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Non-Orthodox Israelis Fear More Conflict With Haredim

by Michele Chabin

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Will the religious parties' strong showing in the May 29 national elections spell the end to religious tolerance in Israel?

That's the fear of many Israelis, who regard the controversy about the capital's Bar Ilan Street as the first salvo in an all-out war between the religious and secular.

Deeply concerned that a government decision to close the road on Shabbat will set a precedent for closing down additional roads, as well as places of entertainment now open on Shabbat, non-Orthodox Israelis are already anticipating other religious-secular standoffs.

Although such standoffs have been going on for years, especially in the country's holiest city, Jerusalem, "the difference is that the ultra-Orthodox are now in a position to impose their beliefs on others," said Ornan Yekutieli, a vocal secularist who heads the left-wing Meretz faction in the Jerusalem municipality.

Noting that dozens of restaurants, bars and discos now operate in the capital on Shabbat, Yekutieli said that "in recent years we've been very successful in our bid to make Jerusalem a modern city that attracts both religious and secular."

Asserting that "we have a

prime minister who owes his premiership to the ultra-Orthodox," Yekutieli believes that "Netanyahu will bend over backwards to accommodate them. Unfortunately, the price will be our civil rights. Bar Ilan Street is just the beginning."

During weekends in July, the street was the site of confrontations among the local haredi community, which wants it shut down on Shabbat and religious holidays, and secular Jews, who want to keep it open to traffic seven days a week, and a third group, the police, who are attempting to keep order.

...a group of haredim recently attacked a secular graduate student after she parked her car — on a weekday — near the fervently Orthodox neighborhood of Geulah in Jerusalem.

On more than one occasion, the confrontations turned violent, with haredim throwing rocks and garbage at the police and passing cars, and with the police turning water cannons on the Orthodox protesters.

Recently, there was also a mass demonstration by the haredim, or fervently Orthodox community, but it was not marked by the violence of the two previous weeks.

Although Kosriel Shemtov, a Lubavitch rabbi living in the capital, acknowledged that support from the religious community "did help Netanyahu, and he might feel some gratitude, I personally don't see [religious demands on] Bar Ilan Street as proof we're cashing in."

Although Shemtov rejected Yekutieli's claim that the religious community's newfound political clout will lead to an erosion of the religious status quo, he does agree that "there is no place for violence, regardless of the issue."

Looking back on the largely peaceful demonstration on Bar Ilan Street on a recent Shabbat, Shemtov said, "...150,000 people came out and there was virtually no violence. On the whole, the haredi community is very tolerant, very responsible."

That this demonstration was much more restrained than the previous Bar Ilan rallies was lost on many non-Orthodox Israelis as television camera crews showed a group of black-hatted men setting a garbage bin ablaze and placing it in the center of the

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Julia Knows!

Julia Rozkov knows the answer to a question about Israel, at a Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island summer camp program on Aug. 6. Her fawn can't hear the question.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Clinton's Refusal to Pardon Jonathan Pollard Enrages Spy's Backers

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — At the moment when Seymour Reich asked President Clinton to release Jonathan Pollard from jail, a White House spokesman had just announced that the convicted spy would not gain executive clemency.

In what many of those in attendance denounced as a "travesty," Clinton did not tell Reich, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, or 45 other members of the conference of his decision.

Members of the conference learned about the president's decision when a reporter from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency asked Clinton about it as the president left the private meeting with the Jewish leaders.

The president did not respond to two requests to make a comment.

"I am dumbfounded that he would do this to us," said Reich, who once led the organized Jewish communal effort to win Pollard's release. "It is as if he is trying to give the world a signal that he would not pander to the Jewish community."

White House spokesman Mike McCurry did not mince words when announcing the president's decision. "The enormity of Mr. Pollard's offenses, his lack of remorse, the damage done to our national security, the need for general deterrence and the continuing threat to national security that he posed made the original life sentence imposed by the court warranted."

Clinton also refused to shorten Pollard's sentence, McCurry said, because doing so at this time "is unwarranted and would dissuade the goal of de-

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Three Good-Will Ambassadors Visit

From the left, Nicole Marshal, Allana Miller and Ilanit Gerblach, from the Israeli Consulate in Boston, are shown taking the children in the first, second and third grades of the summer camp program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on a trip to Israel, complete with sound effects, new passports and an Israeli concert.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Memorial Hospital Sponsors 'I Can Cope' Program

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island and the American Cancer Society will sponsor I Can Cope, an eight-week series of educational classes for people with cancer, their families and friends.

Classes will be held on Thursdays, beginning Aug. 22 through Oct. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the nursing classroom in the MacColl Building.

The eight-session I Can Cope course is designed to help people regain control over their lives through better knowledge of cancer and its physical, emotional and social impacts. The program gives participants an opportunity to share their concerns with others having similar experiences and to design ways to cope with the challenges that arise from a cancer diagnosis.

Guest speakers will include professionals in the field of cancer management. In addition, videotapes, print materials and class discussion will provide up-to-date information for patients, family and friends.

The schedule of session topics is as follows:

Aug. 22, Learning About Cancer; Aug. 29, Understand-

ing Cancer Treatment; Sept. 5, Managing the Effects of Illness and Treatment; Sept. 12, Keeping Well in Mind and Body; Sept. 19, Communication of Concerns and Feelings; Sept. 26, Exploring Self-Esteem and Intimacy; Oct. 3, Mobilizing Resources and Support; and Oct. 10, Celebrating Life.

There is no charge for the I Can Cope classes, but registration is required. For more information, call Celeste Codega at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, 729-2512.

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Foundation Accepting Nominations for Hunger Relief Awards

For nine years, The Rhode Island Foundation and Alan Shawn Feinstein have teamed up to recognize and support those who are deeply committed to hunger relief in this state.

The foundation is soliciting nominations (must be received by Sept. 4) from the public for the Alan Shawn Feinstein Community Service Award, given each year on World Food Day in October.

Awards to non-profit food service agencies will total \$10,000; awards to individuals will total \$6,000. Each honored individual will select a non-

profit agency to actually receive the award.

Last year's awardees were Bristol Good Neighbors, the Genesis Center, and Henry Shelton of the George Wiley Center. Past winners have included, among others, Amos House, McAuley House, Providence In-Town Churches, the Rhode Island Food Bank, Wood River Health Services, and Rev. Emil John of the Trinity Soup Kitchen.

Any professional staff member, volunteer, or board member of non-profit, food-related organizations in Rhode Island

is eligible for the individual award. The review committee which is made up of Rhode Island community leaders is involved in fighting hunger, is looking for people who have dramatically improved the organizations with which they work, have a history of selfless dedication, and have sparked new, creative programming.

Nominated organizations should be non-profit, and may be either professionally staffed or run by volunteers. They should have a history of providing food services, creatively using volunteers and contributed items, and/or addressing unmet needs in creative ways.

Groups or individuals who received the Alan Shawn Feinstein Community Service Award during the past three years are not eligible.

For more information, or to receive a nomination form, contact Carol Scott at The Rhode Island Foundation, 274-4564.

L.G. Fitch Receives JAG Award

Lawrence G. Fitch, director of the R.I. Department of Employment and Training, recently received the Founder's Award from Jobs for America's Graduates, a national model of school-to-work transition.

JAG assists at-risk youth in graduating from high school and in finding and keeping quality jobs through a statewide school-to-work transition system.

The program currently serves 34,000 participants in 28 states, 550 schools and 400 communities.

primarily a bathroom conservation kit. It consists of a low-flow shower head, two faucet aerators, a toilet tank displacement bag, and leak testing dye tablets to determine if your toilet is leaking. Also included are informational factsheets on how to conserve water in and around the home. At \$10 per kit this is a great value as it would normally retail for about \$15.

To order the kit, call the URI Cooperative Extension Education Center hotline at (800) 448-1011.

Sign Up for Scouts in September

The Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Inc., will sponsor a Fall Sign Up Week from Sept. 12 to 21, at 51 locations.

Those interested in joining the organization may call the council office at 331-4500 or (800) 331-0149 for the location and date of functions in their community.

All girls ages 5 to 17 who wish to join Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette or Senior Girl Scouts are invited to attend events with their parents or guardian. Local Girl Scout leaders and scouts will provide information about

the Girl Scout program.

Girl Scout activities this fall will include canoe team work, line dancing lessons, theater workshops, service projects, a medical career exploration program, hands-on experiences in science and math at the Boston Museum of Science, Brown University and University of Rhode Island, and special theme weekends at Camp Hoffman.

Adult help is always needed and interested volunteers may come to the sign up or call the council headquarters.

Barrington Library Takes to the Woods

Members of the Bristol County Splinter Group of the Yankee Woodcarvers of Attleboro, Mass., will be displaying a variety of carvings at the Barrington Public Library during the month of August.

Birds will be well represented in the exhibit including an indigo bunting, a plover, chickadees, a sanderling, a woodpecker, a barn swallow, a snowy owl, a wren, goldfinches, a quail, cardinals, a bluebird and a cedar waxwing.

Other members have taken more humorous subjects such as Dan Elkins' "Bear relaxing on a log" (Sunday afternoon), and his chess set whose opposing sides are the ever-feuding Hatfields and McCoys.

The carvers hail from Barrington, Bristol and Warren, R.I. and Seekonk, Mass. They include George E. Alexandre, John Anderson, Ned Broomhead, A. Cabral, Dan Elkins, Henry R. Lepage, Sr., Armand Medeiros, John A. Mello, Jr. and Frank Sherman.

For more information on this exhibit, contact Dan Elkins at 246-1087.

An exhibit of nature photography by Barbara Ruth Dunbar will also be featured at the Barrington Public Library during the month of August. Dunbar started her hobby of candid nature photography in the late '70s and, following retirement, became more involved in her hobby.

Her work has been published in the *Barrington Times*, shown on Channel 36 Art & Antiques Auction and exhibited at Champagne's Gallery in Wickford, R.I. and the gallery at Don's Art Shop in Warren, R.I. Dunbar's photographs are processed by Abar Imaging Center. Prints are mounted on museum board, hand-cut double matted with non-acidic matboard and framed by Dunbar herself. Photographs are registered copyright protected with all rights reserved.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Holocaust Museum Committed to Outreach and Education

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

As director of education at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, Beth Cohen is always contemplating ways to help people think about the unthinkable.

Fresh out of a five-week seminar at Brandeis University entitled "Cultural Responses to the Holocaust," Cohen spoke excitedly about a new grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island on July 26 that will help her transmit her knowledge.

With the \$4,000 grant, Cohen will purchase the museum's first computer.

"I'm always interested in developing more education, and now I want to work at making the museum more accessible to schools and teachers," Cohen said. "I'm really looking forward to having that computer resource."

Cohen, 46, has been the director for seven and half years. The museum, located within the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, has been open for about eight.

A mother of three, Cohen learned about the position when she was driving her son to school at Providence Hebrew Day. On the way, she saw a banner outside the center announcing the then-new museum. Cohen pulled over, went inside, and inquired. With her 1977 M.A. in education from Harvard University, plus previous experience with the Boston Children's Museum and more, Cohen was promptly hired.

"I have always been interested in the Holocaust," Cohen said. "I have always felt it."

As director, Cohen is always striving to learn more about her subject.

"It's always important to re-think what you're doing," she said. "At Brandeis, I just finished a seminar with people from all over the world who had different perspectives on how to teach and memorialize.

They had perspectives from America, South America and Israel. Enhancing my own education enhances what I am able to offer through this resource center."

Sitting in front of a huge projector, Cohen said she hoped more people would take advantage of the museum.

"Every year we have had a tremendous response to our programs for school groups, and the more we can increase our outreach, the more we can alert the public to the fact that we are here. We can offer a variety of programs."

Some examples of programming include visits from the museum's speaker's bureau, comprised of Holocaust survivors, visits to Rhode Island from personalities symbolizing various aspects of the Holocaust, and workshops for educators about Holocaust education.

And the demands from the public are growing, for Cohen has seen a surge in local interest. "I'm not really sure why, but there has been a growing awareness among teachers," Cohen said. "I think Steven Spielberg's success has had a tremendous influence on the reception of Holocaust studies. The film ('Schindler's List') captured the public's attention and imagination, and then the media reached across many borders and experiences."

Cohen is trying hard to meet the region's educational needs, well aware that the survivor generation is growing older.

"We rely heavily on the survivors, who volunteer their time," she said. "They are what make our education program. And the greater Holocaust education community is thinking of ways to respond (to their dwindling numbers)."

Despite her part-time status and the small size of the museum, Cohen is delighted by the rise in Holocaust awareness.

"Because of increased education, something lasting is coming from the trend," she said.

New Cantor To Sing In New Year in Fall River

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

According to Rabbi Fred Nebel, it's not just possible to merge Orthodox tradition with modern life, it's important.

"Orthodox Judaism is like any code of behavior," explained Nebel in his Fall River home on Aug. 2. "It becomes not so hard. G-d said we have to rest on Shabbat, so you can look at the negative or the positive. So, you can't drive. But you have an oasis in time to deal with yourself and your family."

Nebel's upbeat outlook on Orthodox Judaism has allowed him to perform rabbinic duties in some exotic places and situations.

Before arriving at Fall River Congregation Adas Israel this spring, Nebel oversaw Kashruth at Shalom Hunan, a Brookline-based Chinese restaurant.

"It was all kosher, from the egg rolls to the fortune cookies," remembered Nebel.

While at work, Nebel consumed about three Chinese meals per day.

"I like chicken with broccoli and Hunan beef," Nebel said.

