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## New Sierra Club President is First Jew to Head Group

by Yaakov Arnold  
New York Jewish Week  
NEW YORK (JTA) — It's time to put up or shut up for Adam Werbach. "I've been mouthing off for so long saying that young people need to assume positions of authority," the 23-year-old southern California native said. "Now was the time."

The Sierra Club board of directors agreed, narrowly electing Werbach as its youngest president. The December graduate of Brown University assumes control of the oldest and largest environmental organization in the country, with its 600,000 members and \$4 million annual budget. Werbach is also the club's first Jewish president.

"There is a long Jewish tradition of young people inheriting their future and taking responsibility for preserving it," he said, noting the biblical characters David and Joseph. Werbach has delayed plans to attend film school at Columbia University.

He also had to move from Vermont, where he was working on a novel, to Sierra Club headquarters in San Francisco.

While it may seem strange for a group whose average age is 47 and whose founder, John Muir, was 54 when he was chosen its first president, to elect someone so young, Werbach has been active in the 104-year-old club since he was 8.

Not surprisingly, Werbach is taking a modern approach to

educating the masses on environmental issues.

"What we need to do now is to create the new format for the 21st century, which is going to use the World Wide Web, it's going to use MTV and it's going to use rock 'n' roll."

Werbach was a second-grader at Valley Beth Shalom Day School in Encino, Calif., when he came across a letter from the Sierra Club asking his parents, who also are members, for help in a petition drive to remove then-Interior Secretary James Watt. Adam took the petition to school, and by the end of the day he had some 200 signatures. He was hooked on the Sierra Club.

Five years later Werbach became a bar mitzvah and took out a student membership.

He also became a vegetarian, "so de facto I was kosher." Werbach also created the now 30,000-strong Sierra Student Coalition and served as its first director.

In high school and at college, he handed out black snow cones to dramatize the risk of opening up the Alaska Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. During his three summers at Camp Alonim in southern California, Werbach initiated the Brandeis-Bardin Institute camp's environmental program and helped start composting and waste-reduction programs.

Werbach — appropriately, Adam means "earth" in Hebrew — credits his love of nature to a

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### In Time For The Holidays

Ben Halper, Aryeh Pliskin and Jacob Shore of Providence Hebrew Day School put the finishing touches on the shofars they made at Rabbi Eliezer Levy's workshop, held at the school recently.

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## Disenchantment with Arafat Growing Among Palestinians

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Never before has Palestinian disenchantment with the leadership of Yasser Arafat loomed so large.

In recent months, Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have grown increasingly critical of the Palestinian Authority leader, attacking the human rights abuses of his security police and sharply blaming him for the lack of tangible economic benefits from the peace process with Israel.

Their growing discontent became more evident than when they failed to respond to Arafat's

recent calls to protest the hard-line policies of the Netanyahu government.

Arafat went so far as to warn of a renewed intifada, or uprising, if the Netanyahu government did not move ahead with the peace process.

He called for a general strike, and a mass prayer at Jerusalem's Al-Aksa Mosque.

But his call for demonstrations backfired.

The general strike elicited less than a stunning response.

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## ADL to Settle Lawsuit

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League has reached a settlement in a federal civil lawsuit that was initiated by a dozen ethnic organizations and that charged that the veteran Jewish defense agency had illegally spied on them and their members.

The settlement, expected to be approved by a federal judge in Los Angeles, appears to put to rest a series of charges and legal entanglements that have kept ADL officials on edge for the better part of 3-1/2 years.

The class action suit was filed almost three years ago by Arab American, black and American Indian groups and individuals. They alleged that the ADL had hired intelligence agents with close police ties as part of a private national intelligence operation that kept tabs on thousands of Americans.

During the course of the suit, and an earlier probe by the San Francisco district attorney, the ADL consistently denied any improper or illegal actions, a position reiterated in the settlement.

The ADL did agree, however, to pay \$175,000 toward the plaintiffs' legal fees and to establish a \$25,000 community relations fund for programs to "facilitate improved relations between and among Arab American, Jewish, African American and other minority communities in the United States."

ADL National Chairman David Strasser and National Director Abraham Foxman notified their leadership in a letter that they had agreed to the following points in the settlement:

- A court injunction prohibiting the ADL from obtaining any information from a government employee in California, when the ADL knows, or should know, that the employee is precluded by law from giving such information to the ADL.

- The ADL and the plaintiffs will review and remove certain "confidential" files in its California and New York offices. Peter Schey of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law, representing the plaintiffs, said a mutually agreed upon referee would oversee the process.



### The Gang's All Here

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization held its kickoff event on Sept. 7. More than 150 teens from Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Hampshire boarded the USS Nantasket for a three-hour tour and dance around the Boston Harbor. For more information about BBYO, call 467-BBYO.

Photo courtesy of David Hochman

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Shriners Sponsor Free Screening Clinics

The Shriners of Rhode Island are now in their fourth year of sponsoring outpatient screening clinics for the Shrine Hospitals. Chairman James R. Rapson has announced that two clinics will be held on Sept. 21 to determine whether a child with an orthopedic problem or a burn-related injury is eligible for treatment at a Shriner's Hospital.

The Shriners wish to make it clear that their hospital care is at no cost to the patient, the family or to any third party payor.

The clinics will be held at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island's Ambulatory Care Center, 89 Pond St. in Pawtucket; and at Landmark Medical Center's Woonsocket Unit.

Clinic hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the day of the clinic. Parents and guardians of prospective patients may pre-schedule an appointment or receive additional information by calling the Shrine office at 467-7100, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Appointments can be made at Landmark by calling the central scheduling office at 769-4100, ext. 2006. Walk-ins will also be examined on a first-come, first-served basis.

The clinics, staffed by volunteer physicians and nurses from each hospital's medical staff, will make a preliminary examination of prospective patients. Children under 18 years of age are eligible for treatment at Shriner's Hospitals if, in the opinion of the Shrine Hospital board, the child's quality of life will be improved. It is emphasized that the clinics are not intended to be a "second opinion"

opportunity for families whose children are currently under treatment by a physician.

The following is a partial list of problems treated at Shrine Hospitals.

- Scoliosis (curvature of the spine)
- Osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease)
- Hand and back problems
- Limb deficiencies and growth problems
- Orthopedic problems of spina bifida with myelodysplasia (paralysis of limbs due to faulty congenital development of the spine and spinal nerves)
- Club foot and dislocated hip
- Leg length discrepancies
- Orthopedic problems resulting from neuromuscular disorders
- Legg-Perthes disease (developmental problems of the hip)
- Rickets
- Burn-related injuries including reconstruction

Nationally, Shriners operate 19 orthopedic hospitals and three burn institutes, with the nearest facilities in Springfield and Boston, Mass. All services are paid for by the Shriners. Both inpatient and outpatient care is given regardless of national origin. Operating funds are supplied by the Shriner's Hospital Endowment Fund, which is supported by the gifts and bequests of Shriners, their families, and the general public. Additional revenue comes from local Shrine Hospital fund-raising events and from an annual hospital assessment paid by each Shriner.

## Solving Psychiatric Problems in The Classroom

A clinical presentation of psychiatric disorders in the classroom will be the topic when the Bradley School embarks on its Speaking of Kids educators' series on Sept. 26. Beginning at 6 p.m., Greta Francis, Ph.D., will lead the program at Middletown's Bradley School, located behind St. Lucy's Church at 915 West Main Road.

Francis, associate director of the Bradley School and assistant professor at the Brown University School of medicine, advises, "The key for teachers is to recognize the problem and seek appropriate treatment for the child. As with other types of illnesses, psychiatric disorders have specific diagnostic criteria

and treatments." Francis' program will offer an overview of the current major psychiatric disorder with an emphasis on how associated problems will manifest in school.

Professional development credits for teachers have been applied for, as well as continuing education credits for social workers and nurses. The program is free and the community is invited. Registration in advance is required.

Call Lifespan Health Connection at 444-4800 or (800) 927-1230. You may request a sign language interpreter by calling Health Connection through the Rhode Island Relay: (800) 745-5555.

## Take Your Teddy With You

On Sept. 28, Roger Williams Park Zoo will hold its seventh annual Teddy Bear Rally. Teddy bears, stuffed buddies (of all species), and the people that bring them, will be the stars of the day.

There will be a teddy greeting station, where visitors can pick up a schedule of the day's activities.

Teddy activities include: a host of celebrity bears roaming the zoo grounds including Smokey the Bear, Sam Boni, the Providence Bruins' mascot, the Brown University Bear, and the Honeydew Bear; the Bear Jam-boree at noon and at 2 p.m., under the tent, providing musical fun with children's entertainer Julie Garnett; a M\*A\*S\*H Unit where zoo "vets" and orderlies will be available for check-ups and minor surgery on the love-worn bears and buddies; storytelling at 1 p.m. when everyone can relax and listen to bear-related stories for all ages.

There will also be a "Beary Best" contest at 3 p.m. under the tent when prizes for biggest bear, smallest bear, best-dressed bear, most-loved bear and best owner/bear look-a-like will be awarded and a Polar Bear biofacts station where visitors can learn about the bear necessities of this marine mammal's life.

The Teddy Bear Rally is free with a regular paid zoo admission: adults, \$5; children 3 to 12 and seniors, \$2.50; children under 3 are free. The zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the rally takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. For more information, call 785-3510.

## Professor to Demonstrate Book Making Techniques

Walter Feldman, Brown University professor and artist, will speak to the John Russell Bartlett Society on Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Print Shop, room 310, List Art Center, Brown University.

Feldman is the director of Ziggurat Press and the John Hay professor of bibliography at Brown University. His art work has received numerous awards and has been featured in exhibitions all over the United States since 1953.

He has designed, illuminated, and printed many distinguished books.

As part of his lecture on "Bookmaking Without Betting," Feldman will demonstrate letter press printing techniques, image making from a release plate, paper making, and simple sewn binding techniques.

The society is "an association of Rhode Islanders who meet periodically for the purpose of engaging in good talk and discussion about books as objects."

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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## Facts About Prostate Cancer

In recognition of Prostate Cancer Awareness Week (Sept. 24 to 30), Landmark Medical Center will present a free community education seminar entitled "Prostate Cancer: Myths and Facts" on Sept. 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Christiansen Conference Center at Landmark's Woonsocket Unit, 115 Cass Ave.

This seminar is open to the public, but reservations are required and may be made by calling 769-4100 extension 2073.

The seminar will address treatment options and recent developments, the need for early detection and treatment, and sexuality and incontinence issues once a man has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, in the past year prostate cancer surpassed lung cancer as the most prevalent form of cancer among men. In 1996 there will be an estimated 317,100 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States.

## Plants You Can Eat

Ever wondered if you could eat some of those wild plants that seem to flourish in your backyard?

Find out the answers from Evelyn Dean, illustrator and co-author of *Identifying and Harvesting Edible and Medicinal Plants in Wild (and Not So Wild) Places*.

Dean will be speaking at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Rd., on Sept. 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

## Environmental Programs For Kids Schedule

The University of Rhode Island's Learning Landscape Environmental Education School Group Program is now taking registrations for its spring 1997 season.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Brown Meal Plan Meets Jewish and Muslim Dietary Laws

by Emily Torgan  
Jewish Community Reporter

Like their counterparts in the Middle East, some members of Brown's Muslim and Kosher communities share the same space.

But in the Sharp Refectory at Brown University, the ease with which they share an area devoted to both kosher and halal foods has made their common meal plan a model for universities across the nation.

"I love it here," said freshman Josh Schneider, loading up his plate with food that meets both the laws of kashrut and halal, or religious rules that determine what followers of Islam may and may not eat. "Whenever another student comes in here, we both say 'Hi.'"

After the Jewish and Muslim students pick up their main meals and salads in the designated area off of the main dining room, they sit down to eat in the main dining room with the rest of the student body.

"The other thing I really like is that we get our food in this area, then go out to the main dining room where we eat with everyone else. I don't have to choose between my culture and my friends," Schneider said.

"There is peace at the meal plan," said Ahmad Ibrahim, a Muslim freshman from Malay-

sia. "The groups don't talk to each other that much, but there is no conflict. We have been asked to keep some of the foods separate for the kosher students, and we respect that."

According to Jeff Ingber of Jeff's Kosher Kitchen, provider of the special meal service, much effort went into providing these students with the place where they now eat so comfortably.

"This plan is a conglomeration of input," Ingber said of his service, titled The Brown University Kosher Halal Meal Plan. The ideas and impetus, said Ingber, came from the University's Jewish community, its Muslim community, Rabbi Alan Flam, food service director Gretchen Willis, and other members of the university community.

"It was logistically difficult in that we were trying to serve special food in an already existing facility," Willis said. "Students who were taking their meals at Hillel felt segregated from the rest of the student body, and if there was any service for Muslim students at all, it was very informal."

According to Ingber, there was no regular kosher meal service at Brown until the plan went into place in 1994.

Ingber arrived in 1993 at the request of the Brown/URI Hillel



STUDENT DAVID SCHNEIDER grabs a kosher luch. Herald photo by Emily Torgan

Organization. He was asked to provide students with 30 kosher dinners each evening and kosher Shabbat dinners for 100.

"I don't have to choose between my culture and my friends."

Josh Schneider

But bigger plans were unfolding.

"The wheels for a kosher meal plan were turning when I arrived here," Ingber said. "The students were extremely satisfied with the food, and they felt the plan provided a window of opportunity to be included in a more comprehensive meal plan

sponsored by Brown University. And minutes of meetings show that students had wanted a kosher plan as far back as 1990."

Undergraduate and student government member Nadine Cohen, now a senior, met with Ingber, Head Chaplain Janet Cooper-Nelson, Flam and others. Together, they created a plan that would simultaneously meet the needs of both observant Jews and Muslims.

"Originally, the plan had encountered resistance from former Food Services Director Normand Cleveland," Ingber remembered. "He was concerned that if he allowed for the special needs of one religious group, other religious groups on campus would swamp the Food Service office with requests. That would

become very expensive for the university."

But according to Ingber, the dietary laws of observant Jews and Muslims were close enough to combine.

"The main similarity is the restriction on pork and pork by-products," Ingber said. "There are also similarities in the ways that animals need to be slaughtered so that they may be consumed."

The plan's popularity has blossomed since its inception. Ingber provided 250 meals per week in 1993; since that time, the plan has expanded to provide students with 700 meals per week.

"Both religious communities helped create the plan, and now they both support it," Willis said.

## Traditions on Wheels Cart to Help Bring Holidays Home

by Emily Torgan  
Jewish Community Reporter

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is on a roll to help people bring the Jewish holidays home with them.

This year, a large cart in the lobby will be decorated with items typical to each holiday as it takes place this calendar year. The cart will also hold literature about each holiday that will include information about where to attend services in the region.

