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Consulate Confirms Netanyahu

Statement released by the Israeli Consulate in Boston, May 31, 3:23 p.m.

The announcement of the final unofficial election results by the Central Election Committee came shortly after 5 p.m. today, Israel Radio, Kol Yisrael, reported.

In prime ministerial elections, Likud Chairman Benjamin Netanyahu was elected as Israel's next prime minister with 50.4 percent of the vote. A total of 29,457 ballots constituted Netanyahu's margin of victory over Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who received 49.5 percent of the vote.

In elections for the 14th Knesset, the Labor Party received 34 seats and the Likud-Tsomet-Gesher list received 32. Compared to their representation in the 13th Knesset, these parties lost a total of 18 seats in Wednesday's voting.

Religious parties won a total of 23 seats with 10 going to Shas, nine to the National Religious Party, and four to United Torah Judaism. Arab parties control nine parliamentary seats with Chadash receiving five seats and the United Arab List winning four.

A total of 11 seats were won by newly formed parties. Yisrael B'Aliyah, the immigrant party led by former Soviet refusenik Natan Sharansky, obtained seven seats while the Third Way Party got four. Meretz obtained nine seats and Moledet gained two.

Local Personalities React to Israeli Election Results

by Neil Nachbar and
Emily Torgan
Herald Staff

The results of Israel's May 29 elections shook a nation, a people and the world.

When a Jewish assassin robbed the world community of perhaps the greatest peacemaker modern Israel has known in November 1995, the country revealed itself to be bitterly divided. These huge rifts remain, as revealed by the tortuously close tallies.

As one of the most closely watched elections in Israeli history ended in a reversal, placing Likud challenger Benjamin Netanyahu ahead of Labor incumbent Shimon Peres, many across the world asked themselves and each other how Israel's new leadership will affect the peace process.

Here are some opinions expressed by leaders of Rhode Island's political, religious and academic communities.

All respondents answered the following questions: What do you think of the election results in Israel? How will election results affect the peace process? How will they affect secu-

rity within Israel and the region? How will they affect Israeli/American relations?

Gershon Levine, director of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island:

"The peace process won't be derailed, but it may take on a different pace..."

"I think Benjamin Netanyahu will be somewhat tough, like his predecessor Menachem Begin. I think he'll work to develop a peace plan with the Arabs..."

"Netanyahu will have to balance economic growth and international recognition with his personal convictions. I think he's probably up to the job."

Rabbi James Rosenberg, Temple Habonim, Barrington (Reform):

"To be honest, I am very disappointed. I think this will be a blow to the peace process..."

"The peace process has enough momentum so that it may be slowed but will not be stopped..."

"I do not think security will be affected by the change. All Israeli governments have been security-conscious. If terrorists are willing to die for a cause, there isn't much anyone can do."

Norman Zucker, professor of political science at the University of Rhode Island; co-author of several books with his wife Naomi, including The Coming Crisis in Israel (1973, MIT Press):

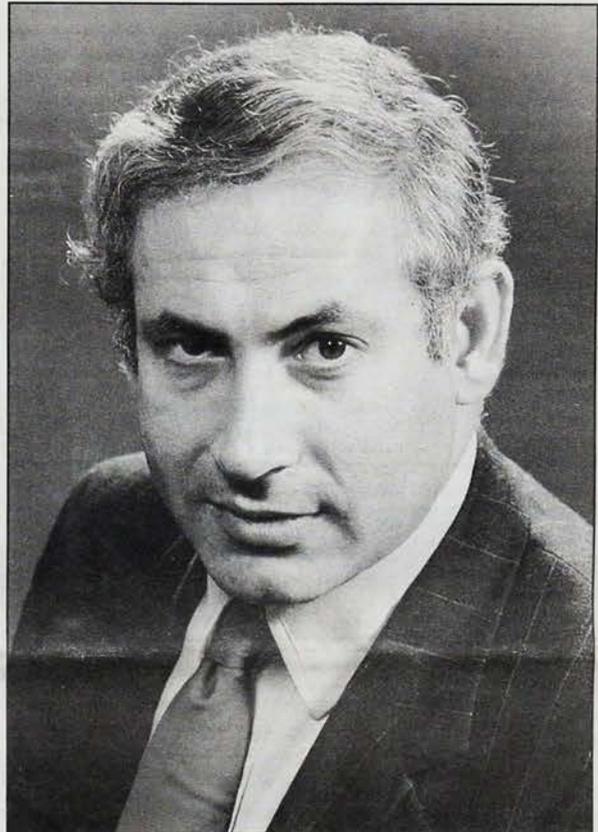
"I'm worried about the momentum for the peace process—the election results show how fractured the society is. I'm worried about the creation of ethnic parties and the increasing power of Orthodox parties..."

"The peace process will probably slow down. Relations with Syria are already on hold, because Netanyahu does not want to give back the Golan Heights. Arafat will probably be weakened..."

"I do not think security in Israel will change. If Hezbollah wants to send terrorists, they will. As far as the region goes, that depends on who Netanyahu puts in the cabinet..."

"There will probably be some sort of subtle change in American-Israeli relations, depending on what happens here in November."

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BENJAMIN NETANYAHU is the newly elected prime minister of Israel.

Is AIPAC 'Eating its Own?'

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA)—For the second time in two years, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee will soon have a new executive director.

The current director, Neal Sher, resigned in mid-May to return to his professional roots of Holocaust-related work.

Sher will be replaced by the pro-Israel lobby's managing director, Howard Kohr.

AIPAC insiders say Sher was pushed out at the request of the pro-Israel lobby's board of directors.

Publicly, AIPAC President Melvin Dow and Sher himself deny the charge.

Why the board would push Sher out of the command post of the pre-eminent lobby remains a mystery, to outsiders.

But privately, AIPAC insiders and former officials at the lobby say the fit was never right.

"He's a good man and I've never heard anyone say anything against him, but you couldn't find a spot on his back without a hand or footprint," said a former AIPAC official who, like most interviewed for this article, requested anonymity.

"Neal has a spark in his eye

when he talks about Holocaust issue," this official said. "It's not the same with him for AIPAC's issues. It was only a matter of time before he left."

Sher came to AIPAC at the height of a tumultuous period. Thomas Dine, his predecessor, was pushed out by the board in 1993 after a 13-year stint at the helm of the organization.

Dine resigned in the face of protests over published remarks he made that were seen as denigrating Orthodox Jews.

"Neal was a caretaker from the beginning," said a former AIPAC officer, who also requested that his name not be used.

"He was not the first choice or the second choice but the non-objectionable one," the former officer said. "From a staff perspective, this was not the right fit."

Sher was selected, another former AIPAC official said, because he brought "moral stature and dedication to an institution that badly needed it" after the public flap over Dine.

For his part, Sher said his work at AIPAC has "been personally satisfying and highly successful as well."

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Family Tree

Yosef Weiner is very interested in the family tree completed by his sixth-grade brother, Yisroel, for the recent academic fair at Providence Hebrew Day School.

Photo courtesy of PHDS

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Defend Yourself, Kiddo!

Books on the Square will hold a demonstration on basic self-defense for children, taught by a certified instructor, Dan DaRocha, on June 9, at 2 p.m.

DaRocha will take children through the basics of defense maneuvers, blocking, and balance.

For those whose children might be interested in pursuing martial arts instruction, this demonstration will provide a preview of the flexibility, fitness, self-control, and self-esteem that the martial arts impart. The event is free and open to the public.

Books on the Square is located at 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence.

Historical Society Plans End-of-Year Picnic

The Cranston Historical Society will wrap up its 1995-1996 year of activities with a picnic/buffet on the lawn at the Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston St., on June 18 at 6 p.m.

Dick Salzillo, well-known area musician, will entertain members and their guests while they dine.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Reservations must be made by June 15. For further information or to make a reservation, call 944-9226.

Volunteering Made Easy for Busy Professionals

VIA — The Volunteer Center for Rhode Island — announces the introduction of WIN! Rhode Island, a new volunteer program for young professionals statewide.

With start-up funds provided by the Metropolitan Life Foundation through the United Way of Southeastern New England, WIN!RI will coordinate meaningful, short-term, group projects for community agencies.

The goals of the program are to make it easy for busy professionals to engage in community service, and to make Rhode Island a better place to live for

everyone. As the name states, everyone wins with WIN!RI!

WIN!RI is now recruiting the following:

- 1) non-profit organizations to become Project Partners,
- 2) corporations to distribute information about the program to employees, and
- 3) individual volunteers to participate in WIN!RI projects.

For more information about WIN!RI, call Cythia Thompson at 421-6547.

For Women Who Need Advice About Money

Books on the Square will host a free workshop entitled, "Women in the '90s: Important Things to do if You're Even Thinking About Retiring," led by Virginia Butterworth, an investment specialist. The program will take place on June 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the store.

This is for women of all ages who might at any point in their lives have to make decisions concerning their financial futures and security in retirement. It is free and open to the public. Books on the Square is located at 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence.

Exploring Sophie's World

Books on the Square will hold the final Second Monday Book Club discussion for this season on June 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the store.

The club will resume in September with Philip Roth's memoir, *Patrimony*.

This month the group tackles the thought-provoking book, *Sophie's World: A Novel About the History of Philosophy*, by Jostein Gaarder and Paulette Miller (Berkeley, \$6.99). The event is free and open to the public. Call 331-9097 for more details.

For Whatever Ails You, Mom

A Massage Therapy Workshop for pairs or couples will be held on June 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Women and Infants' Center, 101 Dudley St., Providence.

Certified massage therapists Roseanne Lavergne and Jane Allard will teach participants how to ease muscular discomfort and stress, and promote relaxation through massage techniques. The fee for the program is \$25 per couple or pair.

Women & Infants' Health Educator, Jane Healey, R.N., B.S., will discuss "Getting the Most From Your Healthcare Provider" at the senior mid-morning health break lecture on June 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is no fee.

Dancing Thru Pregnancy is a health and fitness program for pregnant women, with a focus on exercise, strength and muscle training. Aerobic dancing and relaxation will be included in each class, and the social and psychological aspects of pregnancy will also be addressed. The program starts on June 3 and follows the safety guidelines of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Perinatal Health and Fitness Network and the American College of Sports Medicine. Classes will meet Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:45 to 6:45. The fee is \$60 for the six-week program.

AfterDance is a postpartum aerobic dance for new moms and their babies. Aerobic conditioning, fat burning, and exercise for re-aligning the body and developing muscle tone, will be the focus points. The class will also offer a support system for new mothers and interaction with their babies. Classes will be held Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. New mothers can begin this class three to eight weeks after delivery, depending on their physical condition. The fee for the six-week program is \$60 for a six-week session.

An Infant Massage Workshop will be held on June 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Massage therapists Roseanne Lavergne and Jane Allard will assist parents, caregivers, educators and grandparents to learn massage techniques that will soothe the fussy baby or bring pleasure to the happy one. The cost of this program is \$15.

Image Update Workshop, a makeover to be held on June 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. by BeautyControl Specialist Olga Hawwa will provide participants with make-up tips, skin and color analysis, and more. The \$15 fee will cover all materials. Space is limited to six per class, so early registration is recommended. Call 767-2334.

The summer is a perfect time to begin yoga classes. On Friday evenings, starting on June 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the Yoga for Beginners group will start a new six-week session. Those who have had some experience may join the Monday evening Yoga for Intermediates, which begins on June 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The fee for either series of classes is \$60.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Exhibition Honoring Yitzhak Rabin Opens at Providence Public Library

by Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

On the night after the historic Israeli elections that replaced Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres with Likud's Benjamin Netanyahu, members of the Israeli and Rhode Island communities showed that they would never forget former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin or his legacy of peace.

On May 29 at 6:30 p.m., a photo exhibit honoring Rabin opened at the Providence Public Library, where it will remain until June 15.

Entitled "Don't Whisper a Prayer, Sing Aloud a Song of Peace: Yitzhak Rabin in Washington," the 25-photograph exhibit was organized by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington and sponsored by the Embassy of Israel.

Israeli Consul General Dan Kyram decided to bring the exhibit to Providence, where he was assisted by Chairman of the Board Sheldon Sollosy and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

On the exhibition's opening night, Providence Mayor Buddy

Cianci offered a tribute to Rabin. "The people of Israel have again paid homage to the child of Jerusalem who grew up to become first a soldier, and then a soldier of peace," Cianci said. "He was a Nobel Prize winner, a man of great vision, in times too often defined by men who lack the dignity and courage to allow their resolve to resonate with respect for all."

"Mr. Rabin was a man of vision, and he had the vision and imagination to become something other than a soldier," said Kyram.

The mostly black-and-white photographs chronicle Rabin's life between 1968 and 1972, when he served as Israel's ambassador to the United States. It also shows Rabin signing the documents initiating Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories.

In the pictures, Rabin looks skyward in an army uniform, sits awkwardly at a Washington cocktail party with his wife Leah, and ambles into a Washington bar mitzvah with Golda Meir.

In the exhibition's final picture, Rabin shakes hands with Yassir Arafat on the White House lawn in front of President Bill Clinton. An excerpt from his remarks that day is displayed underneath the photograph.

"Let me say to you, the Palestinians, we are destined to live together on the same soil, in the same land. We, the soldiers who have returned from battle stained with blood, we who have seen relatives and friends killed before our eyes, we who have attended their funerals and cannot look into the eyes of their parents... we say to you today in a loud and clear voice: Enough of blood and tears. Enough."



Books, flowers and a portrait were part of the tribute to Yitzhak Rabin on May 29.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan

E. Providence Teacher Wins Anti-Defamation League Award

by Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

Because teacher Maureen Spaight has had her own approach to teaching civics for five years, she received her own Teacher Incentive Award from the Anti-Defamation League in Boston in April.

The 11 awardees received a \$500 stipend, courtesy of the Isacc Lieber Foundation in New York City, and A World of Difference medallion.

Spaight, a 48-year-old resident of East Providence, puts a spin on civics that teaches her students at E.R. Martin Jr. High School about diversity.

"When I show my students who is elected president, we also look at who is not and why,"

Spaight said. "Prejudice is based in fear, and I try to educate my students."

Spaight also teaches her students that prejudice can start in small ways.