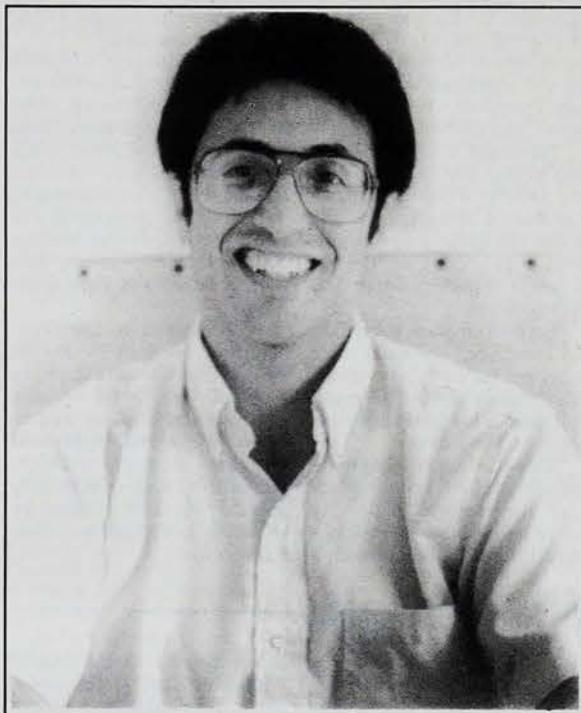
But as rabbi of the Tiferes Israel Synagogue in Moncton, New Brunswick, Nebel would have been hard pressed to find kosher Chinese food.

"We had to ship our meat in from Montreal and Toronto," remembered Nebel.

Despite the facts that the Moncton pulpit meant a brutal climate and a Jewish population of about 250 people of the general population of 100,000, Nebel retained his positive attitude and remained there for two and a half years.

"If it was too cold to walk places, you simply drove," Nebel said. "It was a small community of friendly people."

In Moncton, Nebel taught children and adults, conducted services, devised family programming and more. Though he missed New Brunswick at first, he is glad to be back in his native Massachusetts.



RABBI FRED NEBEL will soon help out at High Holiday services at Congregation Adas Israel in Fall River.

"I'm almost home," said Nebel, who grew up in a Conservative household in Stoughton, where his parents still reside.

With his 1982 B.A. in Judaic studies from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Nebel first left his home state for Yeshivat Ohr Samayach in Monsey. He then went on to the David J. Azrieli Graduate School of Education and Administration, and graduated from Yeshiva University in 1987.

Though he knows there is much work ahead, Nebel is excited about Fall River.

"There is a lot of potential here," Nebel said of the Jewish

community. "There is Jewish life all around. I want to do a lot of teaching, and it's an education to do some of everything at once."

According to Nebel, the city's Congregation Adas Israel has about 198 families and the Conservative Temple Beth El has about 200, providing much opportunity for educational outreach.

In addition to serving as cantor, Nebel will serve as principal for the city's joint religious school.

"Everything will spring into action when school starts," said Nebel. "It's an awe-inspiring time. Once I see the kids, we will start working together."

Beckenstein to Exhibit

The works of two local artists will be featured at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, during the month of August.

In the Central Library's Meeting Room, Irving Beckenstein, a resident of Warwick, will display his landscapes, seascapes, figure compositions and still lifes. Beckenstein works in acrylic, gouache, pastels and watercolors.

His work will be on exhibit during library hours through Aug. 30.

In the library's Rear Gallery, Gwen Mahan's pastels and watercolors of lighthouses, portraits and animal portraits will be on exhibit through Sept. 3.

For more information and library hours of opening, call 943-9080. The library is handicapped accessible.



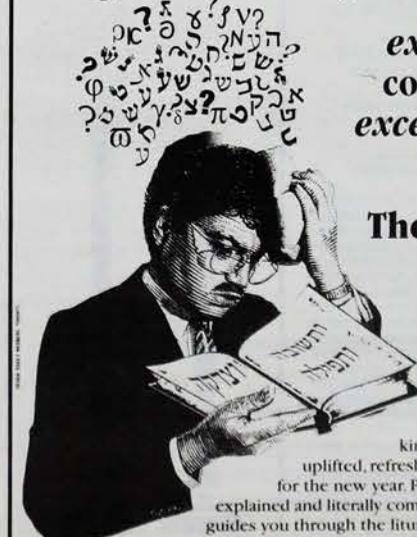
BETH COHEN, director of education at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, in front of a poster of stars of David that Jews were forced to wear under the Third Reich.

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EDITORIAL

NCJW Decries President's Decision on Welfare Bill

Nan Rich, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, issued the following statement recently expressing the organization's sadness over President Clinton's decision to sign the welfare bill:

"President Clinton's decision to sign the pending welfare 'reform' legislation marks a shameful milestone in our nation's longstanding commitment to providing for the basic needs of poor children and their families.

"For over 60 years, our nation has recognized the need for a safety net for our most vulnerable children. The bill the president intends to sign reverses this historic commitment.

"This bill does nothing to reform the welfare system or address the problem of poverty but rather, threatens to plunge an additional million plus chil-

dren into poverty and unfairly denies benefits to legal immigrants in this country.

"NCJW strongly supports welfare reform that would encourage self-sufficiency while maintaining support services in times of need. NCJW activists will now focus their attention on the state legislatures around this country, continuing our struggle towards just welfare policies that help, rather than hurt, children and their families."

NCJW is a volunteer organization, inspired by Jewish values, that works to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and to ensure individual rights and freedoms through research, education, and community service programs initiated by its network of 90,000 members nationwide.

We Abstain

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

As the summer passes into fall in an election year, the barrage of political information and misinformation increases till it reaches melt-down in late October. Because we are a small paper put out by a small staff, we cannot express an opinion on every candidate or issue and so have always decided to abstain from expressing political opinion at all. Other media sources will no doubt take up our slack.

Maybe we should advertise, "Read the *Jewish Herald* and get away from it all."

We do realize that individual participation in the election process is the lifeblood of a democracy, but our primary commitment is to covering the daily life of the Jewish community, and frankly that's about all the freight we can handle.

We will accept political advertising, but we will not get embroiled in the swirl of political opinion editorially. So letters to the editor on politics, notices of political meetings or statements of a candidate's positions will not appear in the *Herald* unless they are identified as paid advertising.

NCJW Opposes Arney Religion Amendment

Joining leaders from a diverse group of religious and religiously affiliated organizations for a press conference in front of the Supreme Court, a representative of the National Council of Jewish Women recently made the following statement on behalf of national President Nan Rich:

"NCJW has long believed that religious liberty and the separation of religion and state are constitutional principles which must be protected and preserved in our democratic society. For more than 200 years, the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, a model for democracies throughout the world, has served our nation well—protecting religious freedom for believers of all faiths as well as non-believers. Tampering with this time-tested and effective constitutional cornerstone is unwise, unnecessary

and dangerous.

"In the opening statement defining the purpose of the Arney Religion Amendment, as introduced, prayer in public schools is expressly emphasized. If this is Rep. Arney's idea of how to protect religious freedom, we strongly disagree.

"Conferring official government endorsement to religion in public schools not only impinges on the separation of church and state but could introduce new areas of divisiveness and lack of tolerance in the classroom.

"Whose prayer will be offered? How will prayers be said? How will children who choose not to participate have their religious freedom protected?

"Guidelines provided to public schools by the U.S. Department of Education already make it clear that an individual student's right to privately pray

in school is protected.

"The Arney Religion Amendment would open the door to religious favoritism by government and official entities. It would also allow public funding for sectarian activities.

"Do we really want to move towards a government-endorsed religion and state entanglement with religion? Do we really want to see a myriad of religious groups compete for scarce public dollars? The National Council of Jewish Women does not.

"We celebrate our nation's strong and proud tradition of respect for religious pluralism and diversity of belief, a tribute to the government's neutrality toward religion enshrined in our Constitution's First Amendment.

"On behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women, I urge Congress to reject the Arney Religion Amendment."

Jewish Spirituality

by Velvel "Wally" Spiegler

Somehow the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin crystallized for me something that was brewing inside for quite some time now.

I saw it as not only an Israeli incident but a Jewish incident that inextricably links me to our brethren throughout the world. It helped to somewhat define my identity. I realize that whether we live in this country or in Israel we're part of the global community of Jews.

The question that remains is what is Judaism? The answer is vital to how we live in the deeper sense of life, as Americans and as Jews.

Judaism is a culture, first and foremost, which includes all the attributes of a society: religion, language, music, laws, rituals, taboos, foods, customs and now even a land we can call our own again.

The fact that we are living in diaspora and well integrated in American society does not minimize the existence of the culture

or the fact that many of us choose to ignore its precepts.

It has been well documented by anthropologists that as a culture becomes diluted its members fall prey to all the problems of the dominant society in the locale, and this is what is happening to Jews in America.

This was not the case for our ancestors in Eastern Europe who lived more culturally intact.

The cultural principles that define us are not very different from the principles that define the American Indian, the Australian aborigine, or the Pygmy. Each group sees the world through their own cultural lenses and that we have "misplaced our glasses" indicates that we don't always see the world as Jews.

Torah is our lens. Through it we see the world from a Jewish perspective. We see the promise made to us by G-d.

That promise is summarized in the second paragraph of the Sh'ma, quoted from Deuteronomy which states, "If you fol-

low these commandments then I will provide all the good things for life, however if you are led astray then I will bring my wrath upon you."

This is a perception into the spiritual aspect of a culture and particularly Judaism: to provide its community with the ability to fulfill its spiritual needs, to add the spiritual dimension to life and to enable each member to evolve on his own unique path and at his own individual pace.

Cultures realize that the religious realm is as vital to the community as any of its other aspects: the economic, the artistic, the legal.

The intuitive wisdom of a culture realizes the urgency of this and how the culture is incomplete in its absence.

Any community experiences a partial death when any of its aspects are diminished and each member of that community suffers his respective share. This is the struggle Judaism faces both
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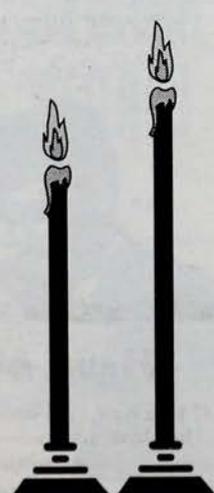
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You've got it. It's from this week's portion, Eikev, and describes the Promised Land. Remember that this is not Eden we're talking about, not some forbidden paradise, but the very earth we're walking on. So why doesn't it seem as elysian to us as it does in the Biblical classified ad?

Maybe it's all in the way you look at it. Let's take the "bread

without scarceness," for example. The manna provided for us in the wilderness was a gift from heaven. We didn't have to work for it, nor did it leave any waste in the body; it was wholly nutritious. In Israel, however, the bread we made did require toil, and did involve waste.

Torah is also called "bread." The inner esoteric aspect of To-

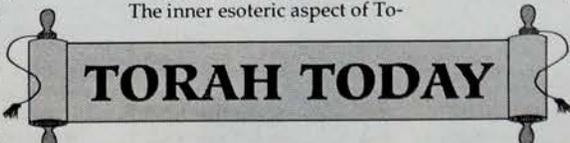
ra is the manna, and the "revealed" aspect (the understanding that we have to work for) is the "bread of the earth."

But which do we appreciate more? The holy nourishment that is a gift to us, or the wisdom we derived from probing, questioning and thinking?

Some people feel much more exhilarated at the presentation of a gift; others appreciate more the rewards that come after hard work. But ask an Olympic athlete, for instance, which is better, and you may get a more balanced answer: one has to start with the gift of an athletic body, and then toil for the dividend of world-class performance.

The bread of Torah, and the glories of the "good land," are both ours for the having. But we can take them for granted, as one sometimes does with a gift, or we can put our energy into the task, extracting all the spiritual and material nutrition that is there to have.

Which aspect will we appreciate more? It's all in how you look at it.
Submitted by Rabbi Eliezer Levy of Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center.



TORAH TODAY



A Local Hero

Mel Alperin shows his Olympic torch to Michael Wolpert, center, and David Santagata, in the right foreground, at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Alperin was one of those honored to carry the torch through Rhode Island.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Rabbi Angela Graboys Weds Lewis Rudner

Rabbi Angela Susan Graboys and Lewis Isaac Rudner were married on June 29 at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation in Baltimore, Md. The ceremony was performed by Cantor Faith Gurney and Cantor David Perper. Rabbi Richard Weiss, formerly of Barrington, also participated in the sundown ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of George and Lois Graboys of Barrington. The bridegroom is the son of Florence Rudner of Baltimore and the late Dr. Cecil Rudner.

Leslie Feldman-Rumpler was the honor attendant for the bride. Bridesmaids were Rabbi Laura Rappaport, Rabbi Leah Benamy, Laura Felder, and the bride's sisters-in-law Christina Graboys and Sharon Graboys.

Jeffrey Berkow served as best man. Ushers were James Graboys and Kenneth Graboys, brothers of the bride, and Paul

Wiedorfer, Justin Tylor, and Steven Vukovan. Noah Graboys and Jeffrey Stead, the bride's nephews, were ringbearers.

The bride graduated from Barrington High School and received her B.A. degree magna cum laude, from Brown University. She received a master's degree and rabbinical ordination from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and has completed her examinations and has qualified for a doctoral degree from Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. She has served congregations in Hot Springs, Ark., and Baltimore, Md.

The bridegroom graduated from the University of Maryland and received a master's degree, magna cum laude, and a J.D. degree from the University of Baltimore. He is a member of the Maryland Bar Association.

They have made their home in Baltimore.



Mr. Lewis Rudner and Rabbi Angela (Graboys) Rudner



Michael Harrison Blatt

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blatt of Cherry Hill, N.J., announce the birth of their son, Michael Harrison Blatt, on June 18.

Grandparents are Billie and Charles Fischer of Cranston, R.I., and Ruth and Merv Blatt of New City, N.Y.

Michael Harrison's great-grandfather is Joseph Blatt of Stone Point, N.Y.

Michael is welcomed home by his sister, Samantha Alix Blatt.

He is named in loving memory of his great-grandmothers Freida Tucker and Hannah Finberg.

AARP Offers Driving Class

The American Association of Retired Persons will hold a 55 Alive/Mature Driving course on Aug. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

The course costs \$8. The instructor will be George Kempler. You don't need to be a member of AARP to attend the course.