"We have special events around holidays, but some people cannot make the times," explained Dana Zucker, cultural arts director. "This way, people can take in whatever we have out on the cart, and use the ma-

terials on it to help bring the holidays from the Center into their homes."

The cart was donated this summer by the Warwick Mall. Once brown, the Center staff gave the vehicle a lick of white-wash and a new agenda as a teaching tool.

"We hope to also get a 'baby,'" Zucker said, then explained that a baby is a smaller collapsible cart that would enable Center staff to take materials on the cart into a vehicle and hence out into the community.

Those interested in sponsoring a holiday, or one of the two Shabbats the cart will highlight, are encouraged to contact Zucker at 861-8800.

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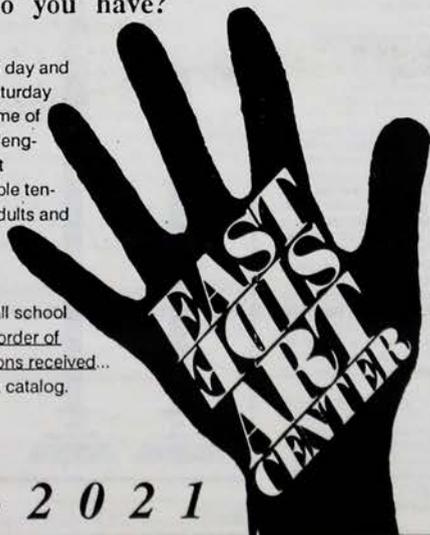
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# EDITORIAL

## American Jews Should Get Out and Vote

by Martin Hochbaum  
Director, Commission on  
National Affairs  
American Jewish Congress

For the third presidential election in a row, Jewish organizations have announced programs to reach up to 1 million American Jews who are not registered to vote. Such efforts are doomed to failure unless they are targeted to the discreet populations in our community where their impact would be maximized.

For many years, Jews were unwilling to acknowledge that many of us failed to register to vote. To the contrary, Jewish participation in the electoral sphere was the envy of other religious and ethnic groups since there was universal agreement that voting was the minimum political activity of virtually all Jews.

Historically this was the case. As a result of interrelated reasons, for Jewish immigrants voting became an obligation that was nearly religious in nature.

The move to America from Russia and Poland often represented their first opportunity to cast ballots, an opportunity that allowed the Jewish community to vote for public officials who supported its agenda. Additionally, the use of the ballot coincided with the needs of many Democratic leaders in the cities in which the new arrivals resided.

More recently, a high turnout among Jews was reinforced by several characteristics that are directly correlated with high registration and voting including economic success, educational achievement and an aging population.

That the above glosses over large numbers of unregistered Jews is now clear. According to the 1991 National Jewish Population survey by the Council of Jewish Federations, 13 percent of American Jews acknowledged that they were not registered to vote.

Since people consistently over-report the extent to which they perform this and other civic virtues, it is not unreasonable to assume that the real figure of unregistered Jews is in the area of 20 percent of the approximately 4,300,000 Jews over age 18.

Clearly, as is the pattern in the rest of the population, non-registration is higher among younger Jews, those who have recently moved, and new citizens. As such, it is these groups that must be the focal point of a multifaceted outreach program by the Jewish community.

What then are the most effective mechanisms for reaching out to unregistered Jews? Colleges and universities are obviously locations that deserve considerable attention since they attract young people who have recently moved, precisely the characteristics associated with non-voting.

So too are non-synagogue members (who may purchase tickets for the High Holidays) and people who have recently arrived in town (which is the rationale for legislation establishing procedures for registering an individual who applies for a driver's license).

Immigrant groups may also represent an important target for registration. With newer immigrants it is obviously first

necessary for them to become citizens. Since this is a longer process, it will require a greater commitment of manpower.

The most effective bodies for reaching out to our unregistered voters are those that are locally based. Clearly, while they may be carrying out programs initiated by national organizations, it is the community group that will be most successful in attracting recent arrivals to register.

According to a recent analysis by Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and a Chicago television station, the aforementioned demographic factors provide only a partial explanation for non-registration and non-voting. Rather, it is necessary to engage in more than mechanical fixes that suggest that registration alone will automatically lead to higher voter turnouts.

To reach many Jews who fail to vote, we must overcome behavioral patterns that range from indifference to an explicit decision not to participate in the political system. One-on-one contact and follow-up by people committed to increasing our participation in the political process is most effective with this group.

Some observers concerned that registration activities may be construed as partisan have been discouraged from reaching out to unregistered Jews. It is clear that general registration outreach is non-partisan and does not threaten tax exemption.

The political strength of American Jews is drawn in large part from the knowledge that they will turn out in numbers far beyond their small percentage of the electorate. In order to ensure that this continues to be the case, it is necessary that all of us maximize our efforts to register greater numbers of Jews as well as make sure that they vote on Election Day.

## NCJW Disappointed at Senate Rejection of ENDA

On behalf of the 90,000 members of the National Council of Jewish Women, NCJW national president Nan Rich issued the following statement on the defeat of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act by the Senate on Sept. 10:

By the slimmest of margins, the U.S. Senate failed to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, an important civil rights measure which would have protected workers in this country from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Currently, civil rights laws in 41 states do not protect gays and lesbians from being fired

from their jobs simply because of their sexual orientation. All workers are, in fact, endangered by this form of discrimination for which there is no consistent legal recourse.

In the vast majority of states, any employer can fire any employee by citing the issue of sexual orientation as an excuse. NCJW is deeply disappointed that this important legislation was defeated in the Senate and has been ignored by the House.

We will continue to work with our colleagues in the civil rights community to win passage of ENDA and move towards equal rights for all.

## Jonah Swallowed by the Fish

The Haftorah that is read on the afternoon of Yom Kippur tells the story of how G-d commanded the prophet Jonah to go to the city of Ninveh and warn the people there to repent, lest G-d destroy their city.

Jonah did not want to fulfill this mission and ran away on a ship. G-d caused a terrible storm to occur and eventually the sailors threw Jonah off the ship — as the only way to make the storm abate.

G-d caused a great fish to swallow up Jonah. Eventually Jonah was saved from the fish and went to do G-d's bidding in Ninveh.

Why was this story chosen to be read on the holiest day of the year? And why did Jonah 'run away' from G-d rather than carry out his mission? To teach us how much our love of our fellow Jew needs to be.

Jonah knew that if he went to Ninveh that the people there would repent. He also knew that the Jewish people had not repented in spite of all the chastising the prophets had given them.

Rather than make the Jewish people appear bad in G-d's eyes, Jonah chose to 'run away.'

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer of Chabad House.

## An Eternal Bond

Though these Days of Awe, as they are often called, are solemn, they are not sad. In fact, Yom Kippur is, in a subtle way, one of the happiest days of the year. For on Yom Kippur we receive what is perhaps G-d's most sublime gift; His forgiveness. When one person forgives another, it is because of a deep sense of friendship and love that overrides the effect of whatever wrong was done. Similarly, G-d's forgiveness is an expression of His eternal, unconditional love. Yom Kippur is the one day each year when G-d reveals most clearly that our essence and His essence are one. Moreover, on the level of the soul, the Jewish people are all truly equal and indivisible. The more fully we demonstrate our essential unity by acting with love and friendship amongst ourselves, the more fully G-d's love will be revealed to us.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer of Chabad House.

## More Work is Always Required

This Shabbat is known by two names:

1) Shabbat Shuva, derived from the opening words of the Haftorah that is read in synagogue, "Shuva Yisrael — Return, O Israel," and 2) Shabbat Teshuva, as it falls out in the middle of the Aseret Yarnel Teshuva, the Ten Days of Repentance. This name is also connected to the Haftorah, the theme of which is likewise the return to G-d.

The two names of this Shabbat reveal a timely lesson.

The word "shuva" — return is the command form of the word "lashuv" — to return. G-d commands us to return to Him in teshuva.

"Teshuva," by contrast, is a noun denoting the action itself, the actual return to G-d.

The name "shuva" relates more to the One who is issuing the command than the person

being addressed. "Shuva" alludes to a situation in which the command has already been issued, but not yet carried out. The command itself imparts a measure of strength but does not ensure that it will necessarily be fulfilled in the future.

The name "teshuva" on the

has done, it is always possible to rise higher; hence the directive, "Return, O Israel unto the L-rd, your G-d."

In fact, our teshuva must be "unto the L-rd, your G-d." Thus it is understood that there is always room for improvement — for an even deeper and infinite teshuva — as G-d Himself is infinite.

This is the lesson of Shabbat Shuva:

A Jew must never content himself with his previous divine service and spiritual advancement. He must never think that because he has worked on himself a whole week, he is now entitled to "rest" because it is Shabbat. No, today is "Shabbat Shuva!" Even after one has done teshuva, more work is required! For the service of teshuva is continual and without end.

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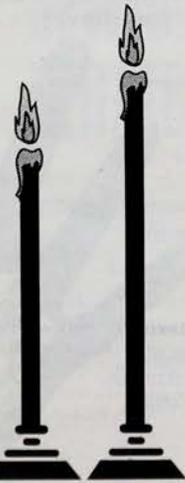
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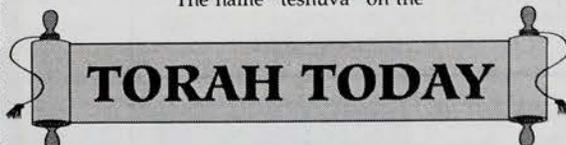
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## EDITORIAL

## A Question of Belief: The Telling Testimonials of Three American Jews

by Rabbi Avi Shafran  
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What do you, as an American Jew, believe? was the effective question recently put by a respected periodical to scores of thinkers spanning the breadth of the nation's Jewish scene.

No less than 47 essays resulted from the query, and were published as a symposium entitled "What Do American Jews Believe?" in the August issue of *Commentary*, the monthly published by the American Jewish Committee. Some of the pieces were predictable, others evasive, some unimpressive and several quite interesting. Three, in particular, should be required reading for every non-Orthodox American Jew.

One is by author, editor and art critic David Gelernter, whose Jewish religious affiliation is not noted. "Like most American Jews," he writes, "I find myself able to observe only a tiny fraction of the Torah's commandments. Unlike some, I believe that the commandments are binding."

"When I fail to perform a religious obligation, I do not want a soothing Reform or Conservative authority to tell me I am in luck — that particular obligation has been dropped from the new edition and I am free to ignore it."

Gelernter's attitude makes one stop and think what a different and unified Jewish world ours would be, were all Jews to

recognize the simple truth that religious observance is a continuum, that none of us is perfectly observant and hence that each of us can only strive to be a better Jew. How much more deeply joined all Jews would be, in other words, were there a universal recognition that "different Judaisms" with different definitions of religious observance comprise a modern myth, that, in Gelernter's own words, Torah "re-forming" movements are but "infantile insistence[s] that religious ritual conform to you rather than the other way around."

Gelernter, as it happens, is rather too harsh on himself, judging his attitude an "uneasy, unhealthy response" to Judaism. On the contrary, it is a most healthful, most Jewish response to the yolk of heaven we Jews are fortunate to bear, even if imperfectly, with pride. He speaks in a most exemplary and Jewish way when he insists that he wants "to look real Judaism in the eye and come to grips with it every day — to imitate in a small way Jacob struggling with the angel even if, unlike Jacob, I always lose."

Equally eloquent — and blunt — is David Klinghoffer, literary editor of *National Review*, who was raised Reform and is presently a practicing Orthodox Jew. He uses his essay to, first, logically prove that if the concepts of G-d and Judaism are to have any meaning at all they demand our acceptance of the Written and Oral Torah, and, secondly,

to expose what he calls the avodah zarahs of our time.

The first of those modern idolatries, Klinghoffer contends, is liberalism — "the fattest and smuggest god in [the modern] pantheon."

"For many," he explains, "the Torah as a source of moral authority has been nudged aside by the editorial page of the *New York Times*."

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veneration of whose victims allows Jews to share in the trendy cult of victimhood." Third on Klinghoffer's list is "Israel — or rather the secular state on top of the land of Israel," which, he maintains, "has replaced Torah in many Jewish minds as the defining interest of the committed Jew, and has become another idol."

And, finally, the "fourth god" is unveiled as what Klinghoffer calls "Jewish ethnicity." Its worshippers, he said, "fret about 'con-

tinuity' and 'unity,' threatened respectively by intermarriage and Jews who speak frankly about Jewish idolatry."

If Judaism has meaning beyond ethnicity, Klinghoffer argues, if it has a mission, "the only hope of convincing our fellow Jews to join in, is to begin talking about that mission," about Hash-m and His Torah, "explicitly and publicly, making Judaism itself the principal object of organized Jewish life."

Klinghoffer concludes by noting that a growing number of young Jews "raised ignorant of Judaism in a Conservative synagogue or Reform temple" are coming to believe that "Judaism is not just useful, but true."

If he is correct, then we Orthodox Jews can look forward to an even further accelerated influx of returnees to Jewish observance — and had better be prepared to welcome them back with sensitivity and to provide for their spiritual needs.

The issue's third significant essay is edifying in a very different, but equally eye-opening way. It was written by Reform Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, the newly installed president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Yoffie notes at the start of his piece that [t]he heart of Torah is mitzvah — the individual divine command, an assertion that would find no argument among the earlier-noted writers or, for that matter, in any Orthodox circle. He then, however, point-

edly qualifies his statement. "But how," he asks, "do I determine which of the mitzvot are binding for me?"

"As a mitzvah-inspired liberal Jew," he responds, "the only option that I have is to decide for myself what binds me... ultimately I must examine each mitzvah and ask the question: 'Do I feel commanded in this instance as Moses was commanded?'"

Thus does the Reform leader provide a crystalline contrast to the other two writers' attitude, honestly stating the principle that, in the end, sets the non-Orthodox American Jewish movements apart from Jewish Orthodoxy.

A deep debt is owed all three of the above-quoted writers for their cogency, clarity and straightforwardness.

One wonders, indeed, what would happen were every truly open-minded Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and unaffiliated Jew to read and carefully consider each of those writers' essays, and then ponder the conspicuous counterpoint presented by the two to the one.

They might well, one hopes, be moved to join David Klinghoffer in the heartfelt determination he voices on behalf of himself and his fellow returnees to halachic observance, in his essay's very last words:

"With Grace from [G-d], the work of tearing down the idols will start with us, and continue with our children."

Amen.

## G-dwrestling

by Rabbi James B. Rosenberg  
Temple Habonim

In 1978 Schocken Books published a volume of essays by Arthur Waskow entitled *Godwrestling*. Ever since I read the title essay 18 years ago, I have realized that the Judaism which I live and breathe, the Judaism which continues to nourish me is a religion of G-dwrestling. To my way of thinking, G-dwrestling is shorthand for a lifelong commitment to spiritual struggle, a struggle that transforms and liberates, a wrestling that renews and freshens and chastens. It is Ya'akov's (heel, sneak) wrestling to become Yisrael (G-dwrestler). G-dwrestling is what I try to do every day of my life; it is what G-d makes me do with Him/Her even when I'd rather be fishing. G-dwrestling is the joy and the pain of my struggle to become ever more awake and alive. It is the ongoing effort to incorporate new insights, new values, new human relationships into the fabric of my present life with others and with the Other. G-dwrestling transforms because it is the process of trying to bridge the gap between what is and what ought to be.