"I tell them to look at things on a micro as well as a macro level," Spaight said. "I do not think kids relate to institutional racism, such as that seen in the Holocaust or to Skinheads, but when we look at current events, I can show them the roots of such attitudes," Spaight said.

Spaight said she felt renewed by the Anti-Defamation League's award.

"I have taught for 27 years, and I feel like I could teach for 27 more," Spaight said.

JCCRI Strives to Bring Back Swim Team

by Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

Staff members at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island want to get their young athletes back in the swim.

Once again, they want the center to have a swim team.

"There's a lot in the works," said Lisa Cournoyer, assistant aquatics director. "We're looking at feasibility. The kids are ready for a swim team. Ideally, we'd like to have one in place by November."

According to Cournoyer, the center has not had a swim team for at least 15 years.

In the 1970s, about 45 youths between the ages of 6 and 18 were members of the JCCRI's "Tiger Sharks" team. For about five years, team members practiced regularly and competed in meets across the region. Then,

probably due to financial problems and members' desire for pool time, the "Tiger Sharks" swim team disbanded.

"If we can do it, it will be a great activity," Cournoyer said. "The kids learn a lot, and they get in shape in the process."

At present, the center offers T-ball and softball in the fall and basketball in the winter.

"Swimming is great because it's for everyone," Health and Physical Education Director Tim Chant said. "Swimming is self-measured in a way that the other activities are not."

However, both Cournoyer and Chant said the pool's limited size could obstruct the creation of the team.

As the 25-yard pool only has four lanes, other center members would not be able to use the facility during swim team

hours. At present, the pool is a popular part of the center's fitness club. The center also offers swim lessons to its members during weekday afternoons when the team would need to practice.

Additionally, the costs of hiring a coach and additional help for the 40 members the team would ideally attract will be very costly.

"The swim team would require a very significant volunteer commitment from parents and others," Cournoyer explained.

Still, because of the initial success of the team, Cournoyer and Chant remain optimistic.

"When the kids in swimming lessons get to be about 12, they need something to move onto," Cournoyer said. "The swim team could be that something."



The Jewish Community Center swim team, 1973-1974.

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EDITORIAL

It's All Up to You

"He's not a real Jew. He doesn't..."

Don't you dare finish that sentence. Don't dare even think it. The Baal Shem Tov, one of our greatest sages, never despaired of any Jew, no matter what the conduct of his life. We don't have the wisdom, nor do we occupy the moral high ground to judge others.

But how do we know that G-d has forbidden us to gauge the spiritual spectrometer of others? We can tell when someone is abusing his children, lying to clients, or creating havoc with his alcoholism. Why not judge?

Many years ago Hollywood filmed a wish-fulfillment movie called "The Next Voice You Hear..." In it, people all over the world heard the voice of G-d on the radio (that's how old the movie is).

This phenomenon was repeated at the same time for several days, until millions were moved to pack the houses of worship and atone for their misdeeds. A touching fantasy, perhaps from a screenwriter hoping to send a message to G-d on how to conduct His business.

Well, why doesn't He speak directly to us? It would certainly resolve a lot of differences about what He wants.

The question is answered in the closing verse of this week's portion, *Naso* (lift up"). Moses is summoned into the sanctuary to hear the voice of the L-rd. But why did Moses have to be in the sanctuary to conduct a conversation? Why was His voice not heard outside the entrance, by

all the Children of Israel?

Because it's G-d's desire that we serve Him out of free choice, not that we are intimidated into observing mitzvot. That would be too easy... and too harsh. We should come to Torah willingly, and accept it because it is the right thing to do.

Why don't we judge?

Because when you criticize someone else's spirituality, you judge your own inability to transform others through divine service.

More apt than "The Next Voice You Hear..." in portraying G-d's attitude toward us is Ray Bradbury's famous science fiction story *Fahrenheit 451*.

Facing the totalitarian de-

struction of all great literature, the people in the book fight back by memorizing Shakespeare, Chaucer, Maimonides... and, of course, the Bible. They push back the forces of evil and ignorance by internalizing these great thoughts and ideals. They didn't need the books themselves anymore.

In the same way, the physical presence of a Torah is not meant to be its most imposing aspect. It is the force of its ideas, the light that pours from its words that excites our participation in its ways. We then take those ideas and illuminate the lives of others.

Like Moses, we must go out of the tent, into our daily existence, and spread His word. Why don't we judge? Because when you criticize someone else's spirituality, you judge your own inability to transform others through divine service.

Submitted by Rabbi Eliezer Levy of Chabad of West Bay CHAL Center.

Reader Speaks Out Against Same Sex Marriages

To the Editor:

I was shocked to read the article in your April 4, 1996 issue, written by Neil Nachbar, regarding local Reform rabbis who would officiate at gay weddings.

The following is taken from Funk & Wagnalls Standard Dictionary: "Marriage — The act of marrying or the state of being married; specifically a compact

entered into by a man and a woman, to live together as husband and wife."

Shall we redefine the meaning of "marriage"?

Rabbi George Astrachan of Temple Sinai in Cranston is to be commended for his position not to officiate at a gay wedding ceremony.

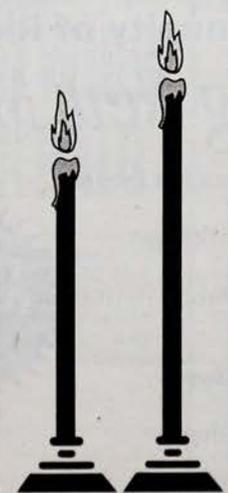
President Clinton's message that he would sign legislation banning homosexual marriage is also very interesting.

A. Archie Finkelstein
Providence



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Reform Judaism Accepts the Challenge

The ascent of Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie to the top leadership position within Reform Judaism marks a generational shift that is rippling through American Jewish life. Yoffie's predecessor, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, retiring after 23 years as president of the 1.5 million member Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is a European-born World War II combat veteran of 71. Yoffie, who will be installed as president on June 8, is an American-born, post-war baby boomer of 48.

"Within the millennial history of Judaism," Yoffie observes, "a single generation may be a blink of an eye. But recent Jewish history has been extraordinarily dynamic."

In just one generation, he said, the external forces that bound members of the Jewish community to each other have subsided: the Holocaust has become a distant memory and is a less sufficient foundation for Jewish communal identity; anti-Semitism has diminished to the point where "exercising responsibility, rather than winning opportunity, is now our main civic role." And Israel's security as a state, while requiring vigilance, means that "peace and pluralism, rather than survival, are now the top items on our Israel agenda."

Yoffie, a former director of the Reform Zionism movement, is a leader in the struggle for recognition of non-Orthodox rabbis in the Jewish state.

"In North America, we no longer look at Jewish life as a series of problems to be solved," Yoffie said, summing up what he sees as the perspective of his generation. "We approach it, instead, as something to celebrate — a series of opportunities for deeper living, fuller community, and higher consciousness."

"The predominant number Jews under 50 in this country identify with Reform and are searching for intense Jewish experiences and a way to reclaim Torah as their own," he said. "Our challenge as a movement is to keep up with the escalating demands of our membership for Jewish resources and articulate Jewish leadership."

While the Reform movement grew from 700 to nearly 900 congregations during the presidency of his predecessor, who stressed outreach to intermarried and unfiliated Jews as one means of overcoming assimilation, the key to mobilizing Jewish energy now is to create warm, embracing, supportive congregations, Yoffie said. "We must invest our sanctuaries with excitement and aliveness, and make our communal prayer a nurturing, satisfying and magical experience if the increased numbers are to stay connected to Judaism."

"Our greatest resource is the tenacity of Jewish identity, the yearning for Jewish connection, even in Jews that are detached or alienated from the Jewish community. Reform has built many pathways to reach those hearts," he said.

Among these pathways he includes the movement's ongoing commitment to egalitarianism for women in Jewish life, to the inclusion of gay and lesbian Jews, and to the Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world, which he interprets to mean both justice in society and high standards of personal morality and conduct.

The Religious Right, he notes, "should not be permitted a monopoly on setting the religious agenda in the U.S. We, too, grow our social views in the incubator of religious consciousness. We, too, find a scriptural basis for our politics. And we, too, intend to help shape the future of this land."

He Raised People

This week's Torah portion, *Behaalot'cha*, opens with the command to Aaron to light the lamps of the menorah, the seven-branched candelabrum which stood in the sanctuary.

Aaron, whose duties as the high priest are also described in *Behaalot'cha*, was known for his love of every creature. Hillel said of him, "Be of the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving your fellow creatures and drawing them near to the Torah."

Why was his way of life a supreme example of spreading the spiritual light of Torah? He did not wait for those who stood in darkness to come within the circle of light, but went out to them. He went, in Hillel's words, to his "fellow creatures," a word including those who had no other merit than that they, too, were G-d's creations. Nonetheless, he "drew them near to the Torah," rather than drawing the Torah near to them.

He did not simplify or com-

promise its commandments in order to bring it down to their level. Rather than lower the Torah, he raised people.

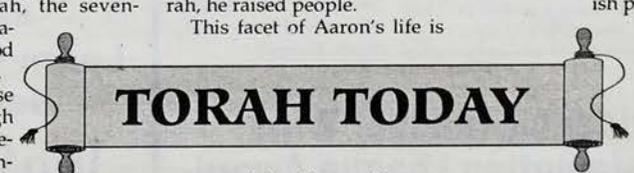
This facet of Aaron's life is

Aaron's spiritual achievement was therefore not only to light the flame in the souls of the Jewish people, but to take them to the stage where they would give light of their own accord.

He did not simply create disciples, people who were dependent on his inspiration. He engendered in them a love of G-d that they could sustain without his help.

This was Aaron's path, "loving peace and pursuing peace, loving his fellow creatures and drawing them near to Torah." And this must be the path of every Jew, lighting the dormant flame in the souls of Jews wherever they are to be found, preferring to be close than to be aloof, to be kind rather than severe, in bringing all our people nearer to Judaism.

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It Was A Dark And Stormy Election

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Pollsters and politicians may think they can predict how an election will play out, but they are not members in good standing of the garages, barbershops, diners, coffee houses, and bars where the average man and woman sniffs the air, picks up ominous or reassuring vibrations, and slowly, frequently silently, begins to swing one way or the other.

Fear and optimism are equally contagious. Eventually, one or the other becomes the prevailing emotion of the moment, and voters pick up on it everywhere they go.

Some, trusting the gut wisdom of the mass, will go with it.

Others, clinging to intellectual decisions they made in the cool of the evening, will resist.

In Israel, apparently, the feeling has grown and grown that they are giving away the store, and very little to show for it. Peres did not confront this fear often enough and openly enough to beat it back. The feeling that by the time the giving stops, Israel will be too vulnerable to defend herself adequately became so strong, so prevalent, that voters were willing, even eager, to risk the future of the peace process — to slow it down, postpone or even shatter it. No one will admit to not being for peace, but what some people define as peace may not sound like peace to the others involved.

Many would like to see the process rolled back, and what are perceived as concessions to the Palestinians revoked, no matter what was signed, sealed and delivered in the past. Their defense could be, "Show me a treaty — anywhere — that was honored in every respect, and I'll show you a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow," and who can argue?

B'nai B'rith Urges Sweden to Stop Racist Rock-N-Roll

Sweden is not normally associated with intolerance but the liberal Scandinavian country is becoming a magnet for neo-Nazis and a major production center of racist music and literature.

Tommy P. Baer, international president of B'nai B'rith, recently returned from a fact-finding trip to Stockholm, and was disturbed by the widespread promotion and availability of racist music. Songs titled "Hail the Swastika," "Hang Him High," and "Parasite," are "filling the airwaves with incitations to attack," he said.

Baer has called on Swedish companies — including Sony of Sweden — to stop producing and distributing racist literature and music.

In a letter sent recently to Sony President Sten af Klinteberg, Baer urged the international company to sever its connection with hate-mongering rock groups by ceasing the

issuance of their recordings. "Free speech carries with it a responsibility to speak the truth and to uphold decency. No one forces entertainment companies to commercially market vile attacks," Baer wrote.

While in Sweden, the B'nai B'rith leaders also expressed concern about a government-subsidized social club for neo-Nazis. Called the Fryshuset, the Swedes told B'nai B'rith that providing "misguided youth" with a place to congregate and learn skills, including desktop publishing, will "turn them around." Instead, however, the club has been used as a staging ground for recruitment by skinheads.

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Agudath Israel Applauds Israeli Election Results

by Rabbi Avi Shafran
Agudath Israel of America

Like most observant Israelis, supporters of the Agudath Israel party in Israel overwhelmingly supported Mr. Netanyahu in the race for prime minister, and hope that the future will bring a true "peace with security" — what we pray for thrice daily — for the Jewish people, as well as for all peoples in the area.

Agudath Israel of America sees the strong showing of the religious parties as a particularly positive development, and as the result of the strong showing of not-necessarily-observant Israelis who feel that materialism and lack of spirituality have come to threaten the Jewish

character of the State.

Such "traditional" or masorti Israelis (not to be confused with Israeli adherents of the Conservative movement, which has taken the word masorti as its Hebrew name) apparently feel that only intensified Jewish education and Jewish identity can assure the Jewish nature of Israel and maintain Jewish unity.

The religious parties are often criticized for using their electoral clout to obtain funds for yeshivos, but the teaching of the traditions, texts and tenets of the Jewish heritage is, they and we feel, the very key to the Jewish future. Thus adequate funding for intense Jewish education in the Jewish state is not

only justified but critical.

Similarly, the larger American Jewish community often expresses fears about the "Orthodox monopoly" over issues of personal status in Israel.

Our view is that only one standard of "Jewishness" can possibly assure one Jewish people, and that the standards of halacha — which has kept the Jewish people one people over the millennia — are precisely the ones that can effectively serve as the "common denominator" to underwrite Jewish unity.

Thus, we see the recent Knesset elections as a positive step, a hopeful harbinger that Jewish identity and unity will indeed be preserved in Israel.

'You Will Be Surprised...'

The following is a review of quotes from the opinion and reporting pages of the *Boston Globe*, the *New York Times*, and the *Providence Journal*. Each paper is represented by appropriate initials.