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El Al Appoints Burstein

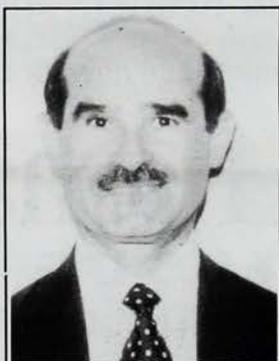
El Al Israel Airlines has appointed Baruch Burstein as the deputy general manager for marketing. He replaced Angel Weinstein, who will now be based in Miami as El Al's coordinating representative for Central America/regional manager for Southeast United States.

In his new role, Burstein will be responsible for all national marketing activities in the United States, including the positioning of El Al's popular "Milk & Honey" vacation packages.

For the past year, Burstein has served as El Al's regional sales manager for New York and New Jersey. From 1992 until May of 1995, he was manager of El Al's reservations systems worldwide at El Al's head office in Israel.

A native of Belgium, Burstein immigrated to Israel in 1949. He is a graduate of the Business School of Jerusalem University.

He lives in New York with his wife and has three sons and one



New Director

Aron Buskin of New York has been chosen new director of development for the American Associates at Ben Gurion University of the Negev.



ANDREA MILLER (right) is a recipient of the Rhode Island Bar Foundation Thomas F. Black Memorial Scholarship. To her left is her mother, Ann S. Miller.

Miller Wins Scholarship From R.I. Bar Foundation

The Rhode Island Bar Foundation recently announced that Andrea B. Miller of Warwick is one of the three winners of the annual Thomas F. Black Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

Each winner was awarded \$3,500 to be applied toward tuition in an accredited law school program in September 1996.

Miller graduated from Tulane University where she earned a B.A. in English. She spent her junior year abroad at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Miller will attend the University of Chicago Law School in September.

Scholarship candidates were evaluated by the bar foundation's scholarship committee on the basis of demonstrated good character, scholastic achievement and financial need.

The scholarship program, which awarded its first grant in 1989, is designed to support and foster high legal practice standards. The program received its major funding from the Horace A. and S. Ella Kimball Foundation, and supplemental funding from the Providence Journal, in honor of the late Thomas F. Black Jr.

Black was renowned for his ability as a lawyer and banker, his deeply rooted legal scholarship, and his notable participation in civic and charitable causes.

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JUDAIC CULTURE

FEATURE

Polarization and Discord Still Growing, Fermenting

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen
 NEW YORK (JTA) — It has been eight months since the Jewish world shuddered in collective horror when Yitzhak Rabin was murdered by another Jew. It has been eight months since leaders from one end of the Jewish political and religious spectrum to the other called for introspection, and eight months since Jews were forced to consider who they had become if some of their mainstream religious institutions could produce a Yigal Amir.

Several recent events in the United States and in Israel reflect what many agree is a deep animus and polarization dividing Jews into enemy camps, where opinions are framed in extremes of black and white and there seems to be little common ground:

- The Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel, Eliyahu Bakshi Doron, termed Reform Judaism "a plague" and compared Reform rabbis to a biblical figure who was murdered because of his

involvement with a non-Jewish woman. The rabbinic leader praised the killing of Zimri by Pinchas as a terrible deed done for the greater good, much as a doctor must excise a cancer.

- When Jerusalem leaders agreed to close off on Shabbat Bar Ilan Street, a road that links one end of the secular part of the city to another but runs through a devoutly religious neighborhood, violent demonstrations ensued.

Fervently Orthodox protesters screamed "Nazis!" at police brought in to restore order.

- Several dozen of the 3,000 people attending a reception in New York for the new prime minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, booed when Israel's consul general in New York, Colette Avital, was introduced.

- Shortly after Netanyahu was elected, some supporters stood outside New York's Israeli Consulate holding a banner addressed to Avital that said: "Shalom Chavera," echoing the phrase "Shalom Chaver," which

was coined by President Clinton in his eulogy for Rabin.

Some see parallels between what is happening today and the Sinat Chinam that destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem, the very center of Jewish life.

"Some ask why we still fast on Tisha B'Av. It is this very Sinat Chinam that we are now seeing," said Rabbi Andrew Sacks, who runs the Israel office of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly.

Others say that when hatred is based on religious ideology,

"There's no dialogue any more. The communities are totally different. They live in different neighborhoods, go to different schools. They certainly don't speak."

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch

when one Jew hates another because he or she believes that the other is going against G-d's will, it does not qualify as "causeless hatred."

Rabbi David Zweibel, a leader of Agudath Israel of America, which represents the interests of the fervently Orthodox, subscribes to this view.

But he takes exception to the mode of opposition.

The Talmud says "destroy the sin, not the sinners," Zweibel said. "Even when we need to be intransigent, we need to do so with civility."

In the months leading up to Rabin's assassination Nov. 4, some at rallies protesting the peace process carried signs of Rabin's and Peres' faces over Nazi uniforms and called them traitors. A few rabbinic authorities deemed them a threat to the existence of Israel.

Rabbi Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, said, "I don't think the situation is as bad as before. Lessons have been learned. The general feeling I get in the Orthodox community is that there's been a real change. People are no longer quite as loose with their tongues as they used to be."

A leader of the Israel Policy Forum, a pro-peace process group, said he had noticed the same shift. But he attributed it to the way Peres' supporters had handled their loss.

"As much as pro-peace process American Jews may have been disappointed by the results of the election, there is no fanatic element trying to create a fear-dominated atmosphere," said Jonathan Jacoby, executive vice president of the forum.

Has the Jewish community learned the lesson from Rabin's assassination that words contain the power of life and death?

In haredi circles, "there's been a lot of writing and reflection on it, but things have gone on in the world that trouble those of us who think civility is a precious commodity which needs to be nurtured," said Agudath's Zweibel.

"Whether it's the few loudmouths who are dominating the headlines or is more endemic, it

is hard to say."

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary, said, "I don't think that we have lowered the decibels since the assassination."

"There were a lot of expressions of determination to do so in the anguish of Rabin's murder, but I don't see a lot of restraint out there in the community."

In the view of Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center, some Jews have "sadly not learned the lessons of Rabin's murder."

He pointed to the fact that American Orthodox organizations have not condemned Bakshi Doron's remarks about Reform Jews, while the Reform and Conservative movements had.

It "offers a very pessimistic outlook as to whether we can reconcile our differences and enhance understanding," he said.

By the same token, a representative of the Orthodox Union faulted the Reform movement for ratcheting up the rhetoric in its response to Bakshi Doron's remarks by misinterpreting them.

"You have to be a dope to think that's what Bakshi Doron meant," Rabbi Menachem Genack, the OU's rabbinic administrator said, referring to those who interpreted the chief rabbi's remarks as a license to kill Reform rabbis.

"Those who promote pluralism ought to be more generous in their assessment of other people. It shows that there's a very polarized climate," he said.

On that point, at least, there is widespread agreement.

"There's no dialogue any more," Schorsch said. "The communities are totally different. They live in different neighborhoods, go to different schools. They certainly don't speak."

"That separation promotes antagonism and suspicion," he said. "There is desperate need for some dialogue, for each group to begin to think about what's good for the welfare of Israel and not just what's good for the welfare of their own community."

Seniors to Experience Israel

"To be a contributing part of a group and not just a tourist is what makes CAARI special," said June Avivi of Saskatchewan, Can., referring to the Jewish National Fund's Canadian-American Active Retirees in Israel program.

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JNF offers a two-week study program; three eight-week programs that consist of volunteer work, study and tours, and a two-week program of rest and relaxation. The two-

week study program takes place in Arad, from Dec. 25 to Jan. 9, 1997. The eight-week programs take place in either Tel Aviv, Nahariya or Eilat, from Jan. 9 to March 4. (Each eight-week program starts with two weeks in Jerusalem and ends with one week in Tel Aviv.) The two-week rest and relaxation program takes place in Netanya, March 4 to 18.

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FEATURE



Of Bugs and Boys

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

The real superstars of "Joe's Apartment" are Rodney and Ralph, a couple of mischievous cockroaches. They decide to make friends with an unlikely lad from Iowa, a guy named Joe. This feckless fellow lands up in the last rent-controlled flat in Manhattan, infested with Rodney and Ralph and all their kin.

This oddball, quirky David Geffen production reprises a history of Hollywood, from Busby Berkeley through Billy Wilder, and also a history of folklore, with its favorite foolish heroes and their good-luck companion creatures. There's a sequence in which a rat, a squirrel, a pigeon, and a cockroach engage in a philosophical chat among the garbage about the enduring lot of the despaired.

It's the best script and the most sophisticated studio output of this summer—or any summer since 1973, the season of "Willard" and "Ben." Remember them? Willard makes friends with an army of rats. He betrays them, and pays a terrible price for his treason.

But, in a sequel, the rats come out of their sewer realm to bring health and fortune to a lonely boy named Ben, a trusting bed-ridden invalid, who never feels disgust but only good will.

Well, Joe of the apartment

and current cinema fare is a cross between the two types. He arms himself with poisons to get rid of his roach champions and then comes around and redeems himself. Nobody in this '90s version amounts to much, really, and the eternal insects know it.

It's still a witty, good-natured spoof, influenced by the point of view of the cartoon world, and it earns its laughs with some terrific design. Next door at the same cinema complex we took in the mostly non-animated, live-action incarnation of "Pinocchio."

Martin Landau does Geppetto, the artist-father, as he moves with anxiety among the streets of Prague, where the film was made. By a happy coincidence, another bug rules the screen, not Jiminy Cricket but Pepe, as he is called in this version. This was the eve of our boy's going off to Jori for a month's overnight, so we crammed in all the good stuff of the imagination after spending the daytime loading a trunk with towels and shirts.

Now, if you don't happen to have a boy or girl to take to these movies, do go by yourself. As usual under the sun and moon, the kid stuff packs a lot more wallop and carries more talent than the grim "adult" fare. Take it from me.

Hungary Receives First Modern Jewish Prayer Book

BUDAPEST, Hungary (LNS) — Only two months after its debut, Hungary's new Jewish prayer book is getting wide use. The first Jewish prayer book to be published in Hungary in more than six decades, the 900-page Hebrew and Hungarian Siddur is used in synagogues and schools across the country and can even be purchased in local bookstores.

"There was an urgent need for a prayer book in Hungarian," said Rabbi Boruch Oberlander, director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Hungary, which published the prayer book. "Most of the Jews in Hungary don't know how to read Hebrew and that's a big barrier to prayer."

Translated into modern Hungarian, the siddur includes daily, Shabbat and holiday prayers, as well as holiday ceremonies like shofar blowing on Rosh Hash-

anah. Prayers are accompanied by explanatory footnotes as well as relevant laws and customs—particularly useful features for a community that does not have high Jewish literacy.

Before the new prayer book, the Jewish community used siddurim which were described by Oberlander as "archaic and outdated" due to their old-fashioned Hungarian. The last prayer books with Hungarian translations were printed in the early 1930s.

Then, with the onslaught of World War II and the ensuing Communist era, the Jewish community in Hungary was prevented from further cultivating Jewish life in any way, including printing texts.

This article was provided by the Lubavitch News Service and submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

Going For Our Own Gold

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Maybe it was the Centennial Olympics on television that drove us to try something athletic and competitive. Maybe it was the mystical, midsummer lure of tempins.

I have a Wakefield chum who looks like Popeye, with a cigarette squint, a sailor with a pegleg who goes around on a low motorcycle with a sidecar for balance. He gives kids free rides around the parking lot outside the Mountain Lane bowling alleys. He's a World War II vet, and I had to wish him a good Victory Day. So I stopped hoping to find him, and my boy and I played a string.

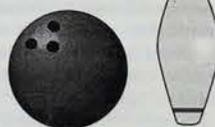
It had been so many years since I had grasped a ball to hurl it down the chute to the triangle of wooden duckpins. The look of the hall brought me back to long ago summers in Warren, and even to the underground gamerooms of North Main Street at the Pawtucket line. It was a good time to go out with the guys or to bring a charming date. I picture all those cheerful evenings as I approach the desk in Wakefield, South County. I even relive a scene from "Road

House" when Cornel Wilde and Ida Lupino roll a few and knock down their fate.

A young fellow rents us shoes and sizes us up in other ways as well. "One senior and one kid," he says, and points us toward a space that has no gutters. No gutters?

This way you can't really lose. The ball, the big species with the holes for your fingers, not the little ones my fist was used to, bounces off the guards and heads for home. You don't get fed up right off.

My boy and I stayed close to each other's scores. We each got a spare and



figured out how to score it. We chose the weapon by its color—purple, green, red, or dignified black—and kept moving. My son tended to hurtle or hurl his globe. I made an effort to show some aim and grace, but I didn't do any better than he did. It was neck and neck.

What Does That Name Mean?

by Bill Gladstone
TORONTO (JTA) — Alexander Beider, a 32-year-old Moscow-born statistician who immigrated to Paris about 1990, has devoted himself to names, lately.

Upon its publication in 1993, his massive *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames From the Russian Empire*, which supplies derivations for some 50,000 Jewish surnames, was hailed in genealogical circles as one of the most important books ever printed about Jewish names.

This month his long-awaited companion volume, *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames From the Kingdom of Poland*, which adheres rigorously to his special "geographical principle," will be published.

The 540-page book contains a listing of some 33,000 Polish Jewish surnames culled from original archival sources, indicating, if known, where each name appeared at the beginning of the 20th century.

"The first and most important principle I developed for my etymological research is that names must be studied near the places where they originated," Beider said. "In other words,

one should document in what region a name appears for the first time. Geographic distribution is crucial for etymology; it's the basis for all other investigations."

For example, Jews in many Polish provinces were compelled to register their surnames about 1821 and those who did not comply by 1824 were assigned names that were often less desirable, if not ridiculous or rude.

Married sons living in their own homes in Galicia and elsewhere often took names unlike those assumed by their fathers, creating a confusing etymological picture.

Beider has some knowledge of eight languages, which helps him identify things like a German spelling change in a surname derived from a Polish noun with a Yiddish suffix.

The name Szmek, he said, comes from the Yiddish for a

"Jim's been asking for you. He says you're a writer," said the friendly chap who runs the place. He was talking about that sailor who comes by every evening because they let him smoke. None of the cafes will permit that vice any longer. "Tell him I was asking for him, that I came here to take his picture," I respond. In every folk tale there's a guide, and Jim's my genii of this gesture of boccie, of candlepins, of cricket. Jiminy Cricket.