G-dwrestlers have little in common with the spiritual orientation of Avi Shafran, David Gelernter, and David Klinghoffer. Ours is a religion of seeking and asking, not one of finding and learning the "correct"

answers. We cannot claim to know for certain what it is that G-d requires of us, because for us Torah is not "G-d's words" but rather the record of the G-dwrestling of our ancestors — men and women who were every bit as gifted and every bit as flawed as we are. We listen respectfully to the words of Torah even as we listen to our parents and our grandparents; we find that there is much in Torah to guide us on our journeys, but there are some aspects of Torah which we must reject. Why must we remain slaves to the misconceptions of our ancestors? Our task is to honor our past but also to show respect for our present and our future.

We G-dwrestlers, like our more traditionally observant coreligionists, thrill to the sound of the shofar, experiencing a sense of release as we cast our bread upon tashlikh waters, take sensual delight in the fruited sukkah. Nevertheless, we participate in these rituals not because of a sense of G-d's commanding us but rather out of the sense that such rituals might help us draw close to G-d.

Who are Avi Shafran and David Gelernter and David Klinghoffer to pass judgment on the Jewish commitment of people like me? Has G-d appointed them as Divine representatives? Is their moral and spiritual and — yes — Jewish life so superior to mine that they

can say "We are good Jews" but "You are a bad Jew"? Where is their sense of Jewish history? Do they really believe that Abraham's Judaism is the same as the Judaism of Moses? Do they think that Moses could even recognize the Judaism of Rabbi Akiba? Turn to tractate "Menachot 29b" in our Babylonian Talmud for an answer to that question.

Do Shafran and Klinghoffer honestly believe that "Torah-true" Judaism in 5757 can fail to wrestle with the dramatically new circumstances in which we Jews find ourselves as a result of the Holocaust and the creation of the secular State of Israel? My reading of Jewish history teaches me that it is the protean quality of our community, our ability to adapt to changing times, that has kept us alive throughout the millennia.

We read in the third chapter of "Exodus" that when Moses asks the G-d of the burning bush to identify Himself, G-d replies: "Ehyeh asher Ehyeh," which can be translated as "I Will Be Who I Will Be." I take this to mean that in a world of ambiguity, there is only ambiguity, never certainty, never, not even once, no matter how many lifetimes we live.

G-dwrestling is how we express our spiritual courage in the face of Adonai's relentless Ehyeh, I Will Be; for G-d, Adonai, Yah, is the Holy One of Eternal Ambiguity.

## Distant Voices, Close Encounters

by Rabbi Jerome Epstein

In today's changing marketplace of products and ideas, we frequently come across the term "interactive." Whether applied to computers, entertainment, or communications, the word signifies the dynamics of give and take.

By being engaged, by being actively involved, we tend to get more into, and more out of, every experience. Yet for many, history has been a "one-way" experience, limited to passive reading or, more recently, viewing and hearing events of the past. How exciting it would be if we could interact with history and become more involved with those who came before.

This past Spring, Hillary Clinton's attempts to communicate with Eleanor Roosevelt were the subject of speculation, questioning, and even some amusement. As a student of Jewish tradition, I believe I understand what Clinton was trying to do.

The attempt to communicate with our predecessors — whatever the method — is, in truth, an attempt to gain a different perspective on our own lives and to derive inspiration from the lives of others, even if they are no longer with us.

In Jewish tradition, inviting guests — particularly those who are no longer with us — is an integral part of the Sukkot celebration. As we read: "Abraham, exalted guest, you are welcome here along with the other exalted guests, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron and David. Sarah,

exalted guest, you are welcome here along with the other exalted guests, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah, Miriam, Deborah and Ruth."

The origin of the ushpizin ceremony, in which we extend to our ancestors an invitation to join us in our sukkot, can be found in the Zohar, a primary source of Jewish mystical traditions. We can learn a great deal from this ceremony — about ourselves, our heritage, and our relationship to others.

With a little imagination, we can "customize" our invitations, and our guest list, in order to enhance the Sukkot experience and learn some additional lessons as well.

The ushpizin ceremony provides us with a valuable opportunity to renew an ancient ritual and engage in conversations with distinguished forebears. However, the practice is far from theoretical, extending well beyond greeting, welcoming and speaking with our ancestors.

Indeed, the Zohar instructs us to "gladden the poor," suggesting that any food prepared for our ancient guests must be given to the poor instead.

For the ushpizin ceremony to be truly meaningful, we must be willing to learn from our ancestral guests. Thus, when we encounter Abraham and Sarah and hear how they themselves welcomed guests, we must be prepared to apply those values to our own lives, in our own way.

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# MILESTONES

## Ina Bochner Marries Richard Land

Ina Cheryl Bochner and Richard Jay Land were married at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, on Aug. 11. The bride is the daughter of Arlene and Edward Bochner of Warwick. The bridegroom is the son of Sheila and Sheldon Land of Warwick.

Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony, with Cantor Howard Glantz, cousin of the bridegroom, participating. A reception followed immediately at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings, Warwick.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Kristi Mallett was maid of honor. Attendants were Elaine Land, Lori Land, Robin Nadeau, Michelle Povar, Tamara Morocco, and junior bridesmaid, Marcy Gabrilowitz.

Jeffrey Land, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Lloyd Bochner, brother of the bride, Kevin Land, brother of the bridegroom, Andrew Berman, Jonathan Scott, Daniel Anderson and William Anderson.

The bride graduated magna cum laude from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor of arts in psychology. She is employed as staffing manager at Office Specialists, Inc. in Providence.

The bridegroom graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science from Boston University School of Management, with a finance major, and graduated cum laude with a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Land

## Shelley Krakovsky Weds Jeffrey Astrachan

The wedding of Shelley Ann Krakovsky and Jeffrey Richard Astrachan took place July 7 at the Omni Netherland Plaza Hall of Mirrors, Cincinnati, Ohio. Rabbi George Astrachan officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Arlene Solomon and Alfred Krakovsky and the granddaughter of Rose Hillman and the late Sidney Hillman and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Krakovsky.

The bridegroom is the son of Rabbi and Mrs. George Astrachan of Warwick, R.I., and the grandson of Esther Astrachan and the late Louis Astrachan and the late Mr. and Mrs. Abe Yamin.

Maid of honor was Julie Temes.

Best man was Bruce Astrachan, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Paul Krakovsky and Howard Kaye, brothers of the bride; Gary Hillman, uncle of the bride, and Bo Laraia.

The bride graduated from the University of Cincinnati and is a first-grade teacher at Whittier Elementary, a Cincinnati public school. The bridegroom graduated from the University of Hartford and is a student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Following a honeymoon to Aruba, the couple reside in Cincinnati.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Astrachan

## Jennifer Goldman to Marry Michael Levine

Herma and Sid Levine, of Warwick, R.I., announce the engagement of their son, Michael A. Levine, to Jennifer Merri Goldman, of Framingham, Mass., daughter of Arlene and George Goldman, of Sharon, Mass.

The bride-to-be graduated cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania. She received a MBA in health care management from Boston University graduate school of management and is employed at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston.

Her fiancé graduated with honors from the University of Rhode Island and received a MBA from the Babson College graduate school of management. He is a manager at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass., and an adjunct professor at Babson College, Wellesley, Mass.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Sally and Abraham Goldman of Delray Beach, Fla., and the late Evelyn and Benjamin Posner. Her fiancé is the grandson of the late Ethel and



Jennifer Goldman and Michael Levine

Morris Levine and the late Fanny Cohen Garr.

A May 3, 1997 wedding has been planned in Boston.

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## Meagan Dalpe to Wed Jeremy Horowitz

Steven and Donna Horowitz, of Lincoln, R.I., announce the engagement of their son, Jeremy Horowitz, of Branford, Conn., to Meagan Dalpe, of Branford, Conn., daughter of Richard and Patricia Dalpe, of Seekonk, Mass.

The bride-to-be received an associate's degree from the Community College of Rhode Island in early childhood education and is employed as a teacher at the Duck Pond Day Care Center in Branford.

Her fiancé received a bach-

elor of science from Bryant College in computer information systems and is employed as an internet site designer for Patxi Communications Corporation, Guilford, Conn.

His paternal grandparents are Jerome and Irene Horowitz, of Providence, R.I.; maternal grandparents are Earl and Mae Bernier, of Mapleville, R.I., and great-grandmother is Rose Woodworth of Mapleville, R.I.

A Sept. 20, 1997 wedding is planned.



**Nathan Charles Kline**

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kline, of Sharon, Mass., announce the birth of their son, Nathan Charles, on July 28. He was welcomed home by his brother, Samuel, who is 5 1/2 years old, and sister, Tess, who is 3.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Eranio of Braintree, Mass. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kline of West Warwick, R.I.

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# FEATURE

## 'Anne Frank Remembered' Will Debut on Videocassette

The 1995 Academy Award winner for best documentary will be released on videocassette on Nov. 5 and on laserdisc on Nov. 19 by Columbia TriStar Home Video.

Narrated by Oscar-nominee Kenneth Branagh, "Anne Frank Remembered" is, remarkably, the first ever eye-witness account of the life and legacy of Anne Frank, the 15-year-old Jewish girl who came to symbolize the victims of the Holocaust. Combining personal testimony, never-before-seen photos, previously undiscovered family letters, rare archive footage (including the only known moving footage of Ann herself) with evocative contemporary film, this film chronicles the history of the Frank family. Special focus is given to the spirited girl — not the icon — whose diary of her two years in hiding in Amsterdam during World War II sold more than 25 million copies in 54 languages since it was first published in 1947. Excerpts from this remarkable diary are read by Glenn Close.

This is the first documentary to have been made in cooperation with the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam which gave the filmmakers unprecedented access to its archives, research resource and the hiding place itself. For the first time, the Anne Frank House permitted the recreation of the hiding place as it actually was at the time that Anne and seven others hid there more than 50 years ago. Eyewitnesses from Anne's early childhood through the last people to see her alive in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp return to the locations, rebuilding her complete life story from her childhood in Frankfurt and Amsterdam, her years in hiding, and tragic death just weeks before the Allied victory.

Director Jon Blair ("Schindler"), through interviews with Anne's father, the late Otto Frank, conducted in the 1970s and with a definitive edition of her diaries (including many entries excised



Anne Frank, heroine of "Anne Frank Remembered" would be 67 years old, had she survived the Holocaust.

by Otto Frank), brings forth an earthier Anne. What emerges is a typical teen-age girl who was frequently petulant, vain, self-absorbed and naturally curious about sex. "What became famous was some symbol, some mythologized character," said Blair. "No one seems to have tried to look at the girl as a girl."

As a powerful coda to the film, "Anne Frank Remembered" retraces her father's painful journey at the end of the war as he searches for his wife and children and learns of their terrible fate. After returning to Holland, Otto Frank devoted the rest of his life to the propa-

gation of his daughter's message of tolerance and hope and furthering the fight against racism, discrimination and anti-Semitism.

Blair's film has yet another hero, besides Anne herself, in Miep Gies, an 87-year-old Amsterdam widow. Hired by Otto Frank in 1933 as his secretary, she and her husband, Jan (neither of whom were Jewish), risked their lives to protect the Franks. Moreover, Miep saved Anne's diary, which the Nazis had strewn on the floor after their arrest.

## Largest Synagogue in Europe Reopens

by Agnes Bohm  
BUDAPEST (JTA) — A former Israeli prime minister, the president of Hungary and a host of foreign dignitaries joined thousands of Jews in Hungary recently for the reopening of Europe's largest synagogue.

"This is the symbol of the rebirth of Hungarian Jewry," said Peter Feldmayer, the president of Hungary's 80,000-member Jewish community.

The Sept. 5 reopening of the Dohany Street Synagogue came days before another reopening — of Bulgaria's Sofia Synagogue, the largest in that country and one of Europe's most ornate.

The 137-year-old Dohany Street Synagogue is also renowned for its architectural beauty. The impressive Moorish-style building with its two high towers is one of Budapest's landmarks.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who conveyed the greetings of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, spoke of "this magnificent building, which could tell stories of so much tears, fear and sorrow."

Of Hungary's prewar Jewish community of 800,000, some 600,000 perished in the Holocaust. The Jewish ghetto was built around the Dohany Street Synagogue during World War II.

The synagogue, which served as a wartime shelter for thousands of Jews, was hit by 27 bombs.

After the war, a mass grave with more than 2,000 Jewish victims was found in the synagogue's courtyard.

"We have to remember to cherish the memory of Raoul Wallenberg, who saved tens of thousands of Jews," Shamir said, referring to the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews from the death camps. After the war, Wallenberg was arrested by the Soviets and disappeared into their prison system.

Shamir also mentioned the many Hungarian Jews who contributed to building the State of Israel, including Theodore Herzl, the founder of Zionism. The synagogue was built on the site of his birthplace.

The synagogue, which seats about 3,000, required some \$10 million in restorations because of its age.

The Hungarian government contributed about \$8 million to repairing the synagogue, whose construction was begun in 1854 and completed in 1859.

The Jewish community in Hungary and abroad is contributing some \$2 million toward the renovations, which are expected to be completed next year.

In his speech, Hungarian President Arpad Goncz proclaimed his country's tolerance, saying, "Today, the Jewish community can feel at home within the borders of this country."

Among the estimated 7,000 people attending the reinauguration was Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), a Budapest native. The only Holocaust survivor elected to Congress, he became a bar mitzvah in the synagogue in 1941. He was one of the thousands of Hungarian Jews rescued by Wallenberg's efforts.

In Bulgaria recently, more than 1,000 Jews gathered for the reopening of the Sofia Synagogue.

The speaker of the Knesset, Dan Tichon, spoke at the ceremony along with Bulgarian President Zhelyu Zhelev.

"The dark days of Nazism did not pass through this land," Tichon said. "We, the Jews, will not forget that we were saved by the Bulgarian people, who prevented the sending of thousands of Jews to the gas chambers."

Although it had a military alliance with Germany, the wartime government of Bulgaria refused to hand over its 50,000 Jews to the Nazis in 1943.

## Anne Frank Center USA Seeks 'Spirit' Nominees

The Anne Frank Center USA urges the public to submit nominations for its "Spirit of Anne Frank" awards which will be presented at a gala event at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, on Oct. 28. The New York-based center is dedicated to carrying on Anne's legacy of courage in the face of discrimination and adversity.

