa, Fla., and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Dec. 26 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SAUL SCHWARTZ
PROVIDENCE — Saul Schwartz, 84, of Regency Plaza, 60 Broadway, died Dec. 12 at Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., a son of the late David and Annie (Zablotsky) Schwartz, he lived in Providence for 45 years.

He was a warehouseman for the Engle Tire Co. for the past 20 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the European Theater. He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association.

He leaves a sister, Rose Spencer of Newton, Mass., and a brother, Joseph Schwartz of Newton Center, Mass.

A graveside service was held Dec. 13 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SRUL SUCHODOLSKI
PROVIDENCE — Srul Suchodolski, 91, of 399 Pawtucket Ave., a production worker for the American Insulated Wire Co. for 20 years before retiring 26 years ago, died Dec. 20 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Maasza (Szyrkarski) Suchodolski.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Ephraim and Toba Suchodolski, he lived in Pawtucket for 45 years.

He was a survivor of the Holocaust. He was a volunteer

for many years at the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was a member of Congregation OhaveShalom. He was a member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

He leaves a daughter, Arlene Suchodolski of Pawtucket; a son, Jack Suchodolski of Cumberland and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Dec. 21 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

ELAINE TORMAN
ROCKVILLE, Md. — Elaine Torman, 75, of Potomac, Md., formerly of Cranston, died Dec. 14 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Rockville. She was the wife of the late Norman Torman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late William and Frances (Flink) Israel, she had lived in Cranston for many years before moving to Potomac 29 years ago.

While living in Rhode Island, she was a member of Temple Sinai.

She leaves a daughter, Marjorie A. Torman of Silver Spring, Md.; a son, Howard A. Torman of Scarsdale, N.Y.; a sister, Edith Kaye of Providence and two grandsons.

A funeral service was held Dec. 18 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Women's Health Program, Jan. 5

The Comprehensive Adult Day Care Center (a program of the Jewish Home Corporation) will host a program entitled "Women's Health Issues." The speaker will be Jackie Harmon, nurse practitioner, Ob-Gyn, from St. Joseph's Hospital.

The program will be held on Jan. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the center on 99 Hillside Ave., in Providence. Call 351-2440 for further information or if you wish to attend.

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Turmoil

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Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov has suggested that his party set up a national patriotic coalition of "allies and fellow travelers" in the new Duma.

Zyuganov said the coalition might include Zhirinovskiy's virulently nationalist Liberal Democratic party. But he was critical of Zhirinovskiy himself.

At the same time, however, fears about Zyuganov's own true nature surfaced as, prior to the election, the Moscow daily *Moskovskiy Komsomolets* quoted him as saying:

"The world outlook, culture and ideology of the Western world is being more and more tangibly affected by the Jewish diaspora.

"Its influence is growing by the hour. The Jewish diaspora that traditionally had [Western] financial life under control, is becoming, as its 'own market' develops, a kind of controlling stockholder of the entire economic system of the Western civilization."

"We have to keep this in perspective," said Rabbi Mark Staitman, chairman of the National Conference. "We have to see whether the rhetoric is followed by concrete steps."

During a recent meeting with Zyuganov in Moscow, Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York said the Communist leader told him that the party had reaffirmed freedom of religion and conscience in its platform in a vote of 500-16.

Although he called Zyuganov's remarks "totally unacceptable," Schneier said they represented Zyuganov's election effort to play a part of his constituency.

Noting that there has been a resurgent interest in religion in Russia since the fall of communism, Schneier, who was accredited by the Russian government as an international observer to the election, said he believed

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that the Communist leadership "is much too pragmatic" to adopt steps that would curtail freedom of religion.

Russia's chief rabbi, Adolph Shayevich, agreed that now that the voting is complete, the guessing game of what the Communists have in mind begins. "Whoever comes to power, any political change in Russia is always fraught with dangerous consequences."

But, "Jews are an optimistic people," he added, "and I believe that Russia, with G-d's help, will turn into a democratic power."

Other Jews were less hopeful.

Leonid Stonov, the international director of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews' human rights bureau, said, "These are terrifying results. The situation is very dangerous."

Pointing to a possible coalition of "red and brown forces" involving the Communists and Zhirinovskiy's ultranationalists, Stonov said, "It is quite possible they will stop the reforms."

Stonov expressed particular concern over the possibility that in the near future, "the Duma will vote against emigration" — once again barring Jews from leaving the country.

Addressing the fear expressed by some Russian Jews after the vote, Martin Wenick, executive vice president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, said, "What you are hearing now is a clarion call from those living there that things are going badly."

(JTA foreign editor Mitchell Danov contributed to this report.)

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Life Insurance for Payment of Estate Tax

This is the 24th article in the continuing series highlighting state planning sales concepts.

Q: Why is the Internal Revenue Code section 6166 extension of time to pay estate taxes not as useful as life insurance in estate planning?

A: I.R.C. section 6166 enables the executor on certain estates to pay interest only on a portion of the estate tax for four years and then spread the tax over the following 10 years.

However the full estate tax still has to be paid, plus interest.

Life insurance is the least expensive means to pay estate tax. Why spend a dollar (plus interest) for every dollar of estate tax when you could spend only a nickel on a life insurance premium for every dollar of insurance proceeds?

Additional specific reasons for advising against the use of the section 6166 extension include:

1. The estate tax on the rest of the estate (everything but the closely held business) is still due within nine months of the decedent's death.

2. Only certain estates are eligible for this extension.

3. Disposing of a significant portion of the company will trigger an immediate acceleration of the tax liability.

4. Acceleration may also occur if installment or interest payments are more than six months past the date they are due.

5. The final distribution of the estate assets will be delayed for 14 years. This is a long time to keep an estate open and to wait for an inheritance.