In the weeks before Rosh Hashana you try to sum up your summer, your year, your life. To mark your points and keep tabs on your progress. I try to turn a simple small adventure on a mountain lane into a big deal, inner as well as outer, to connect a momentary adventure into legend.

Can I hit the mark? Am I moving right along? Does it all add up?

We went home to watch some more of the feats of the great in Atlanta, but at least we had used our feet, our hands, our legs and arms, eyes and minds, on our own, together, like Rip van Finkle among the thunders of August.

"pinch" of snuff, the name Portnoj or Portnoy arises from the Russian word for "tailor," and Pasternak is Polish for "parsnip."

Further, Kotler is Yiddish for "kettle maker"; Kirszenblat comes from the German "leaf of the cherry tree"; Perlmutter, from the German for "mother of pearl"; Walfisz or Wallfish, from the German for "whale."

A name with a Russian or Ukrainian ending elicits the suggestion that the bearer might have migrated west from the Russian Empire.

Beider has also issued a smaller volume on Czech Jewish surnames from Prague.

When asked whether he would next focus his attention on surnames from Romania, Hungary, the Sephardi world or elsewhere, Beider said, "I haven't yet decided. Right now, I'm taking a break."

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HEALTHWISE

Scientists Meet to Find Cure for Tourette Syndrome

An intensive effort to shed light on Tourette syndrome—the humiliating genetic disorder known for causing sufferers to twitch and swear repetitively—brought six Yale University professors to Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science recently for a meeting of leading scientific minds.

The professors from Yale's Child Study Center met with about 130 scientists, neurologists and psychologists from Israel and Holland at a one-day symposium with the aim of encouraging basic research, such as that done at the Weizmann Institute, to merge with clinical research to find a cure for the condition. It is believed to affect up to one in 2,000 people worldwide.

It is the first time that Yale and the institute have come together to work on Tourette syndrome, although they have a long-standing collaboration agreement which has sponsored other projects.

Opening the symposium, Yale's Professor Donald Cohen said Tourette syndrome was considered an exotic, bizarre disease from the time it was first identified 100 years ago until

recently. He said it was only in the past decade that real progress had been made in understanding and controlling it, with an explosion of new drugs and advances in understanding brain chemistry.

Tourette syndrome is a chronic genetic disorder characterized by bouts of motor and vocal tics—repetitive, involuntary actions—that first show up in childhood and grow progressively worse.

Although it is best known for causing sufferers to swear uncontrollably, in fact only about 30 percent do so; most vocal tics merely comprise repetitive words or noises.

The syndrome is about four times as common in men as in women, and is often accompanied by other conditions such as hyperactivity, obsessive-compulsive behavior and attention problems.

In an introductory overview, Yale's Professor James Leckman said the latest understanding of the disorder had come from autopsies on Tourette sufferers which showed an imbalance in brain chemicals and a lack of development in one particular section of their brains: in a nor-

mal, right-handed adult, the left side of the brain was enlarged, but in a right-handed Tourette sufferer it was not, resembling the brain of a one-year-old child.

Greater understanding of these findings could be gained by performing imaging on the working brain, an area of research in which Weizmann Institute scientists have made important advances.

The institute's Professor Amiram Grinvald told the conference about insights into the workings of the brain provided by his optical imaging method, which makes it possible to observe actual brain functions with unprecedented resolution.

MS Society Looking for Volunteers

The Rhode Island Chapter National Multiple Sclerosis Society is seeking volunteers to assist in the aquatic therapy program at the Community College of Rhode Island in Lincoln.

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Here's the problem: While new infections like AIDS, Lyme disease, and hantavirus are emerging, old ones like tuberculosis, rabies, and staphylococcus are rapidly re-emerging.

Meanwhile the arsenal of antibiotics used to shoot down diseases are being fought off by increasingly heartier bacteria.

Welcome to the "post-antibiotic" era. The world has gotten a lot scarier and public health appears more at risk. Thanks to modern transportation, trade and cultural exchanges, infections affecting populations half a world away can beat the state's borders within hours.

How big a problem is it for Rhode Island? No one knows for sure. The responsible agency, the Rhode Island department of health, is overtaxed. Its infectious disease response infrastructure has gradually eroded.

In response, the University of Rhode Island has established The Rhode Island Public Health Partnership in Infectious Disease Control. Interdisciplinary working groups among URI's biomedical, behavioral and environmental scientists will join the health department, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and Lifespan/Miriam Hospital to improve Rhode Island's ca-

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1. To enhance surveillance of infectious diseases (hantavirus, Lyme disease, encephalitis, etc.).

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3. To study host/pathogen interactions (the role of tick saliva, the bacterial colonization of mucosal surfaces, and a mass immunization trial of the college-age population to protect them from Hepatitis B virus, perhaps).

4. Develop and implement disease prevention strategies. (It is not sufficiently known that one of the most effective public health strategies is the simple act of washing one's hands before handling food and after going to the bathroom—every time. It has been found that adequate hand-washing takes 10 seconds, but can prevent the spread of many disease organisms.)

For more information about this partnership, call Dr. Thomas Mather, 874-5616.

Roger Williams Announces New Way to Treat Spider Veins

Roger Williams Medical Center has become the first hospital in Rhode Island to offer the newest and most innovative laser treatment for spider leg veins, the Sclerolaser.

Manufactured by the Candela Corporation, the Sclerolaser was recently approved by the FDA to treat people afflicted with such leg veins. The proce-

sure is now available in Providence, through the dermatology department at Roger Williams Medical Center.

Sclerolaser treatment for leg veins is a non-invasive treatment, clinically effective for treating leg vessels up to 1 mm in diameter without needles.

Prior treatments consisted of sclerotherapy, during which a saline solution was injected into each vein.

An estimated 80 million adults are afflicted with leg telangiectasia, more commonly referred to as "spider veins." Spider veins are chronically dilated blood vessels smaller in size than varicose veins. They present more of a cosmetic problem than a medical problem.

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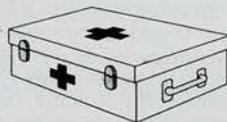
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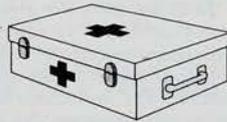
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SPORTS FEATURE

Silence... At Long Last

For the first time, the International Olympic Committee has officially recognized the 11 Israeli coaches and athletes who were murdered at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich by the Palestinian Black September terrorist group.

At the closing ceremonies of the Centennial Games in Atlanta on Aug. 4, IOC Chairman Juan Antonio Samaranch mentioned the Munich killings and called for a moment of silence.

U.S. Jews and Israelis Make Their Mark

Atlanta Jewish Times

ATLANTA (JTA) — Some news bytes of Jewish interest in and around the centennial Olympic Games:

- Bring on the stars: Congregation Shearith Israel's Shabbat services hosted some celebrities during the Olympics. Broadway star Tovah Feldshuh and her family visited the synagogue July 20. An Israeli judo coach also prayed with congregants.

- The long wait: At 82, Margaret Bergmann Lambert has finally had her Olympic moment. In 1936, the German-born Jewish high jumper was prohibited by the Nazis from competing in the Berlin Olympics. Now a guest of the German government at the Atlanta games, the American citizen stopped by the Atlanta Jewish Federation's Munich memorial ceremony recently with her husband, Bruno Lambert. Rabbi Arnold Goodman of Ahavath Achim Synagogue recognized the couple, who stood and received a warm ovation.

- Global guests: A Japanese television crew was among the first visitors to the Jewish Olympics exhibit at the temple recently. The Japanese wanted to film the exhibit, developed by Rabbi Arnold Belzer of Savannah, as the backdrop for a report on the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

- How quickly they learn: Arye Mekel, Israel consul general to the Southeast, can swing Southern twang with the best of them. At the Munich 11 Memorial ceremony at the Atlanta Jewish Federation, he translated into English the greetings of Moshe Peled, Israel deputy minister for education, sports and culture. In repeating his colleague's remarks, Mekel ended with, "Good evening to y'all."

- Calls aplenty: In the wake

of the bomb at the Olympics Centennial Park, the Anti-Defamation League's Atlanta office received a flood of telephone calls from the media and law enforcement officials. The ADL made available its extensive records on extremist activity to police and the press to help in the investigation, said Jay Kaiman, regional director of the ADL, which monitors and fights hate and prejudice in the Jewish community and elsewhere.

- Tragic memories: The bombing struck a personal chord for the families of the 11 Israeli athletes who were victims of terrorism at the Munich Olympics 24 years ago. In mourning the collective loss, the families decided not to attend any scheduled Olympic events on July 27, said Ankie Spitzer-Rekhes, widow of weightlifter Yoseph Spitzer. While passing by the venues, she added, the Munich 11 families were appalled to see other Olympic ticketholders drinking beer and otherwise enjoying the Games.

- Sadly familiar: Israeli Olympic athletes are accustomed to the type of terrorism that struck Atlanta. "We know how to live in war, joy and sorrow. And we know how to combine them," said Yael Arad, who won Israel's first Olympic medal, a silver in judo at the 1992 Barcelona Games.

- Walking wounded: Two Israelis were wounded in the bombing, according to the Israeli Consulate in Atlanta. Husband and wife Iris and Pinchas Orbach, now living in Gainesville, Fla., were taken to an area hospital after the blast. Iris Orbach had a torn eardrum and Pinchas Orbach had stitches in his head. After staying overnight in the hospital, they were released and returned to Gainesville.

Israeli Captures Bronze

by Roni B. Robbins
Atlanta Jewish Times

ATLANTA (JTA) — Israeli athletes came to Atlanta with dreams of Olympic gold, but in the final week of competition, they were elated over the bronze.

Windsurfer Gal Friedman recently became the country's third athlete ever to win an Olympic medal.

At the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Yael Arad won the silver and Oren Smadja, the bronze, both in judo. Both came in fifth this time around.

Until the windsurfing win, Israeli athletes were disappointed by their overall performance in Atlanta. The only bright spot at that point was when Israel's 4 x 100 relay team

made it to the finals in swimming — a national record. The team finished last, in eighth place, but was still overjoyed by the achievement.

"We're proud to be in the first Israeli team to be in an Olympic final," said swimmer Yoav Bruck. "It means a lot to us. When we touched the wall and saw the results, we said we could die happy."

Among the other standouts in the Israeli delegation was Gotcha Tzitzuashvili, who came in fifth in Greco-Roman wrestling. He had advanced to the semifinals, but fell out of the running for a medal after losing two matches.

The Israeli women's fencing team defeated the United States to secure a ninth-place finish.

Rabbi Does Back Flips for Gymnast

by Teresa Strasser
Jewish Bulletin of
Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — At services recently, Rabbi Arthur Oleisky said a "misheberach," a healing prayer, for his most famous congregant — gymnast Kerri Strug.

Strug, who is 18, tore two ligaments in her ankle while leading the American gymnastics team to a first-ever gold medal at the Atlanta Games.

Strug was the youngest Olympian in Barcelona in 1992.

"We ask G-d to help in healing her injury," said Oleisky, who described Strug's perfor-

mance as heroic. "As an American and a Jew, I was proud."

The rabbi said he was moved not only by the Jewish gymnast's athletic prowess, but by her allusions to her spirituality.

"I saw her on the morning talk shows after her event, and she said she prayed to G-d for strength," said Oleisky, the head rabbi at the Conservative Congregation Anshei Israel in Tucson, Ariz., where the Strugs have been members since 1988.

Most people in Tucson, including the rabbi, are carefully monitoring the progress of the city's best-known daughter.

They watched as the 80-pound gymnast landed her second vault, wincing as she stuck

a painful landing that took her out of the all-around finals, but assured a gold medal for the American team.

Because of her rigorous training schedule — Strug's coach is Bela Karolyi, who oversaw Nadia Comaneci — the rabbi hasn't yet met the gymnast, though he knows her parents.

Strug's mother said her daughter did not attend the synagogue's religious school or become bat mitzvah there because she was too busy, the *New York Jewish Week* reported.

Oleisky said he is keeping copies of newspaper articles to give Strug when she comes home "because she might want extras for her scrap book."

Atlanta Jewish Community Unveils Memorial to Slain Israeli Athletes

by Roni B. Robbins
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ATLANTA (JTA) — Israeli Olympic marksman Guy Starik sat in the gathering dusk, reflecting on the newly unveiled memorial to 11 of his countrymen murdered at another Olympics 24 years ago.

"I came to have a look at it alone," he said Sunday, teary-eyed.

Starik was 7 years old when Palestinian terrorists murdered Israeli athletes and coaches at the 1972 Games in Munich. Yet, the stone sculpture with its eternal flame burning below five Olympic rings touched something deep inside him.

"In Israel, there are always those 11 athletes," he said between drags on a cigarette. Any mention of the Olympics there automatically includes reference to the massacre. "No one will ever forget it."

Minutes earlier, some 600 Atlanta Jews, members of the international media and Olympic and government officials gathered outside the entrance to the Atlanta Jewish Federation's Selig Center for the private dedication of the 3-foot sculpture.

As fate would have it, the ceremony became not only a tribute to the slain Israelis, but to the victims of more recent Olympic terrorism.

Two nights earlier, two bystanders died when a bomb exploded in Centennial Olympic Park. Two Israeli citizens were among the more than 100 injured.

The Atlanta bombing occurred about the same time in the Olympics as the Munich massacre — the start of the second week of competition, Federation President Steve Selig told the crowd.

"It is being said that Friday's act of violence and terror has destroyed the innocence of the Olympic Games — but the 14 children of the Munich 11 are here tonight to tell us that the innocence was lost long ago," he said.

The difference between the Munich and Atlanta bombings was that Palestinian gunmen had a specific target in mind in 1972, said Rabbi Arnold Goodman of Ahavath Achim Syna-

gogue.

"By contrast, the victims in Centennial Park just happened to be at the wrong place," Goodman said.

Sharing his prayers of mourning was Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell.