"We are looking for unsung heroes who did something special to combat intolerance," stated Leo S. Ullman, chairman of the

board of the Anne Frank Center USA and someone who spent the war years as a hidden child in Amsterdam. "To date, our center has taught millions of people across the country, most of them children, about prejudice, courage and history. Now, in the name of Anne Frank, we want to reward those who have stood up against anti-Semitism, discrimination and violence." The Spirit of Anne Frank Awards will honor three students, one teacher, one outstanding citizen and one busi-

ness or community leader who have demonstrated courage, compassion and responsibility in the face of discrimination and violence. The awards will send a strong signal to our youth that personal responsibility and compassion are valued in our society. The awards for the three young people will include a scholarship, and the award for the teacher will include a professional development grant.

The awards will be presented by Miep Gies, the woman who hid Anne Frank, Hannah Pick-Gosler, Anne Frank's childhood friend, and other notable dignitaries and celebrities at an exciting event that will feature the New York premiere of a song cycle based on the original theatrical production of "Yours, Anne," with special guest soloist Andrea Marcovici and members of the American Symphony Orchestra.

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Jane Myers stood right out there on Taft Avenue checking the traffic with her protective Stop sign, taking care of her flock of charges. The new principal of the religious school at Temple Emanu-El gathered parents and pupils together in the Meeting House to lay out the promising plans for the year. She also presented Rabbi Franklin, who blew the shofar to shake off the pleasant lethargy of summer and summon us to study.

In the wake of the rabbi group of school principals from China, on tour of places of religious education and moral guidance in the United States, moved among the chambers of the temple, from sanctuary to library. The temple was very much alive with a sense of festivity and activity.

Down in the chapel, Edward Adler, ritual director, was sprucing up for the holy season, changing bimah covers, polishing the brass. Custodian Steve Kelly was on hand to help out with a smile.

And in the library, Lillian Schwartz was gearing up for a

group of programs. "I love to see books go out, and then to welcome them back," she says amiably as always.

Truly the joint was jumpin' and the halls were full. The bar mitzvah plans also move right



Jane Myers

along, and it is a large, thriving group, reminiscent of the '50. Jewish learning is alive and well under the golden dome.

ably interred, to rise again in another shape and form.

The stones of my parents stand a few footsteps away. I saw a charming brown baby rabbit stand in a clump of shrubs at the border to the diminished wetland or riverbed. I greeted a gardener who was tending the lawn. My companion and I said a proper prayer at my family monument. I placed some pebbles I had gathered among my travels of previous year, as if to share my journeys with my mother and father. At the memorial to those who have no graves, I left another beach token, and then put a small stone in my pocket to bring home and place in my garden. I have made up a ritual of my own.

We visit the city of those who have passed into memory. It doesn't make me sad, though it often makes me mad a little, at the racket, at the chipping away of granite by the machinery of modern maintenance. Instead, the geniza, the hidden library of our longings, cheers me up. The ritual director devotes his life to symbols. To keep up our end of it, we have to believe in those painstaking gestures, by keeping the soil as pure as our words, the physical world as perfect and kosher as our persons, and by recognizing the still and quiet magic that unites each syllable of recorded time with each molecule of life and spirit.

## "Where Poetry Is Found"

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Charles Street crosses the Branch Avenue neighborhood and runs along toward the Marriott world, while cars whiz by on the parallel highway. It used to hold households and also served as a milltown. A flea-market occupies the last north end brick factory, and down the side alley a group of ornate turn of the century structures has come back to life as an artists' realm.

The latest gallery, labelled "Native," celebrated the new season with a grand opening that featured poetry readings by Stuart Blazer and Sylvia Moubayed. You climb some stairs to the third floor, the passageway light and white and decorated with playful murals. A reception area shows off a rearing horse sculpture by David Clark. Small office-studio spaces, neat, proud and shining, stand open-doored along the corridor to the main room, high-ceilinged and white-washed austerely. It serves as the perfect background for a collection of large, bright canvases. On a recent sultry September evening, the duo of well-known Providence poets performed in a small encampment within this vast vault. Among wine, water, and fruits, they brought refreshing words to an appreciative audience.

"The great thing about poetry," said Moubayed, the owner of CAV, is that the listener helps the lyric to live, to build the mood for the poet's delivery. You are naked, vulnerable, exposed, when you share your emotions, experiences and thoughts, and the kind and eager attention and participation of those who hear you gives meaning to each poem."

Blazer, whose life in poetry has added another dimension to our state's art world, took a whimsical tack in his presentation. He chose categories of verse and invited each guest to pick a topic: France, Food, Age...and then Blazer would charm the moment with his sonnets.

Blazer has a home in Little Compton, from which he sets forth among the realms of his

admirers, friends, colleagues, and among the cafes to which he has brought not only his own readings, but those of his elders, juniors, masters and disciples. Once the cold weather hits, off he flies to Provence, where he dwells in another world of galleries and noble spaces.

Gracious and good-hearted, these poets hold forth among the paintings and sculptures and make an enchanting picture.

Upon a table set up by a high window, a display of locally edited and published poetry journals offers a glimpse into the world of poets among us. Henry Gould, co-editor of *Nedge*, the former *Northeast Journal*, attended the affair, and promised a new edition before the end of the month. "We are interested in all good writing, but particularly the Russian poets in translation."

The Poetry Mission, founded in the '80s by local writers, also published a large anthology in honor of R.I. poet Edwin Honig, upon the occasion of his 75th birthday. It is called *A Glass of Green Tea with Honig*. Get it?

"How does a poet live?" asked

the next day, I came up with some ideas for myself at least.

Poetry promises us a Chassidic devotion to the life of the spirit and the pursuit of holiness. The reward for your efforts lies simply in the respect and goodwill of those persons who sit in the little padded bridge chairs set up facing the podium in the abandoned attic of a one-time factory. It is a privilege and even an honor to belong



Stuart Blazer

Herald photo by Mike Fink



Sylvia Moubayed

Herald photo by Mike Fink

to such a world of words for their own sake. In a collective culture of canned laughter, shrill violence, cheap and loud claims and shouts, crude images and reduced vocabulary, the pledge to purify each syllable on the tongue, to give subtle life to a phrase, to play gently with a rhyme or a metaphor, constitutes a form of prayer.

Sylvia Moubayed and Stuart Blazer, like Edwin Honig, claim Sephardic roots within their Judaism. It was in Sephard that the value of verse, of the beauty of the sound of the human voice, was rewarded with prestige. Blazer and Moubayed come full circle, and add to this season of renewal and this region of restoration their noble aspirations, their high hopes.

my wife, and I had a hard time replying. But when I thought about her question overnight to

## The Geniza

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

A group of temple youth had gone out to visit the geniza, the burial vault for sacred books and texts, some seasons ago, but this was my first pilgrimage. I had read about the custom of giving a decent grave for holy letters, but never taken part. We started out in the closet behind the chapel, stashing bags of prayer volumes and papers in the back seat of a sedan. We took off on the highway, and parked at the northern corner of Lincoln Park.

Where had I seen that heavy cellar door before, standing strangely on a shady lawn? The ritual director used soft graphite to loosen the lock, and opened the portals to the pit. The underground canyon shocked me a bit, so deep, so wide, another yawning world like something in a dream.

We simply took out the loose leaf notebooks and broken bindings, as well as worn talesim, and dropped them into the shadow. It was only in the wee hours of the night at break of dawn that my subconscious told me what that space had been. The basement of a farmhouse! Yes, I had once spoken to the caretaker of the cemetery, before the residence was taken down to create this realm where the nefalim, the fallen fetuses, and the Hebrew letters that had created the world, lie honor-

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## Public Is Invited to Hadassah's Fall Programs

On Sept. 25, from 8 to 9 p.m., parents and/or grandparents of preschool children are invited to an informational evening on Training Wheels, a Jewish continuity play group program.

Training Wheels builds Jewish identity during fun-filled sessions offering craft time, play time, songs, laughter, learning, and parent discussions. The adult information meeting will be held at the R.I. Hadassah office, 1150 New London Ave., in

Cranston. Call 463-3636 for more information.

On Sept. 30, the public is invited to R.I. Hadassah Nurses Council's free "Act Against Osteoporosis" educational forum. Facilitator Cory Fink, B.S.N., R.N.C., is a certified ambulatory women's health care nurse, and recently participated in an educational osteoporosis seminar. She will discuss how to prevent, detect, and treat this debilitating disease which af-

fects one out of every two older women. Fink will educate women on how to talk to their doctors and what questions to ask. The event will be held at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island in Providence. Free refreshments and educational material will be provided. Call Hadassah for more information or to arrange for a ride at 463-3636.

On Oct. 10, Hadassah will co-sponsor Meet the Candidates Night at 7:30 p.m. at the JCCRI.

## Singles May Spend Chanukah on Panama Canal Cruise

The St. Louis Jewish Community Centers Association will offer an over 50 "Middle Years" cruise aboard Holland America's "m/s Maasdam" from Dec. 3 to 13.

The 10-day trip departs from Acapulco, winds up through the Panama Canal, and ends in Ft. Lauderdale. Ports of call include Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, and Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

The cost of this vacation starts at \$2,799 per person based on double occupancy. Rates for singles accommodations start at \$3,809.

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For more information or to make a reservation, call Carol, Sally or Stephanie at Brentwood Travel, (314) 532-5515 or (800) 628-3941.

## Scholars Assess 100 Years of Zionism

Eversince Theodor Herzl first gave voice to the Zionist movement with the publication of *Der Judenstaat* in 1896, political Zionism, which resulted in the establishment of the state of Israel, has been the focus of public debate in the Jewish arena, an agent of social and cultural creativity, and a source of international controversy.

Now, a century later, scholars from around the world will gather in Boston and Jerusalem to mark this anniversary at an international conference, "The Centenary of Political Zionism."

During the two-part conference, participants will reexamine the history of the Zionist movement, explore its impact on Jewish identity in the 20th century, and set the agenda for future research.

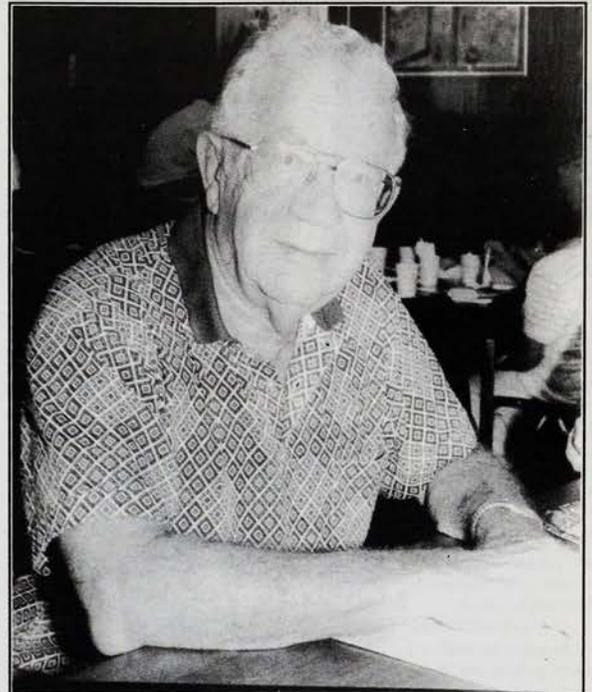
Jointly sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies at Harvard University, the Jacob and Libby Goodman Institute for the Study of Zionism at Brandeis University, and the Zalman Shazar Center for Jewish History in Jerusalem, the conference will convene in Boston, Oct. 7 to 10, on both the Brandeis and Harvard campuses, and will reconvene in Jerusalem, May 18 to 21, 1997.

Featured among the sessions is the panel discussion "Toward a New Jewish Political Strategy" at the John F. Kennedy School of Government's ARCO Forum, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m.

The panel, moderated by Michael Sandel, professor of government at Harvard University, includes Shlomo Avineri, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Martin Peretz, editor-in-chief of *The New Republic*; Daniel Pipes, editor of the *Middle East Quarterly*, and Ruth Wisse.

All sessions are free and open to the public. The proceedings of the conference will be published in English and in Hebrew.

Since space is limited, advance registration is encouraged. Meals are available only by advance reservation. For more information, contact the Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies at (617) 496-2315.



## To Addis Ababa and Back

On Sept. 10, Dr. Sidney Goldstein, of Brown University gave a slide presentation entitled "Return to Judaism: The Feles Mura of Ethiopia" to the Brown Bag Club at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. The Feles Mura are descendants of Jews who converted under pressure to Christianity, but are now returning to Judaism. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

## Touro Announces Classes

Touro Synagogue is now accepting registration for the fall term of the adult education programs.

The program will start on Oct. 7. There will be two classes on Monday. The 6:30 p.m. session

will be Advanced Hebrew Language. The second Monday evening course, Bible study, which starts at 7:45 p.m., features a review and analysis of the weekly Torah portion.

Beginning Hebrew lessons, designed to enable individuals to participate in the services more knowledgeably, will begin on Oct. 10.

A donation of \$10 to the Touro Synagogue Charity Fund will serve as the fee for all or any of these courses. There will also be a charge for textbooks in the language courses.

Send payment to Kathryn at the Touro Synagogue office, 85 Touro St., Newport, R.I. 02840. Call 847-4794 for more information.

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## Temple Torat Yisrael Holds Faculty Orientation

Students are not the only learners at Temple Torat Yisrael. On Sept. 5, the teaching faculty joined for their annual orientation, a day that blended the administrative and the pedagogical.

Some teachers attended workshops over the summer, others worked at Jewish camps, while still others attended the Whizin Institute of Family Education at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. All have done advance preparation for the year ahead.

This year's gathering in-

cluded text study, a sharing of ideas, and review of administrative procedures. A segment of the day was reserved to address the medical needs of students at Torat Yisrael, and to review first aid and safety procedures. Donna Kagan, R.N., and Dr. Steve Sack facilitated this learning module.

Hana Berman, librarian resource teacher, Miriam Hyman, family educator, and Cantor Robert Lieberman addressed their respective areas of expertise, as did Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer.

## Reform Group Criticizes Police in Wake of Threats

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israel-based group of the Reform movement is criticizing the Jerusalem police for failing to find those responsible for making telephone threats to the movement's office.

The Israel Religious Action Center, an agency of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, filed the complaints after coming under a barrage of anonymous hate calls during the past three months.

Police officials said they had traced some of the calls to telephones located near the Chasidic yeshivas of Gur and Slonim in fervently Orthodox areas of Jerusalem.

The office's complaint comes amid increased tensions between fervently Orthodox groups and more liberal streams of Judaism.

Tapes of the threatening calls were played recently on Army Radio.

"We will bomb you, destroy your offices. Your fate will be that of [Yitzhak] Rabin," said one caller, referring to the assassinated Israeli leader.

Knesset member Meir Porush, leader of the fervently Orthodox Agudat Yisrael Party, deplored the calls but said he was sure they had not been made by yeshiva students.