On American reaction to the election:

Avner Cohen, in Israel just to vote for Peres, said, "There is an enormous sense of mourning, a deep sense that we lost the country." *BG*

Thomas L. Friedman, *NYT*, said, "...for my money you can reduce the outcome to four words: The bad guys won... I'm talking about the Jewish and Muslim extremists, whose actions during the last nine months transformed Israeli politics and made Mr. Netanyahu's victory possible... I'm talking first and foremost about the one Israeli who got to vote twice. His name is Yigal Amir... What Yigal Amir began from the Jewish fringe, the Palestinian suicide bombers finished off from the Muslim fringe... Many Israelis understood that the extremists were acting in order to stop the peace process... But fear always trumps logic."

"American officials hope... that Mr. Netanyahu can heed the example of his Likud forebear, Menachem Begin, who made peace with Egypt... but there is a problem with this analogy: Mr. Begin didn't make the first move; Anwar el-Sadat did." *Steve Erlanger*, *NYT*

On Israeli reaction to the election:

"...half of the country is ecstatic. The other half feels as though it's the end of the world." *Chicago Tribune* reprinted in *BG*

"Three days before the elections, thousands of Lubavitchers took to Jerusalem's streets and helped revive his (Netanyahu's) campaign. They filled the city with stickers that read, 'Netanyahu, good only for Jews' on one, and 'Peres, good only for Arabs' on a second." *Daniel Ben Simon*, *BG*

"There's no doubt," wrote Yoel Marcus, a leading editorialist in the newspaper *Ha'aretz*, that Netanyahu screwed up the

peace camp. Let's hope for our sake that on his road to glory, he won't screw up the country." Another editorialist in *Ha'aretz*, commenting on Netanyahu's victory, stated that Israel will be remembered as a short episode in the history of the Jews. "Behind this shallow and empty persona have gathered all the abnormal political currents of Israeli politics that flow from Hebron to Brooklyn. This is an unprecedented coalition of hate against secular Israelism." *Daniel Ben Simon*, *BG*



On Netanyahu:

"You will be surrounded," I told him, "by fanatics from your party. How will you do that?" (resume negotiations) Netanyahu looked amused: "I may be stupid in their eyes," he said, "but I'm not a fool. As soon as elected, I will engage in the making of peace. You will be surprised (at) the elan of peace and the creativeness of it." *Daniel Ben Simon*, *GB*

"One of the first concrete tests of Netanyahu's intentions will be whether he withdraws Israeli troops from Hebron on the West Bank..." *Serge Schmemmann*, *NYT*, in *PJ*

On Arab reaction:

"...Mr. Assad is in favor of 'the peace process' for the benefits it brings him with Washington, while fearing 'peace' for the dangers it will bring to his dictatorial regime." *Steven Erlanger*, *NYT*

On Peres:

"Asked last February whether he was the right man

to lead Israel to this peace, he (Peres) said, 'I'm not sure I'm the right man. But I'm sure I have the right idea.'" *Serge Schmemmann*, *NYT*

"...Peres, whose aloofness and political stumbles make him the Adlai Stevenson of Israeli politics..." *Erlanger*, *NYT*

"Another reason Rabin would have probably lost is that he, like Peres, failed to deal with the growing disenchantment of the lower classes. One of the most neglected aspects of what has happened in Israel over the past decade of rapid and robust economic growth is the development of a huge disparity between the upper and lower sectors of the society. Statistics released last month show that the richest tenth of the country earns 60 times more than the wage of the poorest tenth. Half of the working population takes home less than \$700 a month after taxes." *BG*

"But what the vote had already confirmed was that Peres had failed in the critical task of explaining the peace to his own people... Polls repeatedly showed that most Israelis were convinced that Arafat was not living up to the agreements, though Israel was at least as culpable by ignoring its contractual obligations to release women prisoners, to make a transit road from Gaza to the West Bank, or to withdraw the military from Hebron. The one-sided perception is not surprising in itself, since very few Israelis have visited Gaza or Palestinian cities in the West Bank since the outbreak of anti-Israeli violence... But by failing to counter a one-sided perception of the agreements, Peres in effect ensured that every terror attack would be perceived as a direct and massive violation, and as evidence of the incompetence of his government." *PJ*

Stanley Ringle, a spokesman for Labor (speaking of the Orthodox) said, "We don't understand them, and they are a far more important element in defining life than we thought." *NYT*

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Extraordinary Gathering Scheduled for June 9

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) will appear and speak on June 9 at a dinner sponsored by the Providence Hebrew Day School/New England Academy of Torah to honor Moynihan's colleague and friend, Sen. Claiborne de Borda Pell.

Moynihan, according to his staff, seldom accepts invitations to appear outside New York on such occasions. But he has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the Amudim Award Dinner, honoring Sen. Pell, at the Convention Center.

"In the 20th century, the great statesman and scholar, Sen. Claiborne Pell, is the foundation of our nation's progress in education, the arts, the environment and international accord," said Rabbi Irving Fried, Ph.D., executive director of the school.

The Providence Hebrew Day School traditionally honors men and women in the community who are amudim, or foundations, of society.

The Honorary Tribute Committee composed of leaders in the fields of education, art, justice and the environment includes: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., honorary chairman and master of ceremonies; The Hon. Bruce Sundlun, honorary chairman of the tribute committee; Sen. John H. Chafee, honorary environment chairman; and

Doreen Bolger, honorary art chairman.

Other members of the tribute committee are: Gov. Lincoln C. Almond, Dr. M. Therese Antone, RSM, David Barricelli, Esq., George Graboys, Edward D. Feldstein, Lawrence K. Fish, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Fishbein, Rabbi Joshua Fishman, Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Forbes, Rabbi Irving Fried, Ph.D., The Hon. Maureen McKenna Goldberg, Canon Roy Green, Dr. Vartan Gregorian, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hassenfeld, Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy, Consul General Dan Kyrum, The Hon. Victoria Lederberg, Dr. Edward J. Liston, General Treasurer Nancy J. Mayer, The Rev. James Miller, Frank Montanaro, Thomas W. Pearlman, Esq., Attorney Gen. Jeffrey B. Pine, Steven A. Rakitt, Rep. John F. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Reisman, R.I. Board of Rabbis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon S. Sollosy, Dr. William Trueheart.

The public is invited to the extraordinary gathering.

Eastern European kosher cuisine and klezmer folk and dance music by the Fischel Bressler Ensemble will be featured. A cocktail reception is planned for 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$125 a person; \$200 a couple; \$850 for a table of 10.

All proceeds will benefit the Providence Hebrew Day School Scholarship Fund.

For further information or to reserve seats, call 331-5327.

Lecture Series Features Lively Discussion on Jesus

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

If there is one name that you're unlikely to hear in a synagogue, it's "Jesus."

But not only was that name mentioned at Tifereth Israel Congregation recently, it was the topic of three lectures at the Conservative synagogue in New Bedford on June 2 and 3.

Dr. Louis H. Feldman, a world-renowned authority on Hellenistic Judaism and an expert on Jewish-gentile relations in the ancient world, was this year's guest speaker for the Rabbi Bernard H. and Minna Ziskind Memorial Lecture Series.

The theme of Feldman's presentations was "Jewish Attitudes Toward Jesus."

Feldman, a professor of classics at Yeshiva University, began his lecture on June 2 by describing a person who healed the sick, raised the dead and whose followers called him the son of G-d.

Feldman, however, wasn't referring to Jesus, he was describing Apollonius. The professor's point was that Jesus of Nazareth wasn't the only person in that same era who was regarded in that way.

Before fully plunging into the topic of Jesus, Feldman prefaced his comments by saying that Jesus was not mentioned in his home as a child. Feldman grew up in a traditional Jewish household and Jesus was referred to as "that man."

"As much as I've tried to be dispassionate and scholarly about the topic, it's very difficult," said Feldman.

The professor then set out to examine (1) the claim that Jesus

was G-d, (2) the claim that Jesus was the Messiah, and (3) Jesus' practices as a Jew.

"We can't look at what Jesus said," said Feldman. "But we can look at what people say he said or taught. We have statements ascribed to Jesus and stories about his life."

As for the claim that Jesus was divine, Feldman said all Jews agree that there is only one G-d and only G-d has the power to do things like forgive sins on Earth and revive the dead.

Feldman acknowledged that during the period, there was a belief among non-Jews (Egyptians, for example) that humans can be divine, but repeated that Jews can not believe in the divinity of another Jew.

As for Jesus being the Messiah, Feldman said that Judaism states that the Messiah will be human, not divine. He said the Messiah will reveal himself by what he does.

He elaborated by saying that the Messiah will bring about universal peace and restore the (Jewish) people from the four corners of the Earth to the land of Israel.

"Jesus didn't bring about these things, or the end of ill health," said Feldman. "The criteria of the Messiah is that he must succeed."

"Christians would say that Jesus was a different kind of Messiah, but this is how it is defined in the Talmud," Feldman continued.

On the question of how Jewish was Jesus, Feldman had many points, which were mixed with quotes from religious texts and emotion.

"There's no question that he was a Jew," said Feldman. "His mother was Jewish. There is a passage of him wearing tzitzit."

"He would feel most comfortable in an Orthodox shul and wouldn't feel comfortable in a church," continued the professor. "Jesus was an observant Jew who performed the commandments."

Feldman said there are some parallels between the teachings

of Jesus and lessons from the Talmud.

Jesus and the Talmud agree that you should "have mercy on people, immoral thoughts are worse than immoral deeds and he who lusts with his eyes is an adulterer."

However, Feldman said there are many things about Jesus that he finds difficult.

His first point was Jesus as a teacher.

"His method differs from the rabbis that we know about," said Feldman. "The rabbis have teachers, there is a continuity. Who is Jesus' teacher?"

His second criticism of Jesus was that he oversimplifies things. "He's not alone; Hillel oversimplified some things, but not to the extent that Jesus did," stated Feldman.

The next thing Feldman pointed to was a lack of a sense of humor.

"Can you imagine a rabbi without a sense of humor," asked Feldman. "I'm not saying Jesus doesn't have a point of view, but he's not like the rabbis that I'm accustomed to."

Feldman said Jesus also lacked patience.

"One quality of a teacher is patience," said Feldman. "Hillel is a master of patience. In Matthew, Jesus displays no patience."

Feldman next criticized Jesus' economic views.

"In Mark and Matthew, women pour expensive ointment on Jesus' head. Some people would say why waste the ointment like that when it could be sold (and the money be put to better use)," said Feldman. "Jesus said, 'She has done a beautiful thing. You will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.'"

Jesus' attitude toward family also bothered Feldman.

"A follower of Jesus wanted to say goodbye to his family before going off with Jesus," said Feldman. "Jesus said 'Anyone

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Torat Yisrael Honors Past Presidents of Men's Club

The Men's Club of Temple Torat Yisrael honored nine of its past presidents on May 19 at a celebration brunch, at the temple.

Honored for their past services were Ira Fleisher, Gershon Levine, Rodney Locke, Ernest Nemeroff, Harry Portney, Joe Postar, Samuel Primak, Frank Prosnitz, and Allan Rosenberg.

Eleven fortunate youngsters received grants to be applied to the recipient's attendance at one of the Jewish camps or schools.

on the scholarship list.

In the kitchen, volunteer Harry Portney made the brunch a culinary success. Ed Beck, president of the club, called Portney "a very generous person," and Harold Winthrop, a member, agreed. "When we have a breakfast, Harry is the whole ball of wax."

Gershon Levine, community relations counsel of the Rhode Island Jewish Federation, was the guest speaker for the event.



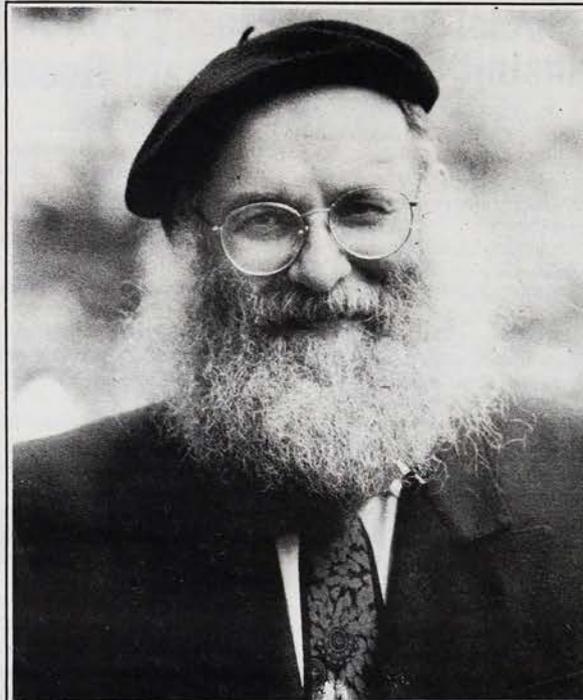
HARRY PORTNEY, of Temple Torat Yisrael, is a good man to have in the kitchen if you're planning a club meal. He volunteers with a smile.



SEATED AT THE HEAD TABLE, at the Men's Club brunch, are, from the left, Harry Portney, Rodney Locke, Ernest Nemeroff, and Samuel Primak.



AND AT THE OTHER END OF THE TABLE at the brunch, are, from the left, Ira Fleisher, Frank Prosnitz, Allan Rosenberg and Gershon Levine.



Rabbi Laibel Wolf

Rabbi to Explore Kabbalah

Members of the Rhode Island community will have the opportunity to hear world-renowned scholar and lecturer Rabbi Laibel Wolf on June 11.

The West Bay Jewish Forum will host a lecture entitled "Your Inner Landscape — The Art of Inner Balance and Poise Through the Kabbalistic Pathway."

Wolf has been a teacher and counselor in the field of personal growth and conscious living for more than 25 years. A qualified lawyer with a graduate degree in education, and an ordained rabbi, he has taught Jewish meditation classes and conducted seminars worldwide.

The lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the CHAI Center, 15 Centerville Road (Four Corners Apponaug), Warwick. Suggested donation — \$5. Ample parking is available. For more information, call 884-4071.

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SUPPORTERS OF THE MEN'S CLUB listen to the guest speaker, Gershon Levine, community relations counsel of the Rhode Island Jewish Federation, at a recent Temple Torat Yisrael brunch.