"I'm here to say Kaddish with you," he said, asking those present to hold onto their memories and work toward peace.

"The goals of terrorists may vary, but the actions always result in the loss of human lives," he said. "The world must learn from the past, while reaching for the future."

Among those who can never forget the past are the children of Munich victims. Oshrat

Romano, daughter of weightlifter Yoseph Romano, said she choked back tears at the opening ceremonies in Atlanta.

"Feelings of sadness, anger and a longing for my father mingled with the pride of seeing our athletes and the sight of the Israeli flag in the stadium," Romano said, her voice stunted again by tears.

The ceremony was the largest tribute organized by Jews during an Olympics since the 1976 Montreal Games, when 5,000 people attended a memorial for the slain Israelis, said Ankie Spitzer-Rekhes, the re-married widow of fencing coach Andre Spitzer, who was killed in the 1972 attack.

Palestinians Participate in Memorial to Israelis

by Neil Rubin
Atlanta Jewish Times

ATLANTA (JTA) — The two olive-skinned men looked comfortable in the crowd filled with dozens of other Middle Easterners.

But these visitors, wearing Palestine Olympic Committee lapel pins, were believed to be the first Palestinians at a memorial ceremony for the Israelis murdered by terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

"All human beings all around the world are against what happened in Munich," Rabi H. Al Turk, deputy director of the Palestine Olympic Committee, said in an interview after the ceremony. "All the Palestinians, especially sports people, are against this."

During the emotional ceremony, held at the Atlanta Jewish Federation Selig Center, the Palestinians joined standing ovations after two children of the murdered athletes spoke.

Later, Al Turk approached Rachel Romano, daughter of a Munich terror victim. He looked into her eyes, paused, kissed her on the forehead and walked away.

"I was thinking of it brotherly and with humanity," Al Turk said after the ceremony.

"Let's bring instead of this [terrorism], love and to build

together our area in the world. How? Through the peace channel. This is the only way."

As he spoke, Palestine Olympic Committee delegation head Muamna Bississo stood at his side. The two had been invited by the Federation, as had representatives of the other 1965 national Olympic committees.

Most Jews interviewed for this article had mixed feelings about seeing the visitors.

"Now that we have what, I guess you should call it a peace with the Palestinians, it's appropriate for them to come here, but it's hard" to see them, said Elizabeth Davis.

Steve Goldberg added, "Having the Palestinians here is important. It helps bring closure."

Note everyone agreed. "I don't have anything to say to them," said Rahamim Kaduri, an Israeli referee in weightlifting.

Yuval Higger, a sports scientist in Israel, had been coached by some of the Israelis killed in Munich.

"We should not forget, but we should look forward to the future, even if we miss one heartbeat for a moment because they are here," he said. "It's emotional, but [Yitzhak] Rabin shook hands with [Yasser] Arafat and I'm sure that Arafat has more blood on his hands than these two persons."

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



Island Moving Co. Presents 'Dance on Goat Island' Series

Boston Dance Company will present a gala evening of classical and contemporary ballet as well as jazz as part of the Island Moving Company's "Dance on Goat Island," a weekly performance series at the Pavilion on Goat Island in Newport Harbor.

Boston Dance Company will perform on Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will begin with a pre-concert reception starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by a full performance of Boston Dance Company and special guest, the Greg Abate Jazz Quartet. The program will include two Balanchine ballets; his most classical of works, "Raymonda Variations" and the lyrical pas

de deux "Sonatine."

Artistic director James Reardon will present "Wolf Eyes," a work depicting the plight of the wolves of the Pacific Northwest; and "Tzigany," an exhilarating Russian folk dance.

The evening's finale will be a commissioned jazz work by Clyde Nantais accompanied by the Greg Abate Quartet's rendition of Ellington's "A Train."

Tickets for the "Dance on Goat Island" concerts are \$8, \$5 for children and seniors. They are available at the door and at the Newport Gateway Center. For more information, call 847-4470.

Award-Winning Poet to Speak at Writers Conference

Johanna Keller, the first prize poetry winner in the 1995 Community Writers Association writing competition will lead a four-hour poetry workshop at the 5th annual Newport Writers Conference on Sept. 22.

According to Keller, "Poetry is about sound as much as it is about images and ideas. Reading out loud to ourselves and to others is part of the creative process." The cost of her workshop is \$75.

Keller holds a degree in music from the University of Colorado and a masters in creative writing (poetry) from Antioch University. She was awarded grand prize in the 1994 Green River Writers national poetry contest. Her work was chosen by poet/critic Marvin Bell for inclusion in the 1995 Hope Exhibition in New York State art galleries, and her dramatic adaptation of Mark Twain's *The War Prayer* was set for orchestra, chorus, and soloists by composer David Sampson and presented in a world premiere at Princeton University in May 1995. Her poems have appeared in *The Plum Review*, *New Plains Review*, *Pivot*, *Jean Rhys Review* and *Nimrod*. She teaches at the Writers Voice and reviews books for *Antioch Review*.

The Newport Writers Conference is sponsored by Community Writers Association, a non-profit organization which supports and creates writing activities for adults and children. Held at The Inn at Shadow Lawn at 120 Miantonomi Ave. in Middletown, the conference offers writing workshops in fiction, screenwriting, poetry, writing for children, and productive writing, and lectures in finding an agent, business writing and historical biography. Also scheduled are open readings, manuscript evaluations, an authors' book signing and used book sale.

For an application, send a #10 self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to Community Writers Association, P.O. Box 12, Newport, R.I. 02840 or call 846-9884.

Baby Dinosaurs Descend on Dartmouth

The first local appearance of baby dinosaurs in 140 million years will take place in August when Dinamation's Baby Dinosaur exhibition arrives in Southeastern Massachusetts. The Children's Museum in Dartmouth is bringing the nationally known exhibit to the North Dartmouth Mall. It opens on Aug. 10. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$3 for adults and children.

Using enhanced robotics and digital sound to create creatures that actually interact with one another, Dinamation's Baby Dinosaurs: A Prehistoric Playground combines the charm of young dinosaurs with the message that play and parental responsibility are vital for a child's development.

This scientifically adapted, interactive exhibit allows young children to experience dinosaurs in a non-threatening, fun and educational environment.

Kids will be able to control a baby tyrannosaurus rex, play in a giant dinosaur nest, dig for fossils, crawl inside a dinosaur, assemble a triceratops and make dinosaur tracks in the sand.

Arts Council Exhibits at Two Sites

Artist members of The Arts Council, Pawtucket, are currently featured in shows at Slater Mill and at Pawtucket City Hall.

Twenty-one artist members have work on display at Slater Mill, Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket. The exhibition, which runs through Aug. 11, is open to the public Tuesdays — Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Two artist members of The

Art Journal in Production

The *Newport Review* staff is beginning production of their summer 1997 literary and arts journal. Submissions of artistic expression are being accepted now through Feb. 1, 1997.

Literary art forms may include, but are not limited to poetry, fiction, essays, screenplay excerpts, journal entries and epistles. Original art might include such disciplines as pen and ink sketches, illustrations, photographs, musical scores, calligraphy and fine art. All re-

producible art forms are welcome.

Volunteers and staff members are needed to help raise money for production, and also provide editing and proofreading services.

A preliminary development meeting will be held on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m., at 36 Oak Forest Drive, Middletown, R.I.

For more information, call Sue Grant at 847-7978 (days) or 846-7813 (evenings).

Providence Theatre Association to Hold Auditions

The Providence Theatre Association, a coalition of Providence theatrical companies, will hold citywide non-Equity auditions for actors of all ages, races and nationalities on Aug. 24 at NewGate Theatre, 124 Mathewson St., Providence.

Interested actors must schedule an audition time by calling 467-1617 on Aug. 17 between 9

a.m. and 5 p.m. This is the only way an audition appointment can be made.

Participating theaters are Trinity Rep, Perishable Theatre, Alias Stage, NewGate Theatre, Synergos Theatre Project and the Pork Chop Lounge.

Actors should have a one-minute monologue prepared.

Jazzing Up the Pier

On Aug. 11, from 2 to 7 p.m., the town of Narragansett will continue its summer concert series with the first annual Narragansett Jazz and Blues Festival, a free, open-air concert at the Narragansett Towers featuring some of the finest jazz and blues players in the area.

Featured acts and approximate set times include:

- 2 p.m., Kent Hewitt Trio

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- 3 p.m., The Dennis McCarthy/Thom Enright Blues Band

- 4 p.m., Shawn Monteiro with The Kent Hewitt Trio

- 5 p.m., D.D. and The Roadkings

- 6 p.m., Dan Moretti and Brazilia

Rain date will be scheduled for the same times on Aug. 12.

Great Woods Hosts Gala

A night of grand opera scenes and choruses with orchestra will be performed at the Great Woods Educational Forum by the Great Woods Opera Theatre and Workshop, a summer company of singers.

These scenes will bring a slice of the area's best operatic offerings. This performance will be held Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. in Watson

Theatre, Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.

The program will include works from Wagner's "Tannhauser," Bizet's "Carmen," "Lucia di Lammermoor" by Donizetti, Mozart's "Don Giovanni" and Verdi's "Rigoletto."

Tickets for the opera gala are \$15/\$12 for seniors and students. For group sales and additional information, call the Great Woods Educational Forum at (508) 285-8391.

Open Air Theatre Takes Us 'Into The Woods'

The Publick Theatre, Inc., in Boston, will close their 1996 summer season with the Tony-award winning musical, "Into The Woods," music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by James Lapine, playing now through Sept. 1, at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.

"Into the Woods" is a fairy tale musical featuring characters such as Cinderella, Red Riding Hood, a baker and his wife, a witch and a prince or two. They join in an adventure to follow their dreams, realizing they can only be found by going "into the woods."

The Publick Theatre is located in Christian A. Herter Park on Soldiers Field Road in Boston directly across the street from WBZ-TV on the banks of the Charles River. Free parking. It is accessible by public transportation.

Patrons are invited to come early and enjoy a picnic on the grassy hills surrounding the outdoor stage.

Refreshment service begins at 7 p.m.

Performances are scheduled weather permitting.

Single tickets are \$12 on Wednesday, \$16 on Thursday and Sunday, and \$18 on Friday and Saturday with senior citizens (60 and older) and groups receiving a \$2 discount. Youths (16 and under) are \$7 for all performances. Open seating except for subscribers, groups and special needs patrons.

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FEATURE

New Trends in Judaica

by Rhoda Fischman

Are you buying any Judaica these days? Are others? What are the stores carrying? Is there any Judaica being produced locally? Is there a place in the area where I can get Judaica?

The answer to all the above questions is "yes." First, let's talk about Judaica in general.

People are looking for hand-made items. We live in a "plastic age" when so many items are mass-produced. For example, we purchase a tile or decoration of some kind which says "The Statue of Liberty — New York City." Upon examining our product closely and turning it over, we find out it is made in Taiwan or some other far-off place.

For this reason and many others, the market for hand-crafted items has burgeoned. People are seeking items that are, in fact, made by hand and were made where they are presumed to be made.

If you are thinking of buying a Judaica gift or symbol, mezuzahs are a good place to start. Though traditional mezuzahs are still requested, more and more people are looking for something a little different — something made by hand

with an original design. Many ceramic mezuzahs now are done by Israeli artists. Fine carved wood and intricately designed metal mezuzahs are available. Some are done in abstract and modern styles; others are in the traditional patterns.

Innovational and handmade is the "Eye of the Needle" line of mezuzah cases created by Nancy Katz of Oakland, Calif. Katz works with silk and quilted materials, and paints them with elegant patterns. She does talisim as well. The demand for traditional talisim is still there, but many are shopping with a "designer's eye" for something different, so Katz's work is very popular, particularly with women who are shopping for artistically crafted products.

Look for ceramic ware by Rene Vashinsky, who does all kinds of Judaica... kiddush cups and so on.

Gene Frank and Leslie Gutman, a husband and wife team from Forestville, Calif., offer a complete line of ceramic Judaica... dreidels, decorative menorahs, and other items. An outstanding example is their beautiful rendition of "Noah's Ark" in menorah form.

Look for Sabbath cutting

boards and knives, originally designed candlesticks, Passover items and wall tiles with floral designs.

Rabbi Weinrub's work has begun to attract attention. In his work the rabbi does both the art work and the calligraphy. The rabbi's work is distributed by Judaica Illuminations of New York and is available locally.

A local artist, Toby Maude, portrays interesting historical places in Israel. One of her works is a menorah called "Neighborhoods of Israel." Her work is distributed by Aleph Judaica of California, but can also be found locally.

To keep Tikva's inventory of merchandise current and "international," I go to the New York International Gift Fair. Many American Judaica artisans display their work in The Museum Source section of the fair. New works from new artists — potential gifts for the High Holidays — will be appearing in Rhode Island. There is a Just Kidstuff section of the fair where retailers may find the latest items being made for children.

When people see Judaica advertised in national magazines and newspapers, these items can often be gotten in a very short

period of time by special order at a local store. You don't have to go to Boston and New York — an expenditure of time and money — to procure the latest, the best, and the most reason-

able pieces of Judaica.

Tikva Traditions Shop providing a complete spectrum of Judaica is managed by Rhoda Fischman. The shop is located at 727 Hope St. on the East Side of Providence, R.I.

Fresh Breeze Is Blowing Through Judaica

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Everywhere you go these days, if you are interested in the arts or artisans, you come across the unexpected bit of Judaica, on a corner of a craft table, hanging on the wall of an art show booth, tinkling in the breeze over a silversmith's display. People who are not Jewish are making these free-spirited interpretations of old traditions, and people who are not Jewish are buying them. Seder plates, menorahs, mezuzahs and goblets or pitchers are such inviting springboards for a leap into the spiritual.

I've noticed that almost without exception these new statements of Jewish belief are made in careful and respectful accordance with the formal traditions governing their use.

I'm looking right now at a chased silver goblet seated on a plate "of many colors." Literally. It, and the accompanying large plate and bowl, are elegant interpretations of Joseph's coat "of many colors." You wouldn't put this set away when it wasn't being used. You'd display it in a conspicuous spot. It's art, and it's beautiful, in addition to being significant religiously.