Anat Galili, the spokesperson for the center, was critical of the police for not arresting anyone even though the first complaint was filed more than three months ago.

She noted that a caller making telephone threats to Aharon Barak, chief justice of the Supreme Court, had been arrested after just one day.

# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Brown University to Present Free Israeli and Holocaust Film Series

Brown University will present an Israeli feature film series on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Salomon Center for Teaching.

The series is open to the public without charge. The films are all by Israeli directors and are from the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s.

They deal with a variety of issues with which Israeli culture and society have had to deal over the past 30 years: the Arab-Israeli conflict; the impact of army service and war on individuals; the ongoing influence of memories of the Holocaust on Israeli identity; and challenges to the institutions of marriage and family in a secular society.

All films are in Hebrew with English subtitles, except for "The Summer of Aviya" which is in Hebrew without subtitles.

It is offered as part of the course titled "Israeli Literature, Culture and Society," taught by David Jacobson, associate professor of Judaic studies at Brown. The course, which is conducted entirely in Hebrew, explores issues of Israeli existence by means of reading works of Israeli literature and newspaper articles, and by viewing Israeli feature films.

### Film Schedule

- Sept. 19 — "They Were Ten" (1960)
- Sept. 26 — "Beyond the Walls" (1986)
- Oct. 3 — "Nadia" (1986)
- Oct. 10 — "Siege" (1969)
- Oct. 17 — "Late Summer

Blues" (1986)

- Oct. 24 — "The Troupe" (1978)
- Oct. 31 — "The Wooden Gun" (1979)
- Nov. 7 — "Hide and Seek" (1980)
- Nov. 14 — "House on Chelouche Street" (1973)
- Nov. 21 — "Blind Man's Bluff" (1993)
- Dec. 5 — "The Summer of Aviya" (1988)

A Holocaust film series will be presented on Tuesdays, on dates indicated below at 7:30 p.m. in room 1418 of the Sciences Library (14th floor), 201 Thayer St. (at Waterman Street). Admission is free and the public is welcome.

This film series is titled "The Holocaust: Literary and Historical Perspectives." It is offered in conjunction with the course of the same name in the Judaic studies department at Brown, taught by professors Victoria Caron and David Hirsch.

### Film Schedule

- Sept. 24 — "Triumph of the Will" (1935) — Leni Riefenstahl's hypnotic documentary of the Nazi party congress at Nuremberg in 1934. (43 mins.)
- "Now... After All These Years" — Contrasting memories of Jews and Christians of their lives together in a small German village in the 1930s. (60 mins.)
- Oct. 8 — "The Story of Chaim Rumkowski and the Jews of Lodz" (1982) — This documentary examines the tragic moral dilemmas confronting

Jews during World War II by focusing on the role of the Nazi-appointed Jewish councils. (55 mins.)

"Night and Fog" (1955) — Alain Resnais contrasts past and present in this profound film that documents the nightmare of the concentration camps. (35 mins., subtitled)

• Oct. 22 — "Mephisto" (1981) — Director Istvan Szabo. Based on a novel by Klaus Mann, this film depicts the story of a vain and brilliant German actor who sells his soul to win prestige when the Nazis come to power. (135 mins., English subtitled)

• Nov. 5 — "The Partisans of Vilna" (1986) — This outstanding documentary chronicles the emergence of the Jewish underground resistance in Eastern Europe during World War II. (130 mins.)

• Nov. 12 — "Weapons of the Spirit" (1989) — Pierre Sauvage's moving documentary of the wartime heroism of a Protestant village in France that sheltered Jews during World War II. (91 mins.)

• Dec. 3 — "The Nasty Girl" (1990) — Director, Michael Verhoeven. A biting satire of how a German high school student shakes up her hometown when she embarks on an investigation of its Nazi past. (92 mins. with English subtitles)

Both film series are made possible by the Judaic Studies program and the Brown University Salomon Grant.

## Dr. Weil Speaks on Healing

Dr. Andrew Weil, popular author and pioneer in the field of integrative medicine, will present insights from his book *Spontaneous Healing* on Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. at Roberts Hall at Rhode Island College.

A question and answer session, and book signing will follow the lecture.

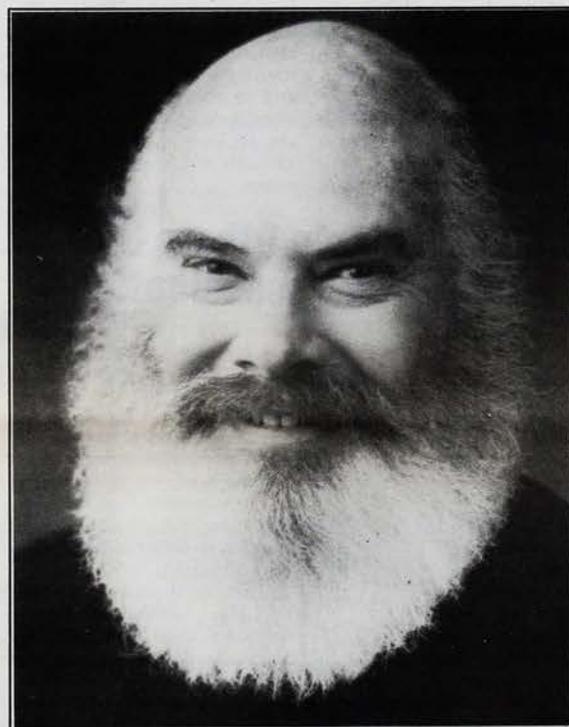
For the past two decades, Weil's voice has been at the forefront of a movement to integrate alternative forms of medicine into standard treatment. He states: "My general philosophy of treatment is that people can get better. The body has self-healing and self-regulation mechanisms. I believe in using the gentlest sorts of intervention possible that can activate internal healing systems. They

are the best."

Weil will present a rational, optimistic approach to lifestyle modification and provide valuable information the listener can immediately apply to his or her diet, exercise and lifelong endeavors.

Tickets for the program can be purchased in advance for \$35 by calling Learning Connection at 274-9330 or (800) 432-5520. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$40, on a space-available basis. Group discounts are available.

There will be a private cocktail reception with Weil prior to the lecture, at \$100 per person. Price includes reserved preferred seating for lecture and a signed copy of *Spontaneous Healing*.



Dr. Andrew Weil

## Marcus Collection is 'Major Resource' at Brandeis

Brandeis University has acquired the personal library of the late Professor Jacob Rader Marcus, considered the father of American Jewish history.

"The many rare books and synagogogue histories in the collection will be a major resource for students of the American Jewish experience," said Jonathan Sarna, professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis, and friend of Marcus.

The collection contains nearly 7,500 volumes and includes early American imprints, rare pamphlets and periodicals, as well as histories of many American Jewish communities. Brandeis already has a 150,000-volume Judaica collection, considered one of the finest in American university libraries.

Born in 1896, Marcus was the first American professional historian of the Jewish people. He founded the American Jewish Archives in 1947 and was the author of many books, most notably a multi-volume history of America's Jews. At the time of his death in 1995, he was the oldest member of the Reform rabbinate.

## Cards and Conversation at the Coast Guard House

The South County Group of Rhode Island Hadassah is planning a luncheon followed by an afternoon of canasta, bridge, maj jonnig and Scrabble on Oct. 2 at noon at the Coast Guard House in Narragansett.

Members are urged to bring friends, neighbors and members of their card clubs. The cost per person is \$16. Players should bring own cards, tiles and games. For further information, contact Clarissa Kulman (783-1114), Elaine Silverman (789-1136) or Roberta Levin (789-5501).

## A Jazzy Sunday for Singles

There will be a jazz brunch for singles on Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Temple Emanuel in Andover with the Irv Galis Quartet. This is a joint presentation by The Jewish 49ers and North of Boston Jewish Singles. Admission is \$8 members, \$12 non-members. Reservations are a must by Oct. 6.

Call for reservations: Carol (NOBJS) (508) 688-8280, Flo at (508) 877-0636 or Susan (617) 969-5903.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Avi Chai to Support Jewish Schools

"The creation over five years of 35 new Jewish high schools — Community, Conservative and Orthodox — represents the beginnings of an antidote to the 52 percent intermarriage rate shown by the 1990 National Jewish Population Study," said Zalman C. Bernstein, chairman of The Avi Chai Foundation, in announcing the foundation's innovative program to assist and promote such schools.

Avi Chai's first steps in supporting the new high schools consist of earmarking nearly \$500,000 in 1996 for recruitment efforts and special preparatory tracks for students with limited Judaic background.

The decision to support these facets of Jewish education was made in light of the study, commissioned by Avi Chai in 1993, that found day schools to be the only type of Jewish education that could stand up against assimilation. The study concluded that "at least nine years of Jewish education mark the most significant upward jump in Jewish involvement."

The funding for recruitment

is especially important for new schools, many of which are seeking to attract students not already committed to day school education.

"We intend to help the schools persuade students, parents and grandparents that Jewish high schools offer an excellent secular education while paving the path to a meaningful Jewish future," said Lauren K. Merkin, the Avi Chai trustee directing the effort. "Even if a student has never attended a Jewish day school before, many of the schools provide special tracks that help the student catch up Judaically."

The Avi Chai Foundation is a private foundation that was established over a decade ago. The objectives of the foundation are twofold: to encourage greater Jewish commitment by increasing the understanding, appreciation and practice of Jewish traditions, customs and laws; and to encourage mutual understanding and sensitivity among Jews of different backgrounds and religious commitments.

The foundation, which has offices in New York and Israel, only supports programs and institutions that express a positive attitude toward the State of Israel.

While Avi Chai is attempting to develop other initiatives to benefit new and existing Jewish schools, it recognizes that no single foundation or funder can meet the need alone.

For that reason, the foundation is helping to promote the new schools within the broader Jewish community through a series of four advertisements placed in newspapers across the country that specifically serve the Jewish community. Besides publicly congratulating the schools that have opened, the purpose of the advertisements is to inform the Jewish community about the new schools and draw support for the schools from communal leaders and funders.

For more information, contact Yossi Prager, executive director, North America, or Lauren K. Merkin, Avi Chai trustee, at (212) 697-8836.



### Lunch Chat

The Brown Bag Club is a forum for adults to discuss current events or topics of interest over lunch. On Sept. 24, the guest speaker will be Richard Dujardins, religion editor of the *Providence Journal*. Call Evy Rappoport at 861-8800 to reserve a place or for more information. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

## Meeting Street Center Offers 'Freedom From Smoking'

Meeting Street Center/Easter Seal Society of Rhode Island, Inc., will offer the American Lung Association program, Freedom From Smoking®, beginning Sept. 24 through Oct. 29.

The seven session series will be held at the agency's facility on 667 Waterman Ave. from 7 to 9 p.m. meeting on Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 10, 15, 22 and 29.

Freedom From Smoking® is a multi-session stop smoking clinic, utilizing professional trained instructors who can help smokers create a supportive environment to break the smoking addiction. Each smoker who joins this clinic will develop an individualized plan for quitting.

In the clinic, the emphasis will be on long-term freedom from smoking. The ex-smokers will

identify pitfalls for relapse, and carefully plan to prevent it. The clinic includes the latest skills for good stress management, weight control, assertive communication and exercise—skills to help people succeed.

According to instructor Kriss Auger — also assistant director of Meeting Street's Outpatient Rehabilitation Services program — participants will learn a step by step method to changing behavior and quitting smoking. She said the group approach uses positive thinking, alternative behaviors, one-on-one help and group support.

The cost for Freedom From Smoking® at Meeting Street Center is \$75 for the seven-session program. To register or for more information, contact Kriss Auger at 438-9500, ext. 299.

## Yigal Amir, Two Others Guilty of Plotting Assassination

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli court has convicted Yigal Amir, the assassin of Yitzhak Rabin, of conspiring to kill the prime minister and of planning attacks on Palestinians.

Amir, 26, is already serving a life sentence for the murder of the prime minister.

The court also found Amir's brother, Hagai, and a friend, Dror Adani, guilty recently of the charges of plotting to kill the pre-

mier and attack Palestinians.

A three-judge panel in the Tel Aviv District Court also found the three guilty on weapons charges and of conspiring to set up an illegal underground organization.

The three will be sentenced Oct. 3. Legal sources said they could each face more than 25 years in prison.

The lengthy verdict, read out by Judge Amnon Strashnov, countered Yigal Amir's conten-

tion that he acted alone when carrying out the assassination.

Strashnov accepted prosecution evidence that Hagai Amir and Adani actively proposed methods of killing Rabin.

He termed them "full partners" in the slaying.

Hagai Amir and Adani each denied that they had conspired to kill Rabin.

Hagai Amir, 28, a weapons expert who prosecutors said made the hollow-point bullets used to kill Rabin, said he had heard of his brother's plans, but never thought he would actually carry out the assassination.

Adani, 28, said he had visited the Amir home in hopes of romancing the Amirs' sister and had gotten drawn into conversations about how to assassinate the prime minister.

But the judges did not accept their denials.

## Yom Kippur to be Televised

A Yom Kippur service will be broadcast on Cox Channel 34 on Sept. 22 at 9 p.m. This program will be available only to residents of Providence, North Providence and Kent County.

This program is provided by Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island and Cox Communication.

## 'Cook's Night Out' on Sept. 25

The Rhode Island Association of Family and Consumer Sciences will present this year's fund-raising activity, "Cook's Night Out," on Sept. 25 at the To-Kalon Club, 26 Main St., Pawtucket from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The program will feature renowned cookbook authors such as Barbara Stetson, author of *The Islander Cookbook*; Tony Merola, author of *Floribbean Flavors*; Peggy Glass, author of *Rescuing the Dinner Hour*; Lora Brody, author of *Pizza, Focaccia, Flat and*

*Filled Breads*; Joan Nathan, author of *Jewish Cooking in America*; Frank Terranova, Nancy Sandbach, and Brad Ware, authors of the *New Paradigm Cooking*.

These authors will autograph their cookbooks for guests. Stations will be set up in the To-Kalon Club for guests to sample each author's selected recipes.

For more information, contact Sheila Brown at 934-1714 or 767-4710.

## New Class for Singers Is Offered

The Langston Hughes Center for the Arts and Education is offering a new class: Performance Technique for Singers, ages 18 and older.

This workshop includes vocal warm-ups, breathing techniques, stage appearance, how to use sound equipment, and how to work with a band.

Classes begin on Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the center's new space in the Johnson & Wales Academic Center at 138 Mathewson St. in downtown Providence.

Class members will have a chance to sing with instructor and jazz vocalist Maya Breuer.

Registration is \$125 for a 10-week workshop. Payment schedules may be arranged. For more information, call the center at 454-5422.