Ahavath Achim Presents Scholar-In-Residence Weekend

The 1996 Ahavath Achim Robert L. Genensky Scholar-In-Residence weekend will occur June 14 and 15. Dr. David Luchins will be the guest speaker.

Luchins is the senior assistant to Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan of New York and chairman of the department of political science at Touro College in New York City.

The schedule is as follows: June 14 — 6 p.m., Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat; 6:30 p.m., family Shabbat dinner; 8 p.m., lecture and discussion, "Has the Jewish Community Turned Away From Social Justice?"

June 15 — 9 a.m., Shacharit; 11:30 a.m., family Shabbat luncheon; noon, lecture and discussion, "American Jewry: A Political and Demographic Update"; 7:30 p.m., Mincha/Seuda Shlisheet/collation; follow-up on previous lectures; 8:50 p.m., Maariv/Havdalah.

The Friday night Shabbat dinner is \$17.50 per person and \$5

for a child under 10. Shabbat lunch is \$6 per person.

A patron is \$70 and a sponsor is \$60. Patron and sponsor includes dinner and lunch for two. There is no charge for college students.

Ahavath Achim Synagogue is located at 385 County St., in New Bedford. Call (508) 994-1760 for more information.

Touro Presents Ladino Concert

A free concert of Ladino music, by the noted Sephardic artist, Ramon Tasat, will be the feature of a special "El Dia De Sephard," program which will be held on June 9 at 2 p.m. at Touro Synagogue in Newport.

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Social Seniors Install Officers

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting on June 12 at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, Gardiner St., Warwick. A grocery and penny social will follow.

On June 23, an installation of officers for the 1996-1997 term will be held at the Sheraton Tara Hotel on Post Road. A luncheon and entertainment will follow. Installing the officers will be Ann Zaborski of West Bay.

A reply for this event is requested.

Officers include: chaplain, Theodore Slavsky; president, Bella Aron; first vice president, Estelle Miller; second vice president, Sara Greene; recording secretary, Ethel Gallant; corresponding secretary, Ethel Troberman; treasurer, Simon Chorney; publicity, Ettis Raphael; sunshine chairperson, Rosaline Stern; member-at-large, Sally Goldman; responsible for visiting ailing members, Lillian Wiatrak; and historian, Stella Pollack.

Celebration in Smithfield

The Historical Society of Smithfield is observing the 300th anniversary of the Smith-Appleby House with a public celebration on June 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 220 Stillwater Road, Smithfield.

Marcy Cohen Weds Richard Rosenthal

Marcy Ellen Cohen and Richard Alan Rosenthal were married April 20 at the Inn at the Crossings in Warwick, R.I. The bride is the daughter of Lenore and Richard Cohen of Cranston, R.I. The bridegroom is the son of Judy and Kenneth Rosenthal, of Peabody, Mass.

Rabbi Alan Flam officiated at the 8 p.m. ceremony, which was followed immediately by a reception at the inn.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Maid of honor was Judy Schreiber. Bridesmaids were Rhonda Rosenthal, sister of the bridegroom, Robyn Capuano, Laurie Press, Amy Masters and Jodi Slifka.

Best man was Michael O'Neill. Ushers were Ronald Cohen, brother of the bride, Gary Godinho, Charles Mac Eachern, Shawn Leonard, and David Falkowski.

The bride graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and is employed as educational coordinator for Mentor Clinical Care.

The bridegroom graduated from Bentley College and is employed as manager at Fidelity Investments.

Their wedding trip was taken to St. Lucia and Puerto Rico. The couple reside in Newton, Mass.

Yehuda Lev to Speak on June 17

Yehuda Lev will speak on aspects of the Israeli election on June 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the Tavern Hall Club, Route 138, Kingston.

Dessert and coffee will be served. This program is sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of South County.

Lev is/was a journalist, an Israeli soldier, a kibbutznick, and a scholar. He has been associate editor of the *Los Angeles Jewish Newspaper*, correspondent for CBS and Kol Israel, and press spokesman for Jewish and Israeli organizations.



Martin Felder, MD

The Miriam Hospital Honors Two Physicians

Martin Felder, M.D., and Stanley Simon, M.D., will each receive The Miriam Hospital's Distinguished Service Award for their years of commitment to medical education and dedication to their patients.

They will be honored during a reception on June 23, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass.

The two are the first TMH medical staff members to receive the award.

Felder, a general surgeon, joined The Miriam Hospital staff in 1963. He served three terms with the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program of the American College of Surgeons. He and his wife Velma live in

Providence.

Simon is general surgeon who began his work at The Miriam in 1956. He is a member of the medical honorary society Alpha Omega Alpha, and has served on the credentials committee of the American College of Surgeons. He and his wife Sandy live in Providence.

As part of the award, an endowment fund will be established in the hospital's department of surgery honoring the two physicians.

For more information on contributing to the endowment, or attending the celebration, call the hospital at 444-6781. The reception is free and open to the public.



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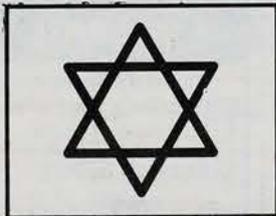
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FEATURE



Dearest Coz

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

A Tapestry, A Rug, The Fabric of Family

We planted our spring flowers for Mother's Day. You may get a tie for old dad in mid-June. How about a Cousin's Day to wrap it up for everybody under the summer sun?

My brother's wife has a cousin, whose son is half Italian. His name is Alex DiPippo. You may have heard a DiPippo squeeze a jazz accordion on Federal Hill.

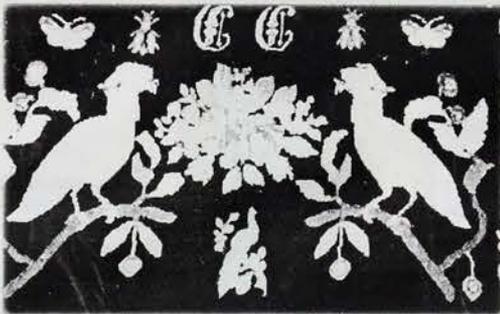
Alex teaches philosophy at U.R.I. and drives an ancient convertible, a veritable, and venerable, road yacht. We cruise over to Pastiche for espresso and fancy talk. He's my cousin!

Sarah Fink came down from Boston for a family wedding. She's Unitarian. Her mom, a descendant of an Archbishop of Canterbury, talks about Emerson with me in my garden.

I promised Sarah I would give her a group of Fink ancestral photo-portraits I am having restored. My kids have British relations as well as Sicilian.

Cousin Charna, also known as Carol, drives down from Montreal for every state event.

She was adopted, but she has always been the most connected, concerned, lively, and caring presence, crossing over forbidden kinship, clan and taboo lines with an easy smile and a keen eye for detail.



She beams with good will at the recent wedding in Warren.

My dictionary tells me that a monarch uses the term "cousin" in addressing any noble guest.

After a point in life, once your father, and your mother, perhaps most of your aunts and uncles, have moved beyond the clouds, all you have to share your history with a newfound cousin. Maybe even a newborn cousin?

Cousins come by and multiply our connections with both the past and the future, knitting a rich fabric like a rug, a blanket, a canopy, a tapestry.

My children have African-American cousins, on their

mother's side, survivor cousins on mine through marriage, and who knows what degrees of separation from the furthest corners of the inhabited universe?

It was a special tradition in my clan to stay, in matrimony, within the boundaries of cousinship. My parents were cousins by marriage, and my eldest brother married a cousin by marriage.

At the recent wedding of my niece, a distant cousin, so claimed by custom if not by blood, Fred Berkelhammer, stopped me to fill me in on his recent history. He is a tree surgeon, his hearing dimmed down by the din of the saw.

"Trees are also my cousins," I shouted with a glass of wine in my hand, only partly kidding.

Frankly, I think it's sad that we have to live so cornered and trapped by our personal souls, knowing what nobody else knows, hoarding secrets, wrapped in solitude like a product from a pharmacy, hard to get to.

And yet, there's always a cousin on some side or other, through some ketubah of bonding. You may never find your twin, but you can't escape your fate.

On Father's Day, I ponder not only my father and the fatherly souls of my boyhood, not only my children and the fatherly wishes I feel for their welfare and their inheritance of values, but also cousins who smile and shake hands, who speak and bless, who remember at least a thread of our common filament and filigree.

Will The Real Kramer Stand Up?

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

By now, fans of Seinfeld know that Cosmo Kramer on the show was created or inspired by a real live Kramer — Kenny Kramer of New York.

Kenny, to keep the characters straight, is coming to Providence. He will appear in the auditorium of the University of Rhode Island Shepard Building, 80 Washington St., Providence, courtesy of the Learning Connection, on June 26, from 7 to 10 p.m.

If you are a fan of the show, you will probably want to see this Kramer.

If you are thinking of making a career of comedy or humor, you will probably find meeting Kenny a launching board for your own flights of fancy.

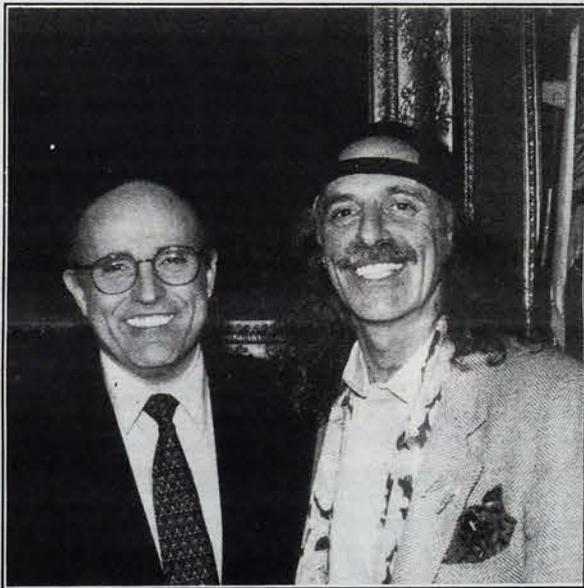
If you are a writer, particu-

larly one aspiring to a television contract, meeting Kenny and comparing him to the character created by Michael Richards, may give you a whole new slant on characterization, comic or serious.

Were you aware that some of the Seinfeld plots came from real life situations, frequently Kenny Kramer situations?

Were you aware that Kenny is Jewish? On the show, Jerry is Jewish and George is half-Jewish. In reality, George (Jason Alexander) and Jerry Seinfeld are both Jewish.

Long ago, Kenny Kramer lived in the same building with Larry David, Seinfeld executive producer and co-creator. (David was the inspiration for George, on the show.) The rest, as they say, is showbiz history.



KENNY KRAMER AND HIS HONOR, Mayor Giuliani of New York, share the spotlight, as Kenny begins his Kramer's Reality Tour. We need hardly point out that Kramer is the gentleman on the right.

Dance and Music Tour in Preparation

A unique Jewish heritage seminar tour of Prague, Poland and Israel focusing on ethnic and folk dance and music will take place from June 20 to July 14.

The program will include excursions to important Jewish sites in and around Prague, Krakow and Warsaw. Visits will be arranged with individuals and groups involved with Jewish folk and ethnic culture, especially those who have expertise in music and dance.

In addition, gatherings with local Jewish communities will provide opportunities to join them in informal evenings of music and dance.

A highlight of the Eastern

European segment will be the Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow, Poland (which was recently featured as the setting of the PBS special, "Itzhak Perlman: in the Fiddler's House").

On site visits to various ethnic communities will allow participants to experience the traditional music and dances of Yemenite, Kurdish, Georgian, Ethiopian, Arab and Druze communities, among others.

A highlight of the program in Israel will be the three-day Karmiel Dance Festival. Besides a vast variety of dance activities, the festival also will include live music performances by eth-

nic groups and Israeli stars, such as Shoshana Damari. A five-day extension tour of Israel may also be arranged.

While the tour is primarily for individuals who already have some knowledge of folk and ethnic culture — especially teachers, performers and leaders who wish to enrich their professional background — others who are interested in a uniquely Jewish experience are

welcome to participate on a space available basis.

The program is being arranged by Rikuday Dor Rishon, a volunteer group of Israeli folk dancers that meets at the

Tifereth Israel Synagogue in Manhattan on Sunday nights, except during the summer.

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Profession Better

by Fredi Solod

Even the simplest wedding ceremony involves planning and preparation, excitement and anxiety. Any part of that momentous event which can be assigned to someone else... if "someone else" is a professional... will make the day more memorable and less traumatic.

An interview with Susie Dittelman, wedding and special events photographer, revealed the need for early planning for bridal photography, and the advantages of professional service.

"As soon as the date is decided, a photographer should be consulted," said Dittelman. "There are so many variables and a professional photographer can give you options, help you plan for the best record of that very special day."

Q: What's the advantage in having an experienced wedding photographer rather than Uncle Max, who knows the guests and will work for nothing?"

A: Experience, equipment... and the fact that for a professional this is a job... not a social event... and he or she is not "doing you a favor." You can tell her exactly what you want and not worry that Uncle Max is concentrating on the guests closest to him. Of course, Uncle Max's photographs are invaluable and precious and you are lucky if you can have both!

Q: Once you settle on a photographer... what then?

A: Ideally, have the photographer do an engagement picture... often with the prospective bridegroom... and you can get a feeling for how she works and let her know what's important to you. You visit the studio, see the equipment, look at the albums of other weddings, discuss options like videos... all this establishes a good rapport. And you can let the photographer know, as plans formalize and guests respond, who must be photographed.

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Q: What, if anything, is an average... budget, time, etc.?
 A: There is really no average... each case is unique. A studio does weddings where the couple simply wants a few portraits and a very simple album. And then there are the extravagant ones where the more the better! A professional should work with you... within your means and needs.

Q: There are various packages?
 A: Absolutely. And often the bride hasn't even thought about all the possibilities. Collect brochures describing offerings and packages. Which is flexible enough to include whatever the bride and bridegroom want?

Q: Are there other considerations for the bride?
 A: Yes. With so many "mixed" families, the photographer needs to know who can be photographed with whom: parents, stepparents... sometimes there are strong restrictions and the photographer must be sensitive to them. Do the divorced parents have others in their lives with whom they wish to be photographed? A list is important, but is not set in stone. A bride can change her priorities right up to the moment of the flash!