I turn the page of a catalogue and come to a charming selection of tzedaka boxes, made by hand

of native American woods. One resembles a tiny Noah's ark with a giraffe in the prow, looking for land. Another is a miniature domed temple. On a shelf or in the hand, these are delightful.

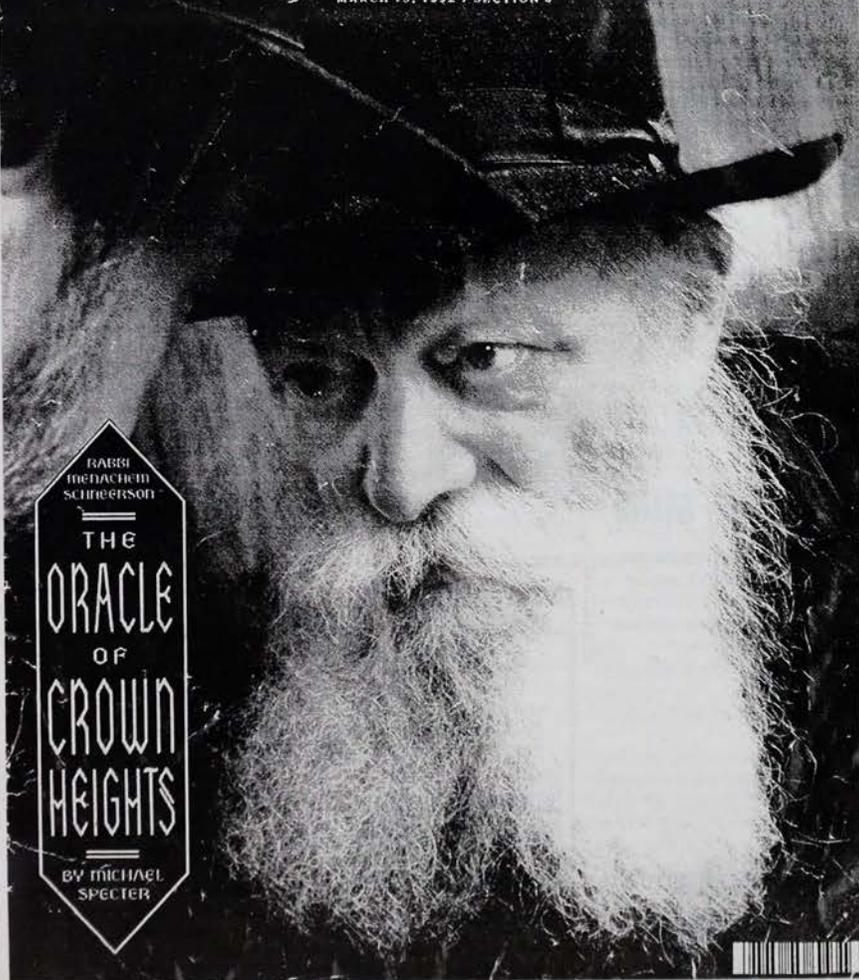
Before the second World War, much of Judaica was extremely ornate, and heavy. It was used at the appropriate time, and then retired to a safe place till the next ritual occasion. The influence was clearly European, particularly Eastern European.

The items that attract your eye today are more likely to be simply elegant, and feature beautiful natural materials used in the best way to reveal their hidden qualities. Imports from Israel blend well with American made items, because there is frequently a similar clean line or spare, minimalist feeling to them both. The ornate or baroque is still available, but it is probably designed with the middle-aged or elderly customer in mind. Younger Jews want something that will go with their apartment decor or charm their children or tell of their love for fine workmanship, in addition to serving the family on spiritual occasions.

So keep your eyes open at the art shows, the small galleries, the art school sales. You may find, in August, the menorah you will love to light in December.

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'There Was A Different Energy...'

This was the photo portrait of the Lubavitcher Rebbe that was selected as one of the 25 "Most Memorable Covers" of the last 100 years of the *New York Times Magazine*. "There was a different energy flowing from him" photographer Mark Asnin said. "It was the most special assignment I've ever had."

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Restored Postwar Film Awarded Prize in Israel

by Michele Chabin

JERUSALEM (JTA) — There was not a dry eye in the house when judges at the 13th annual Jerusalem Film Festival recently awarded a special "In the Spirit of Freedom" prize to the post-Holocaust film "Long is the Road."

The festival jury singled out the feature, even though it was filmed in 1947-48 and therefore was ineligible to win the actual award, which recognizes new films.

Shot on location at Camp Landsberg, the largest Jewish displaced persons camp in Bavaria, the 80-minute feature follows a Polish Jew and his family from the thriving Jewish community of pre-ghetto Warsaw through the horrors of the Holocaust and the chaotic years after the war when survivors searched frantically for their loved ones.

It ends up on a hopeful note, with some of the characters preparing to sail to pre-state Israel.

Hailed by European and American critics upon its release in 1948, the film has been locked away for most of the last 50 years.

Shown in Israeli theaters in 1954 and in a one-time broadcast on Israel Television in the early 1990s, it was restored by the National Center for Jewish Film at Brandeis University in time for the January 1996 New York Jewish Film Festival.

The very first feature film to represent the Holocaust from a Jewish point of view, the movie effectively mixes rare film footage — of transports, Auschwitz, air raids — with the dramatic story of the Yelin family, a fictional family portrayed by Polish actors who were themselves Holocaust survivors.

The film, directed by Herbert Fredersdorf and Marek Goldstein, two noted Jewish filmmakers of the time, was shot with financial and technical assistance from the U.S. Office of Military Government, which controlled postwar Germany in the late 1940s.

In many instances, the actors, all members of a Yiddish theater company founded in 1945 in Poland, found themselves recreating before the camera their own wartime experiences.

This was especially true of Israel Becker, the film's scriptwriter and lead actor. Born

in Bialystok, Becker was a leading light in Poland's Yiddish theater community until the Germans invaded the country in 1939.

Eager to escape to Russia, Becker boarded a train, only to learn that Nazis soldiers on board were searching for Jews. Becker's real-life jump from the speeding train was the inspiration for one of the film's most compelling scenes.

Becker, 79, whose acceptance speech at the awards ceremony elicited a standing ovation and tears from a young generation of Israeli filmmakers, said in an interview that "although only parts of the film were autobiographical, I drew on my own experiences when David Yelin (the character he portrays) jumps from the train on screen."

His voice breaking with emotion, Becker said the film's relatively upbeat finale did not mirror events in his own life. "Once, a film critic wrote, 'To watch "Long is the Road," the audience would never guess that Becker was the sole survivor in his family after the Holocaust,'" Becker said. "Sometimes art imitates life. Often it doesn't."

Sharon Pucker Rivo, executive director of the National Center for Jewish Film in Waltham, Mass., said the film "provides a glimpse into an important time in Jewish history that most people know little about." She called the opportunity to meet Becker and to videotape his recollections "a unique addition to our understanding of Jewish filmmaking."

In accepting the "In the Spirit of Freedom" award, Becker told the young people around him, "All those years ago in the DP camp, it was too much to dream that I would be standing here before you in Eretz Yisrael, in beautiful, sacred Jerusalem. Fifty years later, you do honor to the survivors and those who perished."

"Long is the Road" is available on 16mm and 35mm film. A videocassette version is planned. This and more than 20 other Yiddish films can be obtained from the National Center for Jewish Film, Brandeis University, Lown 102, Waltham, Mass. 02254. Or, call (617) 899-7044; fax (617) 736-2070; or e-mail NCJF@logos.cc.Brandeis.edu.

Schocken Comes Up With A Winner

For 20 years Willy Lindwer has been collecting Jewish postcards. He has chosen — from more than 6,000 — 31 of the most interesting and unusual for reproduction in a tear-and-send book. Schocken Books will publish *Classic Jewish Postcards For All Occasions: Thirty-one Tear-and-Send Cards from Around the World*, edited by Willy Lindwer, on Nov. 14.

These beautiful and fascinating postcards depict Jewish life at the turn of the century all around the globe. Portraying scenes of Jewish life in Eastern and Central Europe, North Africa, and the United States, they are exotic and elegant, humorous and nostalgic, and each opens a small, jewel-like window on the vibrancy and diversity of Jewish life early in this century.

Reproduced in full-color, each of the 31 cards is accompanied by a caption explaining its history and origins.

Willy Lindwer himself says, "The correspondence card — devised as a simpler, briefer alternative to folded stationery and the envelope — was introduced on Oct. 1, 1869, by Dr. Emanuel Herman, an Austrian Jew.

"About a year later it was followed up with the postcard, which was pre-printed with a stamp and

ready for sending. This new method of communication proved extremely popular: hundreds of thousands were mailed on the first day alone.

"Throughout the world, the postcard soon became as popular a means of communication as the fax or telephone is today. The early postcards did not have pictures on them, but by the mid-1890s the picture postcard made its first appearance.

"Thousands of picture postcards with Jewish themes were manufactured in the early 1900s — mainly in France and Germany — with

subjects ranging in location from Eastern and Western Europe to North Africa, and from the Middle East to America. These postcards were produced until World War II, when they disappeared along with Jewish life in Germany and Eastern Europe.

"I began accumulating Jewish postcards from the period of 1900-1940 because they stand out for me as visual testimonies of Jewish life as it existed and thrived in the first part of this century. Each one is a document in itself and a witness to times past."



Postcards by Willy Lindwer

Ben-Gurion Student Not Everyday 'Senior'

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An 83-year-old Israeli recently completed his bachelor's degree in Jewish history, proving that no one is too old to be a student.

At first, octogenarian Ya'acov Vilan of Kibbutz Negba was a bit apprehensive about how his classmates at Ben-Gurion University in the Negev would treat him.

But he soon discovered that his studies yielded a learning experience beyond what is found in any book.

"I thought they would see me, as the saying goes in Hebrew, as 'an old Zalman,'" Vilan said. "But I enjoyed their company. Each of them saw in me a bit of their own grandfathers."

Vilan also found that he enjoyed perks as a result of his longevity.

"I never had to wait in the [line] for the printing machine," he told Israel Radio. "The [students] would bring me materials, and get books from the library which were in lower places that were difficult for me to reach."

His teachers also enjoyed his participation.

"One said to me that I am a

living witness of things that happened," he said.

Vilan already has his sights set on a master's degree.

But he will have to first overcome some logistical problems.

"I would not be able to go three days a week," he said. "I don't drive anymore, and it's an hour-and-a-half bus ride each way. But I was told that when [I register] I could possibly work out a program with the teachers to study more at home."



"LONG IS THE ROAD," a post-Holocaust film, won the "In the Spirit of Freedom" award recently.

Photo courtesy of the National Center for Jewish Film

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Settlers Meet With Netanyahu Argentine Jews to Receive \$12 Million for Bombing

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jewish settlement leaders emerged from a meeting recently with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressing satisfaction that the new leadership would be more supportive of their interests than the previous Labor-led government.

During the meeting, the leadership of the Yesha Council, which represents settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, presented Netanyahu with three principle requests:

- that new settlements be established;
- that existing ones be expanded;
- and that families be allowed to move into settlement homes and apartments that are currently empty.

Netanyahu made no commitments regarding his settlement policies during the meeting.

But settler leaders later said that they thought that it was clear that the Netanyahu government would not follow in the footsteps of the previous Labor government, which adopted a freeze on settlement building and which purposely left some 3,000 homes and apartments empty to prevent settlement expansion.

Also, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon ordered the construction of two new roads in the West Bank that would run through areas administered by the Palestinian Authority.

The two projects involve an expenditure of some \$57 million.

One of the roads will link Atarot, located north of Jerusalem, to the heart of the capital. The second will be an extension of the Trans-Samaria Highway.

Former Housing Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer criticized the Trans-Samaria project, saying that it would divert funds that could be used to build essential traffic arteries in the jammed center of the country.

But he welcomed the Atarot road, saying that it was part of the construction program he had developed for the previous government.

The Peace Now group objected to both projects, saying that they were politically motivated and could sabotage the peace process.

by Sergio Kiernan

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — In a discreet ceremony, held recently, President Carlos Menem presented Argentine Jewish officials with a copy of a decree that calls for the payment of \$12 million in reparations for the bombing two years ago of the Jewish community's headquarters in Buenos Aires.

The decree orders the federal government to pay the Argentine Jewish Mutual Aid Association, also known as AMIA the reparations in 12 monthly installments starting in January.

The July 18, 1994, bombing, which left 86 dead and more than 300 wounded, remains unsolved.

Of the total to be paid to the community, \$1 million is for the opening of a Holocaust museum at a building the government donated last year to the Argentine Jewish community.

AMIA President Oscar Hansman, Chief Rabbi Ben Hamu, Menem, members of his Cabinet and other Argentine Jewish officials attended the ceremony.

Conspicuously absent, however, was Ruben Beraja, the president of the Argentine Jew-

ish umbrella organization DAIA.

Beraja had previously said Argentine Jews should not accept reparations.

Recently, DAIA issued a terse statement that said, "The institution did not attend the ceremony, nor named a representative to attend to it officially."

Hansman said after the ceremony that the money "was granted to cover the extraordinary material cost of upgrading security and giving special care to victims of the bombing."

He added that the funds would not be used to reconstruct the building leveled by the bombing because "our institution already has funds to do that."

Meanwhile, the Argentine Chamber of Deputies formed a commission to investigate the AMIA bombing.

The five-member parliamentary commission has a mandate "to closely follow the investigation being carried out by the policy and other security forces."

The long delay in the formation of the commission has been harshly criticized by the local press and the Jewish community.

King Herod's Name Found in Excavations

The name of Herod the Great, King of Judea 2,000 years ago, has been found on an inscription for the first time in archaeological excavations conducted by The Hebrew University of Jerusalem at Masada, site of the monumental cliff-top fortress built by Herod overlooking the Dead Sea.

Although extensive excavations were carried out at Masada in the mid-1960s and again in recent years, it was only in this year's recently completed excavations that Herod's name has been found on any object uncovered on the mountain.