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# SCHOOLBEAT



## PHDS Students Prepare for High Holidays

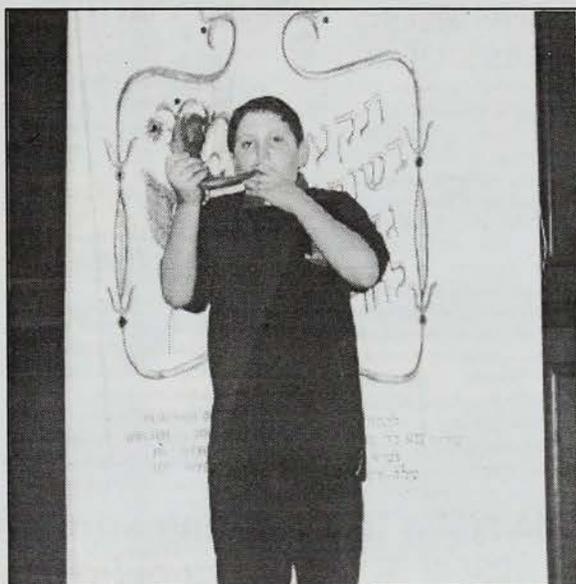
Providence Hebrew Day School students were busily preparing for the High Holiday season in recent weeks.

Both joy and solemnity prevailed throughout the school as students drew, painted, dramatized and constructed the various symbols of the season. The students experienced the emotions and feelings of the season as they learned an extensive variety of music and song created by cantors and rabbis throughout Jewish history.

Through the study of the Machzor — the High Holiday prayer book — the students learned that G-d has a standard of moral behavior that concerns man's relations to fellow man, as well as mitzvot that relate to man's behavior towards G-d.

The Rosh Hashanah preparations at PHDS included a hands-on experience in shofar construction. Rabbi Eliezer Levy of the Chai Center in Warwick conducted the workshop for the junior high students.

He obtained goat horns which he brought for each student. The students sawed the horns, sanded and shallacked them to produce a completed, functioning, kosher shofar.



RAFI GERBER blows the shofar that he made at Rabbi Levy's shofar workshop, held at PHDS. Photo courtesy of PHDS

During the process, the students studied about the types of animals whose horns are suitable for a shofar and the laws specifying what has to be done to make them kosher.

As the students heard and

practiced the blowing of the shofar, they gained an understanding of the role of the shofar in awakening the people to reflect on their deeds and to resolve to do Tshuva, to make amends and to change behavior.

## Temple Am David Announces Scholarship Recipients

The Joseph Freedman and the Dr. David Freedman Funds at Temple Am David in Warwick have distributed scholarship stipends for the further study of Jewish education during the summer of 1996.

The following students received scholarships:

Joel Kortick at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tracey Tebrow at Brown University, Joshua Sklaroff at Brandeis University, Lydia Paull for United Synagogue Youth Poland Pilgrimage, Adam Sholes for U.S.Y. Poland Pilgrimage, Mark Sholes at University of Hartford, Mikal Sklaroff at University of Hart-

ford, Noah Sholes for Camp Bauercrest, Asher Fink for Camp Ramah, Hope Sholes for Camp Jori, Jason Forman for U.S.Y. Convention in Toronto, Deann Forman for Koach Shabbaton Weekend and Rebecca Zisseron for National Conference of Christian and Jews.

The Freedman Scholarship Fund can help further Jewish education during the summer months.

If you are a student and a member of Temple Am David and would like to apply for a Freedman Scholarship, contact the temple office in April of 1997.

## Professor to Speak About Petra

Professor Martha Joukowsky will speak to the Friends of the Library at Brown University at 8 p.m. on Sept. 20 on the red rock city of Petra.

Joukowsky, associate professor of old world archaeology at Brown has worked for the past three years directing the excavation of the Southern Temple at the ancient city in Jordan.

Petra was the capital of the Nabateans, who carved their home in the red and pink rock between 100 BCE and 200 CE. Rediscovered by Europeans in the 19 century, poet Dean Burgin called it a "rose-red city half as old as time."

The talk will be given in the Lownes Room, John Hay Library, at the corner of Prospect and College streets.

## CAJE Creates a Website

The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education has joined the World Wide Web, with a website that both offers vital information in the field of Jewish education and provides a place for educators with similar interests to "chat" or exchange ideas.

The address of the new website is <http://www.caje.org>.

Its colorful front page offers a menu of the material contained therein: information about CAJE programs and events; an index of curricular materials available through the Curriculum Bank; recent articles from CAJE's journal, *Jewish Education News*; ac-

cess to on-line discussion groups through the CAJE networks; and a list of World Wide Web links that are specifically relevant to Jewish educators.

With the advent of the CAJE website, the Jewish educator with an Internet connection, can, at any time of day, locate a lesson plan, read a professional article or talk with colleagues.

CAJE is a membership organization open to all those involved in the transmission of Jewish learning. For more information about CAJE, contact the national office at 261 W. 35th St., New York, NY 10001.

## Landscape Architecture Lectures Planned at URI

The Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Rhode Island has announced its annual fall lecture series "Urban Landscapes '96."

The theme this year, urban landscapes, was chosen because of the nature of the work performed by each of the guest speakers. Each brings a portfolio of project which enhance an already developed environment and provides an upbeat landmark for the communities they serve.

As in past years, the lectures are free and open to the URI community and the general public. Lectures begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the White Hall auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. Call 874-2142 for more information.

Sept. 26 — Chuck Carberry, senior exhibit designer at Roger

Williams Park Zoo, and a graduate of the URI landscape architecture program, has been involved with successful zoo exhibits like the prairie dog exhibit, the butterfly garden, and the recent Marco Polo exhibit.

Oct. 10 — John Copley, ASLA, John Copley and Associates, Inc., and Lynn Wolff, ASLA, Lynn Wolff Associates, are landscape architects who work within an urban context. They have competed successfully for large public sector projects focused on cultural and community landscapes in Boston.

Nov. 13 — Victor Walker, a principal in the Walker-Kluesing Design Group, has worked on Greenways Master Plan, Buffalo, N.Y., the Clinical Center, NE Deaconess Hospital and Visitor Center Park in Lawrence, Mass.

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## Feinstein Foundation Gives \$1 Million to Law School

A one million dollar donation will establish the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service and the Feinstein "Enriching America" community service program at Roger Williams University.

Through the Louis Feinstein Legal Clinic, to be established at Roger Williams School of Law Providence center, law students will provide free legal services

to individuals and organizations in the community who do not have legal representation.

Roger Williams pro bono legal services, as part of a college community service program required for graduation, are believed to be first in the country.

The Feinstein Legal Clinic is named in memory of Alan Shawn Feinstein's late father, a prominent Boston lawyer for 50 years.

## What to Wear This Fall

Fall clothing for "real people" will be featured at a Sept. 25 fashion show to benefit the UMass Dartmouth Library Associates. "Seasonal Sensations!" will be held at the Venus de Milo, Route 6, Swansea.

The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. and fash-

ions starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance from the UMass Dartmouth Library or by calling (508) 999-8662 (days) or (508) 992-4452 (evenings).

The fashions have been selected from the fall collections at Casual Corner, Petite Sophisticates and August Max Woman.

Hebrew school teachers are welcome to submit press releases or pictures of their students.

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Zamir to Hold Auditions

The Zamir Chorale of Boston, Joshua Jacobson, music director, announces that auditions for the 1996-97 season will be held at Hebrew College in Brookline on the evenings of Sept. 26 and 30.

There are a few openings for experienced choral singers. Plans for this season include local and regional concerts of Jewish music, an all-Yiddish program in December, and the premiere of new works by Yehezkel Braun and Joseph Ness.

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

Now in its 28th season, the Zamir Chorale has released many recordings of music ranging from Renaissance motets to Sephardic folk songs and works by contemporary Jewish composers.

Membership in Zamir is by audition only; candidates must possess good vocal quality, the ability to sight-read music, and previous choral experience.

In addition to the scheduled audition, prospective singers should plan to attend an open rehearsal at Hebrew College from 7:15 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 24. Qualified candidates should call manager Pamela Holmes at (617) 776-9450 to arrange for an audition appointment.

## Dance the New Year In

Chai's Jewish Singles brings in the Jewish New Year with an all-age holiday dance party on Sept. 21 at The Paradise, 969 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. There will be free membership, food and gifts. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the event goes to 11:30 p.m. as a private affair. From 11:30 p.m. till closing time it will be open to the public. The cost is \$8 in advance, at the door \$12 for members, \$14, non-members.

For more information, call (508) 443-7834 and ask to be added to our mailing list.

## Professor to Demonstrate Book Making Techniques

Walter Feldman, Brown University professor and artist, will speak to the John Russell Bartlett Society on Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Print Shop, room 310, List Art Center, Brown University.

He has designed, illuminated, and printed many distinguished books.

As part of his lecture on "Bookmaking Without Betting," Feldman will demonstrate letter press printing techniques, image making from a release plate, paper making, and simple sewn binding techniques.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

## Harry Hay to Appear in Providence

Books on the Square is proud to welcome Harry Hay on his historic visit to Providence. He will appear Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m., at the store, at 471 Angel St., Providence. Hay founded this nation's first gay men's organization in 1948, and has been at the forefront of gay liberation efforts in all succeeding generations. Considered "the most innovative and visionary gay thinker," the originator in the 1950s of the idea of gay men and women as a cultural minority, and the true Father of the Gay Liberation Movement, Hay has collected his life's work and ideas in a new book, *Radically Gay: Gay Liberation in the Words of Its Founder* (Beacon Press, \$27.50). This will be a special event and will be free and open to the public.

Place a classified for only \$3

## Harvest Festival Merges With Farmer's Market

The third annual Harvest Festival of the Rhode Island chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food was scheduled for Sept. 22, but was rescheduled for Oct. 13, at Sakonnet Vineyards in Little Compton, R.I.

The change in date was prompted by the EEE/mosquito problem in the area.

But delaying the festival will result in a bigger and better event because Oct. 13 is the day of the annual Farmer's Market at Sakonnet vineyards.

More than 30 restaurants, food and beverage vendors in this area are scheduled to participate in Harvest Festival alone.

Samples of signature dishes, to be sold for between \$1 and \$4 each, will be offered by the following eating establishments and chefs: Agora; Atomic Grill; Audrey's at the Johnson & Wales Inn; Catering Collaborative; Chardonnay's; Cheeky Monkey; Christopher's on the Hill; Eclectic Grill; Federal Reserve; Florentine Grille; Gatehouse; Grappa; Inn at Castle Hill; Pot au Feu; Red Rooster; Rue de

L'Espoir; Tuscany Grill; the Brown University Club, and Chef Walter Zuromski.

Wine will be provided by Sakonnet Vineyards, and a tour of the Sakonnet winery will be available. Beer will be offered by Emerald Isle Brewery.

Other booths will feature the products of other Rhode Island institutions — Ben & Jerry's, Chocolate Delicacies, Del's Lemonade, Dowry Cookies, French Quarter Coffee, Kenyon's Cornmeal, New England Lemonade, Pastry Arts, Peoples Woods, and Bistro! Bistro! spice rubs. Additional restaurants, breweries and food suppliers are still signing on.

One booth will spotlight local cookbooks, including *Windows* by the Junior League of Rhode Island and *New Paradigm Cooking* by Frank Terranova of Johnson & Wales University.

The event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. at Sakonnet Vineyards, 162 West Main Road, Route 77, in Little Compton, R.I. Parking will cost \$5.

For additional information, call Ellen Loconto at 828-4228.

## Two Concerts, Stillman at RIC

Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra, with John Sumerlin on violin and Judith Lynn Stillman on piano, will perform Mendelssohn's "Concerto for Violin, Piano and String Orchestra" in D Minor conducted by Edward Markward on Oct. 21, in Roberts Hall auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

Also on the program will be Wagner's "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral" (from *Lohengrin*) and Hindemith's "Mathis de Maler" Symphony.

On Dec. 9, also at 8:15 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium, the RIC Chorus and Symphony Orchestra will perform Ernest Bloch's "Sacred Service (Avodath Hakodesh)" and Richard Cumming's "Christus," which was commissioned by the RIC Chorus. Baritone Rene De La Garza will be featured.

Tickets are \$7 for these concerts, with discounts for senior citizens and students. For more information, call the RIC music department at 456-8244.

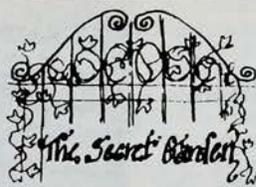


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ANGEL VISITS AMERICA! Actually, this is a picture of Jennifer Mudge Tucker, on the wing, and Brian McEleney, in a scene from *Angels in America, Part II*, which is on stage at Trinity now.

Photo by T. Charles Erickson

## 'You'll Have To See It!'

by Arlene Sherman  
Special to the Herald

While anticipating Trinity's production of "Perestroika — Angels in America, part 2" — I began to feel as if I was one of the few people in this state who had not seen part 1, "The Millennium Approaches." I wondered if I would be lost, and thought that because of the intensity of the subject matter, the play would probably be "heavy."

Wrong. The production was intricate and fast-paced, but never too chaotic (including the scene that takes place in heaven, which was intended to be total chaos, and was). The wonderful interconnectedness of the characters wove a story that ran the gamut of so many human emotions, and was written so well by Tony Kushner, that I could always relate, never felt lost. On the contrary — I felt fortunate to have had the opportunity to experience these characters' lives from my fly-on-the-wall perspective.

The intensity of the subjects playing their roles in "Perestroika" never reached the point of being overwhelming, although they very easily could have. The combination of great writing, brilliant direction by Oskar Huestis, and finely tuned

performances, maintained a great balance with humor. There are many hilarious lines, such as the one Roy Cohn (Timothy Crowe) delivers from his hospital bed. "You only think you know all I know — I don't even know all I know, and half the time I make it up and it still turns out right."

The range of subjects covered gender and sexual preferences, stereotyping and social prejudice, religion and family dynamics, but at the core the play is about love. Love and hope.

The synopsis of "The Millennium Approaches" reads like a soap opera, and "Perestroika" picks up where "Millennium" leaves off. Prior Walter (Brian McEleney) is dealing with life with AIDS, and Louis (Ed Shea), a neurotic Jew, is tormented by guilt over abandoning Prior, his ex-lover. Louis has an affair with

Joe Pitt, a Mormon who has left his wife and begun to face his homosexuality. Harper Pitt, the wonderfully confused wife, played so well by Phyllis Kay, grows up and takes charge (literally...you'll have to see it!) of her own life by the end of the play. The additional characters are added gems in this masterpiece.

Timothy Crowe is magnificent as Cohn, Joe Pitt's mentor (whose character is based on the real Cohn who lived in the '50s). Crowe plays a man also dealing with AIDS in his own way, and is a hospital patient that few would have the patience to deal

with. However, Ray Ford is Belize, Cohn's marvelous, flamboyant, often profoundly insightful nurse (and best friend, and former lover of Prior). Hannah Pitt (Jennifer Mudge Tucker), Joe's mother, brings a thought-provoking perspective to the mother/son dynamics here, and explores the need to be needed, as she ends up comforting Prior in a way that she cannot comfort her own son. The not-always-so-angelic Angel is played by Americo Caporocccio, and is a marvel, visually.