Q: Can you really get something memorable if you're on a tight budget?
 A: Yes. The ceremony and some posed family shots: with the addition of important people in place following the ceremony, you can have a wonderful pictorial memory of the special day.

Bottom line: visit studios, ask friends for recommendations, select early: give the photographer time to go over the event and the guest list...
 And then leave it in his or her hands. There are so many things to consider! That's why brides hire a professional for this most important moment in their lives.

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SPORTS FEATURE

Alperin to Carry Olympic Torch

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

For most people, the closest they will come to the upcoming Olympic Games in Atlanta will be watching the festivities on television.

Mel Alperin, former president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, will be participating in the Olympic experience.

He won't be competing, but Alperin is one of 26 Rhode Islanders selected by a panel of distinguished community leaders to carry the Olympic Torch across Rhode Island June 15 and 16 on its way to Atlanta and the Centennial Olympics.

The panel, which was organized by the United Way of Southeastern New England — a provider to the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay — searched for individuals who perform outstanding volunteer work; serve as community leaders, role models or mentors; perform acts of generosity or kindness, and perform extraordinary feats or accomplishments.

The 1996 Olympic Torch Relay is traveling 15,000 miles across the nation and will arrive for the opening of the Olympics in Atlanta on July 19. More than 10,000 individuals will carry the torch, including 5,500 community heroes.

"I was pleasantly surprised to be chosen," said Alperin. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity."

The torch will be carried through Pawtucket and Providence on the evening of June 15

and the morning of June 16.

Although Alperin still hasn't been told which part of the journey he'll be responsible for, he's not too worried about it.

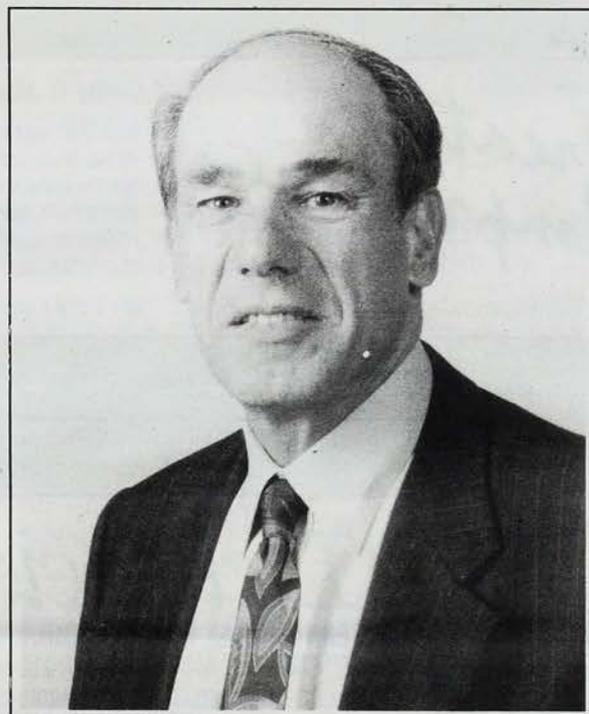
"Each person will do about a half mile," said Alperin. "They said we can go at our own speed. We just had to give them some idea of how fast we'll be going so they would have the relay timed correctly."

Alperin normally walks 2 to

3 miles a day, four to five days a week. He also plays tennis and has recently taken up golf.

Alperin, a member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, was a board member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and he's served on the board of the United Jewish Appeals.

He is also the chairman of the Rhode Island Foundation and is one of the partners of Pawtucket Fasteners.



Mel Alperin



Torat Yisrael and Some Good Sports

Brown University football coach, Mark Whipple, and three Jewish players, Evan Froberg, Scott Weiser and Fry Wernock, share the spotlight with Harold Winthrop, down in front on the left, and Ed Beck, on the right, of the Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club on March 19,

New Jerusalem Arena Expected to Open

Israel's first enclosed arena, a \$60 million multi-purpose facility for such events as sports, concerts, conventions, international exhibitions and trade shows, will be built at the western entrance to Jerusalem.

The facility, the Jerusalem Arena, will accommodate as many as 15,000 persons and is scheduled to be completed by the year 2000.

"The year 2000 promises to be a record year of pilgrimage to Jerusalem and that's why we've made that our target date," said Zvi Barak, chairman of the board of directors of ICC Jerusalem.

The arena will officially open at ICC Jerusalem as part of the Jerusalem Gateway Development Project. Besides the arena, the project will include a new National Precinct, a complex comprising buildings that will house the prime minister's office, the foreign ministry and other government offices, as well as three new hotels, a shopping center and a major transportation terminal with parking for 3,500 cars.

"With the new arena, ICC Jerusalem will be among the top convention and exhibition centers of the world in terms of size and modern conveniences," said Barak.

The indoor stadium will provide more than 161,000 square feet of space and will be designed specifically for basketball and such other indoor sports

as ice hockey, boxing and indoor tennis.

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and David Stern, the commissioner of the National Basketball Association, have agreed to serve on the international steering committee for the project.

"It would be wonderful to see huge crowds come for an exhibition game between the Chicago Bulls with Michael Jordan and the New York Knicks with Patrick Ewing," said Edna Ramot, director general of ICC Jerusalem, who served in New York City for three years as director of the Israel Government Tourist Office for the northeast region.

The first event to take place in the new stadium will be the International Federation of Gynecology & Obstetrics, scheduled from Sept. 10 to 15 in the year 2000. More than 12,000 participants are expected.

The Jerusalem Gateway Development Project is being designed by the office of Jerusalem architects Kolker, Kolker and Epstein and the well-known Canadian architects A.J. Diamond and Donald Schmitt & Co. of Toronto, designers of the new Jerusalem City Hall.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert turned to Barak to oversee the project as a new wing of ICC Jerusalem. The present facility houses 27 meeting halls and auditoriums and 129,000 square feet of exhibition space.

U.S. Maccabiah Team Seeks Hockey Players

Jewish ice hockey players are being sought to try out for the United States Maccabiah ice hockey team to participate in the 15th World Maccabiah Games scheduled for July 5 to 25, 1997 in Israel. Tryouts will take place July 20 and 21 at the Walter Brown Rink at Boston University.

Ice hockey will make its first-ever appearance at the World Maccabiah Games next July. The quadrennial Maccabiah Games bring Jewish athletes together from around the world for competition in 32 official sports in four divisions: juniors, masters,

open and disabled.

"We are looking forward to selecting the team," said co-chairman Sam Greenblatt, who is also the former coach-in-chief for U.S.A. Hockey. "Based on the applicant pool to date, we expect to field a competitive team."

Interested athletes need to complete an application and mail it in to the office before tryouts. For an application and for more information, contact Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, at 1926 Arch St., 3F, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103 or call (215) 561-6181.

How You Can Lend Support to the Israeli Olympic Team

With less than two months to go, Olympic fever is running high.

Israel is hoping to equal or best their accomplishments of 1992, when they earned a silver and a bronze in judo. Israel expects to compete in boxing, fencing, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming and wrestling in the summer Olympics.

Both Yael Arad and Oren Smegda, in their second appear-

ance in the Olympics, will be vying for the elusive gold. Hearing "Hatikvah" played would have special meaning to silver medalist Arad, who still mourns the loss of her friend, the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. So much so, that she is dedicating her appearance and hopefully a medal, to his memory.

Married in October and with her slow recovery from injuries, she has managed to take a fifth

place at the 1995 World Championships in Japan and a bronze in an international competition in Moscow.

You can show your support of the Israeli team by securing Israel Olympic apparel. Available items include the official T-shirt, pin and sport cap. For more information, call (800) 552-0000, ext. 60.

Barnstorming in Lincoln

Flying enthusiasts and the community are invited to see the Red Baron Biplanes on display, June 12 from 11:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and June 13 from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at North Central State Airport, located at 380 Jenckes Hill Road in Lincoln. Admission is free.

The red and white, smoke trailing, super Stearman are original open-air cockpit biplanes reminiscent of aviation's earlier days. The tour, sponsored by Red Baron Frozen Pizza, is in an effort to keep the lost art of barnstorming alive.

This year's fly-in will benefit Muscular Dystrophy. From June 2 to 16, Red Baron will donate a percentage from all Red Baron products sold in the community to benefit their programs. The goal is to raise \$1,500.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Robin Spielberg Brings Spirited Music to Cranston

One of today's top solo pianists and composers, Robin Spielberg, will bring her spirited music to Cranston for a free in-store concert at Borders Books & Music on June 13.

The music will showcase her new contemporary instrumental album, "Songs of the Spirit."

Spielberg's original music reflects her background as a classically trained pianist with pop influences including both showtune standards and modern pop-rock. Spielberg started her professional musical career in New York City scoring and performing music for plays including the National Public Radio drama "The Poet and The Rent" by David Mamet.

From 7 to 9:30 p.m., Spielberg will meet and greet the public and perform abbreviated sets as part of her in-store appearance at Borders, which is located at 81 Hillside Road, Garden City shopping center.

In addition to performing songs from her fifth album, "Songs of the Spirit," Robin also will play selections from her first album, "Heal of the Hand," which has consistently been a best-seller across the country in gift stores. Both albums contain songs of love, loss and hope which have wide appeal to all age groups.

Although Spielberg is from New Jersey and performs frequently in New York City, all five of her albums are on the Rhode Island-based North Star Music label (located in East

Greenwich). She has become the company's best-selling artist with more than 150,000 units sold in the past 18 months.

Her albums are produced by Steven Miller, who has worked with George Winston, Liz Story, Scott Cossu and Manhattan Transfer.



Robin Spielberg

'Sailing Alone' in New Bedford

On June 13 at 8 p.m., students from the West Tisbury and Menemsha Elementary Schools, Martha's Vineyard, and members of the island communities will present a musical event, "Sailing Alone," in the New Bedford Whaling Museum Theater.

The event is free to members of the museum, the cost for non-members is \$5.

One hundred years ago, Joshua Slocum was underway on a three-year odyssey aboard the 36-foot sloop, the "Spray," making him the first man ever to sail single-handedly around

the world.

When his memoirs, *Sailing Alone Around the World*, brought him fame and a bit of fortune, he purchased a farm in West Tisbury and attempted to forsake a lifetime in sailing for farming. At this he was unsuccessful and unhappy, and ultimately he sailed from Martha's Vineyard in search of another adventure, only to be lost at sea.

"Sailing Alone" is based on Slocum's book.

For further information, contact Lee Heald at (508) 997-0046, ext. 33.

Using Their Imaginations

Young artists' colorful and imaginative works will be displayed in Rhode Island School of Design's Woods-Gerry Gallery from June 6 to 20, as a part of the Crayola Dream-Makers' Earth, Sea & Sky program.

Earth, Sea & Sky features framed masterpieces created by elementary school artists from around the United States and Canada. The works of art — created by kindergarten through sixth-grade students — were selected from thousands of entries. Portions of the entire collection (about 80 works) will travel regionally to more than 15 universities and art museums throughout the United States and Canada.

Approximately 12 2-dimensional and seven 3-dimensional artworks as well as two murals (made by a total of 20 children)

created by workshop participants will also be showcased in the Woods-Gerry Gallery.

Marvin Makes Science Fun

Marvin Novodgroski, popularly known as Marvelous Marvin, brings his show "The Magic of Science" to the Greenwich Odeum's Bookity-Book Family Theater on June 8.

Show times are 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Greenwich Odeum is located at 59 Main St., East Greenwich. Tickets are \$6 each.

"The Magic of Science" is a rollicking extravaganza filled with spinning billiard ball sculptures, balancing discs and other explorations of science that make it fun for the whole family.

Novodgroski is also a member of the Everett Dance Theatre, a Rhode Island dance company that shares the fun of dance and science with audiences young and old.

Zamir Chorale to Present 'Jerusalem 3000' Concert

On June 9, the Zamir Chorale of Boston will pay tribute to Jerusalem in a concert of music from the most ancient to the most modern.

"Jerusalem 3000: a Musical Celebration" will feature works about the city of Jerusalem on the occasion of the 3,000th anniversary of its establishment as the capital of Israel. The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Welch Casey Theatre at Regis College in Weston.

Music director Joshua Jacobson has planned a program which includes settings of texts about the Holy City by composers from Salamone Rossi and Jacques Halévy to Stephan Wolpe, Darius Milhaud, Tsvi Avni and David Burger.

There will be traditional chants from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions; popular songs by Naomi

Shemer, Nurit Hirsch, Kenny Karen and Shelomo Carlbach; even a Protestant anthem from Victorian England and an African American gospel song.

Along with choral music performed by the 50 voices of the Zamir Chorale, there will be instrumental interludes and readings. Singer/songwriter David Burger will be Zamir's special guest soloist.

The Zamir Chorale of Boston is regarded as one of the most significant proponents of Jewish music in the world.

Tickets to "Jerusalem 3000" are \$8, \$12, \$18, and \$25, with a \$3 discount for senior citizens on all but the \$8 tickets. Regis College is located near Route 30 in Weston; parking is free.

For more information, or to order tickets, call the Zamir Chorale at (617) 965-6522.

'Pirates' Take Over the Orpheum

"The Pirates of Penzance," one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most audience-pleasing operettas, will be performed at the Orpheum Theatre in Foxboro for a limited engagement June 7 through 15.

From its American debut in the late 1800s, "The Pirates of Penzance" continues to receive accolades for its zany comedy and superb music. Gilbert and Sullivan's tale features paltry police, pretentious politicians, the "very model of a modern Major-General," his comely daughter Mabel, a bevy of her friends and, of course, some of the most incompetent pirates ever to sail the open seas.

"The Pirates of Penzance" will be performed at the Orpheum Theatre in Foxboro, June 8 and 15 at 8 p.m. and June 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$17.50 for adults and \$15.50 for seniors and students.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the

Foxborough Regional Center for the Performing Arts at the Orpheum Theatre, One School St., Foxboro, Mass., or call (508) 543-ARTS or (800) 810-ARTS.

Correction

In the May 30 edition of the *Herald* the date given as 1941, the year Chaim Gross turned 10, should have been 1904. We regret the error.

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SCHOOLBEAT

Donna Kaplan Figueroa Wins Fulbright Grant

Donna J. Kaplan Figueroa, M.A., of the University of Rhode Island, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to participate in the International Education Administrators Program in Korea, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the United States Information Agency (USIA) announced recently.