The name was inscribed on a large amphora (a ceramic container) used for shipping wine for the king from Italy.

Also discovered this year were remains of food from the Masada dwellers — nutshells and eggshells, dates, olive pits, as well as pieces of cloth, basketware and wooden implements.

The current series of excavations, now in their third season, have concentrated on the area near the synagogue, in which a water cistern and two caves were

investigated — areas that were in use during the Herodian period.

In one of the caves, whose roof collapsed, the archaeologists found numerous fragments of large storage jars, some of which were reconstructed during the excavations.

The other cave, in which the food remains were found, served apparently first as a stor-

The dry air in the region enabled this organic material to be preserved over the centuries.

age area and later as a garbage dump. The dry air in the region enabled this organic material to be preserved over the centuries.

Another area excavated this season was the uppermost level of Herod's grand palace at the northern edge of the mountain. The archaeologists found remains of an earlier, smaller structure that apparently also served as a residence for King Herod.

This year's excavations also revealed a decorated reception hall at the entrance to the acropolis from the south. This, together with three adjacent rooms uncovered earlier by the Yadin excavations, may have served as a kind of elaborate entranceway through which guests approaching the palace passed and possibly also were received in some kind of formal reception.

Also during this year's excavations, investigators found sections of the Herodian casement wall used by the Jewish defenders south of the point of breakthrough by attacking Roman forces.

In the same area, remains of the Roman-Jewish battle were identified, including stone projectiles, arrows and signs of fire damage.

Also uncovered, from a later period, was the courtyard of the Byzantine church that once stood on Masada, as well as remains of material objects in the courtyard that shed some light on the life of the monks who lived there.

Families of Terrorists Killed by Shin Bet Seek Compensation

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The families of two Palestinian hijackers killed by Shin Bet officials 12 years ago have asked for compensation and demanded that all officials from Israel's security service who were involved in the incident be brought to the Gaza Strip to stand trial.

The demands came after a top Israeli security official admitted to killing two Palestinian terrorists after their capture in 1984.

The official, Ehud Yatom,

said, in a newspaper interview, that after security forces had apprehended the two Palestinians who had hijacked the No. 300 bus, he was ordered by the head of the Shin Bet to kill them.

He also admitted beating the terrorists severely before bashing their heads in with a rock.

At the time, the Shin Bet attempted to cover up the incident, but intense media coverage led to a public controversy and an inquiry.

President Chaim Herzog later pardoned the Shin Bet officials involved in the incident.

Camelia Sadat Receives 1996 Heller Prize

Camelia Anwar Sadat, daughter of the late Egyptian leader Anwar El Sadat, received the Dr. Bernard Heller Prize from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio, at commencement exercises on May 29. The Heller Prize is an international award presented to an organization or in-

dividual whose work, writings, or research reflects significant contributions to humanity.

Sadat is the president and founder of the Sadat Peace Institute. She is a Ph.D. candidate for peace studies at Boston University's University of Professor's Program under the academic supervision of Nobel

Peace Prize recipient Elie Wiesel.

As a consultant, Sadat has taken part in negotiations between Arabs and Israelis. Her belief that people should share in the peace-making process led her to conduct fund-raisers, which helped to arrange for the first private citizen initiative to the West Bank and Gaza in April 1988. She is a founder and vice president of Il Tialoguo, a peace organization which promotes world peace through the three monotheistic religions.

The prize carries an award of \$10,000.

Meetings Between Knesset and Palestinian Council Planned

by ISRAEL Line

Fourteen Knesset members have decided to establish a parliamentary friendship association between the Knesset and the Palestinian Council.

Members of the group will meet for the first time near the end of August at the Beit Gavriel Convention Center on the banks of the Sea of Galilee. A second meeting will take place in the Gaza Strip.

The association was initiated by Meretz member of the Knes-

set Dedi Zucker and includes two representatives from Likud, eight from Labor, two others from Meretz, and one each from the Arab Democratic Party and Hadash.

Zucker said that Palestinian Council Chairman Yasser Arafat, and Palestinian Council member Abu Alla praised the initiative.

Zucker requested that Knesset speaker Dan Tichon formally approve the establishment of the new Knesset association.

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Democrats Reject Farrakhan

by Daniel Kurtzman
WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Democratic Party has defused a situation that threatened to sour relations with Jewish supporters by declaring that, contrary to Farrakhan's claims, it will not cooperate with the Nation of Islam on voter registration.

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Foreign Workers Time Bomb in Israel

by Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV (JTA) — There is a social time bomb ticking away in Israel, and Israeli authorities have been doing little to defuse it.

With each closure Israel imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the wake of repeated onslaughts of Arab terror, thousands of Palestinian workers were prevented from working in Israel, primarily at low-paying agricultural and construction jobs.

To make up for the shortfall in unskilled workers, the Jewish state began authorizing the import of workers from farther afield — Thailand, Romania, Turkey, the Philippines.

The number of these imported workers now stands at about 250,000 — of whom some 150,000 are working illegally, said government officials.

Many of the illegal workers came to Israel as tourists and decided to stay. Others came under valid work permits and remained beyond the legal time limit.

Their wages, far below the wages of the average Israeli workers, are nonetheless higher than what they can expect at home, so they remain in Israel, often living in cramped, substandard housing.

They are not a burden to social services as long as they have valid visas, which are issued by the Interior Ministry after the applicant has received a work permit from the Ministry of Labor, but once the permits expire, they have no one to pay their health bills.

If they have families, they are not entitled to any of the social benefits given to Israelis, including education.

Nor do the illegal workers have much reason for hope. They can become Israeli citizens only if they marry an Israeli. If they have children while in Israel, their offspring also remain illegal aliens.

President Ezer Weizman has recently warned of the dangers of hosting a large foreign community without the proper facilities.

Many of the construction workers, for example, live in improvised housing provided

by their employers. There are often as many as eight people to a room, where they live in squalid conditions.

The Interior Ministry has warned that if the illegal workers remain deprived of medical attention they may become a source of serious disease.

Although police officials say the rate of crime among illegal workers is no higher than in Israeli society at large, some are concerned that poverty and substandard living conditions will in time ratchet up the crime rate among them.

In an effort to clamp down on the importation of illegal workers, inspection teams from the Ministry of Labor go on daily raids at construction sites to check foreign workers' papers.

But the inspection team numbers only 70 officials — hardly a sufficient force to cope with a quarter million foreign workers.

Most of the construction workers are Romanians and Turks; most of the farm workers Thais; Filipinos are very popular as nannies or as companions for the elderly; and most of the African workers are doing cleaning jobs.

The number of these imported workers now stands at about 250,000 — of whom some 150,000 are working illegally, said government officials.

With an unemployment rate of 6 percent, the Israeli economy can well tolerate the presence of legally imported foreign workers.

As a result of the influx of the foreign workers, the look and feel of many Israeli neighborhoods are changing.

An international gallery of people, mostly from Ghana and Nigeria, can be seen in the area around the former Central Bus Station in southern Tel Aviv.

A large Tel Aviv coffee house, Turkish Coffee, plays host to scores of Turks who come after

working hours to play backgammon and cards or to watch Turkish television and drink tea.

At Herzliya Pituah, the luxury quarter of Herzliya that is home to diplomats and Israel's high society, one can see Filipino nannies taking children out for strolls or taking the boss' car for a shopping errand.

"The Israelis like us, they trust us. Why should they replace us?" said Simo Delfin, 46, of the Philippines.

Delfin, who came to Israel eight years ago after he divorced his wife, left six children behind in Manila.

He cleans homes and offices in Herzliya and Tel Aviv, makes at least \$2,000 a month and sends \$800 home to his children.

But he dares not leave to visit them, for fear that the Israeli authorities will not allow him back.

The Interior Ministry recently has said that it was seeking to remove 100,000 foreign workers. This may reflect a political agenda.

The recently installed government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has partially lifted the closure on the West Bank and Gaza in order to ease the prolonged financial hardship it has caused to Palestinian workers.

As part of the relaxation, an additional 10,000 Palestinian workers were issued work permits recently, bringing the total number of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip allowed to work in Israel to 35,000. (Ten years ago, some 160,000 Palestinians held jobs in Israel.)

Some Israeli officials, while not attacking the policy of temporary closures, have said that anything establishing a permanent separation between the Israeli and Palestinian populations as a way of coping with terror attacks will not have the desired effect.

A separation plan, these officials say, will give Palestinians an additional argument for the formation of an independent Palestinian state, one with borders drawn roughly along the same lines that are now being established by repeated closures.

If the closures are ever fully lifted, many of the foreign workers in Israel will have to be displaced to make room for their Palestinian counterparts.

Moreover, authorities cannot tolerate a situation of "soft borders" where illegal workers insinuate themselves into the fabric of Israeli society.

JNF Plans Another First

For the first time the Jewish National Fund will join with two other major organizations — Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel and the Tampa Bay Holocaust Memorial Museum and Educational Center — as co-sponsors of the 1997 Major Gifts Mission.

Maccabi USA underwrites American participation in the Maccabiah games in Israel and is building a sports area in the Ben Shemen forest in cooperation with JNF that will be accessible to thousands and will serve as a cherished resource to families living in congested urban areas.

The Tampa Bay Holocaust Memorial Museum and Educational Center is widely regarded as one of the most effective in the country, providing resources, speakers, exhibits and teaching materials for schools in north Florida.

Allen Fox, a major donor to each of the sponsoring agencies, and Walter Loebenberg, chairman of the Tampa Bay Holocaust Center, will serve as mission co-chairmen.

The mission will begin with four days in Poland, where participants will visit the remnants of Jewish communities in Kracow and Warsaw, once the center of European Jewish life; Kazimierz Dolny near Warsaw, a Jewish village dating back to the Middle Ages; Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek and Treblinka, where millions of Jews were killed and a thousand years of European Jewish life were obliterated.

One of the mission's features will be the participation of Michael Berenbaum, director, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Commission, as scholar-in-residence. Berenbaum noted, "To go from the site of Jewish death to the place of Jewish yearning and the realization of Jewish dreams is just an extraordinary opportunity."

From Poland, its history and its fields of death, participants

will fly to Israel, the Jewish homeland and the place of the rebirth of the Jewish nation.

The mission will then visit JNF sites in the Negev Desert, the only desert in the world being cultivated because of technologies developed by JNF. Participants will visit a desert research center at Sde Boker, the desert kibbutz where David Ben-Gurion settled in his retirement (and where he is buried); the Besor region where JNF is building three major reservoirs and developing the northern corner of the desert; tree nurseries where saplings are being grown for planting in the Southern Region; and newly inaugurated fish ponds, where fish are being grown for export.

Robert B. Levine, national campaign chairman and chairman of the recently completed JNF Jerusalem 3000 mission, remarked, "The best way to learn about JNF is to see how much we have accomplished on the ground, in Israel. Once you do, you never look at JNF, or Israel, the same way. It is an extraordinary story."

"JNF has long believed that the best way to increase support is to take people to Israel so that they can actually see the wonderful work that continues to transform the country," said Milton S. Shapiro, JNF president.

The 1997 Major Gifts Mission is open to contributors of \$5,000 to any of the sponsoring organizations. For information, contact Mort Naiman, JNF associate national campaign director, at (212) 879-9300, ext. 261, or the JNF Missions Department at (800) 223-7787.

JNF is now planning Motorcycle, Culinary and National Future Leadership Adventure Missions to Israel. Next year's SCUBA mission is tentatively scheduled for June 15 to 27. For further information, call the JNF Missions Department, (212) 879-9300, ext. 283, or, out of New York State (800) 223-7787.

Mubarak Firm But Upbeat

by Daniel Kurtzman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told Jewish officials in Washington recently that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu needs to take concrete steps "on the ground" to foster Arab confidence in the peace process.

Mubarak suggested the redeployment of troops from most of Hebron as one such gesture, and he urged Israel to do so before Arab leaders gather at an economic conference this fall in Cairo, an official who attended the meeting said.

The meeting came on the first day of a three-day visit to Washington by the Egyptian leader. Mubarak also met with U.S. officials, including Secretary of State Warren Christopher, national Security Adviser Tony

Lake and CIA Director John Deutch, with whom he discussed terrorism issues.

He was scheduled to meet with President Clinton later in the week.

Jewish officials characterized their meeting with Mubarak as an upbeat gathering in which the Egyptian leader made assurances that Egypt remains firmly committed to the peace process.

"He clearly wanted us to understand that he hasn't been disillusioned with Netanyahu, he's prepared to be reasonably patient and he understands that Netanyahu has only been in office a month," said Robert Rifkind, president of the American Jewish Committee, which convened the meeting.

"I didn't hear any big note of impatience or criticism," Rifkind added.

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OBITUARIES

ELEANOR A. BIDA
COVENTRY — Eleanor A. Bida, 72, a resident of Coventry Health Center, for the last 2 1/2 years, proprietor of Alexander's Uniforms, Providence, for 20 years until 1980, died Aug. 2 in the center. She was the wife of Allan M. Bida.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Adolph and Mary (Silverman) Hirsch. Before moving to Coventry, she had lived in Providence and Warwick.

She had been a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for Aged and had been a member of Temple Beth Israel when it was located on Niagara Street.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Sharon Goldsmith of Cranston, and Candace David of Dallas, Texas; a sister, Evelyn Hirsch of Coventry, and four grandchildren. She was sister of the late Harold Hirsch.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL KOPEL
PROVIDENCE — Samuel Kopel, 70, of 29 Twelfth St., a warehouse coordinator for 16 years for the Wiring Devices Division of the General Electric Company, formerly located in Cranston, and previously an employee of the American Insulated Wire Co., Pawtucket, died July 29 in Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Sandra (Mendelson) Kopel.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Louis and Jennie (Flint) Kopel. He was a lifelong resident of Providence.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He was a past commander of the Sackin Shockett Post of the Jewish War Veterans of America. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, the Providence Hebrew

Free Loan Association and the Touro Fraternal Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Lisa Kopel of Providence and Sheryl Kopel-Bell of Exeter, England; two sons, Eric Kopel of North Kingstown and Keith Kopel of Cranston; a sister, Natalie Kopel of Pawtucket; and three grandchildren. He was brother of the late William Kopel.