The scenery is simple, yet incredibly effective. The production is long, but it never feels dragged out, and is never boring. The writing is full of metaphor and symbolism that will make you think, but instead of leaving the theatre with a mind full of compelling thoughts, you leave "Perestroika" touched in your soul. This is powerful, delightful theater that attempts to examine human nature, and how we face both life and death, and the complex ways of expressing love and compassion.

There is a line at the end — forgiveness, love and justice finally meet — peace, at last... and that about sums it up.

## Words From the Kiowa Poet

Native American poet Ray C. Doyah of Oklahoma, descendant of a Kiowa chief, will read from a new volume of his poetry, *Pow Wow Chairs* (Mamelaki Press, \$6), at Books on the Square on Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. His work draws on historic, sacred, arid artistic resources of the Kiowa people. Recurring threads of loss and sacrifice are ameliorated by the strong culture of the Kiowa, and by the love and support of powerful family and community ties. His work is intended as a legacy for future Kiowa generations a vivid record of the rich history and living traditions of the tribe. This event should be an enlightening and moving experience for adults and older children, who will delight in the hypnotic rhythms and sheer prosody of his words as well as in the powerful stories they weave. "Books" is at 471 Angell St., Wayland Square, Providence (331-9097).

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## FBI Offers \$1 Million Reward in 1985 Slaying of Arab American

by Tom Tugend  
LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The U.S. Department of Justice and the FBI have offered a \$1 million reward to solve the 11-year-old bombing death of a local Arab American activist.

The reward would be given to anyone who provides information leading to a conviction.

The FBI has also taken the unusual step of inserting sizable paid ads in Jewish newspapers publicizing the reward.

The victim, Alexander Michel Odeh, Western regional director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, was killed by a booby trap when he opened the door to his office Oct. 11, 1985, in Santa Ana, Calif.

Odeh had appeared the previous day on a television program, condemning terrorism but praising Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat as "a man of peace."

Odeh, 41, a Palestinian who came to the United States in 1972, was generally considered a moderate voice within the Arab American community.

Orders to track down the perpetrators of the killing with renewed vigor came from the highest authorities in Washington, with U.S. Attorney General

Janet Reno declaring, "We hope that this reward will lead to justice in this case, and I encourage anyone with information to come forward."

Over the years, federal authorities have frequently cited Robert Manning, a Los Angeles-born Israeli and veteran

Joyce Greenspan, Anti-Defamation League director for Orange County, endorsed the government's move. "We oppose all violence and hate crimes, whether the victim is Jewish or not," she said.

Jewish Defense League member, as a key suspect in the Odeh case.

Manning, then a resident of Kiryat Arba in the West Bank, was extradited by Israel to stand trial in Los Angeles on an unrelated and non-political charge involving the 1980 mail bomb death of a secretary at a local computer firm. He was found

guilty and is now serving a life sentence in a U.S. prison.

However, under the terms of the U.S.-Israel extradition treaty, Manning could only be tried for the specific 1980 killing and cannot be prosecuted for any other alleged crimes.

Three other Americans living in Israel have been mentioned as suspects. At least two of them are former JDL members, said JDL national chairman Irv Rubin. Rubin was among the protesters recently at a news conference at which the two top federal law enforcement officials in Los Angeles, U.S. Attorney Nora Manella and FBI Bureau Chief Charlie Parsons, announced the \$1 million award.

The event took place near a nine-foot statue of Odeh that was erected two years ago outside the main Santa Ana library in Orange County.

Sami Odeh, the victim's brother, announced that an additional \$100,000 reward had been raised by the local Arab American community.

Rubin charged that the Odeh case was part of "an ongoing vendetta sponsored by the Arab community to get the Jews."

Another protester, Howard Garber, said he was establishing a \$1,000 trust fund to remove the Odeh statue and replace it with one of Richard Nixon or another distinguished Orange County resident.

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In addition to the newspaper ads, the reward information has been posted on the FBI Home Page on the internet ([www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)).

The FBI has asked anyone with information on the "person or persons responsible for the murder of Odeh" to call (800) 705-6639.



### Shofet New Regional Director of IAC

Jay Shofet has been appointed the New England regional director of Israel Aliyah Center in Boston. Shofet was born in Connecticut and immigrated to Israel in 1986. He holds a BA degree from Dartmouth College.

## Reports Say Swiss Bank Held Proceeds From 'Mein Kampf'

by Jenni Frazer  
London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON (JTA) — Adolf Hitler deposited the royalties from his book *Mein Kampf* into secret Swiss bank accounts, newly declassified U.S. intelligence documents showed.

The discovery of the "Hitler accounts" by the World Jewish Congress was seen as underlining the importance of Switzerland as a banking haven for the Nazis.

World Jewish Congress researchers recently have been examining World War II documents in the U.S. National Archives as part of an ongoing effort to locate the assets of Holocaust victims.

Max Ammann, described in the documents as "a close collaborator of Hitler," oversaw the accounts. In 1925, Ammann published *Mein Kampf*. Hitler's no-

torious political manifesto that spells out Germany's need to rearm, suppress communism and exterminate the Jews.

After Hitler came into power in 1933, *Mein Kampf* became a school text, and sales ran into the millions. By 1940, 6 million copies of the book had been sold.

The authors of the October 1944 intelligence reports believed that the Swiss bank held "foreign exchange revenues of the Nazi Party abroad" in addition to foreign exchange revenues from Hitler's book.

A spokesman for the Union Bank of Switzerland said it was illegal for the banks to discuss individual accounts, so he could not confirm or deny the existence of the accounts.

### Bypass Road Inaugurated

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A \$42 million bypass road linking Jerusalem to Jewish settlements south of the city was inaugurated last week, pleasing Jewish settlers and irritating others.

"This is the fulfillment of an old dream, to be connected to Jerusalem," said Yeshayahu Yehieli, deputy head of the Etzion bloc council, which represents Jewish settlements in the southern West Bank.

The new road is made up of the longest tunnels and bridge ever built by Israel. One tunnel, which is about 900 feet long, goes under the Gilo neighborhood in southern Jerusalem. The other tunnel, which is some 3,000 feet long, passes under Beit Jala, a Palestinian village near Bethlehem.

A 1,150-foot bridge connects the two tunnels.

Palestinians have strongly opposed the building of bypass roads, and say Israel has expropriated land for the projects.

In addition, dozens of Israeli peace activists protested at the dedication.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Miriam is Honored in Coinage

Three years ago, Israel government officials developed the idea of duplicating famous Biblical art and placing it on the nation's coinage. 1994's subject was Rembrandt's "Binding of Isaac," and last year it was "Solomon's Judgement." For this year's issue, the subject is "Miriam and the women."

For its newest coin design, the Bank of Israel looked back seven centuries, to the other end of the Mediterranean. There, they found "The Golden Haggadah," which was printed in Barcelona around 1320.

The "Haggadah" is the ritual text used in the celebration of Passover. Over the centuries they have varied in design and style. Older ones, in particular, are notable for the rich colors and complex drawings and engravings. Sources familiar with the subject call "The Golden Haggadah" one of the earliest

and most spectacular of the Sephardic (Spanish-Portuguese) Haggadahs. Its illustrations depicting Biblical events start with Adam and conclude with the song of Miriam in the Book of Exodus, the subject of the new coin.

Miriam was the oldest sister of Moses and Aaron. The Bible does not lack for stories of her heroism, compassion, leadership and intelligence. Designers Oswald Adler and Gideon Keich based their portrayal on a verse from the Book of Exodus (15:20): "And Miriam the Prophetess, Aaron's sister, took the drum in her hand and all the women followed her with drums and dance."

The coins' obverse captures the women as they were offering their thanks for being delivered out of Egypt. Miriam is seen holding a drum while leading the others in celebration. According

to legend, while some were complaining about the rigors and hardship of life in the desert, Miriam was expressing gratitude for her people's freedom.

The reverses show the face value, 1, 2 or 10 sheqels; the date 5757/1996; "Israel" in Hebrew, English and Arabic; and the inscription "Miriam and the Women, Golden Haggadah, Barcelona c. 1320" in English and Hebrew.

The "Miriam and the Women" coins are struck in .900 fine gold and .925 (sterling) silver. Quantities for worldwide distribution are limited to a maximum of 1,500 gold pieces and 4,500 for each of the silver ones. Prices are \$410 for the gold piece and \$41 and \$24 for the 2 and 1 sheqel, respectively. To order, contact the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, at 5 Ahad Ha'am St., P.O. Box 7900, Jerusalem 91078, Israel.

## Family of American Killed in Gaza Seeks Damages and New Terrorism Law

By Shawn Cohen  
Washington Jewish Week

WASHINGTON (JTA)—The counterterrorism legislation approved earlier this year made it possible for Americans to sue international sponsors of terrorism, but failed to specify whether punitive damages could be sought.

This omission, a seemingly tiny detail in a complex and far-reaching bill, is a major oversight that could affect a series of lawsuits filed or soon to be filed against alleged Iranian and Libyan sponsors of terrorism.

Steven Perles, a Washington, D.C., attorney representing Steven and Rosalyn Flatow, the parents of Alisa Flatow, a 20-year-old New Jersey woman who was killed in a terrorist attack last year in Israel, is planning a lawsuit on their behalf against the alleged Iranian-backed perpetrators of the Flatow incident.

But he is delaying the suit while pressing for additional changes to federal law that could improve his chances of success. Specifically, he is asking members of Congress to amend further the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act by allowing Americans to sue for punitive damages in terrorist cases. Being able to sue for punitive damages "can mean the difference between winning" \$500,000 and \$50 million, Perles said.

Perles, who began work on the Flatow case last spring, after the original terrorism bill was passed, said he started seeking additional changes to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act earlier this summer, approaching Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) and others for help.

Staffers for D'Amato, who are consulting with Perles, are pre-

paring an amendment that likely will be presented to a House-Senate conference committee later this year and be attached to the foreign operations bill.

"To get monetary damages is not enough," said the aide. "Punitive damages would be far greater retaliation against state sponsors of terrorism."

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Steven Perles

While current federal law does not allow for the pursuit of punitive damages against states in cases of terrorism, it does not rule out pursuing punitive damages against government-backed agents of terrorism, Perles said.

"The law is silent as to whether a state is financially responsible for punitive damages of its 'instrumentalities,'" he said. "It's a frightful can of worms. That's why I'd like to get some congressional guidance before filing."

To exploit that apparent loophole, Perles is planning to use not only Iran in the Flatow case, but also the Iranian intelligence service that allegedly planned the attack and Islamic Jihad, the Gaza-based, Iranian-sponsored organization that allegedly detonated the bomb.

According to Perles, State Department officials have confirmed that Islamic Jihad was responsible for the April 1995 bus bombing in Gaza, and that Iran is the principal sponsor of the organization.

## Netanyahu Defends Policies

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Faced with mounting pressure from the United States to redeploy Israeli troops from most of Hebron, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu went on the offensive to defend his government's policies in a recent visit to Washington, D.C.

At the same time, Netanyahu sought to focus attention on finding a formula to resume talks with Syria during his second visit to Washington since taking office.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher teamed up with President Clinton to deliver the Israeli premier a direct message that the United States wants to see a quick resolution to the long-delayed turnover of most of the West Bank city to the Palestinians.

The United States also hopes to prod Netanyahu to issue more work permits to Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.

Netanyahu's meetings with Clinton and Christopher coincided with the resumption of talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority on implementing the self-rule accords, including the Hebron redeployment.

"If President Assad is interested in negotiating peace, then I'm sure a forum can be found."

Prime Minister  
Benjamin Netanyahu

The redeployment, originally scheduled for late March, was postponed indefinitely by the previous Labor government after a series of Hamas suicide bombings in Israel.

Netanyahu's visit also came on the heels of an Israeli announcement that additional work permits would be issued, bring-

ing the total number of Palestinians working in Israel to 50,000, as part of a further easing of the closure imposed on the territories after the first suicide bombing earlier this year.

In his meetings in Washington, the Israeli premier focused much of his attention on the stalled talks with Damascus. U.S. officials have tried in vain to secure a formula to resume talks between Israel and Syria that Israel suspended in early March after Damascus failed to condemn the suicide bombings.

After meeting for more than an hour with Clinton, Netanyahu told reporters that the United States is putting forth a new proposal to restart Israeli-Syrian peace talks.

"If President Assad is interested in negotiating peace, then I'm sure a forum can be found," said Netanyahu. It is "crucial" for neither Israel nor Syria to try to "nail the other side to fixed positions to enter the negotiations."

## Labor Party Members Meet at Orient House

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A small group of Labor Party members of the Knesset Interior Committee met recently at Orient House with Faisal Husseini and other Palestinian officials.

The group, acting in defiance of government policy, made the visit to the Palestinian Authority's de facto headquarters in eastern Jerusalem to hear the problems of Palestinians living in the Holy City.

Committee Chairman Saleh Tareef organized the visit and was accompanied by fellow Labor Party Knesset member Rafi Elul and Micha Goldman.

Committee members from the Likud Party and its coalition partners boycotted the visit.

Orient House has long been at the center of a simmering dispute, particularly when Palestinian officials host foreign dignitaries there.

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# OBITUARIES

## MAX DUBITSKY

FALL RIVER — Max Dubitsky, of Ship's Watch, 4001 North Main St., a pharmacist for 50 years who had founded the former Highland and Central Drug Stores before retiring 20 years ago, died Sept. 12 in Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Carolyn (Levine) Dubitsky.

A lifelong Fall River resident, he was a son of the late Simon and Ida (Misevitch) Dubitsky.

He had been a founding member of Temple Beth El. He was a graduate of Pharmacy School. He was a 50-year-member of the Fall River Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Fall River Country Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves a brother, Carlton Dubitsky of Fall River, and a sister, Ann Sternschein of Hartford.

Graveside services were held Sept. 13 in Hebrew Cemetery, Fish Road, Fall River. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## GEORGE GILBERT

CRANSTON — George Gilbert, 87, of 36 Newell Road, an insurance agent for the Metropolitan Insurance Company from 1937 until his retirement in 1970, died Sept. 10 at home. He was the husband of the late Lillian (Strauss) Gilbert.

Born in Brockton, Mass., a son of the late Harry and Sarah (Millman) Gilbert, he had lived in Cranston for 35 years, previously living in Providence.

He leaves a son, Donald Gilbert of Cranston; a daughter, Linda Beth Gately of Mansfield, Mass.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Rossella Lovett and Betty Rotman.

The funeral service was held Sept. 12 from the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## EDITH A. LINDER

PROVIDENCE — Edith A. Linder, 86, of The Summit, North Main Street, a bookkeeper for Linder Furniture before retiring 17 years ago, died Sept. 10 in the home. She was the widow of David Linder.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Henry and Sarah (Greenstein) Brown, she had lived in Providence most of her life.