6. Unless a tax lien is placed upon the property, the executor remains personally liable for the payment of the tax during the entire 14 years.

7. Since every beneficiary must unanimously consent to a lien in order to remove the executor's personal liability, guardians would have to be appointed for minors.

8. The IRS may require a bond up to twice the face amount of the estate tax.

9. If the IRS audits and revalues assets in the estate, the eligibility for the section 6166 may be lost.

Q: What are the requirements of section 6166?

A: The key to having an estate eligible for section 6166 is that the value of a closely held business, which is included in determining the gross estate of a decedent who was at the time of his death a citizen or resident of the United States, exceeds 35 percent of the adjusted gross estate.

If assets were given away within three years prior to death, the 35 percent test must be met both with and without the inclusion of the value of the gift.

The decedent must have actively carried on the business interest. Mere supervision of investments is not sufficient.

Multiple companies may be aggregated if the decedent owned at least 20 percent of the total value of each. The business may be a corporation, partnership, or

sole proprietorship. The corporation and partnership must each have fewer than 15 owners.

The notice of the election must be made before the due date, including extensions for the filing of Form 706 — the Estate Tax Return.

Since no special form is specified by the Treasury Secretary, a letter to the IRS with the following information is sufficient: the tax identification number of the taxpayers, the name of the closely held business, the deferred amount of tax, and the computation showing the qualification.

The executor must pay interest equal to 3 percentage points over the short-term federal rate for the unpaid amounts not eligible for the special 4 percent rate.

The 4 percent interest rate is available on the estate tax on the first \$1 million of the company value less the unified credit. The tax on \$1 million is \$345,800 and the unified credit is \$192,800, so the 4 percent rate will apply to only \$153,000 of the unpaid balance in most estates.

Q: Who pays the life insurance premium?

A: The trustee of your irrevocable life insurance trust should be the premium payor as well as the applicant, owner, and beneficiary.

Q: What additional support materials are available?

A: Advanced Underwriting provides multicolor graphic Mainsail presentations comparing the cost of paying estate taxes through cash, a bank loan, section 6166, and life insurance. Cash: This approach assumes

the estate has sufficient funds to pay the taxes that are due within nine months after the date of death.

Bank Loan: A bank loan covers the tax liability and then is repaid in 14 annual installments.

Section 6166: The four-year deferral followed by the 10-year installment payout on the portion of tax attributable to the value of a closely held business is shown with a favorable interest rate on part of the liability and a current rate on the balance.

Life Insurance: The premium illustrated on the graph is depicted as the best means for paying the tax.

Example: Assume you have an adjusted gross estate in the amount of \$11,300,000, a closely held business worth \$5,650,890, net estate tax of \$4 million and a current interest rate of 8 percent.

The deferrable amount is calculated by dividing the business value by the adjusted gross estate and multiplying the quotient by the estate tax:

$(\$5,650,890 / \$11,300,000 \times \$4,000,000 = \$2,000,315)$

The total cost of section 6166 is derived by the addition of the following factors:

Deferred Tax \$2,000,315
Total Interest at Preferred Rate ... \$ 59,315
Total Interest at Rate of 8% \$1,461,479
Nondeferred Tax ... \$1,999,685
Total Cost of Section 6166 \$5,520,794

In comparison the Cash Method would cost \$4,000,000; the Bank Loan with 14 installments at 8 percent interest requires \$6,792,624; and an LFP100 contract only \$728,494.

In conclusion, life insurance premiums amount to only a small fraction of the total cost required to pay estate taxes under I.R.C. section 6166.

Convicted

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In paragraph 2, Matar mentions that posters appeared all around the country days in advance, urging people to attend, but not a word, apparently about prayer. Prayer for what? Isn't that usually considered the central point?

In paragraph 11, she says old people almost fainted. Listen, I almost faint when I open our electric bills. Almost fainting — what is that? More seriously, she says children were screaming. They brought small children with them for an event of this type? When she says, "I was afraid somebody would be (Heaven forbid!) trampled to death," I have trouble convincing myself of her sincerity.

In the first paragraph, Matar apologizes for her emotional delivery... she is "still trembling from rage, horror and shock" having just come home from the demonstration.

If that is so, how do we account for the fact that in the same release, in paragraphs 15 and 16, she says, "...we are already organizing daily convoys driving through Bethlehem..." and "...We are also organizing groups to come pray at Rachel's Tomb." Apparently she got home, trembling, sat down and did some rapid organizing, and then, still trembling, faxed us and every other paper she could reach.

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In paragraph 10, Matar says her group called the police (who were all Jewish) anti-Semites, and asked, "How dare you not let Jews go to pray at Rachel's Tomb?"

In the same paragraph, she says, "Then came one of the buses with more participants." In paragraph 2 she says, "The event was called for by all the opposition political parties... Guest speakers would be..."

This simple pilgrimage to "pray at Rachel's Tomb" was called for by political parties, with the added insurance of guest speakers and busloads of participants. Doesn't sound like most of the prayer pilgrimages spiritual people undertake, does it?

The Jewish Telegraph Agency said, "Rally organizers had originally hoped to hold a gathering outside Rachel's Tomb, but were prevented from doing so by Israeli security forces." Period.

The woman I talked to at the JTA office pointed out that this was a very volatile moment, with thousands of Christian visitors present because of the significance of the dates and sites to Christianity. Security would be a major consideration, if pilgrims and tourists were to be spared being caught in the crossfire.

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