The funeral was held on Aug. 4 at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JACK PLATKIN
PROVIDENCE — Jack Platkin, 98, of 30 Sixth St., treasurer and manager of New England Motor Freight Company, Pawtucket, for many years died July 31 in Miriam Hospital, Providence.

He was the husband of the late Lillian (Schwartz) Platkin.

Born in Paterson, N.J., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Platkin, he had lived in Providence for more than 60 years.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Men's Club and its Bowling League. He was also a member of Temple Beth Shalom-Sons of Zion. He was recently honored by the Redwood Masonic Lodge on his 50th year of membership. He was a member of the R.I. Truck Owner's Association and the Traffic Club of Rhode Island. He was one of the founders of the R.I. Jewish Softball League in 1946. Many years ago, he was organizer of the first Youth Baseball Team in Paterson, N.J.

He leaves a son, Richard Platkin of Providence; a brother, David Platkin in New Jersey; and two grandsons. He was brother of the late Hyman Platkin.

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

ELLIOT RHIAN
PROVIDENCE — Elliot Rhian, 71, of 15 Parkside Drive, the founder of the insulation and coatings firm Thermex Inc., retiring in 1987, died July 29 at home. He was the husband of Barbara (Goldis) Rhian.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Eleanor Rhian, he lived in Providence and New York, returning to Providence in 1974.

A veteran of the Army Signal Corps., he participated in the Normandy Invasion in June of 1944, and served in France, Belgium and Germany.

He was a 1951 magna cum laude graduate of Brown University. In 1954 he received his master's degree in physics from Penn State University. While at Penn State, he received an appointment to the National Academy of Sciences, researching undersea systems for the Navy. He became an assistant professor of marine science at the University of Miami Marine Laboratory, investigating the nature of undersea sound.

In 1960, he was recruited by Ford Motor Co.'s Philco Division in Philadelphia to work on undersea missile locations and tracking systems. He was involved in the development of Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicles following the sinking of the submarine Thresher. He managed the installation of the first undersea nuclear detection system off the coast of California for the enforcement of the first Nuclear Test Ban Treaty with the Soviets.

In 1974, he founded Thermex Inc. which specialized in insulation and coatings for energy savings. He was involved in the world's largest desalination system, at the time, in the conversion of sea water to fresh water at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. A frequent lecturer at the Franklin Institute and the Philadelphia Engineers Club in the area of oceanography and ocean engineering, he published numerous articles in professional and Naval journals.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Steven Rhian of Nashville, Tenn.; a daughter, Diana Thibault of Houston, Texas; a brother, Julius Rhian of Lakeland, Fla.; a sister, Barbara Rhian of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and a grandson.

The funeral was held July 31 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

Touvier, Jailed for Ordering Execution of 7 Jews, is Dead

by Lee Yanowitch

PARIS (JTA) — Paul Touvier, the only Frenchman convicted of crimes against humanity, died late in July of prostate cancer, in a prison hospital outside Paris.

He was the intelligence chief of Lyon's pro-Nazi militia during World War II.

In 1994, after more than 40 years on the run, he was jailed for ordering the execution of seven Jewish hostages.

Touvier's son and daughter had asked President Jacques Chirac last month to pardon their father so that he could die a free man.

But that request and four other pleas for his release on medical grounds were turned down.

Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld, who helped bring Touvier to justice, said in an interview that Touvier's death "was a non-event."

"Once he was in prison, we received news of it with indifference," Klarsfeld added.

Jacques Tremolet de Villers, Touvier's lawyer, said in a statement that Touvier "was finally free." The statement also said, "He was sentenced to life in

prison, not to die in prison."

Touvier ordered the executions of seven Jewish hostages in reprisal for the killing of Vichy propaganda chief Philippe Henriot. A firing squad shot the men outside the cemetery of Rileux-la-Pape, near Lyon, in June 1944, just two months before the area was liberated.

He was a key aide during the war to Gestapo Chief Klaus Barbie, the "Butcher of Lyon," tracking Jews and Resistance fighters and frequently confiscating their possessions.

Barbie died in prison in 1991. Touvier, who was sentenced in absentia to death, in 1947, was pardoned in 1972 by President Georges Pompidou.

French police captured Touvier in 1989 in a southern French monastery, where he was hiding with his family. Revelations that he had been sheltered by right-wing Catholics deeply embarrassed France's Roman Catholic Church and reminded the French people of a past they had tried to forget.

When police took Touvier into custody, he had said, "I regret nothing."

Mauerback Sale to Benefit Holocaust Victims and Families

Hidden Works of Art Will Now Be Sold

A highly distinguished international honorary committee has been established by The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities to support The Mauerbach Benefit Sale. The sale will be conducted on a non-profit-making basis by Christie's, the international auctioneers, on behalf of The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities, and will be held in Vienna on Oct. 29 and 30.

Approximately 1,000 works of art, most of which were confiscated from Jewish homes by the Nazis and hidden from view for more than 50 years, will be auc-

tioned to benefit both Jewish and non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust and their families.

The sale is expected to raise \$3.5 million.

Property will be on view at the museum beginning October 22 through 28, coinciding with the museum's exhibitions celebrating Austria's millennium.

Among those involved in putting on the sale are Walter Annenberg, Ignatz Bubis, Sylvia Hassenfeld, Teddy Kollek, four members of the Rothschild family, Sir Georg Solti, Simone Veil, Elie Wiesel, Ambassador Milton A. Wolf, Ph.D., Ronald S. Lauder and Edgar M. Bronfman.

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Spirituality

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here and in Israel. Judaism is a spiritual culture.

This article was written just a few days before Tisha B'Av, the commemoration of the destruction of the Holy Temple. We must take heed to prevent our tradition from being destroyed. We must join together in a renewed effort to find Torah in our lives and preserve our cultural heritage.

For further information, comments or questions, you can reach Velvel "Wally" Spiegler by calling (508) 252-4302 or Email to DSpieg5411@aol.com

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Clinton

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terrence."

Clinton's decision to deny clemency formalized White House policy announced in March.

President Bush also refused to commute Pollard's sentence before leaving office.

Leaders of the conference adopted a diplomatic tone after the Clinton meeting, while still protesting the president's action.

Recently, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu released a statement saying that Israel "regrets the decision." Netanyahu, as well as his predecessors Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, had raised Pollard's fate during meetings with Clinton.

Earlier this year, the Peres government granted Pollard Israeli citizenship, a move the convicted spy had hoped would bolster his chances of release.

Rabbi Avi Weiss, Pollard's rabbi and president of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-AMCHA, decried Clinton's denial as unjust and pledged to make the Pollard case an issue in the presidential election campaign.

Pollard was eligible for parole after completing 10 years of his sentence late last year.

He apparently decided to forego the parole path while the White House mulled his clemency request.

Without endorsing a future application for parole, McCurry pointedly told reporters that this option remains available.

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Non-Orthodox

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street just as it was to be opened for post-Shabbat traffic.

In a much more serious incident, a group of haredim recently attacked a secular graduate student after she parked her car — on a weekday — near the fervently Orthodox neighborhood of Geulah in Jerusalem.

Although the woman, who was wearing a summer dress, escaped with only minor injuries, her car was badly damaged in the attack.

The local media has also been quick to report alleged attempts at religious coercion by the haredim in the two months since the elections.

In the towns of Hadera and Kiryat Malachi, female municipal workers have been ordered to dress modestly, in accordance with Jewish law.

In Jerusalem, a supermarket owned by the huge Supersol chain now forbids "immodestly dressed" women — defined as those not wearing a below-the-knee dress or skirt — from entering the store.

The store, which is located in an industrial area bordering

DEA Announces Its 'Keep Fit' Contest

Barbara C. Ruffino, director of the R.I. Department of Elderly Affairs, has announced the kick-off of the second annual Keep Fit contest for the state's seniors. The contest is designed to promote good health and emphasize the importance of keeping fit for elders.

"Rhode Islanders age 60 and older are encouraged to send in their ideas on maintaining good health including diet and exercise routines, leisure activities, and hints on getting fit and staying fit," declared Ruffino. "An active physical life and a positive mental attitude go a long way in helping seniors remain vital and independent," she observed.

Applications for the contest are now available from the DEA, as well as meal sites and senior centers across the state. Completed applications must be submitted to the DEA, 160 Pine St., Providence, RI 02903 postmarked no later than Sept. 30.

Five contest winners will be selected by the DEA. Winners will receive a one-year subscription to the *Nutrition Action Newsletter* and will be interviewed for a feature article in *The Older Rhode Islander*, the DEA's newspaper.

For a contest application or additional information, call 277-2858.

both religious and non-religious neighborhoods, does provide a skirtlike coverup for those who seek it.

Asked whether the supermarket's policy, as well as the attack on the graduate student, signal the erosion of religious freedoms in Jerusalem, a municipal spokeswoman said, "Absolutely not. The religious status quo in Jerusalem remains the status quo."

"The attack on the woman was an isolated incident and the police handled it. The law remains unchanged."

As for the supermarket, she added, "as far as I know, the market is in a religious neighborhood and besides, it is a private enterprise and can set its own standards. The status quo remains in effect."

Orit Sulitzeanu, spokeswoman of the Israel Women's Network, is not as sure.

"There is a law that supervises the sale of goods that mandates that they cannot set unreasonable conditions," she said. "We consider these conditions unreasonable."

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Don't Settle for Less Than the Perfect Ring

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Most people's knowledge of jewelry is very limited, which makes purchasing such an expensive item a difficult and intimidating process.

"The public as a whole is uncomfortable when dealing with jewelers," said Richard Concannon, owner of Concannon Appraisal Services, Inc. "Many people don't even know what questions to ask."

Concannon, who started his business in February, after working at Ross Simon Jewelers for six and a half years, takes pride in the service he gives to each customer.

"I opened the business with two premises," said Concannon. "I wanted to create a less formal atmosphere, where I could take the time to answer questions, even if that means teaching the customer about gems and secondly, I wanted to give the customer more than he or she expected for less than they thought they would have to pay."

Originally, Concannon established his business as an appraisal company only, but he found that the demand was there to sell jewelry as well.

At most jewelry stores, the customer simply selects a ring

he or she likes from a display case. While this may be a quick way to shop, the ring may not be exactly what the customer had in mind. Instead, the ring may be the closest thing that the retailer had available.

At Concannon's, there's no reason to "settle" for a ring that is close to what you were looking for. Rather than picking out a ring,

Concannon has his client determine exactly how they would like the ring to look. He then shows the different parts of the ring to the customer and upon their approval, he has the ring custom-made.

"They can see the component parts before they own it," said Concannon. "By controlling the individual elements, they have more of a stake in what they've picked out, as opposed to just choosing a finished product."

According to Concannon, it takes about two weeks for a ring to be custom-made.

Because of the relaxed atmosphere Concannon creates, visiting his office can be as much of a social call as a business transaction.

"I have a devoted, little clientele," said Concannon. "We'll have a cup of coffee and conversation. Sometimes it's as if the jewelry interrupts the fun. It makes for a homey atmosphere."

Concannon not only doesn't believe in pressuring his clients, but he'll even turn away business if it's in the customer's best interest.

"If there is an element of

doubt, I'll say 'Don't do it. Sleep on it,'" said Concannon. "Sometimes I'll refer them to someone else if they have a better product or a lower price. I may lose the short-term sale, but I will have gained their trust. With that kind of rapport, the customer is more likely to come back."

When Concannon does appraisals, he sometimes has to tell the customer something they would rather not hear.

"Every once in a while, someone will have paid too much for a piece of jewelry," said Concannon. "Sometimes I have to give them bad news, but that's an integrity issue that I'm not willing to compromise."

The cost of appraising a single piece of jewelry is \$30. If there are three pieces, Concannon has the customer make an appointment for an hour, an hour and a half if it's very intricate.

Concannon only charges for actual appraisal time, not time taken up by the asking and answering of questions.

If Concannon doesn't have an answer, he'll get one.

"If I don't know something, I'll look it up," said Concannon. "I'm not going to make something up and pretend to know what I'm talking about. I treat people how I would want someone to deal with me."

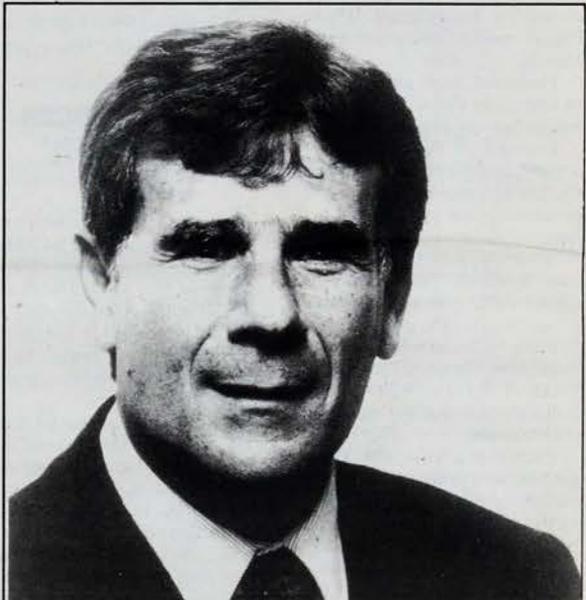
According to Concannon, a large percentage of his clientele is Jewish. Although he is not Jewish, Concannon has learned a lot about the Jewish religion and customs in the last few months.

Earlier this summer, Concannon was cast as Teyve, the lead role for "Fiddler on the Roof." The show, being presented by Theatreworks in Woonsocket, will open on Sept. 6. To prepare for the role of the Jewish character, Concannon



Richard Concannon
Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

sought the help of Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer of Temple Emanu-El. "I was referred to Rabbi Kaunfer by someone I used to work with," said the jeweler. "I walked in with two pages of questions for him. I taped our conversation and he let me borrow a book called *Teyve's Daughters*." Concannon's office is located in downtown Pawtucket. To arrange an appointment, call 722-0111.



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