She was a member of Hadasah and B'nai B'rith. She was a former member of Temple Sinai and Temple Emanu-El and the Crestwood Country Club.

She leaves two daughters, Sara Sheiber of Canton, Mass., and Elaine Glick of Cranston; two brothers, Albert Brown of Boca Raton, Fla., and Martin Brown of Lake Worth, Fla.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Dr. Edward Brown and Isaac "Bro" Brown.

The funeral service was held Sept. 12 at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## JACK LONDON

NEW BEDFORD — Jack London, of 18 Gould St., died Sept. 13. He was the husband of Miriam (Handler) London.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Martha Nephew of Pepperell, Mass., and Joan Orlofsky; three stepsons, James, Matthew and David Gilbert; a sister, Evelyn Winet of New Bedford. He was also the husband of the late Evelyn (Bedrick) London.

Funeral services were held Sept. 16 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## SELMA 'MITZI' RESNICK

PROVIDENCE — Selma "Mitzi" Resnick, 65, of 15 River Farm Road, Cranston, owner and operator with her late husband of G.S.R. Vending Co. for 30 years, and recently employed in sales and delivery at Rainbow Bakery, died Sept. 12 in Rhode Island Hospital. She was the widow of Gilbert "Gibby" Resnick.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Mary (Kaplan) Fishman of Cranston and the late Daniel Fishman, she lived in Cranston for 37 years.

She was employed at the State House as an executive secretary to former Secretary of State Dennis J. Roberts. She was actively involved in politics and was a member and officer of the Young Democrats.

She worked at local polling places in Providence and Cranston for many years. She was a member of NARFE, the DAV, the APWU Ladies Auxiliary and the AARP.

Besides her mother, she leaves a daughter, Rhonda Godfrey of North Kingstown; a son, Steven Resnick of Cranston, and a grandson.

The funeral service was held Sept. 16 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## BELLA TRIEBWASSER

PROVIDENCE — Bella (Silverstein) Triebwasser, 66, of New York City, died Sept. 12 at Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Joseph and Freida (Buchsbaum) Silverstein, she was a graduate of Brooklyn College. She was the wife of the late Charles Triebwasser.

She is survived by two sons, Andrew Triebwasser of Barrington and Joseph Triebwasser of Washington, D.C.; a brother, Bernard Silverstein of Woodmere, L.I., N.Y., and two sisters, Miriam Suss of New York City and Gertrude Cohen of Jerusalem, Israel; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at Baron Hirsch Cemetery, Staten Island, N.Y. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## JFS Presents Workshop on Grief Process

Professionals who work with the elderly are often faced with issues related to loss and grief. In response to this need, Jewish Family Service will present an in-service workshop on the grieving process and grief resolution on Sept. 25.

Led by Therese A. Rando, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist whose specialty is loss and grief, the curriculum will provide an overview of the grieving process and strategies for helping clients resolve grief.

Rando, who is the leading national media resource expert in dying, death and loss for the American Psychological Association, has published more than 45 articles and chapters pertaining to the clinical aspects of thanatology — the study of death.

The goal of the workshop is to provide information on the grieving process to those professionals with experience in grief counseling and to provide strategies to deal with complicated mourning in a clinical setting.

JFS offers a broad range of support services for the elderly and their families. Social work-

ers help families cope with the emotions associated with loss of a loved one, physical health and independence.

The goal of the workshop is to provide information on the grieving process.

The workshop is open to Senior Adult Group Educators which includes those who work with the elderly from the Bureau of Jewish Education, Comprehensive Day Care sponsored by the Jewish Home Corporation, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, Jewish Family Service, the Leisure Club at Temple Emanu-El, Shalom Apartments, and the Kosher mealsite in Cranston; as well as the staff of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and community rabbis.

This in-service workshop is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. For more information, call JFS at 331-1244.

## Netanyahu, Weizman Excluded From Rabin Yahrzeit Ceremony

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A Cabinet committee has drawn criticism for its decision to exclude President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from the list of speakers at the official ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the death of Yitzhak Rabin.

The decision, which was made recently by the Cabinet's ceremonies and insignia committee, came in deference to the wishes of the Rabin family.

The slain premier's widow, Leah Rabin, has expressed outrage at Weizman's failure to mention her husband in his speech at the opening of the new Knesset earlier this summer.

She has also frequently voiced the view that the political right, led by Netanyahu, was indirectly responsible for the atmosphere of threats that preceded Rabin's murder, and that Netanyahu has never admitted this responsibility, much less apologized for it.

The Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* said

in an editorial recently that the state ceremony commemorating the first anniversary of the Nov. 4, 1995, assassination must rise above Leah Rabin's sensitivities.

"The Cabinet committee

"The Cabinet committee erred when it failed to distinguish between the family's ire and the official nature of the ceremony."

Editorial in *Ha'aretz*

erred when it failed to distinguish between the family's ire and the official nature of the ceremony," the editorial said.

"Propriety and protocol require that the president and the prime minister speak."

The memorial ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 24, which corresponds to the 11th day of Cheshvan, the Hebrew calendar date of the Rabin assassination.

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## New Sierra

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combination of "seeing the national parks when I was a child" and to the Valley Beth Shalom Day School.

His Judaism, which he said is "a totally formative thing of who I am and something that I am very proud of," will affect his decisions at the Sierra Club, he said.

"Caretaking over the planet, 'shomrei adamah,' is not a political issue," Werbach said during a telephone interview. "It is an issue of goals, ethics, our values, American ethics and world ethics, and that definitely comes from my Jewish upbringing."

That Werbach's environmental outlook evolved from his Jewishness does not surprise Mark Jacobs, project coordinator for the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life.

"Most of us feel connected to G-d when we have experiences in the outdoors that provoke awe, wonder, reverence and gratitude," Jacobs said.

Werbach aims to disprove a misconception that has dogged the environmental organization — that it's only for the rich.

"The club's agenda reaches to all," said Werbach. "The Sierra Club is one of the leading organizations working on the Clean Water Act. Drinking water is something we all share."

Werbach points to the club's urban lead-poisoning program, something he initiated while in college.

"Lead poisoning affects one out of five children under the age of 5 in the United States," he said.

The Sierra Club also has an Inner Cities Outing Program which takes kids "that have never really been out of the city" and gives them a chance to go camping and participate in other outdoor activities. Because he believes that environmentalism is also deeply spiritual, Werbach, who generally is unknown to most Jewish environmental organizations, would like to reach out to Jewish and other religious environmentalists.

"Religion give us spirituality, it helps us understand the big picture," he said. Environmentalism is about "preserving the big picture."

"I don't expect the Sierra Club to take upon any particular religious faith," said the new president of an organization that was founded by the son of a minister, "but to raise the spirituality and be more explicitly open and open-handed to people of religious faith. It is actually in religious traditions to protect the planet."

## Disenchantment

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In Hebron, a traditional hotbed of Palestinian resistance to Israel, the local vegetable market operated as usual — an indication that Hamas fundamentalists were calling the shots there, not Arafat.

Some 20,000 Palestinians showed up for the mass prayer demonstration — about the usual number for prayers on Fridays.

Palestinian officials had hoped the numbers would reach into the hundreds of thousands.

They blamed the massive Israeli security presence mounted in anticipation of a large turnout, charging that Israel was infringing on the Palestinians' right to freedom of worship in Jerusalem.

"Why do you think people did not show up en masse... as Arafat had called for?" asked Mina, 23, a student at Bir Zeit University, which is located near Ramallah.

It is mostly because they saw

no reason to respond to his call."

The disenchantment with Arafat is even more striking when compared with the strong measure of support — 88 percent of the vote — he received when he was elected president of the Palestinian Authority just last January.

Along with complaining about the lack of results from the peace process — Palestinians have increasingly spoken out against what they see as Arafat's authoritarian rule.

A group of female activists who used to meet regularly and discuss politics was recently summoned to the offices of the Palestinian secret service and ordered to stop their meetings.

Nine people have died in Palestinian jails since the beginning of Palestinian self-rule.

Like other Palestinian students, Mina did not believe that Arafat had the ability to launch a renewed intifada.

"If there is a new intifada," said Mina, "it will be just like before, it will come from the people. It will not be in response to Arafat's orders."

## Distant Voices

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If we talk but do not act (e.g., welcome our ancestral guests but fail to make the strangers in our midst feel truly comfortable), we have not fully realized the potential, and concomitant responsibilities, of interaction.

Through the ushpizin ceremony, our guests — who lived thousands of years ago — become real to us as we invite them into our sukkot. Voices of the past continue to live with us, and in us, despite the passage of time.

A similar phenomenon occurs every time a Jew sits down to learn. The Jewish method of studying texts is marked by the constant use of the present tense. When we learn, we find that "Ramban says" or Rashi explains," as if they were sitting across the table from us.

In tackling a difficult passage of Torah we are not alone but are joined by voices from the past, speaking with us and to us. Indeed, we are part of a distinguished group: a 20th century student interpreting the writings of a 12th-century commentator who is himself elaborating on the positions of a 3rd-century sage — all interacting, all "talking" with one another.

Remarkably, this exchange can be characterized as a "three-way" interaction. Not only are we influenced and shaped by such conversations, but we know with certainty that the in-

dividual voices of the past influenced one another.

Even more, all those voices — including our own — continued, and continue even today, to influence the nature and meaning of the very texts we study.

Ours is a living tradition. Books that are not constantly interpreted and reinterpreted as they are studied, texts that do not become the subject of ongoing dialogue, atrophy and lose their relevance to our lives. The Torah became a different document after it was studied by Rabbi Akiva, just as Rabbi Akiva was changed by his encounter with this sacred text. The Talmud was reshaped under the hands of its numerous commentators, just as they were influenced by its teachings.

While the words of our sacred literature are unchanging, the Jewish method of study, of interaction with these texts, has allowed them to remain relevant and alive.

This holiday season, as we welcome guests into our sukkot, let us resolve to engage in meaningful dialogues throughout the entire year that will help us to renew our traditions and improve the world.

*The author is the executive vice-president of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the association of Conservative synagogues in North America.*

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## GreenShare Field Day Coming Up

The University of Rhode Island will hold its sixth annual GreenShare Field Day on Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's free and it's fun for the whole family.

This year's field day features demonstrations, tours, children's activities, soil testing, plant and vegetable sales. There will even be some African drumming.

Demonstrations will be given on the following subjects:

- Household pollution prevention
- Sustainable landscape design
- Cooking with plants from your garden
- Growing medicinal herbs
- Flower arranging

- Bee keeping
  - Composting
  - Wild plant identification
  - Plant propagation
  - How to care for your trees
  - Apple growing and tasting
- URI professionals and Master Gardeners will analyze your soil, test your drinking water, identify plant diseases, weeds, and insect pests. Tours of URI's sustainable landscape gardens will also be conducted. A choice of great tasting food will be available.

In addition, there will be many educational exhibits sponsored by non-profit organizations from all over Rhode Island.

Children will be offered a variety of activities related to gardening, science, and the environment. Kids can also go on insect collecting adventures, create terrariums, and make birds, bees, and butterflies from clay.

Garden centers and plant societies will be on hand to sell plants for fall gardeners, and a group of local farmers will sell vegetables and flowers.

The Fourth Street Band will be performing folk music throughout the day. BABEMBA USA will provide African drumming and dancing. The event will be held on the grounds at URI's CCE Center, on East Alumni Ave., on the Kingston campus.

### Blood Drive Scheduled

The Rhode Island Blood Center will hold blood drives on the following days:

Sept. 30 at Women & Infants' Hospital, auditorium, 101 Dudley St., in Providence, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Oct. 1 at RIBC Aquidneck Island Donor Center, 700 Aquidneck Ave., in Middletown, from 3 to 7:30 p.m.; on Oct. 2 at Rhode Island College, Union Ballroom, 600 Mount Pleasant Ave., in Providence, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Coffee With the Candidates

On Sept. 22, at 2 p.m. in the Janice A. Paff Auditorium, University of Rhode Island College of Continuing Education Providence Center there will be a one hour, informal meeting with Rhode Island's state and national independent, Republican and Democratic candidates. This is an opportunity to talk one-on-one with candidates about the issues and hear what they stand for.

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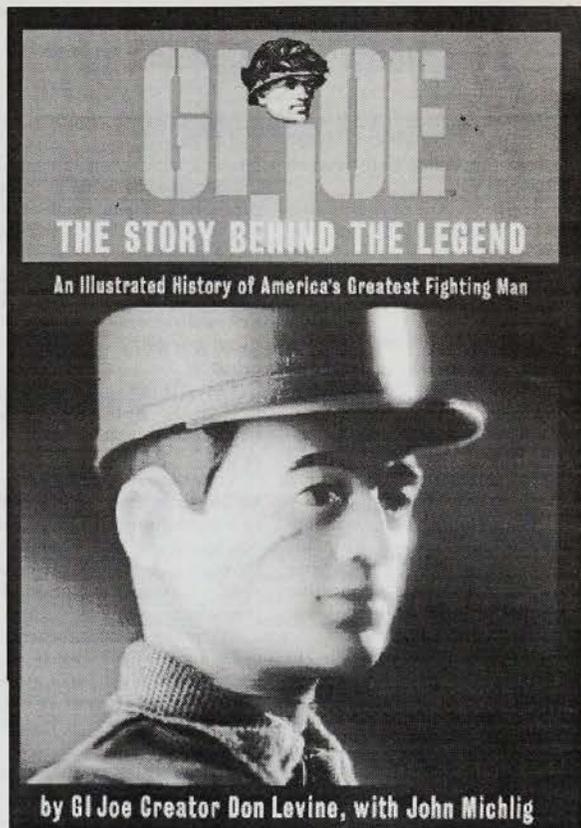
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## G.I. Joe — Behind the Legend

Books on the Square will host a gala hors d'oeuvres celebration and book signing on Sept. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. with Don Levine, creator of Hasbro Toys' original G.I. Joe action figure and now author of *G.I. Joe: The Story Behind the Legend*.

This special celebration will be held (complete with tasty regional Italian specialties) at The Florentine Grille (1195 Douglas Ave., North Providence, owned and operated by Chef Nicholas D. Iannuccilli, Jr.). Levine will be on hand to autograph copies of the "masterpiece Edition" of his book—a handsomely bound and illustrated volume packaged with an authentic reproduction of the original 1964 12-inch action soldier. (Chronicle Books, \$60). A bonanza for collectors and G.I. Joe aficionados and fans alike, this autographed, limited edition with its authentic reproduction figure is likely to become a collector's item and treasured keepsake in years to come.

The event is free; but due to space limitations and the nature of this event, tickets will be required for admission. Two hundred tickets will be distributed free to our customers on a first-come, first-served basis, at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Wayland Square, Providence (331-9097).

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