Figueroa, who earned her master's degree in international administration from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vt., is the study abroad advisor and program coordinator of the Office of International Education and National Student Exchange at URI.

Prior to URI, Figueroa was a project advisor for the Latin American Scholarship Program in American Universities at Harvard University and served as a United States Peace Corps volunteer at Guatemala, from 1986 to 1989.

Figueroa is one of approxi-

mately 1,600 grantees who will travel abroad for the 1996-97 academic year under the Fulbright Program. Established under congressional legislation introduced by former Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas,



Donna Kaplan Figueroa

the program is designed "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries." This year marks the program's 50th anniversary.

Summer Semester Program Coming to Moses Brown

Moses Brown School will offer a variety of summer courses for elementary through high school students and adults, including using computers, SAT diagnosis, tennis, English, foreign languages, math, and arts. High school students and adults may enroll in evening courses in photography and ceramics.

The program also offers an English as a Second Language immersion program for high schoolers. The residential program includes language instruction as well as field trips and classroom work in American culture.

The program, Summer Semester, runs from June 24 to Aug. 2. Courses run either three or six weeks. Registration may be handled by mail or in person, June 20 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Jenks Center.

For a brochure and application, contact Summer Semester director Donna Good at 831-7350.

Lincoln School Receives Levy Grant

Joan Cannady Countryman, head of the school, has announced that Lincoln School is the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the June Rockwell Levy Foundation.

Levy was an alumna, Class of 1904, and in 1964 was a founding member of the Lincoln School Foundation whose mission is to promote philanthropic support for the school.

What to Give Dad!

Books on the Square will host a free seminar on style for men (just in time for Fathers' Day), taught by a Rhode Island menswear specialist, John Palumbo.

Palumbo will discuss men's fashion and style-related issues, answer questions, and review the new book, *Paisley Goes with Nothing: A Man's Guide to Style* by Hal Rubenstein and Jim Mullen (Doubleday, \$20). The event, free and open to the public, on June 6 at 7:30 p.m., is at the store, 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence.

Buy a subscription for a friend or relative

Training to be Marine Technicians Pays

In recent years the demand for highly skilled marine technicians has grown immensely. However, due to a shortage of qualified applicants this need has gone largely unmet. MotoRing Technical Training Institute, a local technical school located in East Providence, has tried to fill this void by providing a 30-week marine technician class.

The class trains students in outboard repair, stern drive repair, rigging, electrical troubleshooting and many other related topics.

MTTI's most recent graduating class received job offers from

all across New England. In addition, the school placed 100 percent of its graduates in jobs within the field.

Recent MTTI graduates have received entry level wages averaging just over \$10 an hour

The school placed 100 percent of its graduates in jobs within the field.

and ranging as high as \$18 an hour. A recent accreditation of MTTI discovered "100 percent (of MTTI students surveyed) were satisfied with their deci-

sion to attend the school."

The MTTI program is supported by donations of equipment and curriculum material from marine manufacturers such as Volvo Marine, Yamaha Motor Corporation, American Suzuki Motor Corporation, American Honda Marine, and Kawasaki personal watercraft.

MTTI will welcome potential students at an open house on June 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. People who are interested in attending should contact Nick Azzarone at 434-4840 for further information. MTTI is located on 54 Water St. in East Providence.

Bazarsky Holds Graduation

The graduation and closing exercises of The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School at Temple Shalom took place recently.

Graduates Jordan Barry and Carolyn Hicks assisted Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer and Cantor Fredric Scheff in conducting the Friday evening service. A special cantata, in honor of the festival of Shavuot and graduation, under the direction of Jagolinzer and Linda Franklin, was presented by students of the weekday school.

Outgoing board members Ron Franklin, Arlene Hicks and Dr. Jerrold Rosenberg were honored for their service as were teachers Barbara Jagolinzer, Risa Berman, Esther Wolk Cohen and Sarah Jagolinzer.

Recipients of The Samuel Zilman and Beatrice Berman Bazarsky Awards for excellence in studies and attendance were presented to Samara Martin, Rebecca Saunders and David Reidy.

Commencing their eighth year of providing a Jewish education for students ages 4 to 18, the school is currently accepting registrations for the 1996-1997 school year. For further information, contact Rabbi Jagolinzer, educational director at 846-9002.

Andrea Miller Graduates

Andrea B. Miller, daughter of Ann Miller of Warwick, and granddaughter of Edward and Evelyn Wasser of Warwick, and Estelle Miller of West Warwick, graduated cum laude from Tulane University in New Orleans, on May 11.

A Dean's Honor Scholar at Tulane, Miller double-majored in English and Jewish studies, completing her junior year of

studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. While at Tulane, she was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies.

In September, she will attend the University of Chicago Law School in Chicago, Ill. Miller is one of the three 1996 recipients of the Thomas F. Black Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Rhode Island Bar Foundation.

Bradley Says Turn Your Child Into a TV Critic

Imagine spending two years in front of the television set!

By the time the typical child turns 18, he or she will have spent more than 2 years watching television. On June 13, Allan J. Brenman, Ed.D., will discuss the impact of TV on kids, and teach parents how to provide a healthy TV diet, as Bradley Hospital continues its "Speaking of Kids" parenting education series. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the Ruggles Gym.

Brenman, a licensed psychologist with Bradley's ADHD and School Problems Program says, "It's easy to see why children and teens get a flawed view of life when it's filtered through a camera lens."

"Even worse," said Brenman, "is the amount of violence on TV that gives schoolchildren and teens the message that violence is the way to solve problems. Possible effects of heavy viewing of television violence are that children become desensitized to the pain of others, become fearful of the world, and are more likely to behave aggressively towards others."

The program is free and the community is invited, but advance registration is necessary. Call 434-3400, ext. 161. Parents may request a sign language interpreter by calling Bradley Hospital through the Rhode Island Relay: (800) 745-5555.

Artist Ruth Rodman Establishes Scholarship at RWLS

Visitors to Roger Williams University Law School can view a unique display of sculptures by world-renowned printmaker Ruth Rodman of Boston, Mass., from now through June 12.

In conjunction with the exhibit, a scholarship fund has been established for deserving students at the school of law, financed with a portion of all sales of paintings and sculptures by Rodman.

The exhibit, featuring several works in fashion bronze™ is titled "New Beginnings: Sculpture and Other Works by Rodman."

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A reception featuring a gallery talk and demonstration via

video by the artist will take place on June 7, from 6 until 9 p.m. in the upper lobby of the law School building. The reception is being held in conjunction with the International Sculpture Center Conference, in Providence's Convention Center June 6 to 11. (Shuttle van transportation between the Convention Center to and from the Bristol campus will be provided by the university.)

Each Rodman work depicts a specific moment of evolution, a snapshot of a mysterious, undefined organic process. Seething with energy and movement, the works contain reflective slivers of mica, beckoning the viewer to explore the works' interior, and despite the thinness of the layers, the sculptures offer surprising depth.

Rodman had more than 50 exhibitions in U.S. galleries and museums, and has works in the permanent collections of the Worcester Art Museum, Spring-

field Art Museum, DeCordova Museum, Danforth Museum ADI Gallery in San Francisco, Minneapolis Institute of Art, New York Public Library, and the Honolulu Institute of Fine Arts.

Brian Wilson Honored at Boston University

Brian Andrew Wilson, son of Margaret and Paul Wilson of Cranston, and a grandson of Sophia and Joseph Potemkin, also of Cranston, received a juris doctor from Boston University School of Law at commencement on May 19.

While in school, Brian was designated an Edward F. Hennessey Scholar and served as managing editor of the *Public Interest Law Journal*. He will have an article published in the law journal this summer.

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'Brundibar' To Be Performed at Nathan Bishop

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"Brundibar," a child opera by Hans Krasa and Adolf Hoffmeister, is famous because of the role it played in the concentration camp, Terezin. It helped to make the tragic existence of the young inhabitants more bearable. More than 15,000 children entered Terezin, but only about 100 survived to leave the camp. Nevertheless, the op-

era speaks of courage and hope and joy.

With a cast of children chosen from open, statewide auditions, "Brundibar" will tour the state in the fall. Barry Marshall directs, Kim Kredich is vocal director, Joseph Carvalho accompanies on the piano, Walter Ferrero and Marvin Novogrodsky are in charge of choreography, and set design was handled by Madeline Macedo.

Costumes were done by Marilyn Salvatore and make-up is under the direction of Joe Rossi.

A preview performance will be given on June 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Nathan Bishop Middle School Auditorium, 101 Sessions St., Providence.

The performances are sponsored by InterArts, a non-profit organization in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

NCSY Holds Convention

"Decisions" were the topic of debate at the National Conference of Synagogue Youth's spring regional convention, held the weekend of May 9 to 12.

"For most American high school students, making decisions can often be torture," said Ari Kadish, of West Hartford, Conn. Miriam Pliskin of Providence, commented that, "the minutia of everyday issues like what to wear, who to be friends with, and what stuff to tell your parents or not tell them can be overwhelming."

"Different things in your life conflict — like studying versus extra-curricular activities, buying things versus saving for college," said Kerry Simon of Brookline, Mass. "We rarely get the opportunity to sit back, relax, and talk about the big things in life," commented Pamela Schaffer of Stamford, Conn.

According to Rabbi Ari Solomont, regional director of NCSY, these issues were met head-on at the convention held at the Tamarack Lodge in the Catskill Mountains of upstate

New York. More than 150 teens from across New England attended the event.

"The focus of the convention was designed to urge teens to think seriously about the criteria they use to make decisions, and to take active control of their lives," said Solomont.

Those who attended made new friends, enjoyed a traditional Shabbat and elected the 1996-1997 regional board.

NCSY is the youth movement of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, one of the largest Torah movements in the world.

For more information about NCSY and other youth programs for your community, call New England NCSY at (508) 441-2141 or set your web browser to <http://nerncsy.torah.org/>

Michael and Karen Hacket Achieve Scholastically

Michael Hackett of Middletown, R.I., has received a President's Five Year Scholarship Award to attend Fairleigh Dickenson College in Teaneck, N.J.

In his junior year, Michael will go to London, England, to attend school for one year. He also received the Book Award from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Karen Hackett, Michael's sister, is a dean's list student at Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire, and will graduate in June, then join the teaching staff of the Barrington school system.

Michael and Karen are the children of Bobby and Marilyn (Pedlikin) Hackett of Middletown, R.I.



ELISHEVA KLAUSNER recycles paper for her project at the PHDS academic fair. Photo courtesy of PHDS

A Year of Hard Work on Display

As the school year winds down, a variety of culminating events take place in schools that highlight growth and achievements of the past year.

At Providence Hebrew Day School, parents participated in "A celebration of learning" called the Academic Fair on May 21 and 22.

Grades pre-kindergarten to eight displayed a wide variety of creative projects, exhibits and reports to display the past year's acquisitions and achievements in concepts and skills.

Some typical projects include: The pre-kindergarten studied the synagogue. They looked into the Aron Kodesh (Ark), they inspected the Torah scroll and saw the Yad (pointer) and the Keser (crown). They exhibited their representation of the shul at the fair.

The fourth grade studied biographies of historical figures in the areas of invention, politics, and religion. They presented oral reports and they made videotapes of their biographic character. For the fair they made life-size representations of their character and some wore period clothes to represent the era of their biography.

The third grade completed a unit on the laws of interpersonal relationships. The students studied rabbinical and biblical sources of the commandment to "love one's neighbor." They discussed the law commanding us to be holy and how one acts holy on the ball field and while going shopping. The written reports were on display at the academic fair.

Every class created an exhibit for the fair.

Brownies Earn Lehavah 'Flame'

Five students at Congregation Agudas Achim have earned the Lehavah "Flame" award from the National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting.

Rachel Ammerman of Troop 883, Foxboro; Megan Libon of Troop 902, Foxboro; Rachel Skerker of Troop 993, Attleboro;

Jennifer Vieira of Troop 624, Pawtucket; and Rachel Weintraub of Troop 952, North Attleboro, will be honored at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro during the Shabbat service on June 7.

The Lehavah award is one of several awards established by

the National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting for Girl Scouts of all ages.

All are welcome to attend the service and awards ceremony which will start at 7:30 p.m. The synagogue is located at 901 N. Main St. in Attleboro.



Temple Sinai Confirms Ten

Congratulations are in order to the following students who graduated from their confirmation class at Temple Sinai in Cranston on May 23: from the left, front row, Adam Blazar, Jamie Barriera; middle row, from the left, Michael Guarnieri, Jessica Miller, Amy Krasner, Ariana Bensusan; top row, from the left, Rabbi George Astrachan, Molly Fogel, Eric Rose, Evan Galkin, Marcy Feibelman and Cantor Rennie Brown.

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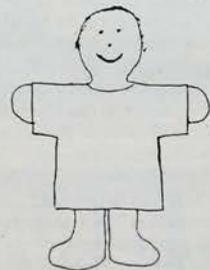
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Conservative, Reform Minyan at Wall Attacked by Haredi

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen
NEW YORK (JTA) — Jews praying in an egalitarian minyan at the Western Wall in the early hours of Shavuot morning were verbally and physically attacked by fervently Orthodox men and boys, according to participants in the prayer group.

The group of about 50 men and women, some of whom were from the Conservative and Reform movement's rabbinical seminaries in Jerusalem, had studied throughout the night, as is customary on Shavuot.

Before dawn on May 24, they, along with thousands of other Jews, walked from other parts of Jerusalem to the Wall. The pilgrimage is traditional on Shavuot, one of three holidays on which the Jews used to visit the Temple.

Members of the egalitarian minyan began praying shortly after 5 a.m. in the rear right-hand corner of the plaza that fronts the wall, near the flagpoles that stand at the back.

"A few guys in the tallitot (prayer shawls) stood in the front so that others could not see the women in our minyan in tallitot and kipot and to prevent any possible problems," David Lerner, a Jewish Theological

Seminary rabbinical student who spent this year in Jerusalem, wrote in an account he sent by electronic mail.

As they finished the morning prayer on Shavuot, the minyan swelled to about 125 people, and as they continued by reading the Book of Ruth, most of the minyan sat down.

"Then others could see into our circle and that's when the trouble began," Lerner said.

A group of fervently Orthodox boys came up to them and began making noises, said Lerner.

Haredi men soon walked up and began to curse and shout at members of the egalitarian minyan, he added, booing and yelling and calling members of the mixed group sinners.

"The haredim formed a wall and began pushing against us. I was pushed/punched back several times. One haredi even tried to infiltrate our circle to steal our Sefer Torah!" he said.

Police officers when approached, said it was not their jurisdiction.

The police station nearby sent out a junior officer, who called for backup.

"We continued the Torah reading under guard and con-

tinued shouts. It was pretty rough," Lerner said.

Then Lerner saw the haredim charging the police.

"A wall of police and soldiers formed around us and we felt more protected, but the object of even more hate," he said.

An Orthodox woman who had been part of a prayer group next to the egalitarian minyan approached the haredi men to ask them to be quiet, because they were disturbing other prayers besides those of the mixed group.

"The haredim spit all over this woman. They just spit on her," Lerner said.

And as Lerner read the Haftarah in the egalitarian minyan, he was hit by a rock thrown by one of the haredi men.

"The police were having trouble holding back the haredim and just wanted to get us out of there safely," so the minyan quickly concluded its prayers, he said.

"We are so far away from redemption, unity and peace," Lerner said.

A spokesman for Agudath Israel of America, an organization representing the interests of the fervently Orthodox community, had no comment on the matter.

JAFI Office in Russia Reopens

by Lev Krichevsky
MOSCOW (JTA) — The office of the Jewish Agency for Israel in the Russian city of Rostov-on-Don has been reopened, after it was closed by local authorities in May.

The office in Rostov-on-Don, about 650 miles south of Moscow, was the latest of several in southern Russia where authorities suspended agency activities.

Jewish leaders say they feel that pressures on agency operations in Russia are now being eased.

cities in the country.

The study found that during the past five years, some 26,000 residents left Jerusalem, many of them young, educated professionals; the trend contributed to the growing fervently Orthodox character of the city, it found.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert responded that the way to keep Jerusalem's young, secular population from moving elsewhere was to bring more industry and jobs to the city.

Study Finds Jerusalem One of Poorest Israeli Cities

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jerusalem's population is becoming poorer, as well as more fervently Orthodox, according to a report on the capital released recently.

The report, prepared by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, found that 33.9 percent of the children in Jerusalem lived below the poverty line in 1994, compared with the 22.8 percent national figure.

The report also described Jerusalem as one of the poorest

New Government Will Have Big Economic Problems

by Gil Sedan
JERUSALEM (JTA) — As the Israeli elections approached, there were increasing signs that the Israeli economy was facing potential troubles. During the first four months of 1996, for example, the inflation rate jumped from last year's eight percent annual rate to more than 13 percent.

In an attempt to rein in inflation, the Bank of Israel announced on May 27 that it was raising the interest rate to commercial banks from 14.8 percent to 15.5 percent.

Two of Israel's leading banks, Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim, in turn, announced that they would raise their lending rates to consumers to 17 percent from 16.3 percent.

There were other signs of a troubled economy: The Bank of Israel recently devalued the shekel in the face of a climbing trade deficit, which has reached a rate of \$1 billion per month.

In addition, government spending exceeded the approved budget by 20 percent as a result of granting large wage hikes to public sector employees.

During the past few weeks, the government also pumped some \$150 million into public health funds.

Critics charged that the government took these moves to secure the votes of the grateful recipients of the largesse.

A rise in consumer spending is also clouding the economic picture. The shopping malls are full, the rate of personal savings is declining. Every available shekel is being spent for fear that one may need more shekels

tomorrow, to buy the same product.

As a result, consumer fears about inflation become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Additional pressure is coming from Israeli workers who are demanding better pension programs.

The immediate expense of meeting these demands has been estimated at \$300 million.

The Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*, commenting in an editorial last week on the Bank of Israel's decision to raise interest rates, said, "This is a blunt declaration to the next government" that it will have to "institute and carry out a comprehensive economic policy."

Financial experts believe that this policy must include severe cuts in the national budget.

"Budget cuts will entail a drop in the interest rate, a devaluation of the shekel, more exports and fewer imports," said David Lev-Hari, a professor at Hebrew University.

Other austerity measures may include a 3 percent cut in the number of civil service workers, lower pay for employees in the public sector, an increase in the value added tax and an acceleration of the process of privatizing government-run businesses.

It remains to be seen whether a new government will deal quickly with these political realities.

"Past experience has shown that governments tend to take drastic measures only in crisis situations," said Lev-Hari. "It seems that we are approaching such a situation in giant steps."

Composer of 'Shalom' Donates Rights to Israel

Jerry Herman, Tony Award-winning composer of "Hello Dolly," "Mame," "La Cage Aux Folles" and other major Broadway hits, has given Israel's Ministry of Tourism the rights to his song, "Shalom" ("Peace") for Israel's tourism advertising in the United States.

Commenting at a recent tribute in his honor by New York's York Theatre Company, Herman said that the words he wrote almost 35 years ago speak volumes in the context of the burgeoning peace process; he was referring to the song's line "it (Shalom) means a million lovely things like 'Peace

be Yours,' 'Welcome Home.'" "Shalom," which was nominated for a Grammy award, comes from Herman's first Broadway musical, "Milk and Honey," which opened in 1961 and was nominated for five Tony awards.

The song will first provide the melody for a series of Israel tourism radio commercials to be broadcast in June in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and south Florida, and plans are afoot to utilize a fully sung version of the song for television advertising.

Protesters Criticize School for Honoring Palestinian

by A. Engler Anderson
Jewish Exponent
PHILADELPHIA (JTA) — Amid an outburst of heckling, the Palestinian Authority's planning minister, Nabil Sha'ath, received an honorary doctor of law degree from the University of Pennsylvania at the school's commencement recently.

The university referred to Sha'ath, an alumnus, as a "peacemaker" and an architect of the peace accords.

But a group of about 35 Jew-

ish protesters, led by Zionist Organization of America President Morton Klein and activist Rabbi Avi Weiss, charged that Sha'ath had supported terrorism and is undeserving of the honor.

"I think this is a terrible affront to the Jewish community," Weiss said.

"Could you imagine if the university decided to honor an apartheid leader with an honorary degree?" he said outside the commencement.

"When you grant an honorary degree to a man like Sha'ath, who has human blood dripping from his hands, you are sending a message that encourages and emboldens terrorism around the world."

Weiss is president of the Riverdale, N.Y.-based Coalition for Jewish Concerns-AMCHA. His group handed out pamphlets and bore placards outside Franklin Field, site of the commencement ceremonies.

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Yoffie to be Inaugurated as UAHC President on June 8

Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, whose goal is to "build a movement of Reform Jews with Torah at the center," will be inaugurated as president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on June 8.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, who served as president of the Reform movement's congregational arm for 23 years, will install his successor in the 4:30 p.m. ceremony at Congregation Shaaray Tefila in New York City.

The inaugural ceremony is the highlight of a four-day celebration that includes the semi-annual meeting of the UAHC's 225-member board of trustees. The festivities begin with a reception for civic and religious leaders at the UAHC's Fifth Avenue headquarters on June 6 and conclude with a gala dinner

for major donors on June 9 at the Museum of Modern Art.

Yoffie, 48, is the first leader of the movement raised as a Reform Jew. As a youth in Worcester, Mass., he was a regional president and national vice-president of NFTY, the Reform movement's youth organization.

Ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 1974, he served congregations in Lynbrook, N.Y., and Durham, N.C., before joining the UAHC as director of the UAHC's Midwest Council in 1980.

As director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism for the past four years, Yoffie emphasized building congregational social action programming, and strengthening

the connection between social justice and religious living.

Yoffie has also made the fight for religious pluralism in Israel a key issue of his presidency. As director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America, from 1983 to 1992, he was instrumental in founding the Israel Religious Action Center in Jerusalem, which leads the battle for religious pluralism in Israel.

He is joined in this effort by the leaders of the Conservative and Reconstructionist movements. Together they are also forming a new inter-denominational body to replace the synagogue Council of America, which dissolved when some Orthodox leaders refused to participate.

Breast Cancer Pioneer Honored

One of the nation's best-known women's doctors, Susan Love of the Revlon/UCLA Breast Center, has been chosen by the Brandeis University National Women's Committee to receive the 1996 Abram L. Sachar Silver Medallion.

The award will be presented to Love on June 7 at Brandeis in Waltham, Mass., during the committee's 48th annual national conference.

Love wrote the so-called "bible" for women with breast cancer — *Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book*. She turned a career as a surgeon into a mission after joining the staff of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston in 1988.

The former director of the breast clinic at Beth Israel Hos-

pital and the founder of the Faulkner Breast Center at Faulkner Hospital, she has conducted extensive research in the diagnosis and treatment of breast diseases.

She has been a leader in innovative approaches to treatment and was an early champion of conservative surgeries like lumpectomies and partial mastectomies.

A traditionally trained surgeon, Love believes that political action, not surgery, is the only real hope for stemming the increase in breast cancer. She helped found the National Breast Cancer Coalition, which increased research funding for breast cancer from \$90 million to \$410 million in just two years.

In accepting the Sachar

Award, Love joins the distinguished company of other recipients, including Helen Hayes, the "first lady of the American theater"; opera director Sarah Caldwell; historian and author Doris Kearns Goodwin; scientist and antinuclear activist Helen Caldicott; Jehan (Mrs. Anwar) Sadat; and Nobel Prize winner Rosalyn Yalow.

The largest friends-of-a-library group in the world, the BUNWC has contributed more than \$54 million to the Brandeis libraries.

The Sachar Medallion is named for the first president of Brandeis, who died in July 1993 and is considered the key driving force behind the university's creation and development.

Pollack Reappointed by JNF

Lester Pollack, a managing director of Lazard Freres & Co. L.L.C. and immediate past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has been reappointed chairman of the Jewish National Fund's Investment Advisory Committee.

"We have benefited tremendously from having Lester Pollack at the helm of the committee," said Milton S. Shapiro, JNF president. "His financial expertise is unmatched, and he has employed his knowledge and experience to advance JNF's development of Israel's land."

Pollack is a managing director of Corporate Partners, L.P., and chief executive officer of Centre partners, L.P., investment partnerships affiliated with Lazard Freres & Co. L.L.C.

He has served as president of the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, chairman of the Board of Associated YMWYHA's of Greater New York and vice chairman of the Anti-



Lester Pollack

Defamation League.

Pollack's leadership also extends to international affairs. He was honored by the king of Morocco for his contributions to improving relations between Middle Eastern countries, and for expanding business contacts between Israel and Arab countries.

Barish Joins Israel Bonds

Debra Barish, a respected Jewish communal executive, has been appointed national director of the Women's Division of Israel Bonds.

Focusing on such areas as development, strategic planning and educational outreach, Barish most recently served as executive director of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, where she successfully administered a \$4 million plus annual campaign.

From 1979 to 1985 she was

program director of Russian Resettlement at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center. She has also held the office of vice president of the Young Adults Division at the Jewish Federation of San Francisco, Marin and the Peninsula.

"Debra Barish's experience and dedication are attributes greatly valued at Israel Bonds. She brings a wealth of sensitivity and knowledge to her new position as director of the Women's Division," said General Nathan Sharony, president of Israel Bonds.

Genizah Burial Teaches Respect for Tradition

by Michael Gelbwasser
The Jewish Advocate

BOSTON (JTA) — Some old, close friends of a Massachusetts synagogue's members were recently laid to rest after they imparted their wisdom to youngsters in the congregation one final time.

Dozens of tattered prayer books and other sacred objects were buried in a plain pine casket at the Sharey Tefilah Cemetery in West Roxbury, Mass., during the first genizah-burial service in the history of Temple Beth Avodah in Newton.

The synagogue conducted the service to show children Jewish funeral rituals in a non-threatening setting, as well as to discard its unusable sacred objects properly.

About 150 congregants attended.

"They eulogized, in a sense, the contents of the casket," Rabbi Robert Miller said.

"In our tradition," Miller said during the service, "every single letter is 'kadosh,' sacred."

A "genizah" is a collection site where old tattered prayer books and other ritual objects containing G-d's name are kept when they become unusable for

normal rituals.

Traditionally, genizot were rooms attached to synagogues. During wars and periods of forced conversion, Jews often hid their sacred objects in caves or tombs to preserve them.

The Cairo genizah, where many documents on such topics as the history of the Jews of Israel and Egypt from the period between the Islamic conquests and the First Crusade were stored, is among the most famous genizot in the world.

Miller began the service by discussing the objects' sacred nature and the reasons for placing them in genizot. The congregation then read a responsive reading from a portion of its prayer book that deals with the Torah and revelation.

The first item placed by Miller into the plain pine casket was a prayer book printed in Poland in 1851. The book was published "especially for the three festivals, in Hebrew and in Yiddish."

Miller also left an 8-year-old prayer book that someone defaced in the casket.

"It can no longer be restored," Miller said. "It has served us well."

After congregants loaded the

casket with their sacred items, it was carried to a hearse parked outside. In what resembled a funeral procession, many congregants followed the hearse to the cemetery.

"They are to be shown the same respect and same reverence as a deceased person," Miller said of the sacred objects.

Miller continued the service at the cemetery, where children circled the gravesite and put dirt on the casket.

It was the first genizah-burial service conducted there in at least 27 years, said Kenneth Lassman, operations manager of the Stanetsky-Hymanson Memorial Chapels in Brookline, Mass.

Israeli Stock Exchange Reacts

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange reacted to the outcome of the May 29 election with sharp losses. The Mishtanim Index — the index of the 100 most heavily traded stocks in Israel — dropped 4.84 percent to a level of 201.38 points.



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OBITUARIES

MAYNARD M. BLISS
ATTLEBORO — Maynard M. Bliss, 82, of 231 Kent Drive, East Greenwich, a proprietor of a real estate company, died May 28 in Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro. He was the husband of Brigitta (Ahr) Bliss.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Maurice and Sarah (Potter) Bliss, he lived in East Greenwich for the last 25 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a trustee of Worcester Academy, Worcester, Mass.

Besides his wife, he leaves a stepson, Courtney G. Exter of Boston, and two brothers, Lloyd and Robert Bliss, both of Providence.

A private funeral service was held May 30 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SIDNEY MAKOWSKI
FALMOUTH, Mass. — Sidney Makowski, 90, of 39 Jetty Lane, West Falmouth, Mass., proprietor of the New York Lace Store in Taunton, Mass., for over 50 years, until 1990, died May 31 at Falmouth Hospital in Falmouth, Mass. He was the husband of Betty Makowski.

Born in Bristol, R.I., son of the late Max and Eva (Novogroski) Makowski, he lived in West Falmouth for the past 33 years, previously residing in Taunton, Mass., for many years.

During World War II he was an auxiliary policeman in Taunton. In 1992 he received a Public Service Citation from Gov. John Volpe of Massachusetts. He was a member of the U.S. Power Squadron.

He was a member of Falmouth Jewish Congregation and Congregation Agudas Achim in Taunton, Mass., where he had been its treasurer for many years and had been president of its Brotherhood.

He was a former member of New Seabury Country Club in New Seabury, Mass.

He was an ardent sportsman and was a horseback rider, skier, sailor and golfer. He was a pianist for many years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Margery Makowski, Providence; two sons, Dr. Michael

Makowski, Fall River and Marc Makowski, West Falmouth.

The funeral service took place June 3 at Falmouth Jewish Congregation in Falmouth, Mass. Burial took place at Mount Nebo Cemetery in Taunton, Mass. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

GEORGE PORTMAN
CRANSTON — George Portman, of Cranston, died May 28. He was the husband of the late Ethel (Aronson) Portman.

He is survived by two sisters, Mildred Gorin of Providence and Sally Chorney of Boynton Beach, Fla.

Graveside services were held May 30 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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

SANDRA CAROL
SCHRAGER
ROSELAND, N.J. — Sandra Carol Schragger of Roseland, N.J., 60, died May 30 after a brief illness. She was the wife of Jerome S. Schragger.

She was the daughter of Faye Druin of Margate, Fla.

She was owner and president of Druin Specialty Hardware in Clifton, N.J., until the time of her death. She was a life member of Hadassah, and a dedicated volunteer for Share, March of Dimes, AIDS Research and numerous other philanthropies.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mindy S. Wachtenheim of Providence, R.I., Bonnie J. Padulsky, of Miami Beach, Fla., Amy Lee Schragger at home; two sons, Dr. Harry Schragger of Boston, Mass., and Eric Schragger of Marietta, Ga.; and grandchildren, Arielle, Denille, Remi and Zachary. She was also the sister of Rabbi Gedaliah Druin of Monsey, N.Y.

GLORIA SNOW
NORTH PROVIDENCE — Gloria Snow, 61, of Bunting Road, Warwick, a medical secretary at the office of Dr. Mohammed Abiri of Cranston for 16 years until retiring two years ago, died May 29 at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital. She was the wife of Leonard Snow. Born in Providence, a daugh-

ter of the late Louis and Sonia (Brodsky) Goldman, she lived in Warwick for 36 years.

She was a former president of the Warwick Council of PTA. She was the former chairwoman of the American Heart Association of Warwick.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Susan Snow and Elaine Snow Gieck, both of Warwick, and a brother, Dr. Allen Goldman of Chicago, Ill.

The funeral was held June 2 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

A Tribute to Celia Farber Rumpler

by Natalie F. Perceland

Her whole being was honesty incarnate, devoid of all pretension, a woman of privilege with no affectation or ostentation — just a blessed, kindly being. She was my lifelong friend, bonded, not by blood, but by G-d than which there is no higher degree. This, my inadequate thanks to H-m and my prayers that He rest her gracious soul in peace.

Murder-Suicide at Temple Leaves Community Reeling

by Stacey Dresner
Connecticut Jewish Ledger

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (JTA) — Members of Temple Israel in Westport, Conn., are reeling from the recent murder-suicide of a synagogue employee by her estranged husband that took place inside the synagogue.

Harriette Hunter, 48, of Bridgeport, an administrative assistant at Temple Israel's religious school, was shot and killed by Stuart Hunter, 56, in the synagogue's religious school offices at around noon on May 9.

Stuart Hunter then shot and killed himself.

The congregation has reacted "with shock and disbelief, but by and large there has been a real coming together around this issue," said Temple Israel Rabbi Robert Orkand.

"Obviously for us, what compounded this tragedy was the feeling of violation that it happened in a place we always considered safe," the rabbi continued. "You're supposed to come here and be safe from the problems of the world, not faced with violence." Harriette and Stuart Hunter had been married for approximately four years and their divorce was pending.

Since their separation

Harriette Hunter had obtained a restraining order against her husband.

Both were members of Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Bridgeport.

Harriette, a native of New York, lived in Bridgeport and was a member of Rodeph Sholom for the past 18 years.

She worked at Temple Israel for seven years, and had previously worked in both public and school libraries.

Stuart Hunter, who was born and raised in Bridgeport, lived in other areas for years, including Florida, before returning to Bridgeport five years ago. He was a salesman of medical supplies.

Stein said he has been on the telephone with congregants constantly since the incident, trying to help them come to grips with the tragedy.

"We are suffering terribly," he said. "People can't believe that Jews do things like this. A young girl in the congregation who knew Harriette said this kind of thing doesn't happen to us."

As a result of the tragedy, Stein said he is planning two programs on domestic violence, and a course on anger management at Merkaz, the local supplemental Hebrew high school program.

The Libraries Have Spoken

The Sydney Taylor Book Awards Committee of the Association of Jewish Libraries is pleased to announce the winners of the 1995 Sydney Taylor Book Awards.

Chosen as the two best Jewish books for children published in 1995, they are both powerful stories of the Holocaust.

The winning book for young children is *Star of Fear, Star of Hope*, by Jo Hoestlandt. Johanna Kangis is the illustrator. Translated from the French by Mark Polizzotti; Walker and Company, New York; ISBN: 0-8027-837302.

It is the tale of 9-year-old Helen, whose Jewish friend disappears one night during the German occupation of Paris,

France. A touching story of personal loss among communal tragedy, beautifully illustrated, it offers hope to its young reader.

As the winning book for the older child, the committee as selected *Dancing on the Bridge of Avignon*, by Ida Vos. Translated from the Dutch by Terese Edelstein and Inez Smidt; Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston; ISBN: 0-395-72039-7. Set in the Netherlands, in 1942, this moving story reveals the fearfulness of Jewish children confronted by Nazi-imposed regulations on their lives.

The Research and Special Libraries Division of the Association of Jewish Libraries is pleased to announce the winners of its Reference and Bibliography Book Awards for 1995.

Winners of this year's awards are:

1. Reference Book Award: *Guide to Hebrew Manuscript Collections*, by Benjamin Richler, 314 pp., Jerusalem: The Israel Academy of Sciences and Human-

ities, 1994. During the past 150 years many of the most important collections of Hebrew MSS have changed owners or been dispersed. Collections of MSS that have remained in the same library for centuries have had their numbers changed. The need for a guide to Hebrew MSS collections has been felt for many years.

2. Bibliography Book Award: *Jewish American Women Writers: a Bio-Bibliographical and Critical Sourcebook*, 556 pp., Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1994.

This volume explores the achievement of Jewish American women novelists, poets and playwrights who have written in the English language. A reference work, composed mainly of entries alphabetically arranged by writer, the book not only supplies information on biography, bibliography and a survey of criticism on each writer, but also provides an analysis of the work by a scholar in Jewish American literature.

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Where There's An Estate Tax, There Should Be An Expert

This is the twenty-seventh article in a continuing series on estate planning concepts.

Q. Why is knowledge of the gift tax and the generation-skipping transfer tax calculation useful in estate planning?

A. Knowing the amount of tax, and more importantly, how to avoid it, may enable you to make larger gifts, properly structure your estate, and transfer more assets during and after your lifetime to your heirs, and less to the government.

Q. How are gift taxes calculated?

A. First, add together all of your gratuitous transfers in the current calendar year less any consideration received.

Next, deduct amounts passing to your spouse or a charity. The marital/charitable deduction is unlimited.

Third, you may reduce the annual total of gifts to each person by \$10,000. This annual gift tax exclusion applies to present interest gifts — i.e., transfers that the donee can enjoy currently with no strings attached. Even if the entire transfer comes from your separate property, your spouse may consent to split the gift and treat the transfer as though half came from him or her. This enables you to reduce the present interest gifts by \$20,000 per donee.

Fourth, since the gift tax is cumulative and based upon a progressive rate table, you need to add all of the gifts you have

made in the past. The total is multiplied by the appropriate figure from the graduated estate and gift tax table in I.R.C. section 2001.

Fifth, use the same table to calculate gift tax on all gifts in prior years. The difference between the gift tax in step four and the tax in step five is your tentative gift tax for the current year.

Finally, your tentative gift tax is reduced (but not below zero) by your unused unified credit. The credit of \$192,800 eliminates the tax on a \$600,000 transfer. Your spouse's unified credit is also available if you split the gift. Example: You and your spouse have never made any taxable gifts in the past, but now you wish to pass the \$1,240,000 family business in two equal shares to your two daughters. Your spouse agrees to the gift-splitting option. The \$620,000 transfer to each of your children is reduced by your \$10,000 annual exclusion and the \$10,000 annual exclusion of your spouse. This leaves a taxable gift by you in the amount of \$600,000 (\$300,000 to each daughter) which, according to the gift tax table, has a tax of \$192,800. You utilize your unified credit of \$192,800 and you have no gift tax due. Likewise your spouse's taxable transfer of \$600,000 has a gift tax of \$192,800 which is eliminated by his or her unified credit. Even though no gift tax is due, you must file the federal gift tax return (Form 709) whenever the gift-splitting option is exercised.

Q: Who pays the life insurance premium?

A: The donee of your gift should be the premium payor as well as the applicant, owner,

and beneficiary. This may be the trustee of your irrevocable trust, an adult child, the custodian of a transfer under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, or anyone else with insurable interest in your life. Gifts are an excellent source of premium dollars.

Q: How is a transfer of life insurance valued for tax purposes?

A: The value of the policy depends upon which of the following three situations is applicable: (1) brand new contract — value is the gross premium; (2) premium paying policy — gift is equal to the contract's interpolated terminal reserve plus any unearned premium at the date of the transfer; or (3) paid-up contract — value of the transfer is the cost an insurer would charge to issue a similar policy of the same face amount and cash value at the insured's attained age.

Q: How are Generation Skipping Transfer Taxes calculated and reported?

A: First, the various GSTTs are totaled. Next, you calculate the inclusion ratio by taking into account a \$1,000,000 exemption and other appropriate exclusions. Then multiply the inclusion ratio by 55 percent (the top estate and gift tax bracket) to determine the applicable rate, which is multiplied by the GSTT to arrive at the GSTT tax. Lifetime transfers are reported on Form 709 and transfers at death are reported on Form 706.

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Lecture Series

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who comes with me without hating his own father, mother... and his own life, can not be a disciple of mine.' This statement bothers me most."

Feldman said Jesus was also against marriage.

"The first commandment in the Bible is to be fruitful and multiply," said Feldman. "There was only one rabbi who didn't marry, because he wanted to concentrate on his studies. He was called a murderer because he wasn't perpetuating the Jewish people. He was told to first marry and then study."

As for prayer, Feldman quoted from Christian literature, "Go into your own room and shut the door."

"A synagogue must have windows, so it is not separated from the community," said Feldman. "You should be reminded that there are people out there."

Feldman also mentioned that Jesus' disciples worked on the Sabbath. "More than Jews kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath kept the Jews," stated the professor.

He also disagreed with Jesus' approach to the dietary laws.

"Jesus believed that it's not what goes into the mouth that pollutes a man, but what comes out of his mouth," said Feldman. "Jews consider these laws very important."

Feldman said that Jesus in one passage didn't wash his hands before eating, which is also contrary to Jewish tradition.

The thing that bothered Feldman the most was Jesus' attitude toward non-Jews.

"He said 'It's not fair to take the children's (Jews) bread and throw it to the dogs (gentile),' said Feldman.

Some of the questions asked following the lecture, by mostly members of the Christian community who were welcomed to attend, were as interesting as the lecture itself.

One person asked if Jesus was put to death because he attracted large crowds, which the Romans may have interpreted as a threat.

"Large crowds can mean trouble," said Feldman. "But how many followers did he have in the end? When he appears resurrected, only 120 followers were there. Not a single rabbi was attracted to him or was won over by him."

Father Patrick McGee, responding to one of Feldman's first statements that there is no material evidence to prove that Jesus lived, asked what proof is there that Moses lived.

Quoting someone else, Feldman said, "If Moses never lived, he's the greatest man who never lived."

Feldman went on to say, "For Christians, it is very important that Jesus lived. If he didn't live, he couldn't have died. If he didn't die, he couldn't have been resurrected."

"Proving that Jesus lived, is more important than proving that Abraham lived," said Feldman.

Another person asked, "If you don't believe that Jesus is the Messiah, do you believe that he was either lying or a lunatic?"

Feldman responded, "Members of his own family looked at him as a lunatic. Some claim that he was a liar. But I'm not a psychologist. All I'm saying is I can't look at him like others do."

At the luncheon lecture on June 3, entitled "How Jesus Has Been Viewed by Great Jewish Thinkers," Feldman gave many examples of how Jesus was regarded by Jewish scholars throughout history. He also quoted from Christian authors and scholars.

Although the question and answer period that followed was respectful, some of the Christian leaders in the audience took exception to some of Feldman's points. One pastor challenged Feldman to a debate, so that "both sides" could be presented.

Feldman responded by saying that similar debates have been held through the years, some of which are on tape, and that very little good could come out of such a forum. He said religious debates often end with bad feelings or even violence.

The lecture series, although on a controversial topic, was a success in terms of turnout and response from the community.

"Most Jews won't talk about Jesus," said Rabbi Moshe Ulmer, spiritual leader of Tifereth Israel. "It's a topic that is timely and needs to be discussed openly."

"We (Christians and Jews) can take similar events and not come up with the same conclusions," continued Ulmer. "But we can create a mutual tolerance and hope to ease some of the tension."

"We need dialogue this way," said Abe Landau, Holocaust survivor and a member of the temple. "It's the best way to get along and honor each other."

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